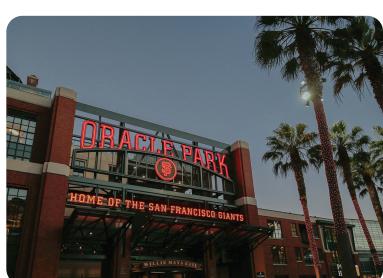
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California vs Hate Teams Up with the San Francisco Giants and Oakland Roots to Take a Stand Against Hate

ACRAMENTO The California Civil Rights Department (CRD) today announced collaborations with the San Francisco Giants and Oakland Roots to take a stand against hate and discrimination.

Through the department's California vs Hate program, these initiatives aim to connect fans across the Bay Area and beyond — with valuable resources and support. California vs Hate is the state's first-ever multilingual statewide hotline and online portal that provides a safe, anonymous reporting option for victims and witnesses of hate acts. By engaging sports fans, the collaborations teams, but come together as Californians — rooted in respect, commonalities, and community pride.



This season, California vs Hate will be present at select heritage and community celebration games at Oracle Park and the Oakland Coliseum, providing fans with resources on how to report hate acts and support victims.

Director Kevin Kish. "By teaming up with the San Francisco Giants and Oakland Roots, we are underscoring underscore the idea that our commitment to building we can play on different a more inclusive California where everyone can feel safe and thrive. Engaging fans in conversations about what we can all do to combat "Sports have the power hate allows us to make our to unite people across all communities stronger, safer, backgrounds," said CRD and more welcoming for all."

"The Giants are honored to collaborate with California vs Hate to reinforce the values of inclusivity and respect for all," said Tess Oliphant, Director of Community Relations at the San Francisco Giants. "Baseball has long been a unifying force in our country, and we are excited to leverage a number of our heritage nights as an opportunity to spread

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Poll: Only 38% of **Americans Support** Reparations for **Black Americans**

By Edward Henderson, California Black Media

new poll shows that most Americans do not support paying reparations to Black descendants of enslaved people in America.

However, the same survey reveals that much higher percentages of respondents support reparations for Japanese Americans and Native Americans.

According to YouGov, the poll was "professionally done" and is detailed and multifaceted.

YouGov's statement also says that the poll is timely because 2025 "marks 80 years since Japanese Americans were released from the prison camps in 1945" following the end of WWII.

YouGov is releasing the poll's results as members of the California Legislative the descendants of enslaved



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continue to urge their bills in the caucus's "Road to Repair" reparations policy package. The bills, released at the beginning of this year, include legislation aimed at establishing a framework for paying reparations to

Black Caucus (CLBC) Black people, as well as other proposals that would improve colleagues to support the 16 equity and access to jobs, education, health care and more for Black Californians.

> "This bill package is about repairing centuries of economic damage and abuse that was inflicted on

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Axe the Tax: Cali's Marijuana Store Owners Say New Increase Will Break Them

By Edward Henderson, Čalifornia Black Media

i c e n s e d marijuana store owners across California are backing a bill making its way through the State Legislature.

Authored Assemblymember Matt Haney (D-San Francisco), Assembly Bill (AB) 564 seeks to suspend a pending tax increase on cannabis from 15% to 19%, which is scheduled to take effect on July 1.

"If we continue to pile on more taxes and fees onto our struggling small cannabis businesses, California's cannabis culture is under serious threat of extinction," Haney said in a press release. "Instead, we should be looking at how we can support this industry which has barely been given a chance to survive after legalization. If we want to support our cannabis industry that drives millions of visitors to California every year, adding more costs makes



absolutely no sense."

Across California, illicit cannabis sales account for an estimated 60 percent of the state's overall marijuana market, putting legal operators at a clear disadvantage and giving other states an opportunity take the lead in a market that is expected to grow to \$76 billion in annual revenue nationwide by 2030.

Black cannabis store owners account for about 4% of all store owners, according to Cannaclusive, an L.A. based

marketing and advocacy group that represents the interests of minority marijuana store owners.

In Los Angeles, for example, the United Cannabis Business Association recently polled risk of going out of business.

Overall, conditions have become so difficult in California that the number of inactive and surrendered

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California Leaders Blast **U.S. Senate Vote to Revoke** State's Clean Air Rules

By Edward Henderson, California Black Media

gainst the guidance of the Senate

Parliamentarian, the U.S. Senate voted 51-44 on May 22 to revoke a federal government waiver that allows California to set its own clean air emissions standards.

Responding to the vote, Gov. Gavin Newsom and Attorney General Rob Bonta announced that they will sue the federal government for the move they say will "make America smoggy again" and undermine U.S. leadership in the global race to green energy conversion.

"This Senate vote is illegal. 245 retailers and found that Republicans went around 70% of them said they were at their own parliamentarian to defy decades of precedent," said Newsom.

> "We won't stand by as Trump Republicans make America smoggy again -- undoing work that goes back to the days of Richard Nixon and Ronald



Padilla criticized the Republicans for a "total 180-degree reversal" on their previous defense of the filibuster, noting that Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) had earlier described overriding the Parliamentarian as "totally akin to killing the filibuster."

Reagan -- all while ceding Act (CRA) to rescind the our economic future to China. We're going to fight this thereby avoiding the 60-vote unconstitutional attack on California in court," he added.

Before the vote on May 20, Sen. Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) condemned his Republican colleagues for their plan to bypass Senate rules and revoke California's Clean Air Act waivers. Padilla accused Republicans of using the Congressional Review

waivers with only 50 votes, filibuster threshold. Speaking on the U.S. Senate floor, Padilla made clear that this move would set a dangerous precedent and threaten the health of millions. "I

will be back here again and again throughout this process to make sure that everyone

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Barbara Lee Sworn in as Oakland's First Black Woman Mayor

Barbara Lee was sworn in on May 20 as the 52nd mayor of Oakland, becoming the first Black woman to hold the city's highest office. The longtime East Bay congresswoman received a standing ovation as she entered Oakland City Hall to take the oath of office following her victory in a special election.

Before her swearing-in ceremony, Lee revealed she has been collaborating with interim Mayor Kevin Jenkins on a comprehensive budget proposal that includes job cuts at City Hall, while prioritizing funding for public safety. Lee emphasized the urgency of addressing the city's fiscal challenges alongside to revitalizing the community.

"I want to restore hope, create opportunities for our young long, productive lives and to be housed in our own homes

Lee highlighted her

progressive values, adding that she aims to "address the moral disgrace of our unsheltered population with dignity, to support our senior and its people economically healthy and vibrant."

Congresswoman Lateefah

Lee expressed a commitment successor in Congress, praised Lee's leadership and historic achievements.

"Mayor Lee has always people, ensure a safe path for led the path forward — as our sons and daughters to have the first Black woman to represent Northern California in the State Assembly, State in a safe, clean city," said Lee. Senate, and Congress, and now as the first Black woman to serve as Mayor of Oakland," said Simon.

Simon described Lee as "a champion for human rights, the forgotten, for peace and citizens and our artists, democracy" and affirmed that and yes, to recommend Lee "is the right person to solutions to make our city make the difficult decisions that will help bring Oakland into its next chapter."

"I am excited to see the

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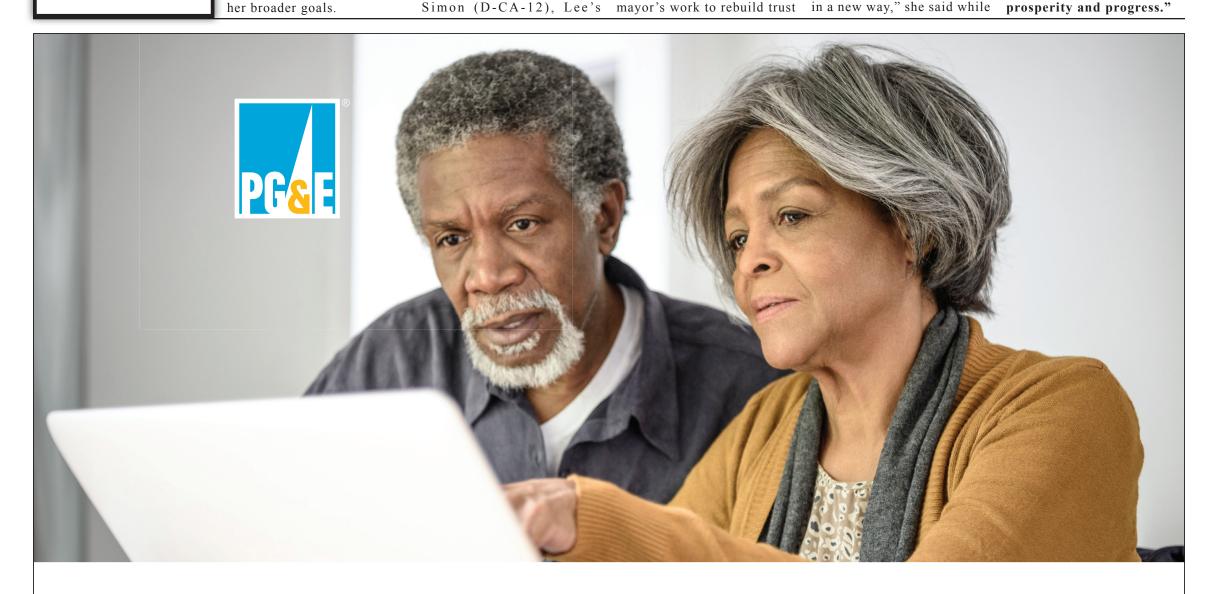
critical time," Simon added.

Lee was elected last month following a special election held after the recall of former Mayor Sheng Thao. While she did not reference the recall, Lee acknowledged the city's expectations for change.

"Oaklanders expect and demand that we must govern

in our city's leadership at this addressing the crowd. "Where there's a will, there's a way. And it starts with the people."

> Looking ahead, Lee said her administration plans to engage a diverse group of residents, promising that within 100 days, people "from all walks of life" will help City Hall better serve the community and "usher in a new era of



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awareness and ensure that all fans feel safe and welcome at Oracle Park and beyond."

"Oakland Roots believe in the power of sport as a force for social good," said Nelda Kerr, Director of Community Engagement for the Oakland Roots. "We are proud to partner with California vs Hate because we all need to work together to combat hate in our community. We hope our matches can be a space to promote unity and increase awareness of the CA vs Hate hotline as a powerful resource."

This season, California vs Hate will be present at select heritage and community celebration games at Oracle Park and the Oakland Coliseum, providing fans with resources on how to report hate acts and support victims. Attendees can stop by the California vs Hate resource table before and during select games to learn how to help stop hate in their community and raise awareness of this critical resource. Fans can

and dialogue with our fans also enjoy a fun photo booth experience and spin a wheel to receive promotional items. The teams will also showcase graphics and information throughout the venues about how to get in touch with the California vs Hate initiative.

California vs Hate is a non-emergency, multilingual hate crime and incident reporting hotline and online portal. Reports can be made anonymously by calling (833) 866-4283, or 833-8-NO-HATE, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. PT or online at any time. Hate acts can be reported in 15 different

languages through the online portal and in over 200 languages when calling the hotline. For individuals who are in imminent danger, please call 911. For more information on California vs Hate, please visit CAvsHate.org

The California vs Hate program has already successfully engaged with thousands of fans across the Bay Area at games at Oracle Park and the Oakland Coliseum. Whether it is teachers from local schools, families and their kids, changemakers with nonprofit organizations, or community

business leaders, sports help bring people from all walks of life together and fans have had the opportunity to directly learn about resources available to people across California to get support in the face of hate. Join us at the following games:

San Francisco Giants 1 3 M a y Korean Heritage Night M a y 1 6 Japanese Heritage Night 1 9 Chinese Heritage Night June 7 – PRIDE Day

August 15 - Native

American Heritage Night August 3 0 Black Heritage Day September Jewish Heritage Night September 1 4 - Fiesta Gigantes September Filipino Heritage Night Oakland Roots SC June 28 – African Roots Night August 3 0 Back to School Night

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Black Californians," said Sen. Akilah Weber Pierson, chair of the CLBC, when the package was released in February.

Administered by YouGov, a market research and analytics firm, the poll provides snapshots of Americans'

views about the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans and President Ronald Reagan's order to grant them reparations.

In February 1942, approximately 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry living in California and other parts of the West Coast of the U.S.most of whom were American citizens — were evicted from their homes and The action was initiated by an executive order signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt two months after the Japanese military attack on Pearl Harbor and the U.S. declaration of war on Japan.

on the Parliamentarian.

Their detainment lasted roughly three and a half years in cramped military barracks surrounded by barbed wire fences and patrolled by armed guards. Many Japanese Americans returned home to find their belongings stolen and their properties sold and they faced widespread

discrimination and prejudice. The decision to pay reparations to the impacted Japanese American families was driven by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Each victim was paid \$20,000 (about \$54,000 in 2025 dollars) per surviving internee.

The act included a formal apology, and approval of payments totaling \$1.6 billion. If an internee passed away before the act was passed, their direct descendants were issued the funds.

September 7 – Pride Night

September 20

Conoce Tus Raíces

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knows what these votes mean not just for the precedent and procedures of the United States Senate, but for the health of my constituents in California," he said.

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180-degree reversal" on their previous defense of the filibuster, noting that Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) had earlier described overriding the Parliamentarian as "totally akin to killing the filibuster."

He emphasized that what

They are going nuclear on the Congressional Review Act itself." The senator warned that

such a precedent would allow the next Democratic administration to face similar attacks on agency actions, stating, "All bets are off. Every agency action that Democrats don't like -- whether it's a rule or not, and no matter how much time has passed -- will be fair game if Republicans go through with this."

Padilla highlighted the broader consequences of ignoring Senate rules and law. "By voting to go nuclear

on the CRA, they are ignoring the law - not just Senate rules but the text of the law," he said. "By voting to overrule the Parliamentarian, they are saying the rules are whatever Republicans say they are."

He concluded with a reminder of the stakes. "We're in the minority

today. But Democrats will be in the majority again one day. We will not forget what happened here. History won't forget. And Mr. President, California won't forget what's at

stake today either."

SEN. ROSILICE OCHOA BOGH PRAISES U.S. SENATE FOR VOTING TO TAXES ON SERVICE WORKERS' TIPS

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vote on May 20, the U.S. Senate

federal taxes on tips

for service workers.

California State Sen.

Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh needed tax relief. Now President Trump, establishes a which was introduced by U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)

"I applaud the U.S. Senate for putting service workers

(R-Redlands) praised the U.S. it's California's turn," tax deduction of up to \$25,000 Senate for passing the bill, said Ochoa Bogh, who has for tips for employees who authored similar legislation earn less than \$160,000. The in California, Senate Bill deduction is limited to cash (SB) 17. The U.S. Senate bill, tips workers earn and report which codifies into federal law to employers for withholding first and providing much- a campaign promise made by on their paychecks.

"Tipped workers are Committee voted to send taxed on inconsistent and Ochoa Bogh's no-statealready struggling to make ends meet," said Ochoa Bogh. However, on May 23, the

Senate Appropriations costs to the state.

unpredictable income causing tax-on-service-workers bill instability in their families - along with hundreds of others - to the "suspense file," where bills are sent for further consideration of

New Wealth Report: Black Californians Behind in Retirement Savings, Homeownership Rates

Bo Tefu | California Black Media

are falling behind in key measures of wealth,

including retirement savings and homeownership,

long-term economic

security and opportunity.

The report, based on U.S. Census data, shows that the typical California household has a net worth of \$288,000, which is significantly higher

raising concerns about than the national median of \$180,000. However, wealth in the state is unequally distributed across racial and ethnic lines. Wealth includes everything a household owns, like a home or retirement account, minus debts such as credit cards or student loans.

"Latino and Black/Other building wealth in America, households disproportionately Black households with have low wealth, as do similar income, age, and the report stated.

those with lower levels of education levels to their White educational attainment," counterparts still lag behind. The report also shows

Despite homeownership that the most common being a common path to assets among California

households are checking and savings accounts, retirement accounts, home equity, and vehicle equity. Even though many Black households do own these assets, they do not have enough set aside for emergencies, putting them at risk as they age.

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EDITORIAL

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

Preedom's Gournal. March 16, 1827.

Are Any of Us **Really Ready for** Fire Season?

has already arrived. This past week, thick plumes from wildfires in Manitoba and Saskatchewan have drifted into the US, triggering air quality alerts across the Midwest. Cities like Milwaukee, Madison, and Chicago are experiencing hazy skies and dangerous air conditions, with the Air Quality Index reaching levels unhealthy for sensitive groups.

Fire has always helped shape our forests, especially in the West. But those forests have evolved around natural frequencies and intensities of fires. What we are seeing now is new. This early-season smoke is a stark reminder that fire season is no longer confined to the West or wild longer-lasting fire seasons are the new normal.

Megan Paxman says she lives "in a state of constant anxiety every wildfire season." A mother to a son with asthma in Alberta, Canada, she wrote on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's website about her experience to the East Coast. on Mother's Day 2023.

"My four-year-old son has been sleepy and unwilling to eat all morning. I notice that the skin between his ribs and at the base of his throat is pulling in between every inhale."

When Paxman called the local general health information service, a nurse told her, "get him to the hospital now."

"The second I get a whiff of that telltale smell, I go into super-watchful mode,"

The smoke areas, and more intense and Paxman says. "I'm obsessively checking the local air quality levels and his breathing while watching for haze on the horizon or an orange tint to the light."

> That haze and orange tint are becoming more familiar for Americans from California to the Great Lakes

> As of May 30, the US had recorded over 27,700 wildfires this year -33% more than the 10-year average for this time of year. The devastating fires in Southern California this past January reminded us that the areas threatened directly by wildfires are increasing, with major cities no longer safe. The conditions that gave rise to those fires - including the Palisades and Eaton fire which destroyed more than 18,000 structures and claimed at least

30 lives - were exacerbated by climate change. That's how it is around the world as well, where the global area considered "fire-prone" is projected to grow by 29% by the end of the century.

Aside from fires' destructive impacts, the health impacts of wildfire smoke are profound. Fine particulate matter (PM2.5) from these fires can penetrate deep into the lungs, leading to respiratory issues, heart problems, and other serious health concerns. Children, the elderly, and individuals with pre-existing conditions are particularly vulnerable. In some areas affected by the recent Canadian wildfires, residents have been advised to stay indoors and limit outdoor activities.

Rising temperatures, prolonged droughts, high winds, and certain extreme weather events create the perfect conditions for wildfires to ignite and spread rapidly. But despite the growing risks, recent decisions by the Trump administration have undermined our ability to respond effectively.

Staff and budget cuts to key agencies responsible for forest management and wildfire prevention threaten to leave us even more vulnerable and less prepared. Additionally, harmful legislation like the Fix Our Forests Act threatens to weaken environmental protections and prioritize logging over sustainable forest management that could actually help address forest fires.

We need a comprehensive approach to address this crisis. This includes investing in forest restoration, supporting



fire-resistant – and resilient signs that indicate you should - infrastructure, and policies that drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Public education campaigns can also play a crucial role in promoting fire safety To make it so the air is not so and preparedness.

There is no safe level of exposure to wildfire smoke. It is 10 times more toxic to our health than standard air pollution from the burning of fossil fuels, and there's no safe level of exposure, According to a multinational studies reported in the science journal Nature, wildfirespecific PM2.5 increased the risk of hospitalization for a range of respiratory illnesses from asthma to the flu. That's especially true for people under age 19 or older than 60. Compared to PM2.5 from other sources, wildfirespecific PM2.5 led to a greater risk of hospitalization for all respiratory diseases.

Do a quick search online about the impact of wildfire smoke and you'll see countless articles from public health experts, pediatricians, and other doctors about ways to avoid PM2.5 exposure or the

see medical care. But isn't it a better solution to address the actual cause of more, bigger, stronger wildfires, and the deadly pollution they bring? toxic that kids with asthma essentially have to shelter in place deep in their homes during the very months they should be playing outside?

Communities across the country must come together to demand action. We must hold our leaders accountable and push for policies that prioritize public health and environmental sustainability. The challenges are immense, but with collective effort and determination, we can build a more resilient future.

In the meantime, preparedness is key.

Stay informed about local air quality conditions and have an evacuation plan in place. But let's not forget to support initiatives aimed at eliminating fossil fuels and mitigating the impacts of climate change. Our health, our homes, and our planet depend on it.

WE WILL DIE, BUT HOW??

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX

Iowa Senator Joni Ernst illustrated her shortsighted myopia at a town hall meeting in Parkersburg, Iowa. Not only did she defend cuts that would remove, according to the Congressional Budget, around 10 million people from the program. Trump Republicans claim that these cuts will help eliminate "fraud, waste, and abuse," but a woman who attended the May 30 town hall shouted, "people will die", to applause. Myopically ignorant Ernst cavalierly and insensitively stated that "we are all going to die". She clearly enjoys the taste of show leather, because she put her entire foot in her mouth. Then she turned around and posted a sarcastic "apology" video, strolling through what looks like a graveyard, making arrogant, offensive, and crude comments.

Here's what she said: "I made and incorrect assumption that everyone is the auditorium understood that, yes, we are all going to perish from this earth. So, I apologize, and I'm really, really glad that I did not have to bring up the subject blow for tens of thousands. encourage you to embrace my these Medicaid cuts. Lord and savior Jesus Christ. I am among the many cringing at Ernst's gross insensitivity. Maybe she found herself amusing, but many Iowans found her "apology" video callous and crass, consistent with the callousness that emanates from our Republican near-dictatorship.

Ernst is correct that we all will die, but the issue is how we will die and if lack of health care can hasten our deaths. In cutting Medicare, the so-called "Big Beautiful Bill" (let's call it the Ugly Farce Bill), threatens the lives of between 35,000 and 44,000 people, according to the American Journal of Public Health. Every twelve minutes someone will die because they didn't have health insurance. Someone without health insurance is 40 percent more likely to die prematurely than someone with health insurance. Cutting Medicare is a death

of the tooth fairy as well. For Yes, we are all going to die, those who would like to see Joni Ernst, but many will eternal and everlasting life, I have their deaths hastened by

Life expectancy in the United States is 78.4 years, but it differs by race and gender. Women have longer life expectancies than men, and B lack men have low lowest life expectance of every major demographic group.at 66.7 years. That means many Black men don't even live long enough to collect the Social Security they have paid into all of their working lives. (Black women have a life expectancy of 74.8 years). Asian America women have longer life expectancies (86.1 years) than any other demographic group, while Asian men, with a life expectancy of 81.2 years have longer life expectancies than all other men. Native American men, with a life expectancy of 63 years, have a lower life expectancy than Black men, but few demographers report that data, since the Native population is just 2 percent of the total population.

Many of these differences are a function of assets, access, and attitudes. Differences in assets have been welldocumented. Those with more income and wealth have better health care than those who do know. Access has also been well documented. Hospitals and health care centers are often located away from the neediest populations. Additionally, environmental hazards are most often located in lower-income neighborhoods. The attitude issue is best illustrated by Joni Ernst's callousness, but numerous studies have, again, documented the ways that some patients are treated. The Institutes of Medicine (IOM), for example, reported that a Black man with a broken bone was likely to be denied painkillers. Serena Williams might have died giving birth to her first child because of neglectful medical attitudes. Volumes have been written about the differential way Black people are treated in health care.

Budget-conscious



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Republicans might try cutting tax breaks for the wealthy rather than shredding the social safety net. When Senator Ernst said we would all die, I immediately thought of the Harlem Renaissance poet Claude McKay who wrote "If we must die let it not be like hogs, hunted and penned to this inglorious spot, while round us bark the mad their mock at our accursed

lot." The poem ends, "Like men we'll face the murderous cowardly pack, pressed to the wall, dying, but fighting back." If we must die, oh, let us nobly die,

Shame on Senator Joni Ernst. Let us all take inspiration from Claude McKay and fight the cowardly Senators who prefer to reward the wealth and hungry dogs, making than to provide basic medical care from millions.

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pot licenses in the state recently surpassed the number of active ones.

The demographic most disproportionately impacted by the red tape and high taxes surrounding the cannabis industry are

Black business owners.

In 2017, Los Angeles politicians painted an optimistic picture of a social equity program aimed at creating opportunities for disadvantaged business owners in the cannabis space (race-based programs are illegal under California law). Local governments across

the state have launched social equity programs, and the state's Department of Cannabis Control has awarded nearly \$100 million to local governments with social equity programs to help get cannabis business owners fully permitted. The city of Los Angeles was awarded \$22.3 million, more than any other

local government. However, even this state funding has become a local controversy.

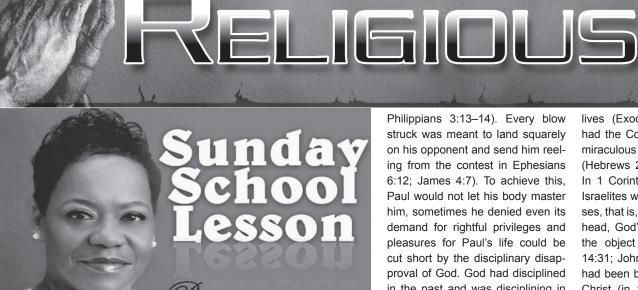
Several Black business owners were present at the latest L.A. Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting to voice their concerns.

"I'm actually fighting back the tears because I actually believed in this program," said Osajefu Oyadeye, a licensed business owner from Los Angeles, said at the meeting.

"I wanted this industry to thrive in this city where I've been a resident all my life. If the social equity program isn't reparations for the war that was fought against me and those like me in my

community, then what is it?" Oyadeye continued.

Asia Allen has been in business four years and while her dispensary makes \$120,000 a month, after taxes, fees and payroll she is only left with a \$2,000 profit. This is before purchasing product to stock the dispensary, she said.



Learn From **Bad Examples**

Text: 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:13 Related Scriptures: Exodus 32:1-10: Numbers 16:1-50: 21:4-9; 25:1-15; Psalm 78:9-39 Place: Ephesus Time: 55 A.M. Golden Text: Now all these things happen unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come" (1 Corinthians 10:11). .The Apostle Paul's commitment to his course of ministry did not come easily. It required personal discipline (strict training) like that of an athlete who strove for supremacy in his field. To that end Paul willingly gave up certain privileges which might otherwise be his to enjoy so that he could win the prize. The prize for Paul was not the temporary crown bestowed by men (in the biennial games near Corinth the "crown" was a pine wreath) but the eternal crown bestowed by Christ in 2 Corinthians 5:10). Paul's crown would be the consummation of the reward (1 Corinthians 9:18) he partially enjoyed, the opportunity to glory before Christ in those he had been able to win (see 2 Corinthians 1:14; Philippians 2:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:19). Every move Paul made in the course of his race was calculated to further his pursuit of the prize (see

Shunda Criswell

Philippians 3:13-14). Every blow struck was meant to land squarely on his opponent and send him reeling from the contest in Ephesians 6:12; James 4:7). To achieve this, Paul would not let his body master him, sometimes he denied even its demand for rightful privileges and pleasures for Paul's life could be cut short by the disciplinary disapproval of God. God had disciplined in the past and was disciplining in the present and would discipline in the immediate future. Paul was concerned that some might not be able to say with him one day, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race" (2 Timothy 4:7). So that the Corinthians might not think God's discipline would be an unlikely eventuality for a people so blessed as they (1:5), Paul cited the illustration of another group of people who were greatly blessed by God but yet experienced His severe discipline. Israel of old was reckless and unrestrained after her physical and spiritual freedom from tyranny in Egypt. As a result, God meted out severe discipline by cutting short the lives of many Israelites. They were all in the "race" (9:24), but almost all were disqualified (9:27) in spite of their advantages. Five advantages were enjoyed by Israel. First, all the liberated Israelites enjoyed the supernatural guidance (Exodus 13:21) and protection (Exodus 14:19-20) of the pillar of cloud in their Exodus from Egypt. The Corinthians had similarly experienced God's guidance (Luke 1:79) and protection (see 1 Peter 1:5). Second, all Israelites passed through the sea and experienced a miraculous deliverance from those who sought to take their

lives (Exodus 14:21-28). So too had the Corinthians experienced a miraculous deliverance—salvation (Hebrews 2:14-15; Galatians 1:4). In 1 Corinthians 10:2... Third, the Israelites were all baptized into Moses, that is, united with their spiritual head. God's servant, who became the object of their trust (Exodus 14:31; John 5:45). The Corinthians had been baptized into the body of Christ (in 1 Corinthians 12:13) of which He is the Head (Ephesians 1:22) and in whom they trusted. In 1 Corinthians 10:3. As a fourth privilege, the Israelites all enjoyed spiritual food, the supernatural bread from heaven (Exodus 16:4, 15). The Corinthians too had eaten bread from heaven (John 6:31-34). In 1 Corinthians 10:4. As a fifth advantage, Paul listed the spiritual drink enjoyed by Israel in the desert (Exodus 17:6). According to Paul, Christ was the source of this supernatural water. Since the incident of the rock which produced water marked the beginning of Israel's wilderness wanderings (Exodus 17:1-7) and happened again near the ending of their wanderings (Numbers 20:1-13), Paul concluded that Christ accompanied them. Christ too was the source of supernatural water for the Corinthians (John 4:10-14). It is possible that these five blessings were intended by Paul to reflect the two ordinances of baptism (1 Corinthians 10:1-2) and the Lord's Supper (vv. 3-4) which the Corinthians may have thought communicated a magical protection like similar rites in some of the mystery religions. The Corinthians did seem to have a distorted view and practice of both of these ordinances which required

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correction. In 1 Corinthians 10:5. The presence of supernatural privileges in the lives of Old Testament Israelites did not produce automatic success. On the contrary, in spite of their special advantages, most of them (in fact, all but two members of one generation. Joshua and Caleb) experienced God's discipline, were disqualified, and died in the desert (In light of this, Paul's avowed need for personal self-discipline (1 Corinthians 9:27) was genuine since even Moses was disqualified for the prize (Numbers 20:12). In 1 Corinthians 10:6, Since this was so, the Corinthians' complacency in matters of selfdiscipline and their corresponding penchant for self-indulgence required immediate remedial action. Christian freedom was not meant to lead to self-indulgence but to selfless service, as the behavior of past Israelites illustrated. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary) Paralleling the fivefold blessings enjoyed by Israel in their newfound freedom from Egypt, Paul proceeded to recount a fivefold failure experienced by Israel during this time. He began with the Israelites' craving for the pleasures of Egypt, summarized in their plaintive cry, "Give us meat to eat!" (in Numbers 11:4-34, esp. v. 13) God gave them what they wanted but while the meat was still between their teeth, He struck them with a plague. The Israelites named the cemetery for those who were killed "Kibroth Hattaavah" ("graves of craving"; Numbers 11:34). Many in Israel failed by participating in idolatry (Exodus 32:1-6) and paid for it with their lives (Exodus 32:28, 35). Apparently, some Corinthians

THE BAY AREA'S CHURCH NEWS & ACTIVITIES were interested in more than meat in the pagan temples. (1 Corinthians 8:10; 10:14). For those who thought they as Christians could take part in idolatry with impunity, Paul intended, with illustrations like this, to knock out the false props which supported their behavior (v. 12) before God intervened and took their lives. 10:8. A third failure among the privileged Israelites was in the area of sexual immorality. 10:9. The Israelites' fourth failure was the presuming of some to question the plan and purpose of God on their trek to Canaan. As a result, they were killed by snakes (Numbers 21:4-6). Did the Corinthians think that they knew better than God the path that would bring them to heaven? Israel's fifth failure, which God disciplined with death, occurred when they spoke rebelliously against God's appointed leaders, Moses and Aaron (Numbers 16:41-49). Was Paul facing a similar situation as an outgrowth of the Corinthians' party spirit? It is possible that each of these failures found expression in the Corinthian issue of eating food sacrificed to idols. 10:11. God's dealings with Israel were more than a matter of historical curiosity for Paul. They were examples and warnings for the Corinthians that the God with whom they had to deal, who was bringing His interaction with people to a close in this fulfillment of the ages, was the same God who disciplined the Israelites with death and would do so again. Be Blessed Saints

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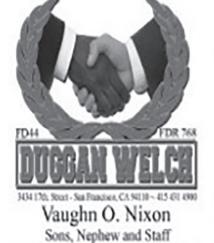
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stated before Gerry Connolly died on May 21, after a battle with esophageal cancer: Did congressional Democrats make a mistake when they didn't choose New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio Cortez instead of Connolly during their leadership elections in late 2024?

Since then, there has been an ongoing discussion in the party and by many political pundits about the direction of party messaging. Today, Texas Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett will attempt to lead the House Oversight Committee. Her colleagues in any other member who might run for the position. With Democrats out of power in the U.S. House and Senate, almost all messaging is opposition communications. "I know that we're behind — the first thing that you have to do is accept it. I get it. I get it," Crockett said on the Black Virginia News podcast from a Congressional Black Caucus pen and pad session on May 15 at the U.S. Capitol. The discussion centered around the party's messaging strategy and general failure to break through.

What has also been made clear at town halls is that

the House Democratic Caucus presidential administration judicial orders, or respond to would have to vote her in over that has mandated public outrage. The magnitude unprecedented job cuts, caused of these unprecedented economic uncertainty, and times warrants resistance cuts to the federal workforce. and tactics never before Rep. Crockett appears to have heard the message as shown in the letter to her Democratic colleagues announcing her run for Oversight ranking member. The committee has jurisdiction to investigate federal government agencies and wasteful spending. "Our country is in an existential crisis driven by an out-ofcontrol Executive with a flagrant disregard for our Constitution, our way of polling at a historic low with governance, and our very an NBC News poll revealing way of life as citizens of that the party has only a 27 a democratic republic. The percent positive view among constituents want their elected Administration has refused registered voters. The number representatives to act with to respect congressional was the lowest since 1990 since urgency in a fight with a authority, abide by lawful the poll was first conducted.

seen. We must pull back the curtain on the unmitigated chaos under Trump 2.0 and translate our findings to the American people in a way they can digest," Rep. Crockett wrote in her letter today to colleagues announcing her run to lead Oversight.

Though President Trump's approval numbers are nothing for The White House to celebrate — the Democrats are

Her colleagues in the House Democratic Caucus would have to vote her in over any other member who might run for the position.

Jasmine Crockett (D-TX), has only been in Congress since January 2023. But since then, she has applied the party's messaging in a way that fits contemporary technology. Many political observers believe she represents the future as the party is criticized for being too quiet during a time of unprecedented action by the chief executive in The

Texas Congresswoman White House. Rep. Crockett ran and won the long-held seat of Congressional Black Caucus veteran Eddie Bernice Johnson to represent Texas's 30th congressional district.

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