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Racist Graffiti and Noose Found at Black-Led Youth Nonprofit in San Francisco

San Francisco's Youth 1st, a Black-led nonprofit providing tutoring at Merced Heights Playground, was defaced with racist graffiti and a noose on Friday. Images online show the slur "the N-word" spray-painted on the turquoise building's walls.



Renard Monroe, founder of Youth 1st, has been educating students in the community for over 25 years.

The San Francisco Police Department has launched a hate crime investigation. District Attorney Brooke Jenkins emphasized the incident's impact on the community, particularly its children, and promised that her office would pursue those responsible.

Renard Monroe, the founder of Youth 1st, addressed the community, stressing the importance of unity and resilience. He acknowledged the incident as a sad lesson but encouraged the community to come together and support one another.

This incident follows

other racial incidents in San Francisco. In May, blackface dolls with nooses appeared near a man's home, and in June, racist graffiti was found near City Hall.

Supervisor Ahsha Safai condemned the attack, linking it to a recent confrontation Monroe had with a woman at the playground. The woman reportedly became hostile after being asked to move her dog to a designated area, using racial slurs and threatening the organization.

Despite these threats, Monroe remains committed to his mission of promoting love and community. He believes this incident is a call for San Francisco to reaffirm its commitment to diversity, inclusion, and respect.

City officials have confirmed ongoing investigations by both local police and state agencies. Community leaders continue to rally around Youth 1st, reinforcing the city's core values and rejecting hate.

Mayor Breed & City Attorney Chiu Unveil SF Transparency Reforms

San Francisco, CA – Today Mayor London N. Breed and City Attorney David Chiu announced new Good Government Reforms targeting the City's contracting process and partners. These reforms include both new Contract Reform legislation and an Executive Directive



to city departments to strengthen internal contracting processes. The legislation is co-sponsored by Supervisor Catherine Stefani.

The Comprehensive Contract Reform legislation will:

Provide additional oversight, accountability, transparency and controls on City contractors and grantees.

Ensure that public funds are awarded fairly and managed effectively.

Protect public funds from being misused for improper purposes such as political activity or lobbying City officials.

The Executive Directive 24-04 will work to meet similar goals by directing

Efforts build on previous work that has led to rooting out of corrupt contractors, restoring integrity to City Departments, and strengthening transparency and government efficiency

Departments and staff on how to implement new laws and strengthen oversight under existing laws, standardizing practices across departments, providing fair processes for selecting grantees,

guiding departments in monitoring grantee performance, and retaining records to allow for effective audits and investigations.

"Misconduct from those that would wrongfully take advantage of City resources

has not been tolerated during my administration, and these new efforts expand on this commitment," said

Mayor London Breed. "With the City Attorney's Office and the Controller's Office we have investigated such activity and have acted swiftly and decisively to bring to account bad actors through enforcing existing laws and regulations and creating new

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Sacramento: More Than 250 News Professionals Attend Ethnic Media Awards and Conference

By Evan Ward

Over 250 news professionals from nearly 150 media outlets attended the Ethnic Media Conference, Expo, and Awards at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento on August 27-28.

Hosted by Ethnic Media Services (EMS) and California Black Media (CBM), the awards ceremony celebrated journalists for exceptional reporting on health, politics, and culture.

Leading up to the awards, the conference featured panels with state officials, government agencies, lobbying firms, and advocacy groups. It was also a networking hub for media professionals from diverse communities, including Black, Native American, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, Eastern European, North African, Caribbean, and LGBTQ press.

"Last year, we focused on meeting decision-makers," said Regina Wilson, Executive



Emil Guillermo stands with Regina Brown, left, and Sandy Close, right, as he receives a special award for media innovation

Director of CBM. "This year, it's about strengthening those ties. At a time of budget cuts, our community connections are crucial for creating equitable messaging," she added.

Notable attendees included Attorney General Rob Bonta, State Treasurer Fiona Ma, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond.

Business leaders, communications firms,

nonprofits, and philanthropic organizations also joined the event, highlighting the critical role of ethnic media in California's diverse communities.

"California has the largest concentration of multilingual news outlets serving immigrant and ethnic communities in the U.S.," said Sandy Close, Director

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VP Harris Details Evolving Stance in First Major Interview as Democratic Nominee

By Stacy M. Brown

Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee for president, made a strategic decision to sit down for her first major interview since President Joe Biden withdrew from the race, selecting CNN as the platform despite the network's heavily criticized moderation of the controversial June debate between Biden and former President Donald Trump. In that debate, CNN anchors were widely condemned for allowing Trump to spread untruths and disinformation unchecked. On Thursday, Aug. 29, Harris used that same network to set the record straight and present her vision for America alongside her running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz.

The interview in Georgia during their ongoing bus tour marked a critical moment for Harris, who has lit a fire under a once stagnant Democratic Party and galvanized donors



Walz, seated beside Harris, praised the proposed agenda, highlighting its practical success in Minnesota. "The child tax credit, for example, reduced childhood poverty by a third in our state. With a federal partner, the impact could be even greater," Walz said

as she's taken the lead in almost every national poll. Dana Bash, who conducted the interview, opened by questioning Harris about her priorities if she were to win the presidency. Harris, clear and direct, outlined her immediate goals: "On day one, we're going to bring down the cost of everyday goods, support small businesses, and invest

in American families. We're not going back—we're moving forward." Her response was a sharp contrast to Trump, who vowed that he'd be a dictator on day one.

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HUD Awards \$31.7 Million to Support Fair Housing Organizations Nationwide

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded \$31.7 million in grants to 75 fair housing organizations across the country as part of its FY 2024 budget, providing crucial support to initiatives aimed at eliminating housing discrimination.

Among the recipients are two Washington, D.C.-based organizations, the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) and the Equal Rights Center, each receiving over \$400,000.

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of EMS. "This partnership to support local journalism is a welcome recognition of ethnic media's role in connecting these communities to each other and the wider public."

Thurmond spoke on ethnic media's impact on education coverage, noting their advantage in reaching underserved communities. Running for governor in 2026, he said, "We need ethnic media to spread the right information about education. If a student

The grants are part of HUD's Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP), with funds being directed to second- and third-year multi-year grantees of the Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI). These funds will enable the organizations to continue their enforcement efforts to address housing discrimination nationwide.

The National Fair Housing Alliance, located in Northwest D.C., works to eliminate housing discrimination through a wide range of programs including education, advocacy, enforcement, and public policy. The Equal Rights Center, based in Northeast D.C., focuses on addressing discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations both locally and nationally.

isn't reading at grade level by third grade, we risk losing them to the prison pipeline."

On day one, Bonta had a fireside chat with Larry Lee of the Sacramento Observer, titled "Stop the Hate - Spread the Love." They discussed state policies to combat hate crimes and support victims. "We aim for zero hate crimes," Bonta said. "Everyone belongs in California, no one should face harm because of their identity."

Bonta noted, "There are signs of progress, but too many tragedies remain. We still have work to do."

These grants will support the organizations' fair housing enforcement activities, which include conducting investigations, fair housing testing in rental and sales markets, and filing complaints with HUD or state and local agencies. Additionally, the funds will enable educational outreach to inform the public and housing providers about the Fair Housing Act and its provisions.

"Ensuring fair access to quality and affordable housing for people who have been historically discriminated against is one of the foundations of our mission," HUD Acting Secretary Adrienne Todman said in a news release. "These awards provide significant resources to



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our private partners on the ground to enforce the Fair Housing Act and promote inclusive communities."

Workshops and sessions covered topics like healthcare, AI, public education, climate change, misinformation, hate crimes, and government equity. Google provided training on digital news tools and panelists explored AI's impact on journalism's future.

"Our strength is in our deep connection to our audiences," said Wilson. "We are high-touch as well as high-tech, embedded in our communities, delivering culturally relevant content."

The event closed with the Ethnic Media Awards, recognizing excellence in

nine categories from over 300 entries in 12 languages.

This year's conference coincided with the announcement of a historic \$172 million public-private partnership in California, led by Google, to support local journalism. The deal, seen as a model for the nation, aims to reinforce journalism's role in government and business oversight.

At the opening reception, CBM and EMS honored Assemblymember Buffy Wicks with the "Legislator of the Year" award, acknowledging

her role in securing the partnership and her ongoing support for news media.

"We've worked hard to gain recognition as a multilingual, multiracial, multimedia sector," said Wilson. "Thanks to our sponsors, speakers, media partners, and attendees for supporting this collective effort."

So, if you or someone you know has been targeted, don't keep it to yourself. Dial (833) 866-4283 or visit www.CAvsHate.org. In the fight against hate, your voice is the weapon we need

Bay Area Residents: Breathe Easier with Medi-Cal Asthma Remediation – Your Path to a Healthier Home

Asthma is a significant public health issue, particularly among Medi-Cal members.

Black Californians are five times more likely to visit the emergency department and four times more likely to be hospitalized for asthma than White Californians, and more than 2 million Latinos in the state live with asthma.

Medi-Cal offers new services to help members manage and reduce asthma triggers where they often experience them most, in their own home.

Asthma Remediation as Part of Community Supports

Asthma Remediation is one of the 14 optional Community Supports Medi-Cal managed care plans can offer. Community Supports are new and improved services to help Medi-Cal members get well-rounded, whole person care that goes beyond the doctor's office or hospital.

This program provides home modifications and interventions to manage asthma symptoms, reduce emergency room visits, and improve the quality of life for eligible members.

Transform Your Home to Manage Asthma

Medi-Cal's Asthma Remediation service covers essential modifications to ensure your home is a safe

haven, including:

Allergen-impermeable mattress and pillow covers to block dust mites.

High-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtered vacuums to effectively remove allergens.

Integrated Pest Management services to eliminate pests that can trigger asthma.

De-humidifiers to control moisture levels and prevent mold growth.

Mechanical air filters to keep indoor air clean.

Asthma-friendly cleaning products and supplies that contain minimal chemical irritants.

Minor mold removal and remediation services to ensure mold-free living spaces.

Other moisture-controlling interventions to maintain a dry and healthy environment.

Ventilation improvements to enhance air circulation.

Other medically appropriate and cost-effective interventions identified by your health care provider.

How to Access Asthma Remediation Services

To qualify for these services, members must meet certain criteria:

Eligibility Criteria: The member must have poorly controlled asthma, indicated by

recent emergency department visits, hospitalizations, frequent urgent care visits, or a score of 19 or lower on the Asthma Control Test.

Home Evaluation: An assessment of the member's home must be conducted through the Asthma Preventive Services benefit to determine needs and the suitability of any requested remediation(s).

Health Provider's Order: A licensed health care provider must request the necessary remediations based on member needs.

Members can reach out to their managed care health plan or speak with their doctor to find out more information about available Asthma Remediation services.

Comprehensive Support and Education

Asthma Remediation goes beyond home modifications. The program also empowers members with knowledge, providing information about how to identify and mitigate environmental triggers commonly found in and around homes, including allergens and irritants. Members will learn how to:

Use dust-proof mattresses and pillow covers.

Properly use HEPA vacuums and asthma-friendly cleaning products.



For more information, call the state's Medi-Cal Managed Care Office of the Ombudsman at (888) 452-8609 or email MMCDombudsmanOffice@dhes.ca.gov.

Implement moisture control measures and improve ventilation.

Conduct minor home repairs, such as sealing cracks to prevent pest entry.

Financial and Coverage Details

Medi-Cal covers the costs of asthma remediations up to a lifetime maximum of \$7,500 per member. This amount can be increased if significant changes in condition require additional modifications to ensure the member's health, well-being, and safety, or

to help the member achieve greater independence at home and avoid institutionalization or hospitalization. All interventions must adhere to state and local building codes and must be performed by licensed contractors to ensure quality and safety.

Enhancing the Member's Quality of Life

Medi-Cal's Asthma Remediation services are designed to supplement and enhance the care members already receive, providing comprehensive support to address the root causes of

asthma triggers in the home.

With robust support, education, and financial coverage, Medi-Cal helps ensure that members receive the necessary modifications to live healthier lives.

Get Started Today

If you or a loved one is struggling with poorly controlled asthma, don't wait to act. Contact your health care provider to discuss your eligibility for Medi-Cal Asthma Remediation services and start your journey toward a safer, healthier home.

Bill Would Provide Easier Access to Jobs for State's Nurses

Bo Tefu | California Black Media

Nurses across California may soon have easier access to more career opportunities, if Gov. Gavin Newsom signs a new bill into law.

With a 76-0 vote on Aug. 26, the State Assembly voted to approve Senate Bill (SB) 1015, legislation that would provide an annual report to the Legislature on clinical nursing placement management and coordination.

The bill authored by Sen.

Dave Cortese (D-San Jose) aims to address the nursing shortage in the state's workforce. Under SB 1015, the State would ensure clinical placement opportunities for California's future nurses, including nurses attending community colleges, state

universities, and other public institutions. The California Nurses Association (CNA), the largest union of registered nurses in the state, sponsored SB 1015 to support nursing students seeking placement in the workforce.

Sen. Cortese said that SB

1015 ensures that the state meets the growing demand in the nursing field.

“As California's population ages and becomes increasingly more diverse, we will need a qualified and experienced nursing workforce to meet the unique

demands and varied needs of all patients. That is why we must have appropriate nurse staffing levels which have proven to reduce mortality rates, reduce hospital length of stays, and reduce the number of preventable events such as falls and infections,” said Cortese.

Advocates Express Outrage and Disappointment as Calif. Reparations Bills Stall in Legislature

Antonio Ray Harvey | California Black Media

Scores of advocates from across California protested at the State Capitol Saturday after the Legislature failed to bring two critical reparations bills to the floor for a full vote on Aug. 31, the final day of the legislative session.

Chanting “What do we want? Reparations! When do we want it? Now!,” the advocates expressed their outrage and disappointment that Senate Bill (SB) 1403 and Senate Bill (SB) 1331 -- both authored by Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Inglewood) -- had stalled.

Despite advancing smoothly through much of the legislative process this year, the session concluded without a vote on both bills, leaving the future of reparations in California hanging in the balance.

“This is becoming a political disaster. It's our own people holding this up,” said Chris Lodgson, a reparations advocate from the Coalition for a Just and Equitable California (CJEC), blaming members of the California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC). Lodgson said the Legislature's decision to pass another bill, Assembly Bill (AB) 1840, on Aug. 28, only heightened his frustration.

AB 1840, authored by Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno), would allow eligible undocumented immigrants to purchase homes with state-

backed financing through the California Dream for All Shared Appreciation Loan program.

AB 1840 passed the Assembly on Aug. 28, and is now moving on to the governor for his consideration, prompting some in the Black community to feel overlooked. “This tells me and Black Californians who are ancestors of slavery, who built this country we are not as important,” Lodgson said. “We're not a priority or important as those other programs. That's what is most infuriating and that's what Black legislators are telling their people. That's not going to be accepted.”

Tiffany Quarles, a reparations activist and supporter of Bradford's bills, drove from Los Angeles to Sacramento to watch what she thought would be the passage of a historic vote.

“I am not disdained, and I am not discouraged. I came here to fight for Black Americans whose families were enslaved in this country. My family was enslaved in this country. So, I am not giving up. If they think that this is over, they are wrong,” said Quarles. “We still demand lineage-based reparations.”

Quarles said she believes Democratic leaders decided against advancing the bills because they are worried their decision would hurt V.P. Kamala Harris's chances of winning the presidency.

“They will sacrifice Black America just to get her in, and that's not right,” stated Quarles.

According to Bradford, the Governor's Office expressed some concerns over his reparations bills.

“They offered up some amendments that weren't accepted by me. We had no indications of any amendments up until Monday (Aug. 26) of this week,” said Bradford.

“We had legislation that made it out of Assembly Appropriations committee without one single amendment -- not a single amendment was offered up. We moved these bills with the understanding that we had the votes to take it up on the Assembly floor,” Bradford explained. “It was just some simple amendment that pretty much would have gutted SB 1403 and made it an additional study.”

Bradford, who served on the Reparations Task force, said California researched reparations for two years and delivered a 1,100-page report to the legislature. Therefore, there is no need to conduct an additional study.

The CLBC issued a statement on the final day of the legislative session confirming that SB 1403 would not be brought to a vote this session and would be reintroduced next session.

“The California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) remains steadfast in our commitment to advancing the CLBC 2024 Reparations Priority Legislative Package,” the statement read. “The CLBC has chosen to concentrate our collective energy on the legislative priorities

that the entire caucus has voted on and those that positively impact Black Californians.” The CLBC reaffirmed its commitment to its 2024 reparations

priority legislative package, despite SB 1403 and SB 1331 not being part of the original package. The CLBC statement emphasized the complexity of the legislative process and its ongoing dedication to advancing reparative justice for Black Californians.

SB 1403 aimed to establish the California American Freedmen Affairs Agency to recommend measures for compensating Black Californians who are descendants of enslaved people. SB 1331 proposed the creation of the Fund for Reparations and Reparative Justice in the State Treasury to fund policies approved by the Legislature and Governor that address the harm done to descendants of enslaved African American persons who experienced chattel slavery or free Black people living in the U.S. before the end of the 19th century.

Another bill in the CLBC's legislative package, SB 1050, authored by Bradford and introduced for the vote by Assemblymember Tina McKinnor (D-Inglewood), calls for the establishment of a process for California to review and investigate public complaints from individuals who claim their property was taken without just compensation as a result of racially motivated eminent



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domain. The legislation would also establish a process for providing compensation to the rightful owner. That bill passed with a 56-0 vote on Aug. 29, marking a significant victory for those advocating for reparative justice. “We understand that the legislative process is complex and does not always unfold as initially envisioned. However, we remain

committed to our long-term goals and recognize that this is a multi-year effort,” the CLBC statement continued.

According to the CLBC, the work of advancing reparations and achieving justice for Black Californians is “far from complete.”

“We will not be distracted from our mission. We will stay focused on the work at hand, united in our purpose, and dedicated to the cause of reparations and equity for all. The CLBC will continue to lead with integrity and

purpose, ensuring that our legislative efforts are impactful and meaningful for the communities we serve,” the statement concluded.

Los Angeles Attorney, Kamilah Moore, who served as chair of the Reparations Task Force, called the turn of events “unconscionable.”

“The bills sailed through various committees and people expected them to be introduced to the floor for a vote,” Moore said. “What happened was unexpected. It's causing a lot of confusion and different emotions from the community.”

“I think it was unconscionable that no legislator had the courage to get up and introduce the bills, particularly the California Legislative Black Caucus. The CLBC is such an esteemed institution. They had the chance, and still have a chance, to do something historic.”

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“The child tax credit, for example, reduced childhood poverty by a third in our state. With a federal partner, the impact could be even greater,” Walz said.

The discussion quickly pivoted to the economy, with Bash pressing Harris on why some Americans might, according to Bash, feel nostalgic for the economic conditions under Trump. Harris responded by highlighting the dire situation she and Biden inherited—a nation reeling from a pandemic, with millions of jobs lost and a collapsing economy. “We inherited a nation in crisis,” Harris said, recalling the early days of the

Biden administration. “We've brought inflation down to under 3%, but we know prices, especially for groceries, are still too high. That's why my agenda is focused on real solutions—tackling price gouging, investing in affordable housing, and providing a \$25,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers.”

Harris also addressed her past positions on fracking and immigration, clarifying that her views have evolved as she gained more office experience. On fracking, she stated clearly that while she once supported a ban, she now believes in a balanced approach that doesn't jeopardize jobs in key sectors. “In 2020, I made my position clear and kept my word. My values haven't

changed, but my experience as vice president has shown me that we can achieve a thriving clean energy economy without banning fracking,” Harris asserted.

When the conversation turned to immigration, Harris didn't hold back in criticizing Trump's handling of the issue, particularly his role in blocking bipartisan efforts to secure the border. “We had a bill that would have added 1,500 agents to the border and increased fentanyl seizures, but Trump killed it because it didn't serve his political interests,” Harris said. She pledged to sign that bill into law if elected, underscoring her commitment to enforcing immigration laws with the experience she gained as

California's attorney general.

Bash also brought up Trump's recent comment questioning Harris's authenticity as a Black woman. Harris responded with a sharp dismissal, labeling it “the same old, tired playbook” and quickly shifting focus back to the issues.

Despite the network's poor performance during the June debate, Harris's choice to give her first major interview to CNN was calculated. CNN's moderators were widely criticized for failing to challenge Trump's flood of misinformation, a decision that cast a long shadow over the network's journalistic credibility. By engaging with CNN now, Harris signaled a willingness to confront her critics and take control of

the narrative as she moves toward Election Day.

In the interview's more personal moments, Harris and Walz reflected on their families and the emotional support they received. Bash asked Harris about a viral photograph showing her grand niece watching her accept the Democratic nomination. Harris, visibly moved, said, “It's humbling. This campaign is about what we can achieve together as a country. I'm running because I believe I'm the best person to lead this country forward—for all Americans.”

Walz, when asked about his son Gus's emotional reaction during his speech at the Democratic convention, underscored the importance

of setting a positive example for the next generation. “To have my son feel that pride in me, to know I'm trying to do the right thing for our country—that's what this is all about,” Walz said.

As the interview closed, Harris made a powerful appeal to voters, framing the upcoming election as a critical turning point for the nation. “This election is about the kind of future we want to build,” she asserted. “Do we lift each other up, or do we tear each other down? I'm running because I believe in America's potential to rise above division and hate. Together, we can turn the page on the last decade and write a new chapter in our nation's history.”

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EDITORIAL

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

Freedom's Journal, March 16, 1827.

A CAMPAIGN KICKOFF, AN ODE TO LABOR

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX

In an election year, Labor Day kicks off the official campaign season, and Vice President Kamala Harris kicked hers off with a bang.

She had rallies in Detroit, Milwaukee, Det and Pittsburgh, all major cities in battleground states. Joined by local elected officials in each place, Vice Presidential nominee Tim Walz in Milwaukee, and President Biden in Pittsburgh. In Pittsburgh, flanked by AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler, teachers' union leaders Becky Pringle (National

Education Association) and Randi Weingarten (American Federation of Teachers), Harris gave a rousing speech that reminded us that we have organized labor to thank for the 8-hour workday, pensions, paid vacations and health care, worker benefits that have now become standard.

Those benefits didn't come without a fight, nor did the establishment of Labor Day. In the late nineteenth century, the typical worker put in sixty hours a day, six days a week. There were protests all over the country, and workers were derisively described as "anarchists"

and "socialists" because they were prepared to fight for a living wage. The most infamous collision happened in Chicago in an event known as the Haymarket Riot, or the Haymarket Massacre. On May 4, 1886, police attempted to curtail a protest with violence against workers. Someone, still unidentified, threw a bomb. Seven police officers and between four and eight civilians were killed. Dozens were injured. Eight radical activists were arrested, four were hanged, one committed suicide, and three were pardoned. They were described by many in labor as "martyrs".

For the next eight years the men were lionized and celebrated. None had any connection to the bomb, but each was passionate about securing an eight-hour day. In June 1894, Congress designated the first Monday in September as Labor Day, a federal holiday. Union activism made Labor Day possible, and though most celebrate Labor Day as the last day of summer, the beginning of the football season, the return to school and to cooler days, and the beginning of the political season, few acknowledge the sacrifice of those unjustly convicted in the Haymarket riot as the genesis for this much anticipated holiday.

Unions are still fighting for worker rights and predatory capitalist employers are still resisting the demand for fair wages and working conditions. The minimum wage has not increased in more than a decade, and too many workers survive by working two minimum wage jobs. Some employers cut corners on health care. In this sweltering summer, many outdoor workers had no protection from heat that exceeded one hundred degrees. At least 37 people died from heat in July. Among those workers who made their transition in August, city worker Ronald Silver died from heat exhaustion while collecting garbage in



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Baltimore. There are no laws requiring employers to provide breaks in excessive heat. Silver's family is demanding answers and action from his death.

Unions are the ones who establish health and safety standards in the workplace. Unions are the ones who defend workers rights. Vice President Harris embraced unions, even in the face of the union resisting activity that comes from the right. Resistance to union activity makes it imperative to pass the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, since labor rights have been eroded in the past couple of decades. Income inequality was exacerbated during covid, and the emerging gig economy has

left many workers with few protections. Vice President Harris understands that unions are one of the ways that workers can get a better deal.

The Harris Labor Day offensive continues the momentum she picked up at the Democratic National Convention. Her speeches were not just about enthusiasm and joy, but also about policy and substance. Her ode to organized labor was a fitting kickoff to this phase of her campaign. Her opponent has only countered with shade – slimy personal attacks and vitriol. It continues to repel many voters.

Snark can't stop the Harris momentum. With labor at her side, victory is certainly possible.

Our Transition to the Green Economy Does Not Need to be Slow to be Just and Equitable

By Ben Jealous

What good is a dollar an hour more in wages if your neighborhood is burning down? What good is another week's vacation if the lake you used to visit is polluted?"

These questions, posed by labor leader Walter Reuther, capture the intersection of workers' rights and environmental protection. Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers (UAW)

during the first Earth Day in 1970, ensured the UAW's active support for the environmental movement.

On Earth Day 1993, I delivered my first major speech with the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) against NAFTA. That experience highlighted the connection between environmental and labor movements.

As we marked Labor Day in what is expected to be the hottest year on record, it's crucial to recognize the

alliance between labor and environmentalists. A just transition to clean energy means creating good green jobs, protecting workers' rights, and investing in communities impacted by this shift.

Michigan offers a model for this. The state's Clean Energy and Jobs Package aggressively reduces emissions while ensuring workers benefit. It includes the Community & Worker Economic Transition Office, which helps workers transition to high-tech, high-paying green jobs.

Despite efforts to divide labor and environmentalists, Michigan's success demonstrates the power of partnership and mutual trust. States that want their workers to thrive in the new economy must prioritize worker protections.

The transition to clean energy must not come at the expense of workers. Clean energy offers better health outcomes, lower costs, and a potential job boom. According to Climate Power, clean energy projects created over 300,000



Ben Jealous

jobs between August 2022 and May 2024, with most not requiring a four-year degree and offering wages above the national average.

As Reuther noted, the benefits for workers—better, safer, higher-paying jobs—are only meaningful if we have a livable planet.

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and stricter rules to prevent such abuses. Now, we are putting stronger protections in place and expanding the guidance of our Departments to strengthen the public trust and improve accountability in how our government operates."

"Those who undermine our contracting processes and exploit public resources are not welcome to do business with our City and will be held accountable," said

City Attorney David Chiu. "I am proud of our attorneys and investigators who have worked diligently to root out corruption and maintain the integrity of City government. We appreciate the collaboration with the Mayor's Office and Controller's Office

on continuing reforms to prevent fraud and the abuse of City resources."

"San Franciscans deserve a city government that responsibly manages their tax dollars and ensures that city services are delivered effectively and reliably," said

Supervisor Catherine Stefani. "I'm proud to have authored key reforms to our nonprofit contracting system, codified fair and transparent grant processes, and to now stand with Mayor Breed in advancing these additional good governance policies. This Executive

Directive is a crucial step toward restoring and strengthening the public's trust in our city government."

More on the Mayor's Good Government Contract Reform & Executive Directive:

The Good Government Contracting Reform legislation will be introduced at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday September 10. The legislation sets out the following requirements:

Prevent City contractors from using City funds for political activities by requiring them 1) to keep separate accounts for such activities; 2) keep strict boundaries around staff time, resources and facilities used for such activities; and 3) require

disclosure of shared management and programs with political organizations.

Bar businesses and nonprofits from receiving contracts or grants if they go outside of the City's strict competitive solicitation processes in order to try to obtain a contract or grant.

Prohibit City contractors from using City funds to pay for certain activities, including lobbying of City officials or advertising, media relations or public outreach for the purpose of influencing City officials on legislative or administrative actions.

Prohibit City contractors from using City funds to affirmatively litigate against the City

and allow the City to take steps to bar future contracts for entities that do so.

The Mayor's Executive Directive is effective Tuesday September 3rd. It will ensure that Departments are following new and existing rules, so that all employees have the training and support to meet the goals of the city's enhanced contracting processes. This

includes ensuring:

Compliance with the Controller's updated contracting standards

Documentation of all procedures so contractors understand these rules

Adherence to advance payments policies and practices

Enhanced screening for any conflicts of interest

Strengthen sole source contracting procedures

Improved record-keeping and records retention policies

Stronger guidance and tracking of fiscal sponsorships

Read

Mayor Breed's Executive Directive here.

These efforts announced today build on the work Mayor Breed has done since taking office to reform ethics abuses and create stronger guardrails to ensure transparency, oversight and accountability in the institutions of City government. Since taking office,

Mayor Breed has overseen major ethics and good government reforms to prevent actual or perceived conflicts of interest, pay-to-play arrangements and undue influence, and protect against corruption.

These efforts, which have taken the form of legislation, ballot measures, executive directives and administrative actions, include:

Implementing over 60 good government reforms

recommended by the City Controller and City Attorney as part of their multi-year Public Integrity Review

Issuing five previous Executive Directives to change administrative policies to increase transparency and accountability

Appointing good government leaders like Carmen Chu to serve as City Administrator and former City Attorney Dennis Herrera to serve as General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission, to bring leadership to our departments.

Supporting and signing seven laws to ensure fairness and transparency in city contracting and non-profit compliance, and to prevent undue influence and favoritism

Authoring and passing a ballot measure to reform our Waste Management Rate setting process to be more transparent and better serve the public

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THE BAY AREA'S CHURCH NEWS & ACTIVITIES



Sunday School Lesson

By Shunda Criswell

Daniel's Friends Refuse to Bow

Lesson Text: "Daniel 3:1, 8-18
Related Scriptures: 2 Kings 19:14-37; Daniel 6:1-15; Matthew 4:8-11

Place: Babylon
Time: about 587 B.C.

Golden Text: "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king" (Daniel 3:17)
The events of Daniel, chapter 3, probably took place shortly after Daniel explained the king's dream (see chapter,

2 of Daniel), although some estimate that it could have been 10 or even 20 years later. Babylonian records indicate that there was a turning away against Nebuchadnezzar during the tenth year of his reign, so this may have led to the king's desire for the loyalty test described here. The gold statue was not likely solid gold but was instead overlaid with it. Nebuchadnezzar probably decked the entire thing in gold to declare it not to be true. The message conveyed by the statue of his dream, wherein only the head was gold and signaled that the Babylonian Empire would only be temporary.

The location of the plain of Dura has not been conclusively identified. Daniel was not involved in the events here since he remained in the capital city "at the king's court" (Daniel 2:49) while other officials—including his three friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—were called to Dura to show their loyalty. Had Daniel been there he too would have refused to bow to the image. No indication is given of the size of the multitude that assembled on this occasion. But because it included all the kingdom's officials (vv. 2-3) it must have been huge. Some court advisers (astrologers) were quick to bring an accusation against the Jews. The word translated denounced is strong, meaning "to tear in pieces." The accusation was severe, intended to destroy the accused. The accusers were evidently motivated by jealousy for they referred to the fact that Nebuchadnezzar had set some Jews ... over the affairs of the province of Babylon (see Daniel 3:12 and Daniel 2:49). The jealousy evidently sprang from the king's recognition of the unusual ability of these men (Daniel 1:20). Subjugated peoples, such as the Jewish captives, were normally relegated to positions of servitude, not elevated to authority in a realm. So, the high positions of "some Jews" were resented. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary). In Daniel 3:8-12, no indication is given of the size of the multitude that assembled on this occasion. But because it included all the kingdom's officials (vv. 2-3) it

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diately. Nebuchadnezzar considered himself above all gods, for he asked, "What god will be able to rescue you from my hand? Again, this shows that he claimed absolute authority in both political and religious realms. He was challenging any god to circumvent his authority. The matter then became a conflict between Nebuchadnezzar and Yahweh, the God of Daniel's companions. The three showed absolute confidence in God, stating that their God was greater than Nebuchadnezzar and was able to deliver them from Nebuchadnezzar's judgment in a display of His superior power. Their words, the God we serve (See Daniel 6:16, 20), show they recognized that God's authority was greater than the authority claimed by Nebuchadnezzar. Though they were employed by Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 2:49), they "served" Yahweh. Their God demanded implicit obedience and had forbidden them to worship any other gods. One who obeys God is not presuming when he expects God to protect and deliver him. Obeying God was more important than life to these three, so if God chose not to deliver them, they would still obey Him. Therefore, they refused to serve Nebuchadnezzar's gods (or worship the image he made, possibly meaning to worship him as god) even if it meant they would die. Daniel 3:16-18). Be Blessed Saints!!!!

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