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## The Dream Keeper Nightmare: Another Dream Deferred

EDITORIAL

**M**any African American San Francisco community activists and residents are outraged over the collapse of the Dream Keeper Initiative program.

Over 100 million dollars, allocated to uplift, enrich, and enhance the city's African American community, has gone up in smoke. What happened?

This can't just be another dream deferred for the city's forgotten community. Not under an African American mayor who initiated this reparative justice project. Where was the oversight for such a program? It's simply a gross injustice.

With so many other false promises made to this fraction of a community that once was... DKI was the one that needed to be close to perfection. Who appointed and anointed the "Mega Blacks"? The 30 or so handpicked to be the voice of the community. Who did they answer to? Why wasn't the community as a whole kept informed of the ins and outs and whereabouts?

Why wasn't there ever a concerted effort to embrace the entire African American community? Many from the community were left out of the plans, conversations, and awards. So many leaders of today and yesterday, with brilliant minds, could have contributed mightily.

Now who's left to defend what remains of what could have been a partial payback for what redevelopment bulldozed? Who's going to pick up the broken pieces?

Loads of money provided for a community in need. Gone. Where are the beauty marks? Where's the cheddar? Where are the statues, the senior building, the after-school clinic, the free lunch programs, the African American thrift store, the African American funeral parlor, and the grocery store? What about a health clinic? Why aren't streets in our community blocked off because of construction benefiting us? It should be for us and by us.

One prominent politician with significant political clout and experience said this program was wasting money. But no one consulted with the likes of him. When NAACP

leadership tried to tap in, they fell on deaf ears as well. When others complained and tried to offer support and advice, they were shut down and shut out. It appears only a few DKI comrades carried the community's needs on their shoulders. They made all the decisions.

There was always too much at stake with DKI, it seems. It's so sad and too bad for the community that those in charge didn't realize they couldn't do it all. Imagine, by working together for the good of all, what a success DKI could have been.

There are success stories, and we need to hear all about them. This program is worth saving. Let's fight for what's left. A few bad apples won't spoil the rest.

We may never see this kind of opportunity to uplift our community again. This is a painful lesson. It's made worse because it seems the problems came from within, not from the usual suspects on the outside.

Where do we go from here? Let's figure it out as a whole community.

**We must fight to keep the Dream alive.**

## MAYOR LONDON BREED AND SFPD CHIEF BILL SCOTT ANNOUNCE NEW MOBILE CAMERAS TO CONTINUE IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY IN SAN FRANCISCO

**S**an Francisco, CA – San Francisco Mayor London N. Breed and Police Chief Bill Scott announced a new Mobile Security Unit program today that includes the deployment of camera trailers in locations around the city for round-the-clock security monitoring.

The units are being supplied by LiveView Technologies (LVT) as part of a pilot program with the San Francisco Police Department. The SFPD plans to incorporate the security units with other recently adopted technology like Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras, fixed security cameras and drones to continue driving crime down in San Francisco.

While crime has been dropping significantly (32%) in 2024 in San Francisco, the SFPD is actively continuing to address ongoing challenges like drug dealing, burglaries,



The camera trailers will expand on Proposition E technology, like security cameras and drones, to assist officers in making arrests and preventing crime

prostitution and other crimes. These units will allow the SFPD to have a 24-hour presence in areas where they will have the maximum impact to assist in fighting and deterring crime.

The first three cameras arrived in San Francisco last week with more planned to

arrive soon. The cameras will be initially deployed to support efforts that include the City's Drug Market Agency Coordination Center (DMAACC) operations, addressing prostitution and related problems in the Mission, and combatting and

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## Biden-Harris Administration Commits Record \$17 Billion to HBCUs, Driving Unprecedented Educational and Economic Impact

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**T**he Biden-Harris administration's mission to strengthen educational equity and economic opportunity was on full display again as the White House announced an additional \$1.3 billion in federal investments for historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs). The new funding brings the administration's total investment in HBCUs to an unprecedented \$17 billion since Fiscal Year 2021, setting a new record and further displaying the administration's commitment to institutions that have long served as beacons of opportunity and excellence for Black Americans.



Though representing only 3% of all U.S. colleges and universities, HBCUs play a crucial role in fostering economic mobility. According to White House officials, HBCUs enroll twice as many Pell Grant-eligible low—and middle-income students as non-HBCU institutions, producing a significant percentage of Black professionals in critical fields—40% of engineers, 50% of teachers, 70% of doctors and dentists, and 80% of judges.

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## Harris Dominates First Presidential Debate as Trump Struggles to Defend Record

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**V**ice President Kamala Harris decisively took control of the first presidential debate against former President Donald Trump in Philadelphia on Tuesday night, delivering a performance that put Trump on the defensive for much of the evening. Moderators David Muir and Linsey Davis of ABC News kept a tight handle on the debate, significantly improving from CNN's June handling of Trump and President Joe Biden.

The debate began with a surprise as Harris approached Trump to shake his hand and introduced herself as "Kamala Harris," an unusual move that set the tone for the night. Trump's trademark scowl stayed in place throughout the debate, as Harris pressed him on his legal woes and diminished his record. Displaying her prosecutorial skills, Harris



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consistently turned the conversation toward Trump's convictions, his business fraud case, and his role in the January 6 insurrection.

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"I was raised as a middle-

class kid, and I am actually the only person on this stage who has a plan that is about lifting up the middle class and working people of America," Harris said. She detailed a \$6,000 child tax credit as part of her plan to support young families.

Trump, by contrast, criticized the Biden-Harris economy, calling it "the worst period

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# State of Black CA:Black Caucus Members Weigh Next Steps for Reparations in California

Edward Henderson | California Black Media

**F**or more than two weeks now, members of the California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) have been facing sharp criticisms from frustrated advocates and other Black Californians after the State Assembly failed to bring up two reparations bills for a floor vote on Aug. 31.

On Sept. 14, Assemblymembers Mia Bonta (D-Alameda), Corey Jackson (D-Moreno Valley), and Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento) participated in the “State of Black California 2024: Listening Session Tour” in Sacramento. During the session they heard from people who said they felt let down that the bills did not pass the Legislature and advance to Newsom’s desk for his consideration.

The three-hour event was held at the Secretary of State’s office building, one block south of the State Capitol. Amid interruptions and disruptions from the attendees during the event, Bonta said she appreciated the feedback.

“I got out of it what I expected. We have a lot of

diverse thoughts and opinions about how to proceed,” Bonta told California Black Media (CBM). “It was helpful to hear directly from people without the constraints of hearing rooms and formalities. I heard a lot of frustration and concerns. I also got out of it a call to action, as we shared, to do better and I am certainly committed to doing that.”

On Sept. 12, CLBC member Sen. Lola Smallwood-Cuevas (D-Los Angeles) called-in to Dominique di Prima’s radio show on KBLA 1580 AM in Los Angeles to share her perspective on reasons the CLBC did not to bring the bills to the Assembly floor.

She also shared that going forward there needs to be better communications with the community to ensure passage of bills in the future.

“I want to say that the CLBC has laid a strong foundation to build upon. I think what this experience, this dialogue we are in with our community has shown us that we need to address our communication channels,” Smallwood-Cuevas said. “I think we attempted to do that by having the State of (Black) California convening across California.”

The State of Black California Listening Session tour is a

community conversation on reparations and the state of the Black community. The tour is an opportunity for the public to learn more about the 2024 legislative report that is an initiative of the University of California, Los Angeles’s Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, and the reparations package.

In collaboration with the California Black Freedom Fund (CBFF) in partnership with the tour has made stops in San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Fresno. The next destinations for the Listening Session are Oakland on Sept. 28 and Moreno Valley on Oct. 5.

The CBFF is a five-year, \$100 million initiative to ensure power building and “movement-based organizations” have the sustained investments and resources they need to eradicate systemic and institutional racism according to their website.

Marc Philpart, the Executive Director who oversees CBFF’s five-year-long initiative to raise and distribute \$100 million, was the moderator in Sacramento.

Philpart, who has worked closely with the CLBC and whose organization was the benefactor of \$3.5 million in



Attendees at the State of Black California’s listen session at the Secretary of State building in Sacramento on Sept. 14. The tour will stop in Oakland on Sept. 28 and end in Moreno Valley on Oct. 5.

state funds last year, has also been under fire from advocates.

The night before the State of Black California event, Chris Lodgson, a reparations advocate and member of the Coalition for a Just and Equitable California (CJEC) questioned Philpart about allegations that the CBFF had been designated by the CLBC to receive \$6 million in state funds, requested by the CLBC, to fund reparations legislation implementation.

(The CBFF granted CBM \$25,000 of that money to fund its Capitol Correspondent.)

Lodgson asked Philpart, “What is your relationship to that funding” and whether CBFF has

made any attempts to get any of the money.

“No, we don’t have any relationship with that,” Philpart told Lodgson at the meeting.

However, Lodgson asserted that he had a discussion with Smallwood-Cuevas and she confirmed that “there was a plan” to fund CBFF \$6 million. Lodgson also shared with Philpart that he contacted Bradford’s office and was told that there was a letter sent to Newsom’s office from the CLBC that requested the Governor to direct \$6 million to the proposed California African American Freedommen’s Affairs Agency (CAFAA) and \$6 million to CBFF.

## CALIFORNIA’S AGING SERVICES OFFER VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR OLDER ADULTS

**A**s we grow older, our needs and priorities change. In California, a wide range of services is available to help you maintain your independence, stay connected, and lead a fulfilling life. Whether you’re looking for support with daily tasks, health care guidance, or planning for the future, California’s aging services are here to help.

### Aging in Place

Many of you may prefer to stay in your own home as you get older. California offers programs that can assist with home repairs, transportation, and in-home care. Additionally, health and social care programs, including day centers with activities like arts and exercise, help you stay independent.

### Nutrition Services

You can enjoy home-delivered meals or gather for group meals at local centers. For those with limited income, there are options to get fresh produce and other food benefits through the CalFresh Expansion program.

### Health Insurance Guidance

Confused about health insurance options? The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides guidance on Medicare and long-term care insurance.

### Support for Caregivers

If you are caring for an older adult, there are programs like Caregiver Resource Centers (CRCs) and the Family Caregiver Support Program offering respite, counseling, and assistance with paperwork. CRCs also provide action plans for families



All these services and more are coordinated through local Area Agencies on Aging. Find yours by calling the California Aging and Adult Information Line at 800-510-2020 or visiting [aging.ca.gov](http://aging.ca.gov).

dealing with dementia.

### Legal Assistance

Facing issues like consumer fraud, elder abuse, or age discrimination? Legal Services are available to help

with Social Security, health insurance, pensions, and more.

### Employment Opportunities

Looking for a job? Free training and job placement services are available for older Californians.

### Emergency Preparedness

Planning for emergencies is especially important as we age. California offers resources to help you prepare for natural disasters, power outages, and other

emergencies. Creating a personal emergency plan, keeping an emergency kit ready, and staying informed about local resources can make all the difference.

# On Your November Ballot: Is Prop 36 the Right or Wrong Solution for Retail Theft?

Edward Henderson | California Black Media

**Prop 36 would increase drug crime and theft penalties and to be called “treatment-mandated felonies,” which also require some offenders to participate in drug and mental health treatment.**

It would also make the crime of shoplifting a felony for repeat offenders and increase penalties for some drug charges, including those involving the synthetic opioid fentanyl. It would also give judges the authority to order those with multiple drug charges to get treatment.

Supporters of the proposition say that it is a good balance between California’s ‘tough on crime’ days and the passing of prop 47 which they blame for creating loopholes in state law that criminals use

to avoid accountability for drug trafficking and retail theft. They also claim it will combat homelessness which has risen 50% since the passing of prop 47.

The intent of Prop 47 was to reduce spending on imprisonment in California and reduce the state’s prison population as mandated by a United States Supreme Court in 2011.

During the pandemic, the rate of shoplifting and commercial burglaries increased statewide. The Public Policy Institute of California found that reported shoplifting of merchandise worth up to \$950 increased 28% over the past five years.

Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez (D-Pomona), a supporter of prop 36, made his stance clear in a press release in August.

“As a strong advocate for both public safety and comprehensive treatment

programs, I am proud to support Proposition 36. This measure strikes a necessary balance between accountability and rehabilitation, ensuring that repeat offenders of retail theft and serious drug crimes are held responsible while also offering a path to recovery for those struggling with addiction,” Rodriguez wrote.

“It’s time we prioritize the safety of our communities and provide the resources needed to help individuals turn their lives around,” he added.

Opponents of the proposition argue that it is misleading to present idea tough-on-crime policies as a solution to homelessness. They, instead, directly link so-called “tough” polices of the “War on Drugs” to the overcrowding of prisons in the state and the over-incarceration of Black Californians.

California Black Media spoke with Eric Harris and Carolina Valle of Disability

Rights California who strongly oppose the Prop 36.

“The kind of rush to panic at this time is misplaced and misguided based on the actual data,” said Harris. “The first folks who are going to get penalized by these types of policies – and we know this based on our long history of criminal justice work in this state – will be Black people, Latinos, and people with disabilities – with intersections among the groups.”

While supporters claim crime is increasing in California, Valle points to statistics that say otherwise. The Center on Juvenile & Criminal Justice released a study that shows the latest crime trends for 48 California cities clearly show significant declines. The data show crime declines across almost every major crime category, including an 11% decline in theft and a 17% drop in burglary, in the first three months of 2024 compared to

the first three months of 2023.

“Having a felony on your record has very drastic consequences for public safety and family togetherness,” said Valle. “Because of Prop 47, they were able to avoid a felony conviction. That person is able to get a job that they need, housing that they need, they’re able to vote, all these things that we really value for stability here in California. So, a few years ago, there was actually a ballot initiative to do exactly what Prop 36 aims to do: roll back Prop 47.”

“And voters, again, really affirmed their commitment to preserving Prop 47 and rejected that ballot initiative because you really can’t throw a rock in California without hitting somebody who has been positively affected,” continued Valle. “We want to, as voters, recommit our votes to preserving Prop 47, and we can do that by rejecting Prop 36.”

A “yes” vote on Prop 36 supports making changes to Proposition 47, which was approved in 2014, including:

- classifying certain drug offenses as treatment-mandated felonies;
- increasing penalties for certain drug crimes by increasing sentence lengths and level of crimes;
- requiring courts to warn individuals convicted of distributing illegal drugs of their potential future criminal liability if they distribute deadly drugs like fentanyl, heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine; and
- increasing sentences for theft based on the value of the property stolen.

**A “no” vote opposes changes to Proposition 47 (2014), thereby maintaining certain drug and theft crimes for items valued below \$950 as misdemeanors.**

## At Black Caucus Conf. in D.C., Sen. Laphonza Butler Talks About AI, Jobs, Black Newspapers, and More

Bo Tefu and Tanu Henry | California Black Media

**At the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference, held from Sept. 11 through the Sept. 15 in Washington, DC, Sen. Laphonza Butler (D-Calif.) participated in a number of panel discussions covering a range of topics, including Artificial Intelligence Black women’s health and empowerment.**

On Sept. 12, Butler hosted a panel discussion titled “AI and Economic Empowerment in Black Communities.”

During that discussion, Butler joined other leaders in

AI to emphasize the importance of embracing AI in Black communities and using the technology to create economic opportunities. Other panelists included Megan Holston-Alexander, Partner and Head of the Cultural Leadership Fund at Andreessen Horowitz; Tyrance Billingsley II, Founder and Executive Director of Black Tech Street; DeVaris Brown, CEO and Co-Founder of Meroxa and John Hope Bryant, Founder, Chairman, and CEO of Operation HOPE.

Fewer people are going to be required across broader industries, particularly those in white-collar, traditionally white-collar positions,” said Butler to conference attendees. “Let’s take this moment today to get ahead of some of those

workplace challenges.”

That same day, Butler and Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate called the Workforce of the Future Act. That bill proposes a \$250 million federal government investment in educating and preparing students and workers in marginalized communities for jobs in AI.

“The purpose of this legislation is to solidify our commitment to today’s – as well as tomorrow’s – workers, preparing them to work in tandem with AI and to be ready for the jobs of the future” said Butler in a statement released Sept. 12.

That evening, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, an organization

serving and representing historically Black news outlets around the country, also honored Butler for her support of Black-owned media over the years.

Butler said she is intimately aware of the critical role Black-owned newspapers have played in informing the communities they have served over the last 197 years since the first Black-owned newspaper, Freedom’s Journal, was published in the United States.

“Thank you for bringing us this far. And thank you for what you will do to continue to inform our communities, making sure our voices are represented in the publishing and media space,” said Butler.

**At the conference, Butler**



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**also participated in a panel discussion on the Black women’s maternal health crisis and delivered remarks on about Black**

**communities gaining access to the financial sector and capital at an event hosted by The Connective Capital Consortium BrainTrust**

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of time” he had seen. He defended his tariff policies and took aim at Harris, labeling her a “Marxist” while also accusing her of copying his economic policies. “I was going to send her a MAGA hat,” Trump quipped.

Abortion rights were another major focus of the night. Trump, when asked if he

would veto a federal abortion ban, declined to answer directly, stating, “I won’t have to,” and arguing that the end of Roe v. Wade had satisfied everyone. Harris, in turn, vowed to restore Roe’s protections through federal legislation if elected.

“I pledge to you: when Congress passes a bill to put back in place the protections of Roe v. Wade as President of the United States, I will proudly

sign it into law,” she said.

As the debate went on, Trump repeated several conspiracy theories, including a claim that migrants were eating pets in U.S. cities, which Muir quickly fact-checked. Trump doubled down, citing “people on television” as his source. Harris largely let Trump’s more outlandish statements pass, opting to stay on policy while allowing the moderators to address his

factually inaccurate remarks.

In one of the most heated moments, Harris invited viewers to attend a Trump rally for themselves, commenting, “He talks about fictional characters like Hannibal Lecter and windmills causing cancer. You’ll notice people start leaving his rallies early—out of exhaustion and boredom.”

Trump, visibly irritated, retorted that he holds “the

most incredible rallies in the history of politics,” but the debate soon returned to more substantive issues like crime and inflation.

The night clearly contrasted Biden’s earlier debate with Trump, as Harris managed to keep Trump on the defensive. Trump continued to fixate on conspiracy theories and past grievances, while Harris stayed focused on presenting her vision for the future.

**With fewer than 60 days until the election, the debate sets the tone for what will likely be a hard-fought campaign. As the debate ended, Harris closed with a message to the American people: “This is about who we are as a country. The choice is clear—between chaos and leadership, fear and hope.”**

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low—and middle-income students as non-HBCU institutions, producing a significant percentage of Black professionals in critical fields—40% of engineers, 50% of teachers, 70% of doctors and dentists, and 80% of judges. Officials touted Vice President Kamala Harris, an alumna of Howard University, as an example of these institutions’ profound impact on shaping

national leadership.

A White House fact sheet highlighted how HBCUs are not just educational powerhouses but also drivers of economic growth. Research by the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) shows that HBCUs help more than five times as many students move from the bottom 40% to the top 60% of U.S. households compared to Ivy League and other elite non-HBCU institutions. Further, a report from the Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) links HBCU

enrollment with higher graduation rates and increased household incomes, affirming their role in advancing social and economic equity.

Economically, according to the UNCF, HBCUs contribute \$16.5 billion annually to the U.S. economy, generate over 136,000 jobs, and produce \$146 billion in lifetime earnings for their graduates. The administration’s investments aim to amplify this impact, particularly by enhancing HBCUs’ research and development (R&D)

capacities in STEM fields.

The new \$1.3 billion investment includes \$188 million in competitive grants for R&D capacity building and \$1.1 billion in funding to support students directly through need-based grants and programs like Pell Grants. According to the fact sheet, this action builds on a series of initiatives launched to expand HBCUs’ influence and capabilities, including:

**Innovation in Defense:** The Department of Defense

created the first-ever HBCU-led University Affiliated Research Center (UARC). Howard University, leading a \$90 million program over five years, focuses on advancing autonomous technologies for Air Force missions.

**Bridging the Digital Divide:** The Department of Commerce’s Connecting-Minority-Communities program funds 43 HBCUs to secure high-speed internet, equipment, and IT personnel, directly addressing the digital divide.

**Leading in Clean Energy:** The Department of Energy’s \$7.75 million HBCU Clean Energy Education Prize is designed to enhance STEM education and inspire future leaders in clean energy fields.

**Diversity in Agriculture:** The Department of Agriculture’s \$262.5 million investment supports 33 projects to train over 20,000 future food and agricultural leaders, emphasizing diversity in the agricultural sector

# The Sun-Reporter

## EDITORIAL

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

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

# Trump Falls Apart

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX

**I rarely think of Irish poets, but I could not help thinking of William Butler Yeats (1865-1939) as I watched the 45th president unravel during his debate with Vice President Kamala Harris. The Irish poet wrote:**

Turning and turning in the widening gyre

The falcon cannot hear the falconer;

Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;

Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,

The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere

The ceremony of innocence is drowned;

The best lack all conviction,

while the worst

Are full of passionate intensity.

The nation watched a man, once full of arrogance and bluster, reduce himself to a blubbing buffoon who offered unproven accusations of immigrants eating dogs and cats to a nation that craved specificity about public policy. We watched a man who scowled and grimaced for nearly two hours while his joyful (yes, joy) opponent smiled and relaxed into her power. We watched a man who once boldly stalked candidate Hilary Rodham Clinton onstage, nearly cower when a confident Kamala Harris strode over to him and outstretched her hand in a gesture of courtesy and gentility. The former president was a shadow of his

legendary self who could not seem to connect all of the dots and had to resort to lies – 33 of them according to CNN – to cover both his ineptitude and his ignorance.

Vice President Kamal Harris handled the business of the debate from the handshake to the facts, and her preparation showed. She irritated the 45th President numerous times, from telling him that he was “fired by 81 million people” to needling him on his much-exaggerated crowd size. His team crowed that he didn’t need to prep as much as he did, but his lack of preparation showed, even when he tried to turn one of his zingers on her. Although both microphones were off, she spoke over him and he gleefully said, “I’m speaking. Sound familiar”. Reprising her line from the

VP debate with Mike Pence in 2020 might have been effective if he didn’t have to attempt to mock her with the “sound familiar”, but the fact that he added that made him seem as effete and ineffective as he is.

The two passionately mixed it up on abortion, where he lied and said that Harris favors nine-month abortions and infanticide, so out of order that one of the moderators had to fact check him. They mixed it up on immigration. They mixed it up on the economy. Trump’s best line might have been “why didn’t she do it before”, a Vice President’s job is to serve the President, while a President’s job is to make policy. As Vice President, Kamala didn’t enact a bigger child tax credit because she couldn’t. Her job was to follow the President’s lead and help him implement his policies. Trump’s chiding will cause some on the fence to raise questions about Harris, but for every question, the Vice President had an answer.

Mr. Trump inelegantly attempted to poke fun at President Biden by describe him as relaxing at the beach, and chiding Vice President Harris to “wake him up at 4 p.m.”. She didn’t bite. In contrast, he bit at all the bait she threw at him, unable to stay on message and disciplined. But who expects discipline from a lout and a bully who has blustered his



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

way through his presidency and his subsequent years out of office. Much of his vitriol has centered on his contention that he won the 2020 election, a lie that spurred a mob to descend on the Capitol on January 6, 2021, an event Mr. Trump denied any involvement in. Again, Harris was effective in reminding people that she was at the Capitol that day.

ABC moderator David Muir asked Mr. Trump if it is appropriate to weigh in on the racial identity of Vice President Harris, and Trump replied with his usual word salad. There was some truth in his confused words, though. “I don’t care what she is. I don’t care. You make a big deal out of something. I couldn’t care less. Whatever

she wants to be is okay with me,” he said. What she wants to do is President of the United States, and I hope that’s okay with Mr. Trump because at the rate he is going, he’ll have to once again, resign himself to losing.

**Trump’s debate performance indicates that he is unraveling. He lost his train of thought on more than one occasion, he blatantly lied repeatedly, and he drilled down on unimportant issues. Not once did he display a pleasant countenance. Indeed, he seemed ready to explode. Meanwhile Vice-President Harris did not seem stressed or angry, just factual. She handled her business even as Trump fell apart. Brava, Kamala!**

# Saving the World as a Path to Prosperity

By Ben Jealous

**“Made in the USA” is a tagline that should apply to every major piece of the clean energy economy. It is within our grasp. But we need to bust some myths.**

This week, clean energy and sustainability leaders from around the country got to tour the site of a new Qcells solar panel factory in Cartersville, Georgia. Once the new facility is up and running, Qcells will maintain the first fully integrated solar supply chain in the US – all right there in Georgia. Not far from Cartersville, the Qcells plant in Dalton, Georgia has already shown how good-paying clean energy jobs can help communities and even give the workers and their families a sense of pride and purpose. The new plant will further demonstrate how onshoring clean energy supply chains can create even more good jobs and help us achieve energy independence, all while helping to meet our climate goals.

Yet there is a myth that seems to live in the minds of many that solving the world’s most critical and overarching

problem – the climate crisis – must necessarily be all about sacrifice as opposed to widespread economic gain. It is an example of so-called conventional wisdom being, well, nonsense. It is nothing new. But it is a reminder to beware of conventional wisdom pushed by fossil fuel interests over basic common sense and what we see right in front of us.

What is happening with Qcells in Georgia was spurred by investments from the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). It is that law, along with the other crucial policies of the Biden-Harris administration – like the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and its tariffs against China – that is helping give rise to the boom in clean energy projects across this country and a boom in manufacturing jobs supporting them. The broader picture is of a powerful partnership between the public and private sectors to create a rising economic tide that lifts all boats.

A report last year by E2 analyzed job creation from clean energy projects in the first year following passage of the IRA. It found that for every direct job in clean energy, even

more indirect and induced jobs were created to support clean energy production and its supply chain. The construction industry and the supply chains that feed it benefited the most but “sectors ranging from healthcare and hospitality to retail trade and real estate will also benefit greatly.”

We must continue to onshore our supply chains, to manufacture domestically the steel and other raw materials needed for infrastructure and every aspect of the next economy. Breakthroughs in manufacturing processes make it much cleaner to do here than in China and it is American workers who will experience the economic windfall.

National Climate Advisor Ali Zaidi, who joined the group hosted by Qcells in Georgia this week, describes it as a “manufacturing renaissance,” noting that “for too long, technologies were invented here and manufactured somewhere else.”

This partnership between the public and private sectors is also a model for how the climate movement must grow to meet its goals. Yet our movement has been stymied by the same sorts of myths that have led some to

mistakenly believe the clean energy transition carries more economic cost than benefit.

The urgency of tackling the climate crisis is undeniable. We have just come out of the hottest summer on record. A recent report based on satellite data shows extreme wildfires have more than doubled over the past 20 years thanks to climate change. Just last week, southern California was at the mercy of three out-of-control wildfires – amidst a major heat wave – that closed schools, evacuated residents, and made the air toxic to breathe. We know that fully transitioning from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy is the only way to save our planet. And we need the most broad-based, inclusive movement possible to get it done.

I have spent my entire life deeply embedded in movements for change and justice – civil rights, environmental justice and conservation, workers’ rights. I have seen first hand how much all our movements have in common, how our goals are often the same, and how the few who benefit from an unjust status quo always fight tooth and nail to keep us divided – and promote



Ben Jealous

dangerous myths to do it.

Coming together to meet the existential challenge of the climate crisis means doing away with those myths. The myth that the environmental movement is somehow “white,” while people of color are not only among the most impacted by climate change and pollution, we are also the most climate conscious voters. The myth that prioritizing sustainability and pro-environment practices is at odds with the interests of workers, while organized labor essentially helped launch the modern green movement. And, yes, the myth that the transition to the clean energy economy cannot be an unequivocal economic

win for our country.

**Next week is Climate Week. I look forward to the critical relationship building that will happen between environmentalists and business leaders from a wide range of industries gathering in New York. Last year, the Sierra Club launched a new office of Green Ventures and Partnerships to build and strengthen those relationships and provide opportunities to more companies that want to make a difference. This is an all-hands-on-deck moment. If we answer the call, we will see a new era of prosperity that has the potential to reach every American.**

## New Mobile Cameras Continued from page 1

detering crime in merchant corridors. Cameras will be deployed as determined by the SFPD for strategic needs.

“New technology has been a game-changer for public safety in this City,” said Mayor Breed. “As we continue to fill our academy classes with new recruits, this technology not only helps our existing officers be more efficient today, but it means as our ranks grow, we will see even more impact.”

“We are excited to add another tool in our department’s tool belt,” said Chief Scott. “Our officers are already eagerly embracing other technologies like ALPR and drones to make significant arrests. I can’t wait to see what they will do with assistance from these security units.”

“The new mobile cameras that SFPD will deploy at strategic locations around the city will provide a powerful new deterrent to crime and tool for law enforcement to investigate and prosecute crime,” said District Attorney

Brooke Jenkins. “These new cameras send one more message to those who would come to San Francisco to engage in crime - you will be identified, arrested and prosecuted. Law enforcement agencies are working together and will not allow our city to go back to previous eras of disfunction that did not prioritize public safety.”

### Mobile Security Unit Details

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also include a speaker that can play announcements, as well as floodlights and strobes. See a video demonstration of the unit here: <https://www.lvt.com/resources/lvt-demo>.

Private retailers have seen great success using the technology in parking lots, work sites and other strategic locations. Law enforcement agencies have increasingly begun using the technology as departments around the nation are working to rebuild their ranks following a national policing staffing crisis that began in 2020.

“LVT is proud to partner and support the city’s drug and crime reduction initiatives to help increase life safety and property protection here in San Francisco,” said Mark Cranney, LVT Chief Revenue Officer. “I’m confident that the Liveview Technologies platform will assist SFPD and other city and county agencies to detect, deter, and defend in high crime areas and situations, such as open-air drug markets, and smash and grabs.”

Technology Expansion Under Prop E

**In March, the voters passed Proposition E, authored by Mayor Breed, that allows the expanded use of new technology to meet public safety needs. Since then, the city has added new technology tools that have expanded the ability of law enforcement to make arrests and prevent crime. This includes the installation of ALPR cameras at intersections across San Francisco and the deployment of new drones.**



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# RELIGIOUS SECTION

THE BAY AREA'S CHURCH NEWS & ACTIVITIES



## Sunday School Lesson

By Shunda Criswell

# Daniel Prophesies the Son of Man

**Lesson Text:** Daniel 7:9-14  
**Related Scriptures:** Mark 9:2-10; Revelation 1:9-16; 20:11-15  
**Place:** Babylon  
**Time:** probably 553 B.C.  
**Golden Text:** "I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to ancient of days" (Daniel 7:13)  
 It's important to note that this vision is said to have occurred in the first year of King Belshazzar (Daniel 7:1), who was dethroned at the end of

chapter 5. Later, in chapter 9, we will return to the time period of Darius. In the first half of the book, Daniel interpreted the visions of others. In the second half, Daniel's own visions needed interpreting. Years after addressing King Nebuchadnezzar's dream concerning the four great world powers (see chapter 2), Daniel had a vision related to these same four kingdoms. It's fascinating to see the difference in perspective between the dream of a pagan king and the vision

given to God's servant. While the sequence of the kingdoms and their eventual destruction are the same, there's an extraordinary difference in the way they are presented. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, these powers were represented by a glorious, awe-inspiring statue (see Daniel 2:31). But, in Daniel's dream again read Daniel 7:1, these Gentile kingdoms were huge beasts coming up from the sea (Daniel 7:3), bent on dominion. (Daniel 7:1-3). The first beast represents Babylon, portrayed as a lion with eagle's wings. But the wings were torn off this beast (see Daniel 7:4)—which is perhaps a reference to God reducing Nebuchadnezzar to madness until he learned to humbly give God glory (see Daniel 4:28-37). The second beast represents the Medo-Persian Empire, pictured as a bear that was told to gorge itself on flesh. Why was the bear raised up on one side (Daniel 7:5)? Probably because the Persians defeated the Medes and absorbed them into the empire. Combined, their forces were able to defeat Babylon. The three ribs in the bear's mouth (Daniel 7:5) symbolize the three great enemies that Persia defeated in its

conquest: Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon. All of them were gobbled up by the Medo-Persian Empire, which ruled for some two hundred years. (Daniel 7:4-5). The Greek Empire established by Alexander the Great is represented by the third beast—a leopard. Leopards are incredibly fast, but this one had four wings, thus indicating it could move with lightning speed. The Greeks under Alexander defeated the Medo-Persians in a matter of a few months in 334 BC, and Alexander had conquered the world by the time he was thirty years old. The four heads that Daniel saw refer to the four kingdoms into which Alexander's domain was split after his death. (Daniel 7:6). (The Tony Evans Commentary) The fourth beast of Daniel's vision corresponds to the Roman Empire. God gave Daniel a much more complete picture of it than received in Nebuchadnezzar's day, because we find that the Roman Empire will appear in history again, except in a different form—during the great tribulation. This beast was frightening and dreadful, and out of it came ten horns (7:7)—that is, ten kings or kingdoms. Daniel noticed that a little horn

appeared among them, obviously of great importance. The key to identifying this figure is that it has the eyes of a human and a mouth that was speaking arrogantly (7:8). This figure is the Antichrist, called "a beast" in Revelation 13:1. He is the final world ruler whose reign of terror during the tribulation will bring to completion the times of the Gentiles, when Israel is trodden down by the nations. (Daniel 7:7-8). Two other people appear in Daniel 7, putting everything else in eternal perspective. There is hope for God's people in every age because the Ancient of Days (Daniel 7:9) and the son of man (Daniel 7:13), God the Father and God the Son, have everything under control. Until these two have acted, the story isn't over. God is called "the Ancient of Days" here because he is the timeless one. As chaos occurs on earth, he is seated on his throne. Daniel was shown a scene from the great tribulation, particularly the final three-and-a-half years when the Antichrist will break his covenant with Israel and demand that the world worship him on pain of death. The tribulation chaos will end when Jesus Christ returns in glory

with his saints, defeats the Antichrist and his armies, and consigns all of his enemies to the burning fire (Daniel 7:11). That Daniel saw one like a son of man ... coming with the clouds of heaven is certainly a reference to God the Son because Jesus applied this passage to himself during his ministry (Daniel 7:13; see Matthew 26:64; Mark 14:62; Luke 21:27). Daniel saw him approach the Ancient of Days, who presented the Son with an everlasting dominion (Daniel 7:13-14). This is a prophetic picture of God the Father handing over the kingdoms of this world for the Lord Jesus Christ to rule in fulfillment of the dominion mandate given to man (see Psalm 8:3-8). The books were opened (Daniel 7:10). Heaven's books include God's kingdom purpose for our lives (see Psalm 139:16; Ephesians 2:10; Hebrews 10:5-7) that we get to fulfill as we submit to his will (Psalm 40:6-8). There is also a book that deals with the destiny of nations (see Revelation 10:8-11). This means we must relate to God legally and not just relationally. (Daniel 7:9-14). (The Tony Evans Commentary) Be Blessed Saints!!

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# HISTORIC CELEBRATION OF BLACK EXCELLENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

By Tefu and Tanu Henry | California Black Media

On Friday, September 13, the White House South Lawn transformed into a historic celebration of Black excellence, bringing together actors, authors, television personalities, journalists, writers, activists, and artists. The event marked the first time such a celebration exclusively dedicated to honoring the achievements of Black Americans took place on the White House grounds, outside the context of Black History Month,

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, or Juneteenth.

“The Black community has always had my back, and I have always had theirs,” President Joe Biden exclaimed during the program, which included buffet tables with the delicacies of acclaimed African American chef Kwame Onwuachi

Biden asserted that he and Vice President Kamala’s administration counts as the most diverse in the country’s history, with significant milestones such as the appointments of the first Black female Supreme Court Justice,

Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black Vice President, and the first Black female queer White House Press Secretary, Karine Jean-Pierre.

Speaking before Biden, Jean-Pierre praised the administration’s support of Black Americans. “There are hundreds of Black leaders on the South Lawn of the White House who exemplify Black excellence,” she noted. Under the Biden-Harris administration, the representation of Black Americans in powerful roles has become the norm, reflecting a commitment to inclusivity and equity.

Biden highlighted the administration’s efforts to improve healthcare access for Black Americans, noting the significant strides made in increasing enrollment in Affordable Care Act coverage. According to a White House fact sheet, the administration has “lowered premium costs by an average of \$800 for millions of Americans, increasing Black enrollment in Affordable Care Act coverage by 95%, or over 1.7 million people since 2020.”

The President also reflected on past events held on the White House grounds, stating, “On this very lawn, in front

of the White House built by enslaved people, we hosted the first-ever Juneteenth concert after I made Juneteenth a federal holiday, and on this lawn, we celebrated the first Black woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, the best decision I made: Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson,” he proclaimed.

Addressing ongoing issues of racism, Biden condemned the treatment of Haitian migrants in the U.S., calling it “simply wrong” and emphasizing that the Haitian community is “under attack in our country right now.” He directly confronted recent

conspiracy theories and false claims being spread about migrants in Springfield, Ohio. The claims were amplified during the presidential debate hosted by ABC News, where former President Trump falsely stated, “In Springfield, they’re eating the dogs, the people that came in, they’re eating the cats,” adding that “they’re eating the pets of the people that live there.”

Biden, appearing to allude to these statements, firmly stated, “There’s no place in America. This has to stop, what he’s doing. It has to stop.”

## Iconic Jackson 5 Member Tito Jackson Dies at 70

By Stacy M. Brown

Tito Jackson, a founding member of the legendary Jackson 5, has died at the age of 70. The Jackson 5, which included Tito and his brothers Jackie, Jermaine, Marlon, and Michael, skyrocketed to fame in the 1970s with timeless hits like “ABC” and “I’ll Be There,” reshaping the music scene and turning the group into teen heartthrobs.

Sons Taj, Taryll, and TJ, confirmed Jackson’s death, sharing the news in an Instagram post on their

music group 3 T’s account. “Some of you may know him as Tito Jackson from the legendary Jackson 5, some may know him as ‘Coach Tito’ or some know him as ‘Poppa T,’” the statement read. “Nevertheless, he will be missed tremendously.” Former Jackson family manager Steve Manning revealed that Tito died of an apparent heart attack while driving from New Mexico to Oklahoma on Sunday.

Born Toriano Adaryll Jackson on October 15, 1953, in Gary, Indiana, Tito was the third of ten children born to Katherine and Joe Jackson.

His early talents as a singer and guitarist caught the eye of his father, Joe, who formed the Jackson Brothers in 1964, initially featuring Tito, Jackie, and Jermaine. As the group evolved into the Jackson 5, they became one of the first Black American groups to achieve crossover success, breaking racial barriers with their infectious music and dynamic performances.

The Jackson 5’s rise to fame was meteoric. With Motown Records backing them, they delivered chart topping hits that remain classics today. Their infectious energy and catchy songs turned them

into pop culture icons almost overnight. After leaving Motown in 1975 and signing with Epic Records, they were forced to change their name to The Jacksons. Despite the shift, they continued to dominate the music scene, with Tito playing a crucial role in the band’s success.

While the Jackson 5 set the stage for Michael Jackson’s solo superstardom, with Michael permanently leaving the group in 1984 following the massive success of his “Thriller” album, Tito also carved out his own place in music history. The Jackson 5 were inducted into the Rock

& Roll Hall of Fame in 1997, a testament to their enduring impact on the music industry.

Though never officially disbanding, the Jacksons saw their members explore solo endeavors. Tito ventured into a solo career later in life, releasing his debut album “Tito Time” in 2016, followed by “Under Your Spell” in 2021. His work as a solo artist showcased his versatility and deep-rooted love for music, allowing him to step out of the shadow of his famous family name. Tito also fronted a blues band that performed mainly in Southern California



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- Food trucks
- Over 30 local vendors
- Jewelry, apparel, crafts, and more!
- Outdoor family fun activities
- Music

#### Family Movie Night

Movie starts at 7:00pm

- Sing-along to the tunes of *The Little Mermaid*
- Free popcorn
- Outdoor screening with surround sound
- Bring your own blanket & pillow
- Lawn seating with limited chairs available

Please contact us with accessibility needs 72 hours in advance:  
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