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## Calif. Reparations Task Force: Lineage, Not Race, To Determine Who Gets Payments

Antonio Ray Harvey | California Black Media

**A**fter a first vote failed, the California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans decided that lineage will determine who will be eligible for reparations.

During the first session of the eighth, two-day meeting, five members of the task force voted in favor of lineage over race as the determining factor for compensation. Four members said no 90 minutes after the first vote failed.

The measure needed a two-thirds majority of the task force's votes for ratification.

"The Ayes have it and the motion carries," task force chairperson Kamillah Moore said following the vote. "So, the community eligibility will be based on lineage determined by an individual being African American, the descendant of a (person enslaved as chattel) or descendant of a free-Black person living in the United States prior to the end of the 19th century."

Task Force members Moore, vice-chair Amos Brown, pastor of Third Baptist Church in San Francisco, and president of his local NAACP branch;

University of California-Berkeley professor Jovan Scott Lewis; and San Diego City Councilwoman Monica Montgomery-Steppe voted in favor of the lineage qualifier.

Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) broke the tie. He abstained from the process during the first round of voting, which ended up with four in favor, three against lineage, and two abstentions, the other being attorney Don Tamaki.

Tamaki, Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer (D-Los Angeles), Los Angeles-based attorney Lisa Holder, and Loyola-Marymount professor Cheryl Grills, voted in favor of race.

In February, the Task Force voted 5-4 to postpone the vote on whether race or lineage would be the determinant to have more time to listen to experts and weigh the requirements.

During the March 29 meeting, members listened to 11 genealogy experts' perspectives and insights on the eligibility considerations before the vote.

California Secretary of State Shirley Weber who authored the legislation establishing the task force, Assembly Bill (AB) 3121 in 2020 – while serving in the Assembly – presented to the panel in January. She argued that compensation

should be limited to African Americans who are descendants of Africans enslaved in the United States.

"Reparations are designed to repair and heal the damages done to Africans for 400 years who (suffered) through Jim Crow (laws)," Weber said in January. "Reparations are for those who are descendants of slavery. Their ties are permanently severed from their homeland and their ability

to return to Africa is almost impossible. We are truly Americans."

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed AB 3121 into law in 2020. The task force is charged with studying slavery and its lingering effects on African Americans with a "special consideration" for descendants of persons enslaved in the United States, the bill language instructs.

AB 3121 also requires members to recommend what compensation should be, who should receive it, and how it should be paid. A panel of economists contracted by the task force will give their input on the financial aspects of compensation and impacts.

"We will use this community of eligibility standard to establish the economic consultant team with the next steps," Moore said.

## Respected NAACP Civil Rights Leader Dan Daniels Passed Away This Last Week

November 2, 1950 – March 22, 2022

By Peter Cohn

**I**t was with great regret that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) along with the California Hawaii State Conference of NAACP Branches and the San Francisco NAACP announced the loss of one of their most dedicated and stellar NAACP civil rights leaders. On the morning of Tuesday, March 22, 2022, longtime and highly respected NAACP leader Dan Daniels Sr passed away peacefully in his San Rafael home with his family and friends at his side. Dan was the First Vice-President of the California Hawaii State Conference of Branches and had decades of service as the Director of the State Coastal NAACP Branches from Salinas/Monterey to Sonoma County and in various executive leadership positions in the San Francisco NAACP.



Dan Daniels

Television Broadcasting. Dan took great pride in the fact that his first job after college was to be trained by and write for the famous civil rights icon Clara Luper of Oklahoma. Ms. Luper was a history teacher and an NAACP Youth Council organizer who led sit-in demonstrations to desegregate lunch counters and other public accommodations in Oklahoma.

After his honorable service in the U.S. Army in Korea during the Vietnam war, Dan migrated to the San Francisco Bay Area and worked in various direct services and administrative capacities for over 24 years (1973 – 1997) with the California Department of Corrections as a Parole Agent and Correctional Counselor.

In 1976, Dan met Christine McCallum Daniels (Chris); and, they were married in Reno, Nevada on January 1, 1980. They always wanted

to celebrate and reflect on their most special love story every year on New Year's Day. To their marriage were born two children, daughter, Rachel Daniels and son Danny Daniels Jr in San Rafael, California. Chris predeceased Dan and passed away just last year on June 8, 2021. They were both soul mates who in their career paths always endeavored to make life better for others either in the work force or the community.

Dan's commitment to social justice and equity led him to courageously work to change policy and practice within the correctional system and to continue that path as he transitioned to join the leadership ranks of the San Francisco Branch of the NAACP and faithfully supported its Presidents from Lulann McGriff to Alex Pitcher, Nathaniel Mason and Dr. Amos Brown.

From 1996 to 2004, Dan served as the Executive Director of the West Bay Local Development Corporation. In that role, he made the West Bay Conference Center come alive as the place for the African American community in the Fillmore to host and celebrate their cultural and special events with dinners, music, lectures and social gatherings.

From 2004 to 2012, Dan was the Marketing and Community Relations Manager for the Buckleup Programs. In this

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## Regina Jackson Retires After Career Of Uplifting Youth

**A**pproximately 225 people gathered at the Oakland Rotunda on February 5th to witness the celebration of Regina Jackson's journey to retirement as President and CEO for the East Oakland Youth Development Center for the past 27 years. Hosted by the EOYDC Board of Directors and coordinated by Deanna Roberts of Roberts Events, the elegant room was designed with colorful menus and programs on each chair

The event opened with Greg Hodge and the Bantaba Drummers-drumming into the event- and libation Master of Ceremonies Antoine Wilson from KBLX was joined by Devin Cunningham, actor and EOYDC alumni

Anana Clark, Education Empowerment Manager of EOYDC read the first of many accolades. She read a letter from the Governor touting Ms

Jackson's commitment and impact, next Tatyana Kalinga, District Director for Congresswoman Barbara Lee's Office presented the plaque and read the contents of Regina Jackson's contributions into the Congressional Record. Then Attorney General, Rob Bonta and Assemblywoman Mia Bonta presented an Assembly proclamation and shared their individual appreciations for Regina's contributions. Councilmembers Treva Reid and Loren Taylor presented a City Council proclamation which among other things, called February 5th Regina Jackson Day in the city of Oakland.

As people sat down to eat, they watched a video developed by eoydc alumni, Tevin Tavares. Ms. Regina Mini Film Tribute

Throughout the evening there were surprise spotlights sharing stories about their time with Ms Regina.

Senior Pastor Jackie Thompson

spoke on the deep history between EOYDC and Allen Temple Baptist Church.

Alumni were made up of News Producers, Marketing Managers, Event promoters, Dancers, Writers, and more...

In addition, Elaine Brown, First female leader of the Black Panther Party for Self Defense opened her remarks with "Bad Bitch recognize Bad Bitch" she went on to speak about Regina's leadership and impact both from EOYDC, as well as, her chairmanship on the Oakland Police Commission.

20 year old Taja Dominique, an alumni dance teacher at EOYDC introduced "9 shades a black", a group of high school girls from EOYDC who performed a dance in tribute to Ms.Regina. ( pictures included)

High School Senior, Jada White delivered a poem she wrote for Ms. Regina called "She Is"

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Youth Activist Regina Jackson

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Jackson is with longtime friend Grammy Award-winning singer Regina Belle.



The Honoree is surrounded by young women who she mentored.

## Jackson

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"She is a mother, a woman who has saved the children plagued by the violence of the east bay trapped under a burning city she carries them on her back to safety as if she's not touched by the flames and if she was we'd never know it rushing them out under her wing soothing their cries with gentle pats on the back. She is a leader, A woman that commands the room because she knows

where she's supposed to be, she knows her purpose and she knows where she belongs. A woman that walks upright, a presence that forces you to adjust your posture. Everyone listens when she speaks because they know she won't repeat herself. she said it once she won't say it again, wisdom is fleeting, listen while you can. She is compassionate, I know this better than anyone. She has shown me the world from shore to shore, border to border. She

has taken me on her travels and let me sit in the window seat. She has let me see the lights in the Vegas skyline, the colorful houses propped on the mexican hills, she has let the soil from Central Park in New York cover my shoes and the snow in DC cover my palms. She is a teacher, she teaches through experience, she has let life teach her and has let life teach us but at least we get to say we have a Ms Regina. She saves, she leads, she gives and this is my letter to her".

Dr. Stephanie Fong Gomez spoke of the community engaged research we did called the Portrait Project- one that reflected on boys of color and how they see themselves and how they think the world sees them.

Current staff spoke to Ms Regina as a model for a compassion ambassador, teacher and mentor.

Ms Regina's children Noah and Jamal spoke about sharing their mother with all the kids in the

community, thus making their lives that much more rich for their experiences

The Board of Directors unveiled two art pieces designed by Shomari Smith, they presented Regina with flowers and warm wishes.

**Grammy Award Winning Songstress Regina Belle, took to the stage to share her own thoughts of 35 year friendship with Regina Jackson.**



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# Kamala Harris Praises Black Press In 'Off Script' Moment At Antilynching Bill Signing

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Vice President Kamala Harris

**W**ith Michelle Duster, the great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells, by her side, Vice President Kamala Harris admittedly went off-script to praise the Black Press during the bill signing ceremony for the Emmett Till Antilynching law.

As the vice president and President Joe Biden delivered about 30 minutes' worth of remarks, Harris reflected.

"Ida B. Wells," she began midway through her speech.

"The courageous nature of that incredible American who used her skill, her profession, her calling, as a journalist to help open the eyes of our nation to the terror of lynching which speaks to the role –

going off script – and the importance of the Black Press and making sure that we have storytellers in our community, who will tell the story when no one else is willing to tell it," she stated.

Named after Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African American savagely murdered by a group of white men in Mississippi in 1955, the legislation received pushback from three Republicans –

Andrew Clyde of Georgia, Thomas Massie of Kentucky, and Chip Roy of Texas.

Each was the lone vote against the bill.

Emmett Till's murder sparked the civil rights movement,

leading to bills like the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other social justice laws.

And while the story of Emmett Till is widely known, Harris noted other incidents of lynching throughout American history.

"So those heroes who petitioned presidents to pass anti-lynching legislation, after the murder of Mary Turner in 1918, Emmett Till in 1955, James Byrd Jr. in 1998, and James Craig in 2011, and it failed again and again and again," Harris remarked.

"Anti-lynching legislation was reintroduced in the U.S. Congress by leaders who understood that our past must not and cannot be forgotten. That the truth must be spoken no matter how difficult it is to speak, and certainly no matter how difficult it is to hear."

She praised Sen. Cory Booker (D-New Jersey),

and Congressman Bobby Rush (D-Illinois) for their role in seeing the bill through to passage.

Harris also shouted out Republican South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott for supporting the effort.

"The people of our nation deserve the protection of this anti-lynching law," Harris demanded. "I believe so often, and it has been said, the victims of lynching were targeted because they were working to build a better America," she stated.

**"That's what they were doing, and it was in everyone's best interest. But unfortunately, the cowards couldn't see and couldn't understand. So, today, we recognize them, our history, and let us recommit ourselves to that unfinished business as well to continue to fight for freedom, opportunity, and justice for all."**

# Two Hopefuls In Race To Replace Former Asm. Burke Have Black Caucus Ties

Antonio Ray Harvey  
 California Black Media

**T**he two Black candidates running in the April 5 special primary election to replace former Assemblymember Autumn Burke in the 62nd Assembly District have ties to the California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC).

Gov. Gavin Newsom proclaimed the special election for the Los Angeles County legislative district to be held on June 7.

Nonprofit director and businesswoman Tina Simone McKinnor, 58, and Lawndale Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, 55, have both served as staffers, surrogates and organizers for African American state legislators.

If elected, one of them will become the 11th member of the CLBC, succeeding Burke who resigned in January.

Burke said she left the legislature to spend more time with her family. For seven years, she represented the district which includes Inglewood, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne,



Tina McKinnor

Athens, and Westmont.

"Our campaign is picking up momentum. As we have the opportunity to discuss our values, people are joining this campaign to make bold change in Sacramento," McKinnor

tweeted March 4 after announcing U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA-43) had endorsed her candidacy.

On March 10, Waters also endorsed Pullen-Miles.

The Los Angeles Times and Courage California, a Los Angeles-based non-profit that supports LGBT equality, gun control, improved immigration policies, and healthcare reform, have also

endorsed McKinnor.

The LA Times praised

McKinnor's plans to fight homelessness and her support of environment-friendly initiatives, as well as her understanding of the ins and outs of Sacramento.

McKinnor, 58, is currently the Civic Engagement Director of LA Voice PICO, a multi-racial, multi-faith community-based organization providing professional development training to people. She has also served as district director and chief of staff for Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) when he was a member of the state Assembly, two years as chief of staff for Burke, and campaign staff member for Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J.

Mitchell, who served in the state Assembly and Senate.

Since 2014, Pullen-Miles has served as mayor of Lawndale, a South Bay Los Angeles County city with about 32,000 residents. He was also district director for Burke up until her resignation and served on Lawndale's City Council from 2004 to 2014.

Pullen-Miles website states that he will seek "equitable solutions" for longstanding problems in his district and the state.

"He is the only candidate with the experience needed to lead us during these difficult times. That's why he's running for State Assembly: to fix our broken state government and move our state forward with the right priorities for our families," it reads.

Burke, the California Democratic Party and the New Frontier Democratic Club have thrown their support behind Pullen-Miles.

There are two other candidates running against McKinnor and Pullen-Miles in the special election estimated to cost taxpayers up to \$2.6 million, according to the Los Angeles County Clerk Office. Hawthorne City

Councilmember Angie Reyes English and Nico Ruderman, a former member of the



Robert Pullen-Miles

Venice Beach Neighborhood Council, are also vying to represent the 62nd District's 450,000 constituents.

If none of the four candidates wins 51% or more majority of votes in the primary, the estimated 193,300 voters in the 62nd District will decide in June who becomes their next Assemblymember. The winner will serve a two-year term.

McKinnor, who backed CLBC-sponsored legislation to decertify police officers convicted of misconduct, is also an advocate of improving the healthcare system and a strong supporter of small businesses.

Pullen-Miles, whose campaign slogan is "I'm Pullen for you!," centers his candidacy on his track

record as a job creator; his advocacy for public safety and homelessness prevention; and his championing of efforts aiding the state's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The CLBC currently has 10 members, including chair Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) and vice-chair Sen. Sydney Kamlager (D-Los Angeles). Other members are: Assemblymembers Reggie Jones Sawyer (D-Los Angeles), Mike Gipson (D-Carson), Chris Holden (D-Pasadena), Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento), Jim Cooper (D-Elk Grove), Mia Bonta (D-Alameda), Akilah Webber (D-San Diego) and Isaac Bryan (D-Los Angeles).**

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## EDITORIAL

We wish to plead our own cause.  
Too long I have others spoken for us.

*Freedom's Journal, March 16, 1827.*

# Black Women Under Attack

By Julianne Malveaux

**Chris Rock crossed the line when he ridiculed Jada Pinkett Smith for her alopecia in his mediocre Oscar performance last week. But I fell off the Chris Rock bandwagon years ago. His "humor" is too often misogynistic. He sometimes laughs so hard at his jokes that the rest of us can't hear them. His Oscar-losing reference to a more than**

**20-year-old movie, GI Jane, was cringingly yawn-worthy, and it was unnecessary. Jada didn't like it. She sat in the audience, in her glorious baldness, and rolled her eyes, which was all the response Rock deserved.**

Will Smith took it to another level, charging the stage and slapping the spit out of Rock, finishing with a profanity-laced rant. No, Smith had no business striking Rock, and now he has had to pick up the pieces. At the

same time, part of me cheered him because only infrequently does anyone stand up for Black women. We stand up for ourselves.

In 1991, as members of the United States Senate were attacking Anita Hill, sixteen hundred of us, including my Mom and my three sisters, all signed the proclamation published in the New York Times and other major newspapers. We called ourselves African American Women in Defense of Ourselves, declaring that "no one will speak for us but ourselves." We wrote,

"In 1991, we cannot tolerate this type of dismissal of anyone Black woman's experience or this attack upon our collective character without protest, outrage, and resistance."

Fast forward thirty years or so. Now another Black woman, Supreme Court nominee Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, sits before the Senate Judiciary Committee, and a whole bunch of white Republican men (and a few women) have viciously attacked her. Texas Ted Cruz insultingly asked if she was "soft" on child pornography. Actually, he didn't ask, he ranted and raved and wouldn't let her finish a sentence. It was a horrible display of his bullying, but it was also a reminder that no matter how far Black women have come, we have so much work to do so that our daughters, perhaps, won't have to experience these kinds of biases.

I have developed the rather unfortunate and time-consuming habit of reading the comments posted online after some articles. There are three or four times (or more) comments about Chris Rock and the slap than about Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson and her abuse from Ted Cruz and his cronies. And despite Judge Brown's composure and amazing grace, there were too few who had her back.



Jada Pinkett Smith



Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson

So while Ketanji is no Jada Smith, nor vice versa, these are two Black women who have experienced violent attacks in the last several weeks. And while it is not helpful in a civilized society to talk about slapping or fisticuffs, some of Cruz's antics are enough to make one forget her religion and resort to extreme measures. Between Jada Smith and Ketanji Brown Jackson, we are all reminded that no matter what you have achieved as a Black woman, you can still be torn down by the hateful words and deeds of misogynistic men, regardless of race.

Accusing someone of being "soft" on child pornography or terrorism is serious. Making such false accusations in belligerent

and blustering tones is bullying. Maintaining poise and dignity makes Justice Ketanji a shero and role model and makes Ted Cruz and Lindsey Graham look like babbling idiots. The same is true of Chris Rock, who may not have known about Jada's alopecia. It's a condition that affects millions of women, and they, like Jada, weren't laughing.

**The Supreme Court confirmation is exponentially more important than the slap. And the abuse of Black women in this country is disgusting. Let's focus more on the former than the latter and focus on rooting out the verbal and physical abuse of Black women. It isn't funny.**

## We're Not Letting Anybody Steal Our Joy

By Ben Jealous  
(TriceEdneyWire.com)

**A congressional meeting room might be the last place people would expect to find joy.**

But joy was in the air on the opening day of the confirmation hearing for Supreme Court nominee Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. Joy was in my heart and in the hearts of so many friends and colleagues who were in the room that day.

Why were we feeling joyful?

We were joyful because this brilliant judge is about to become the first Black woman ever to serve on this country's highest court.

We were joyful because we

could feel the love and pride from Judge Jackson's parents, brother, husband, and daughters.

As a father, I was joyful because my Black daughter can look to a new role model. She has a new reason to believe that her dreams, talents, and hard work can take her wherever she wants to go.

We all knew that the week ahead would be a difficult one for Judge Jackson. There would be grueling 12-hour days. There would be disgraceful lies. There would be examples of barely concealed racism.

All of that happened. And none of it broke Judge Jackson's spirit or calm professionalism.

In the face of smears and false accusations, she gracefully explained the truth about her

record and her commitment to applying the law fairly.

She showed Americans a strength grounded in faith. She demonstrated a self-confidence built over years of perseverance and accomplishment.

She spoke about her love for our country and for the Constitution.

We live at a time when the Court is dominated by judges who do not share a commitment to justice for all. We live at a time when white nationalism and bigotry are openly promoted by powerful politicians and pundits. Judge Jackson's nomination gave us a reason for renewed hope that our country can and will continue to make progress toward the ideal of equal justice under law and equal opportunity for all Americans.



Ben Jealous

It was also a reminder that millions of Americans played a part in making this moment possible.

Millions of us voted to replace former President Donald Trump with President Joe Biden,

who made a commitment to putting a Black woman on the Supreme Court.

Millions of us contributed to the effort to elect Sens. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff in runoff elections in Georgia. Those elections kept Republicans from controlling the U.S. Senate. They kept Sen. Mitch McConnell from being able to abuse his power to prevent President Biden's nominees from even getting a vote, as he did so often with President Obama's judicial nominees.

All of us who donated time and money, knocked on doors, made phone calls or sent texts to potential voters, and who cast our ballots—we all helped bring about that joyful morning on Capitol Hill. And we can all look forward

to celebrating when she is sworn in as Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.

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## Sen. Padilla Is Optimistic About Judge Jackson's "Significant Moment" In American History

Tanu Henry  
California Black Media

**California's junior United States Sen. Alex Padilla says he is as excited as he is honored to be serving on the Senate Committee on the Judiciary as he and his colleagues conduct hearings to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black woman nominated to the United States Supreme Court in the judicial branch's 233-year history.**

On Feb. 25, President Joe Biden nominated Jackson, a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, to become the 116th Justice on the highest court in the nation.

If Jackson is confirmed, she will replace Justice Stephen Breyer, one of her mentors, who announced his retirement in January.

"I'm honored to be sharing in this historic and significant moment in our nation's history," Padilla told California Black Media (CBM) in a telephone interview.

The first Latino to represent

California in the upper house of the United States Congress, Padilla spoke with CBM while taking a short break from a daylong hearing March 23. During that session, lawmakers, Democrats and Republicans, cross examined Jackson.

"I am optimistic about Judge Jackson's confirmation process. She is an outstanding nominee. She has the qualifications, and she has the experience," Padilla continued. "If she is confirmed, she will bring a much-needed perspective to the Supreme Court."

In January 2021, Gov. Gavin Newsom nominated Padilla to replace current Vice President Kamala Harris in the United States Senate. Before that, he served as Secretary of State of California for six years.

Jackson met with Padilla at his office at the U.S. Capitol prior to her confirmation hearings last week.

"I'm impressed by Judge Jackson's commitment to the rule of law, her long record of public service, and her clear understanding of how the

law affects people's

everyday lives," Padilla said after that meeting.

Because of the even 50-50 split of Democrats and Republicans currently elected to the United States Senate, no one party has a majority of members on any committee. So, there are six members from both parties serving on the Committee on the Judiciary.

Padilla says the upcoming vote on Jackson presents an opportunity for members of the Committee on the Judiciary – and the Senate, more broadly -- to put the extreme partisanship and rancor that has characterized the U.S. Congress in recent years behind them.

California's senior Sen. Dianne Feinstein, also a Democrat, serves on the committee as well.

Last week, some Republican members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary were questioned in the media about the truthfulness of some of their claims about Jackson and the overall nature and tenor of their questioning during the hearings.

For example, Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) portrayed Jackson as soft on sex offenders, calling

up sentences she handed down in seven cases.

"Judge Jackson's views on this matter are not only mainstream; they are correct in my view. Undoubtedly, Jackson — a progressive who worked as a criminal-defense lawyer — is more sympathetic to criminals than I am," wrote Andrew McCarthy, a senior fellow at the conservative National Review Institute, disagreeing with Hawley's assertion.

"If I were a judge, I'm sure I'd impose at least marginally more severe sentences than she has. (Contrary to Hawley's suggestion, however, she appears to have followed the guidelines, at the low end of the sentencing range, as most judges do)," McCarthy continued.

Charlie Savage, the New York Times Legal Policy and National Security correspondent wrote, "Senator Marsha Blackburn, Republican of Tennessee, ripped into Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on Monday during her Supreme Court confirmation hearing, tying the nominee to a wide range of conservative grievances. But the

lawmaker's accusations appeared to often be based on quotes taken out of context."

Savage examined statements and accusations Blackburn made about Jackson on a range of issues, including parental rights, critical race theory, transgender athletes and criminal sentencing.

Before serving on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Jackson was a federal judge on the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia and Vice Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission. She has also worked in private practice and as a clerk at the U.S. Supreme Court.

An alum of Harvard College, where she studied government, and Harvard Law School, where she was an editor of the Harvard Law Review, Jackson graduated from Palmetto Senior High School before that in Florida's Miami-Dade County, where she grew up.

Jackson is close to her parents, Johnny and Ellery Brown and her brother, Ketajh Brown, a former Baltimore City police officer and soldier in the

United States Army. All three of them attended Jackson's

confirmation hearings last week.

Both of her parents, HBCU graduates, are educators (her dad is an attorney, too).

Jackson is married to surgeon Patrick Graves Jackson, who she met in college. The couple has two daughters. One of them, attending her mom's hearings last week, was captured in photos watching the proceedings in rapt attention, beaming with pride.

"We know that progress doesn't come easily.

Breaking barriers and being the first means not just significant opportunity, but also tremendous responsibility," said Padilla in his opening statement last week when the hearings began.

**"But Judge Jackson, I also know that you are equipped with a tremendous record of experience and accomplishment, and you are ready to blaze this trail," Padilla continued. "Judge Jackson, even before your next opinion or dissent, your appearance before us today already begins a new chapter in our nation's history."**

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THE BAY AREA'S CHURCH NEWS & ACTIVITIES



## Sunday School Lesson

By Shunda Criswell

### In A Nutshell: "Concern for A Weaker Brother"

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 Corinthians 8:1-13.  
 Time: 55 A.D.

Golden Text: "Therefore, if meat make my brother offend, I will eat no flesh

while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend. (1 Corinthians 8:13).

There are many things clearly identified in scripture that are right or wrong. Other things are not so clearly identified and fall into the category of debatable things because the Bible does not clearly state that they are wrong to do. To grasp the truth presented in this week's lesson, we first have to understand the situation that existed in Corinth and in throughout Greco-Roman world. Sacrifices were made to many different gods. Meats from those sacrificial animals were then offered for sale in the marketplace. In addition, Corinthian believers

were often invited to special social occasions, either in the home or in the temple, where such meat was served. This presented a dilemma for Christians. The question was whether the Christians had the liberty or freedom to eat meat that had been sacrificed to pagan gods.

Some believers had no problem with eating this meat. However, others believe that it was wrong and were offended when they saw some believers eating this meat. Although eating meat offered to idols is hardly a problem in the church today, there are other debatable practices that are just as problematic for Christians.

Paul wrote 1 Corinthians

because he was concerned about the church's problems. He had heard from member's of Chloe's household. (See 1 Corinthians 1:11) that the church had serious divisions with the members being divided over which Christian leader to follow (read 1 Corinthians, chapter 5), and believer's were taking each other to court to solve disputes (read 1 Corinthians 6:1-11). The church also had questions they wanted to ask Paul concerning marriage (1 Corinthians, chapter 7), church worship (1 Corinthians 11:2-34), and questions regarding spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians, chapters 12-14).

In this lesson text:

**Knowledge vs. Love.** Paul stated Knowledge was important but love was more important but "charity edifieth." It was more important for the Corinthians to show "charity" or Godly, which "edifies" or builds up people. If everything we do is based on "knowledge" alone, it leads to pride (see Proverbs 16:18). But when we do all things based on love with "knowledge," it will lead to edification or building up the body of Christ. The person who truly loves God wants to please Him and do what's best for his or her neighbor, for Romans 13:10 says "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." Be Blessed!

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# 12 Orgs Fighting Youth Homelessness Win Grants Totaling \$38 Million

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Last month, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced California awarded \$38 million in grants to 12 community-based organizations working to combat homelessness among youths and young adults in the state. The governor's office says the grants are part of a \$14 billion ongoing commitment to end homelessness in the state.

The funds, distributed through the Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing Program, will be used to assist young people who are facing housing insecurity or are currently unhoused in 12 different counties.

"These grants will provide relief and emergency support to young people across California experiencing homelessness, who are too often left in dire situations to fend for themselves," said Newsom.

"We're providing immediate aid for those living on our streets — bringing resources and services directly to young people in need and helping them onto a path towards a stable future," the governor continued.

The funds will also go toward providing "mental health support with crisis intervention and stabilization services," according to Newsom's office.



About a quarter of California's Homeless population suffers from severe mental illness, according to the California Department of Public Health.

Newsom is also proposing special courts to adjudicate cases involving mental health involving unhoused people across the state.

"There's no compassion stepping over people in the streets and sidewalks," Newsom said at a press briefing earlier this month. "We could hold hands, have a candlelight vigil, talk about the way the world should be, or we could take some responsibility to implement our ideas. That's what we're doing differently here."

"This funding represents an important lifeline in protecting

some of the most vulnerable members of our communities," said California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Director Mark Ghilarducci. "Through the partnership with these community-based organizations we are able to provide meaningful support and change lives."

According to the California Homeless Youth Project, 200,000 Californians under the age of 18 are homeless for one or more days during the year.

"Addressing youth homelessness takes a village," said Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramirez. "This is why this investment in community-

based organizations that make up the village and provide bridges of support to young people is an important part of our efforts to prevent and end homelessness."

Advocates for homeless youth say there are many factors that can lead to youth homelessness, including addiction and hostile reactions from community members about a young person's social identity.

"Youth overwhelmingly cite family conflict and breakdown -- commonly abuse or neglect, alcohol or drug addiction of a family member, pregnancy, and rejection over sexual orientation -- as the major reasons for their homelessness or episodes of running away," reads the California

Coalition for Youth website.

The organizations receiving the funds are: Bill Wilson Center (Santa Clara County); Center for Human Services (Stanislaus County); Community Human Services (Monterey County); Interface Children & Family Services (Ventura County); Larkin Street Youth Services (San

Francisco County); Orangewood Foundation (Orange County); Redwood Community Action Agency (Humboldt County); Ruby's Place (Alameda County); San Diego Youth Services (San Diego County); Volunteers of America Los Angeles (Los Angeles County); Waking the Village (Sacramento County);

and Women's Center – Youth & Family Services (San Joaquin County)

Newsom also announced his administration is allocating more than \$116 million in funding to seven different "Homekey" projects as a part of the governor's effort to provide housing for homeless people.

Newsom's pandemic-oriented homelessness program, called Project Roomkey, will continue to receive support from the federal government as well. The state-run initiative converts hotels and other facilities into temporary housing for homeless people.

A companion program, Project Homekey, provides funding to

create permanent housing for formerly unhoused people to counties, cities, local councils and other government authorities.

"Continued support from FEMA will allow us to extend Project Roomkey to get more people off the streets and into shelter," the governor said. "Since the start of the pandemic, California has moved with unprecedented speed, helping more than 50,000 homeless individuals."

Last month, California's junior U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla introduced a bill proposing a nearly \$532 billion federal investment over 10 years into tackling California's and the nation's twin homelessness and housing affordability crises.

Speaking at a Project Homekey site in Sacramento called La Mancha Way Apartments, Padilla, a Democrat, said, the legislation titled "The Housing Act for All" would provide funding for both existing programs and experimental initiatives.

**"Every person has a right to the dignity and security of housing," said Padilla. "It's going to take all levels of government working together to rebuild a more inclusive and equitable society for all. The legislation is an opportunity to invest and align resources in expanding affordable housing and strengthening proven solutions."**

## Reports Say Black News Channel Has Shut Down

The Black News Channel reported has a staff of 230, and some current and former employees had previously filed a gender discrimination lawsuit against the network that remains pending.

According to the Los Angeles Times, the Black News Channel, which launched just before the pandemic, has ceased operations.

The newspaper said that the Tallahassee, Fla.-based outlet, whose majority stakeholder

is Jacksonville Jaguars owner Shad Khan, failed to meet payroll on Friday after telling employees that paychecks would be delayed.

The Black News Channel reported has a staff of 230, and some current and former employees had previously filed a gender discrimination lawsuit against the network that remains pending.

Citing people briefed on the matter, the Times said Khan would no longer invest

in the operations of BNC after shopping the channel to several media companies, including Byron Allen's Entertainment Studios.

Reportedly, Khan found no interest.

Before the Times report, Roland Martin broke the information that BNC failed to pay its employees this week.

Martin, the host of Roland Martin Unfiltered and owner of the Black Star Network, tweeted a memo written by

BNC Human Resources Vice President Nicole Collins. The memo dated Friday, March 25, informed the staff that payroll "would be delayed."

"We are actively working to resolve this matter quickly and will advise you with an update as soon as possible," Collins wrote.

Staffers "are angry and demanding answers," Martin tweeted. "I have been inundated with phone calls, texts, and emails from

staffers on this issue."

The media mogul said he spoke to BNC's CEO Princell Hair, who advised that he's working on getting employees paid.

However, Martin claimed staffers had been "left in the dark." The concept of the Black News Channel began with former U.S. Rep. J.C. Watts, an Oklahoma Republican who brought in a group of initial investors.

After at least two delays,

the channel finally launched after Khan kicked in \$50 million and took the reigns as majority shareholder. In much of its first year, BNC filled its website from content provided by the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), the trade association of the Black Press of America.

**NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. frequently appeared on the channel providing commentary on various news topics.**

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at Marin Employment Connection with Juvenile Probation Services. Dan has always been an entrepreneur in public service and he used this talent to think about how to help young people transition to adulthood and become fully independent. He creatively thought about what would be the fundamental skills necessary for youth to obtain to sustain and support themselves in careers in computers, technology and other fields.

From 2012 forward until he retired, Dan was at the forefront of working with youth in Marin County. He served as an Employment Development Counselor

at Marin Employment Connection with Juvenile Probation Services. Dan has always been an entrepreneur in public service and he used this talent to think about how to help young people transition to adulthood and become fully independent. He creatively thought about what would be the fundamental skills necessary for youth to obtain to sustain and support themselves in careers in computers, technology and other fields.

Dan's commitment to the service of others led Marin County to establish the "Dan Daniels Spirit of Service

Award" in his honor. It is an award given to a participant in the County of Marin's Career Explorer Youth Program — who demonstrates passion in serving clients, co-workers and community partners while stating a goal of eventually becoming a full-fledged County of Marin employee. Marin County viewed Dan as a highly respected mentor for so many service programs in the County that uplifted and grounded young people on their career paths.

Dan's life of commitment to service was fully reflected in his dedicated work on behalf of the National Association

for the Advancement of Colored People. From the California Hawaii State Conference, President and Attorney Rick Callender and President Emerita Alice Huffman both concurred that Dan meticulously supported the work of the individual branches in the field with a primary focus on the coastal branches here in Northern California. Dan was always a hands-on leader who traveled the distance and at significant expense of time, energy and resources to facilitate the success of the various units. He was always available to consult with the branches to enable them to

achieve their very best.

NAACP National President Derrick Johnson and Chairman Leon Russell observed that Dan has been an engaging and exemplary partner in the organization and his many contributions to the SFNAACP and California Hawaii State Conference of Branches made the National Organization even stronger because of his generosity, presence and commitment to the cause of civil rights.

The Daniels' family has announced that the memorial service and Joyous Celebration of Life for Dan Daniels Sr. will take place at historic

Third Baptist Church in San Francisco on Friday, April 29, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

**Attorney Peter Graham Cohn has worked with the national NAACP — including the late Chairman Emeritus Julian Bond — for over 45 years at the national, regional, state and local levels. He has also been an advisor and counsel to the SFNAACP Branch since the 1970's. In the course of that work, he has been a longtime friend and admirer of the great work of Mr. Dan Daniels, Sr. and can be reached at: pgcohn@comcast.net.**



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