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## Calif's New COVID Plan Includes Faith Community, Public Health Leaders

Tanu Henry  
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**B**lack faith and public health leaders are hailing Gov. Newsom's new COVID response plan.

Last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiled the proposal designed to be more strategic, nimble and sustainable than it is reactive. California is the first in the nation to transition the Coronavirus crisis from a pandemic to an endemic.

Newsom made the announcement three days after he lifted the statewide indoor mask mandate.

Dubbed the SMARTER Plan, an acronym that stands for Shots, Masks, Awareness, Readiness, Testing and Rx, the state's new COVID response plan will focus on precautionary measures and interventions rather than broad mandates on masking, sheltering in place or shutdowns.

"This has been a remarkable two years for everyone. No one has been immune from the stress and travails, the



**Sam Casey, executive director, Congregations Organized for Prophetic Engagement (COPE)**

heartache and devastation. But many of us have shared those burdens disproportionately, unequally," said Newsom. "Those issues are all part and parcel of the consciousness that brings us to this moment.

The governor was speaking at a warehouse in Fontana that the state set up to handle logistics during the pandemic.

Pointing out that California has one of the lowest COVID-19 death rates in the country, Newsom added that the SMARTER plan will also

focus on preparing the state in the event that there is a similar crisis in the future. Ensuring that the plan is equitable and addresses the needs of Californians of all backgrounds is a priority as well, he emphasized.

"We are moving away from a crisis mindset to living with this virus," said Newsom. "We have come to understand what was not understood at the beginning of this crisis: that there is no ending."

"We have a more prescriptive details and strategies to continue those efforts in partnership with 800 community-based organizations, 200 mobile clinic sites, in partnership with our state-owned testing labs, in partnership with our schools and faith-based leaders," he added.

According to the governor's office over 70 million COVID vaccines have been administered in the state. About 80% of Californians have received one dose and about 70% are fully vaccinated.

Pastor Sam Casey, Executive  
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## Calif. Reparations Task Force: This Week's Mtg Will Honor Movement's History

Antonio Ray Harvey  
California Black Media

**T**he California Task Force to Study and Development Reparations Proposal for African Americans is holding its seventh meeting this week.

During the two-day virtual conference, the task force will pay homage to Black History Month as well as African American heroes who initiated the fight for reparations -- and kept it alive over the years -- in the United States.

"Happy Black History Month! The first-in-the-nation California Reparations Task Force meets again on Wed-Thurs Feb 23-24," tweeted Kamilah Moore, chair of the task force. "Join us as we celebrate past and current reparations efforts!"

Moore, a Los Angeles native, is an attorney and activist whose scholarship and work has focused on the study of reparations.

On Feb. 23, the committee members and guest speakers will revisit the origins of Black History Month, followed by a



**Mary Frances Berry, author and professor of history and Africana Studies**

commemoration of past and current reparations movements that have fought for restitution from the government for formerly enslaved Black people in the United States.

Chad Brown, a member of the National Assembly of American Slavery Descendants -- Los Angeles, will speak to the panel during the segment of the program recognizing current reparations movements.

"Sending \*special\* Congratulations to @Chad\_Boogie @NAASDLA on

his selection testify to the CA Reparations Task Force on Wed 2/23 (between 3pm & 4pm) in recognition of current efforts at reparations," tweeted the Coalition for a Just and Equitable California.

During the second half of the first day, the panel will host historian, attorney and University of Pennsylvania professor Mary Frances Berry. She will lead a discussion titled "Recognizing Current Efforts at Reparations" discussion.

Berry is the author of "My Face is Black Is True: Callie House and the Struggle for Ex-Slave Reparations." The book tells the story of a formerly enslaved woman named Callie House who spearheaded a movement for reparations for the descendants of enslaved Black people 70 years before the Civil Rights Movement. A widowed washerwoman from Nashville and mother of five, House (1861-1928) fought for African American Union soldiers to get pensions denied them, strategically targeting \$68 million generated in taxes on seized cotton from Confederacy states.

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## Ahmaud Arbery Killers Found Guilty Of Hate Crimes In Federal Court

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA  
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**A**federal jury found Travis McMichael, Gregory McMichael, and William "Roddie" Bryan guilty on all counts in the murder of Ahmaud Arbery.

The verdict came on the eve of the anniversary of Arbery's murder.

The McMichaels and Bryan chased Arbery through their mostly white Georgia neighborhood in their pickup trucks, cornering him before Travis McMichael shot the innocent jogger with a shotgun.

The trio was convicted in state court and given life sentences. The federal charges included a hate crime that exposed each of the men's history of racism.

Throughout the one-week trial, defense attorneys tried to sell the jury that, while the men weren't "likable,"



**Ahmaud Arbery**

their actions weren't driven by racial hatred.

However, Prosecutor Christopher Perras ferociously attacked that stance.

The murder "was driven by their pent-up racial anger and [Travis McMichael] was just looking for a reason," Perras insisted. He also noted that if the men thought Arbery had committed a crime, they never alerted the police.

Trial testimony from FBI intelligence analyst

Amy Vaughan revealed a host of racist remarks from Travis McMichael.

Vaughn testified that Travis McMichael and his friends routinely used racist slurs directed at African Americans.

One text from Travis McMichael to a friend describes how he enjoyed his new job because he didn't have to work with Black people.

"They ruin everything," McMichael wrote. "That's why I love what I do now. Not a [n-word] in sight."

In a Facebook video that purportedly shows a group of Black teenagers beating a white youth, Travis McMichael commented, "I say shoot them all," and he referred the group as "monkeys."

Travis McMichael also referred to a woman who dated a Black man as an "[N-word] lover."

Kim Ballesteros, who lived next door to the McMichaels, told the court

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## President Biden Begins Supreme Court Interview Process

By Stacy M. Brown  
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**P**resident Biden reportedly has begun interviewing candidates to succeed Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer.

The President has vowed to nominate the first Black woman to the high court, and said he expects to announce his selection by the end of February.

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, who serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia; California Supreme Court Justice Leondra Kruger; Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, who sits on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago; and J. Michelle Childs, a federal district court judge based in Columbia, South Carolina, are all viewed as strong candidates for the nomination.

Judge Brown Jackson has received letters of support from a host of union groups,



**Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson**

including the American Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organizations, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), and the National Education Association (NEA).

Additionally, more than 170 Black Harvard alumni recently submitted a letter to the White House asking that President Biden select Judge Brown Jackson.

Judge Childs enjoys the support of Democrat powerbroker Congressman

James Clyburn of South Carolina.

A 1992 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law, Judge Childs was appointed in 2010 by President Barack Obama to serve as a United States District Court Judge for the District of South Carolina.

Upon graduation from law school, Judge Childs went to work as an associate attorney at Nexsen Pruet Jacobs and Pollard law firm, becoming the first Black female

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# Baseball Greatest Player Snubbed For Hall Of Fame

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**B**arry Bonds stands as baseball's all-time home run king, with 762 bombs over a career that lasted more than two decades.

With his fearsome and sweet lefty swing, Bonds also set the single-season home record with 73 in 2001, a year in which he also drew 177 walks.

What separated Bonds from sluggers like Babe Ruth and others? He probably had the best hand-eye coordination ever.

Bonds drew a mind-boggling 2,558 walks over his career, including 626 intentional free passes.

So feared was Bonds; pitchers intentionally walked him with the bases loaded.

A league MVP seven times and a gold glove winner eight times, there's little question that Barry Lamar Bonds ranks among the top five players in baseball history.

Some recognize him ahead of Ruth, Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, and others as the greatest.

But Barry Bonds will not receive the crown jewel of his sport - entry into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

At least not yet.

Fifteen years after leaving the sport and being snubbed



In December 2022, baseball's "Today's Game Committee" will consider Bonds' candidacy. That committee consists of 16 members from the National Baseball Hall of Fame, executives, and veteran media members. The group forms an electorate that considers players no longer eligible for election by the BBWAA.

each year, Bonds no longer will have eligibility on the Baseball Writers Association of America's (BBWAA) ballot.

It's the writers who vote to enshrine players, who must receive 75 percent of the vote for election.

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Many have lumped Bonds in with others in the shameful Steroid era, where writers have

repeatedly snubbed players like Sammy Sosa, Roger Clemens, and Mark McGwire.

Unlike Alex Rodriguez, Manny Ramirez, and Jose Canseco, who have either been caught or admitted to using performance-enhancing drugs, Bonds had always denied usage.

Also, he'd never been disciplined for illegal drug use.

However, baseball writers and others point to the year after Bonds' playing days ended when a federal indictment charged him with perjury obstruction of justice for allegedly lying to a grand jury during the federal government's investigation of BALCO, a steroid and performance-enhancing drug

laboratory in San Francisco.

Leaked testimony revealed he admitted to unknowingly using "the cream" and "the clear," and a former girlfriend testified that he used steroids for an injury.

But Bonds' snub appears to run deeper and it cuts with a hint of jealousy and racism.

When Bonds set the all-time home run record, then-Commissioner Bud Selig went out of his way to demean the accomplishment citing alleged but unproven steroid use.

However, a few years earlier, Selig and others cheered McGwire and Sosa's steroid-fueled assault on the same record.

Baseball writers - the individuals' tasked with casting Hall of Fame votes - jeered Bonds at every turn. With typical dog whistles, they often described Bonds as "surly," "aloof," and having "a bad attitude."

Bonds mostly ignored the media and its rhetoric, and during 22 years in two of the most challenging parks for hitters - Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium and San Francisco's Candlestick Park - he excelled.

That he refused to engage media members only served to anger them, and the dog whistles continued at a relentless pace.

Bonds once explained that the pressure he experienced as a young man on the

Pittsburgh Pirates led to his combativeness with the media.

He recognized that he could have done more to better the relationship.

"I've created this fire around me, and I'm stuck in it, so I might as well live with the flames," he stated during a 2016 interview.

Still, with just about a half dozen Black members in the more than 700 member BBWAA, Bonds stands little chance of understanding or recognition for his peerless accomplishments.

"The simple truth is that Barry Bonds is the story of the steroid era. He is a player whose physical gifts knew no limits - and whose desire for something beyond greatness took him to a place he never needed to go," ESPN Journalist Jeff Passan wrote in favor of Bonds' election to the Hall of Fame.

"His greed mirrored the league's: the ceaseless pursuit of bigger, better, more. This is the history that demands to be told, and there is no better place to tell it than in the plaque room at the Hall of Fame."

**Barry Bonds' Career Statistics: 2,986 games played; 2,227 runs scored; 2,935 hits; 601 doubles; 77 triples; 762 home runs; 514 stolen bases; 2,558 walks; 688 intentional walks; .298 batting average; .444 on base percentage; .607 slugging percentage; 1.051 OPS.**

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# Looming Funding Cuts Worry Schools

*As California Faces Dramatic Student Enrollment Decline, Officials Search To Stabilize School Funding*

By Dr. Margaret Fortune

**P**resident/CEO of Fortune School

Schools have become an extension of the public health system in California's response to COVID-19. As the leader of a public school system, I can tell you we have become masters of administering weekly COVID-19 tests to thousands of students and teachers, hosting vaccination clinics, and doing contact tracing. It's a lot of pressure.

Meanwhile, student enrollment is dropping dramatically across the state. To put it in context, student enrollment was already in steady decline before the pandemic because of low birth rates and migration. In the 2018-19 school year, student enrollment in California fell by 23,000 students. Last school year in 2020-21, California schools lost 160,000 students, nearly seven times the figure two years ago.

The pandemic has severely impacted student attendance. Unfortunately, it has become common for parents to receive notices from school saying their child has been exposed to COVID-19. Some parents are opting to keep their children home which is beginning to cause a sharp increase in chronic absenteeism in schools.

This is a huge problem for California public schools, because they rely on students' average daily attendance for their state funding. In a year when California is expecting to have a \$29 billion budget surplus, it's imperative that elected officials give the state's children the first call on the treasury by making school funding stable.

Senator Ben Allen, a Santa Monica Democrat has a good idea to ensure predictable public school funding. SB 579 (Allen), would hold schools harmless from drops in enrollment for this school year and next. This bill is on a fast track. It sailed through the Senate (37-0) and as of the writing of this column is in the Assembly. We applaud Senator Allen for his amendment to include public charter schools in the bill as well. Funding for school districts has always been protected from drops in student enrollment from year to year, but not for public charter schools. Senator Allen's bold action will keep all schools "whole" during a time when we are experiencing the traumatic impact of the pandemic.

SB 830 introduced by Senator Anthony Portantino, a Democrat representing the San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys, is another piece of legislation that deals with how schools are

funded. This bill proposes that the California Department of Education stop funding schools based on average daily attendance and instead provide funding according to a school's enrollment numbers. California's policy to fund schools based on average daily attendance made sense before we were in a pandemic. Now that public health officials are advising schools to require that parents keep their children at home if they are symptomatic, the rules about funding schools based on attendance must change with the times. The problem is SB 830 (Portantino) excludes public charter schools from the fix. That means 690,657 of California's public-school children would be left behind in the old funding scheme. That is unacceptable. It's particularly problematic for Black students because their parents are more likely to choose public charter schools than other ethnic groups. That means that these students would be funded at a lower level than their counterparts in school districts. Senator Portantino should amend SB 830 to include public charter schools so the bill is helpful to all of California's public school children.

As we continue to navigate through a pandemic where the state's response is heavily reliant on using a child's school as the delivery

system for education and public health, one lesson is abundantly clear. Providing in-person instruction during a pandemic is teaching us new things about the best way to fund schools. Enrollment and attendance are fluctuating as parents make decisions about whether they feel safe sending their child to school. If we want schools to stay open, lawmakers must stabilize funding for all public schools — including charters. In a state that has a surplus of funding, it is critical that our elected officials prioritize fully funding all schools to protect us from further feeling the impact of the pandemic.

**Editor's Note: Dr. Margaret Fortune is the President/CEO of Fortune School, a system of nine, K-12 public charter schools with over 2,300 students focused on closing the Black achievement gap by preparing students for college. She is a State Delegate on the California Democratic Party (CDP) State Central Committee where she also is an elected member of the Executive Board of the CDP Black Caucus. Fortune is Treasurer of National Action Network (NAN) Sacramento and has been an education advisor to two California Governors. She is a graduate of the UC Berkeley and Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government.**

# Howard University Receives \$2m To Digitize Black Newspaper Archive

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

**H**oward University has received a \$2 million donation to digitize its Black Press Archives, that contains more than 2,000 newspaper titles including publications like the New York Amsterdam News, Chicago Defender, Washington Informer, Baltimore AFRO, and other historically Black publications.

The University said it hopes to make the archives more broadly available to researchers and the public.

"Once digitalized, Howard's Black Press Archive will be the largest, most diverse, and the world's most accessible Black newspaper database," Benjamin Talton, the director of Howard's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, told the Associated Press.

The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center houses the

archive, which dates to the 1970s and includes newspapers from Africa and the Caribbean.

The \$2 million grant from the Jonathan Logan Family Foundation should also help increase diversity in the university, officials stated.

Howard University credited its Center for Journalism & Democracy for helping to secure the funding from the Logan Family Foundation, which supports social justice causes in journalism and the arts.

"We will be able to go back and look at these archives and these newspapers and the way the Black press was covering the world and have a greater understanding of who we are as a society, who we were back then and who we are now," Nikole Hannah-Jones told the news service.

"Right now, we really are only getting a very narrow part of the story, and that is the part of the story told through power and through the ruling class."

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Director of Congregations Organized for Prophetic Engagement (COPE) and Pastor of New Life Christian Church in Fontana, says he has been involved in the fight against COVID since the onset of the pandemic.

“We engaged in testing, bringing greater awareness as well as making sure some of the most marginalized communities had access to not only testing but more importantly vaccination,” he said.

“We are still engaged in that fight that’s relevant to the SMARTER plan,” Casey continued. “We’ve helped individuals get shots in their arms. We’ve presented some 75,000 N95 masks to our congregations and communities. We have

passed out some 15,000 COVID tests and continue to create greater awareness in our communities.”

Dr. Jerry Abraham, Director of Kedran Vaccines in South Los Angeles, runs a health center that provides COVID-19 inoculation to people in neighborhoods that have been historically underserved.

“We continue to see a continued decline in infection rates, in hospitalizations and in deaths -- and that’s really exciting,” said Abraham, speaking at a press briefing for the African American press organized by VaccinateAll58, the California Department of Public Health’s COVID-19 response program.

Although about 82,000 Californians have died from COVID-related causes and more than 8 million have been diagnosed with the disease,

Abraham says he’s hopeful about entering this next phase of the state’s response.

“We are really in this transition period from pandemic to endemic, and there really is this new conversation about learning to live with COVID. That is how we are going to go about our business and how we are going to go about staying in business and staying in school, going to church – all of these things are a part our strategy to move forward.”

Abraham encouraged people to continue to be vigilant, wear masks when necessary, and take steps to protect themselves and the people they love.

Black Californians, who make up about 6 % of the state’s population, currently account for about 7 % of

confirmed deaths from COVID and more than 5 % of all cases.

Fontana Mayor Acquannetta Warren, who is African American, welcomed the governor to her city and thanked him for leading the fight against COVID.

“California has led the nation’s fight against COVID-19 with early, robust, public health measures that have helped to save countless lives,” she said. “In Fontana, we remain focused and ready to adopt to the evolving pandemic.”

Keeping incidents of COVID low in the state, will require the participation of everyone, said Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, Chair of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the UC San Francisco.

“California’s success in this next phase of the pandemic

depends on our focus on those who have borne the brunt throughout: essential workers, older adults, Latino, Black, and Pacific Islander communities, and those with more limited resources,” she said. “The equitable response is the smarter response, and I hope the plans outlined here receive sustained attention and investment.”

Andy Slavitt, former Senior Advisor for COVID-19 Response in the Biden administration, says Newsom’s post-pandemic strategy should be a model for states around the country.

“California’s SMARTER plan should represent a turning point in managing the pandemic from taking whatever the virus brings us to being prepared to manage whatever challenges come next,” he said.

Newsom said the state will also be analyzing wastewater to track the evolution of the virus.

“As we enter the next phase of the pandemic, the state is better equipped than ever to protect Californians from COVID-19 with smart strategies that save lives and advance our ongoing recovery,” said Newsom. “Building on proven tools – rooted in science and data – that have been honed over the past two years, we’re keeping our guard up with a focus on continued readiness, awareness and flexibility to adapt to the evolving pandemic. As we have throughout the pandemic, the state will continue applying the lessons we’ve learned about the virus to keep California moving forward.”

**Aldon Thomas Stiles contributed to this report.**

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about a conversation in which Gregory McMichael used racist language to describe a tenant he had.

“She was a large Black woman who did not pay her rent very well,” Ballesteros told the court. “Their name for her was the walrus.”

When Gregory McMichael told her that the woman didn’t pay her rent on time, he disabled her air conditioning unit.

“You should have seen how fast her big fat Black a— came with the rent check,” Gregory McMichael said,

according to Ballesteros.

The FBI’s Vaughan also testified that Bryan often used the n-word and words like “bootlip” to describe Black people.

She said he routinely slurred African Americans on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

“Happy Bootlip Day,” Bryan told a friend in one message.

“I worked like a [n-word] today,” he stated.

Perras dismissed any notion that the defense attorney’s claims on behalf of his clients somehow justified their deadly actions.

“There’s a big difference between being vigilant and being a vigilante,” he told the jury.

“It’s important for you to understand the full depth of the defendants’ racial hatred.”

Attorney Benjamin Crump released the following statement following the verdict:

“Tomorrow marks two years since Ahmaud Arbery was stalked, trapped, and murdered in cold blood as he jogged through his Brunswick neighborhood. And today, after much sorrow, grief, and pain, Ahmaud’s family can

finally put this chapter behind them. For the last 24 months, they’ve dedicated themselves to getting justice for their son. They’ve had to relive his brutal murder, watch and listen as he was demonized in court, and fight to share with the world who Ahmaud Arbery was and who he could have been had his young life not been so violently cut short.

“For many of us, there was never any doubt that Greg McMichael, Travis McMichael, and William Bryan targeted Ahmaud because of his skin color. But because of indisputable video

evidence, disgusting messages sent by the defendants, and witness testimony, their hate was revealed to the world and the jury. We hope and demand that the severity of their crimes are reflected in the sentencing, as well.

“Ahmaud Arbery was denied the opportunity to define his own legacy, but America, we have the power to ensure that it is one that propels our fight for equal justice and dispels hate from this world. That is how we continue to honor Ahmaud and make sure his death was not in vain.”

Before the trial, the

McMichaels cut a deal with prosecutors.

They agreed to plead guilty to hate crime charges and serve their sentence in federal prison.

However, Arbery’s parents, Wanda Cooper-Jones and Marcus Arbery argued against the arrangement.

That prompted the judge to toss out the plea deal.

“Ahmaud didn’t get the option of a plea,” Cooper-Jones demanded.

**The judge gave the McMichaels and Bryan two weeks to file an appeal.**



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On Feb. 24, the members of the task force are scheduled to hold a discussion focused on eligibility.

The nine-member panel will also vote on operational details of the project as outlined in Assembly Bill (AB) 3121, the law that authorized the task force.

The same day, the task force’s Advisory Committee Members: Moore, Jovan Lewis,

who is chair of the Department of Geography at UC Berkeley, and a representative from the California Department of Justice will discuss how the task force will employ expert consultants to assist with their work.

Each day, the first action on the task force agenda is an hour devoted to public comment. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to speak.

In 2020, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed the state’s

historic reparations task force bill into law. It was authored by California’s current Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber when she was a member of the Assembly representing the 79th District in the San Diego area.

**This week’s meeting will be accessible by video and teleconference. For more information on the task force, visit the California Department of Justice website.**

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partner in a major law firm in South Carolina.

“In law school, you learn early on that your reputation and credibility will follow you throughout your career,” Judge Childs said in an interview with her alma mater.

“Your classmates will be on opposing sides in cases or matters and will be leaders in various firms, agencies, and organizations in the state, so you always want to be known for having good character as your reputation can affect

your ability to resolve matters entrusted to you.”

Others reportedly being considered include 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Holly A. Thomas, federal Circuit Court Judge Tiffany P. Cunningham, civil rights attorney, and 11th Circuit Court candidate Nancy G. Abudu, 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals nominee Arianna J. Freeman, NYU law professor Melissa Murray, District Judge Wilhelmina “Mimi” Wright, North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls, and 2nd Circuit Judge Eunice Lee.

“Our process is going to be rigorous. I will select a nominee worthy of Justice Stephen Breyer’s legacy of excellence and decency,” President Biden said.

**“While I’ve been studying candidates’ backgrounds and writings, I’ve made no decision except one: The person I will nominate will be someone with extraordinary qualifications, character, experience, and integrity. And that person will be the first Black woman ever nominated to the United States Supreme Court.”**

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## EDITORIAL

We wish to plead our own cause.  
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*Freedom's Journal, March 16, 1827.*

# African Americans And The Fed: From Andrew Brimmer To Lisa Cook

By Julianne Malveaux

**T**he Federal Reserve Bank, founded in 1913, has had more than one hundred members of its Board of Governors. Forty-four white men governed the nation's monetary policy until 1966 when Dr. Andrew Brimmer became the Fed's first Black governor. He served until 1974. In 1979 Dr. Emmett Rice (father of Domestic Policy Council Director and diplomat Dr. Susan Rice) joined the Fed. In 1997, Dr.



**Julianne Malveaux**  
Roger Ferguson joined the Board of Governors, and in 1999, he became Vice-Chair. There have only been three Black governors in one

hundred and nine years, all men. Now, President Biden has nominated economist, Dr. Lisa Cook, to serve on the Fed. She would be the first Black woman and one of just a handful of women on the Federal Reserve Board. Of course, the white racists are in attack mode, attacking her qualifications, written work, and activism.

Few Black economists have the luxury of simply sitting in an ivory tower and pontificating. Whether we are studying the workplace

and many Black economists identify as labor economists or agriculture, the inequities that permeate our nation are in our faces. You don't need to study racism to see the glaring inequality that the data illustrate. African Americans consistently experience twice the unemployment rates as whites. We have a tenth of the wealth. We've lost our family farms at an alarming rate. Once upon a time, there were more than a hundred Black-owned banks. Now there are twenty-three. Many Black economists have commented on these inequities, whether or not race and racism represent the bulk of their body of work. Lisa Cook is among those who have commented on race matters, although most of her work focuses on international economics, especially the Russian economy. It seems that any mention of race puts white folks into a tizzy. So the ill-informed, ranging from a particularly vapid Tucker Carlson to the predictably conservative Wall Street Journal, have been highly critical of Dr. Cook, if not downright racist. In mid-February, Republican members of the Senate Banking Committee boycotted a meeting that would move

Cook's nomination (and that of others) to the full Senate. It is not clear when the full Senate will have the opportunity to vote on these nominations.

Most folks don't know the Fed from a farmhouse, but anyone spending money these days must wonder what role the Fed has played in the skyrocketing prices consumers are facing. Rents in some urban areas are up by more than 20 percent. Meat prices have increased by a third in the past year. The average price of pumped gas is up by a third, and in California, it is common to see prices veering toward \$6 a gallon. And please don't try to buy a car right now, as both new and used car prices are rising. It is part of the Fed's job to contain inflation and set interest rates. In weeks, they will likely increase interest rates.

Will it make a difference if a Black woman is on the Fed? I think so. Even though Lisa Cook's work focuses on international banking, she is acutely aware of the uneven impacts of banking policy on the underserved, which includes Black folk. Inflation hits everyone, but those with little disposable income are hit hardest. If chicken breasts cost \$3 a pound instead of

\$2.50, that's not a big deal to a six-figure earner. It hits hard, though, to someone scraping to make ends meet. Cook can bring some of that perspective to Fed deliberations.

In addition to being a solid economist, Lisa Cook is also a champion for diversity and a role model for many young women. She has actively encouraged young Black women to consider the economics profession, which is essential when we realize how scarce Black women are in that field. Lisa Cook would enrich the Fed. The Senate needs to confirm her.

Lisa Cook stands on the shoulders of giants like Brimmer, Rice, and Ferguson. It is galling that an institution that is more than a century old is just getting around to including Black women. It is galling that "qualified" used to be a synonym for white and male. And yet, it is encouraging that the glass ceiling is cracking slowly and that Lisa Cook, whether confirmed or not, has made Black history.

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# The Potential Power Of Our New Supreme Court Justice

By Ben Jealous

**P**resident Joe Biden is about to name the first Black woman ever nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court—in fact, he may have already done so by the time you read this. Based on the Black women President Biden has chosen to serve as federal judges, we know that the nominee will be brilliant. And we know she will be committed to a “justice for all” approach to the Constitution.

That commitment is supremely important to Americans right now. The court is currently controlled by a right-wing majority. They are overturning earlier rulings in order to elevate “states’ rights” over voting rights. They are using distorted interpretations of the First Amendment to sacrifice equality and opportunity. They are giving corporations greater power over our lives and giving the government less authority to protect us from corporate wrongdoing.



**Ben Jealous**

The damage being done by the Supreme Court and its three Trump-appointed justices is a brutal reminder that elections matter—and that judges continue to affect our lives long after the president who nominated them is gone.

The Trump majority also means that our new justice, whoever she is, is likely to spend a good chunk of time in the Court's minority. She will be on the “losing” side of important decisions. But that doesn't mean she is powerless. This nominee, like every Supreme Court nominee, is vitally important to our future.

Supreme Court justices

who are not in the majority influence the Court in a number of ways. In the short term, they can influence their fellow justices with the power of their arguments. In some cases, they can try to lessen the damage caused by a bad decision by agreeing to support a more limited and less harmful ruling than the majority would reach on its own. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor recognized that, once saying, “At oral arguments and conference meetings, in opinions and dissents, Justice Marshall imparted not only his legal acumen but also his life experiences, constantly pushing and prodding us to respond not only to the persuasiveness of legal argument but also to the power of moral truth.”

History tells us that the most important power of a justice in the minority may be their ability to use dissenting opinions to shape public opinion, move Congress to action, or provide a road

map for future courts to reverse bad rulings.

The late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg knew how to use this power.

In 2007, the Court's conservatives ruled against a woman who had been paid less than her male coworkers for 20 years. The indefensible ruling distorted and gutted the law protecting women against discrimination on the job. Ginsburg's dissent made the injustice clear. And she declared that “the ball is in Congress' court.” Congress accepted their responsibility to restore the protections; it was the first bill signed into law by President Obama.

Ginsburg wasn't quite as successful with her dissent to the 2013 decision in which the Court's right-wing majority ravaged the Voting Rights Act. Legislation to restore the protection of the Voting Rights Act has been repeatedly blocked in Congress. But the power of Ginsburg's ideas persists. Her dissent included a description of

what the court majority was doing that you didn't need to be a lawyer to understand. Weakening the enforcement of voting rights laws because they were working to prevent discrimination was “like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet,” she said.

Dissents like that can help people understand what's at stake. And they can inspire activists and attorneys to build on those ideas and work toward the day when they are embraced by a majority of the Court.

Before Thurgood Marshall became a Supreme Court justice, he was a civil rights lawyer challenging desegregation. When he was feeling discouraged, he would re-read Justice Harlan's dissent in the 1896 ruling that approved “separate but equal” public schools. Eventually, Marshall and others would help convince the court to embrace Harlan's view that “in view of the Constitution, in the eye of the law, there is in this country

no superior dominant, ruling class of citizens...In respect of civil rights, all citizens are equal before the law.”

It is true that the Supreme Court's right-wing justices will still have a 6-3 majority after our new Justice joins the Court. But numbers don't tell the story. Her presence is not the only way she can and will make history.

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# RELIGIOUS SECTION

THE BAY AREA'S CHURCH NEWS & ACTIVITIES



## Sunday School Lesson

By Shunda Criswell

# Jesus By The Sea Of Tiberias

Lesson Text: "John 21:1-14  
Place: Sea of Tiberias  
Time: A.D. 30

**Golden Text:** "This is now the third time that Jesus shewed Himself to His disciples, after that He was risen from the dead" (John 21:14).

An angel had promised that Jesus would meet with His disciples in Galilee (Matthew 28:7). It was significant

evidence for Jesus to manifest Himself in a different location and at a later time. The Sea of Tiberias is another name for the Sea of Galilee. The disciples had gone to Jerusalem and had experienced a tumultuous (confused) series of events: the Triumphal Entry, the expectation of a new kingdom, a betrayal by a trusted friend, near arrest, denial of Jesus by their leader Peter, the agonizing crucifixion of

Jesus, the Resurrection, and the manifestations of the risen Lord. Understandably they were confused and unsure of the future. Peter went fishing since he may have misunderstood the Lord's commission (see John 20:22). Peter also had a family to support and undoubtedly had a sense of failure over his sin in denying the Lord. His leadership quality is evident in that six other disciples went with him. Their lack of success without Jesus' aid (read John 15:5) and their great catch with His help gave them direction for their new lives. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty). (John 21:1-3). Early in the morning the disciples failed to recognize Jesus... on the shore either because of distance or lack of light. He called out to them, Friends, haven't you any fish? The word "friends" is literally, "little children" or perhaps "lads." In response to His authoritative voice

and instruction in John 21:6, they hauled in a huge catch of fish (John 21:11). This similarity to an earlier miracle read (Luke 5:1-11) enabled the disciples to identify the Lord and to recognize His ability to do great signs after His resurrection. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty). (John 21:4-6).

This revelation of Jesus and His power to His disciples dawned first in the beloved disciple, who exclaimed, It is the Lord! (see John 20:28) John had also been first to discern the significance of the grave clothes (John 20:8). Hearing John's word, Peter immediately jumped into the water, and apparently swam to Jesus. This is typical of his impulsive nature (he went first into the tomb; John 20:6). This psychological insight into Peter's character reinforces the historical reliability of John's eyewitness testimony.

Peter's action contrasts strikingly with the time he started to sink in the water (read Matthew 14:30). Jesus had prepared a breakfast of charcoaled fish with bread for the hungry disciples. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty). (John 20:7-9). The mention of the large fish, 153 in all. With a group of men fishing, the common procedure would be for them to count the fish they caught and then divide them equally among the fishermen. A spiritual lesson here is that great blessing comes to one's efforts when he follows the Lord's will. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty). (John 21:10-11). When Jesus invited them to eat with Him, none of them asked who He was for they knew it was the Lord. The fact that both Mary (John 20:14) and the Emmaus Road disciples (Luke 24:13-35) did not immediately

identify the Lord may indicate some difference in the Lord's resurrection appearance here. Yet the identification was so certain that all the disciples knew it was Jesus. Their meal together stamped an indelible impression on their minds. Years later in his preaching Peter spoke of himself as a reliable witness who ate and drank with Jesus after His resurrection (see Acts 10:41). The third time means Jesus' third appearance to the apostles, which John narrated (see John 20:19, 24 for the other two appearances). **The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty. (John 21:12-14). We should love what the great writer, Mr. Robert Ferguson, Jr. recorded, "We will never run out of strength if we will rely on God's strength. We will never fail if we obey what God says. Doing God's will is a guarantee of success in God's eyes. Be Blessed!**



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Wednesday  
Prayer Services/Bible Study  
Midday 11:30 AM  
Evening 6:45 PM  
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