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If You Get A Blue Envelope In The Mail – Open It!

Another Benefit of the Affordable Care Act

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ast week I attended a special media briefing on the launch of Cal MediConnect in San Bernardino hosted by Sandy Close and her organization New America Media. As early as January 1st, individuals in Riverside and San Bernardino counties who are eligible for Medi-Cal, the insurance program for low-income people and Medicare, the federal insurance program for seniors and people with disabilities, started receiving blue envelopes whose content outlines how the new program works and how to enroll in the plan.

MediConnect is a new coordinated care program, under the Affordable Care Act, that combines the benefits of both the Medicare and Medi-Cal programs into one managed care plan. Dual Eligibles are considered the most expensive demographic in the health care system. The letter in the blue envelope reassures them that they can keep both programs’ benefits without additional cost and informs them of the coordinated services now available to them including medical and acute care, in-home care, and long-term care. Health care experts believe this coordinated model will offer significant cost savings and coordinated care that is an extreme benefit to individuals like Effie George, a Dual Eligible patient.

Ms. Effie George lives in Mentone with her son and his family. She is 65 and has relied on her power chair for mobility since December 6, 2006. By the way, Ms. George has one of those Marilu Henner highly superior autobiographical memories. Okay, not quite, but it seems like it. She remembers the San Francisco address of Franklin, the young soldier she dated and wrote letters to during his first tour of duty during the Vietnam War. And even after her stroke in 1997 -- I mean January 29, 1997 -- she remembers the names, birthdates, and addresses of the 40 members of her home church in Louisiana. She knows the capitals of all 50 states, and still watches the History, Discovery, and National Geographic channels religiously. So imagine her shock when her power chair wouldn’t stay charged and it took several months, and numerous conversations with providers from both programs, to finally provide her with a new battery and charger. “Then,” she testified at the MediConnect media briefing, “Medi-Cal didn’t have the batteries for the model of my power chair in stock, a Jazzy 600; they had to order them.” Which meant an even longer wait.

The MediConnect program will allow both Ms. George’s Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits to work together. Her physicians, pharmacists, and other medical providers – like the American Surgical Corporation, responsible for ordering and servicing her power chair – can coordinate her care and ensure her mobility.

If you are one of the 50,000 Dual Eligibles in Riverside and San Bernardino counties or are related to someone who is, make sure the blue envelope that arrived in the mail, is opened, read, completed, and returned. It’s an opportunity for a seamless health care delivery experience. For free and individualized assistance about MediConnect options call Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) at (909) 256-8369 or (760) 872-2043.

To subscribe to my recently launched weekly blog Rants & Raves visit mygoldenstate.tumblr.com or follow me on twitter @mygoldenstate.
Mesa Linda Park has been selected for “Heart Your Park,” a program introduced as part of Macy’s “Secret Garden” campaign that aims to raise awareness and dollars for local parks across the country. From March 7 to March 31, customers at Macy’s Victorville Store can donate $1 or more at the register, with 100 percent of the donations benefiting Mesa Linda Park. To further spread the love, Macy’s will match the total customer donation across all stores, dollar for dollar, up to $250,000 in total.

Mesa Linda Park is one of more than 550 parks nationwide that will benefit from Macy’s “Heart Your Park” this spring. In partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the national non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of community parks, recreation and conservation, Macy’s stores across the country have each selected a local park or green space in their community to support through the program. Donations will go toward making improvements, such as maintaining trails, playgrounds, and ball fields, and everything in between.

“We are thrilled to partner with Macy’s and NRPA for ‘Heart Your Park’ this spring,” said City of Victorville, Director of Community Services, Christian Guntert. “Through this wonderful program and donations by Macy’s customers, we are excited about the increased awareness and additional funding for Mesa Linda Park. This park is a great asset to the community, and we greatly appreciate Macy’s support.”

“Heart Your Park” is part of Macy’s “Secret Garden” spring campaign that will come to life at Macy’s stores and on macys.com with an infusion of garden-inspired merchandise, special promotions and events. For more information on “Secret Garden,” visit macys.com/secret garden. For a full list of the parks benefiting from Macy’s “Heart Your Park,” visit macys.com/parks.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Glenn Salas, Recreation Services Manager at (760) 951-3812.

Utility bill scammers are once again targeting customers throughout the United States by phone and sometimes even email. In both scenarios, the scammers often request personal information and threaten to cut off electrical service if they do not receive immediate payment.

Utility Scammers Continue to Target SCE Customers by Phone and Email

Some Southern California Edison (SCE) customers have reported receiving these suspicious emails that look like a bill. Others have reported aggressive phone scams threatening immediate service disconnection if customers don’t pay a purported overdue bill.

“SCE never uses high-pressure tactics to collect or demand money for past due bills,” said Marilyn Denter, SCE’s manager of Consumer Affairs. “We are not in the business of threatening our customers with the immediate termination of service.”

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This latest email scam follows a recent utility phone scam where more than 2,000 SCE customers were targeted. Unfortunately, more than 300 customers have fallen victim to the scam, many of them mom and pop business owners and entrepreneurs whose first language is not English.

The scammers often demand immediate payment through a prepaid cash card or debit card. The average loss for SCE business customers last year was between $800 and $1,000; residential customer lost an average of between $300 and $500. Overall, the total losses so far for SCE customers are estimated at $225,000.

“We ask our customers to be alert to these scams that demand immediate payment and threaten service disconnection,” said Denter. If SCE customers receive suspicious emails, they should never click on any links or attachments, and never send a reply. Customers should also delete the email. If a customer has been victimized, they can report it online to the U.S. Department of Justice’s Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force at StopFraud.gov.

SCE customers suspecting a fraudulent call should ask for the caller’s name, department and business phone number. If the caller refuses to provide this information, customers should terminate the call and report the incident immediately to local police.

In either situation, customers should contact SCE at 800-655-4555.

Big Goal: Enroll
Why aren’t more African-Americans signing up for Covered California or Medi-Cal benefits?

BY OLU ALEMORU
California Black Media

As the calendar speeds toward the March 31 deadline for securing benefits through the Affordable Care Act, popularly known as Obamacare, African-American enrollment in California’s healthcare exchange is falling far short of expectations.

Data recently released by Covered California suggests that only about 50 percent of eligible African-Americans have signed up. Uninsured consumers now have less than a month to enroll before they are subject to penalties - $95 per adult or 1 percent of your annual income, whichever is greater - and faced with an even more daunting challenge: a longer period of time among the ranks of those without healthcare coverage.

It is perhaps all the more worrying considering that the Medi-Cal program, which has been covering Californians who couldn’t afford health insurance since 1966, has been greatly expanded under Obamacare, making up to two million more people are eligible. This is a huge missed opportunity for the black community.

As of January 1, single adults ages 19-64, are eligible for Medi-Cal based on a simplified eligibility formula: your annual income must be 138 percent or less of the federal poverty level. In 2013, that meant eligibility for individuals earning up to $15,856.

According to information provided by Covered California and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), the Affordable Care Act ensures that all Medi-Cal plans offer a comprehensive package of essential health benefits. These include ambulatory patient and emergency services, hospitalization, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance abuse, prescription drugs and laboratory services.

As of 2014, the array of mental health and substance abuse services have expanded to include individual and group mental health evaluation and treatment, outpatient drug monitoring therapy, psychiatric consultation and intensive residential and outpatient treatment services.

Dental care, vision and speech therapy services are generally only available to children and youth under 21, but dental services will be available to all adults starting this May.

There are three ways to enroll for Covered California and Medi-Cal health insurance plans: online at www.CoveredCA.com, over the phone calling 800-300-1506 and in-person with assistance from a Certified Enrollment Counselor.

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Assemblymember Medina Focuses Hearing on Goods Movement and Trade
Goods Movement Means California Jobs

San Diego

Assemblymember Jose Medina (D-Riverside) Chair of the Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee (JEDE), recently led a JEDE oversight hearing examining how the Southern California goods movement system impacts the state’s global competitiveness and ability to retain high paying jobs.

“I want to thank Assemblymember Toni Atkins for welcoming the Jobs Committee to the Port of San Diego, situated in her district, to discuss the important issue of improving and expanding goods movement networks in Southern California,” said Medina. “In the future, much of the state’s economic growth will be the result of greater participation in the global economy and the strength of trade-related industry sectors, like advanced manufacturing. In order for California to continue to grow as a leader within the global economy, it is essential for the state to have a modern and high-quality logistical network to support the movement of goods and services.”

During the course of the hearing, testimony was provided by economic development experts, business leaders, and other key regional stakeholders.

This is a follow-up to the Committee’s November 2013 hearing held in Riverside examining the role of trade and foreign investment on the Inland Empire economy.
Linder Bill to Protect Seniors Gains Unanimous Committee Vote
Sacramento

The Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee unanimously passed legislation authored by Assemblyman Eric Linder, R-Corona, to ensure that vital services to senior citizens would not be interrupted in a state budget delay.

“Our seniors should never be collateral damage when Sacramento cannot produce a timely budget,” said Linder. “I applaud my colleagues for recognizing that my legislation simply ensures that seniors will receive the services they need during any budget delay.”

Linder’s Assembly Bill 1534 would allow the state to distribute federal funds for services for the elderly and those with disabilities when the state budget is not passed by the June 15th constitutional deadline. It would specifically provide the funding to the California Department of Aging, the Area Agencies on Aging and the California Department of Rehabilitation during any delay.

In prior years, the failure to pass an on-time budget forced the state to temporarily withhold funds – even federal tax dollars – for many state services, as California lacked the legal authority to make necessary funding available. As a result, local agency staff was forced to work without pay or even take out personal loans to maintain services to seniors.

“Innocent people should never again pay the price for the Capitol's budget gridlock,” said Linder. “While the threat of a budget delay may vary each year, the possibility still unfortunately exists. By enacting my legislation into law, we will forever close that door of uncertainty and give seniors the peace-of-mind they deserve.”

AB 1534 now moves to the Assembly Appropriations Committee for its consideration.

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To provide a real-world example of how easy it can be to enroll into Medi-Cal, this reporter — who, like many in the media business, recently lost health benefits after being forced to transition from staff to freelance work — underwent the eligibility and enrollment process with help from St. John’s Well Child & Family Center in historically black South Los Angeles.

The process requires a birth or citizenship certificate, Social Security card (if you have one), proof of income and proof of county residency. If everything checks out, eligibility is immediately confirmed. Finalizing the paperwork may take up to 45 days, and enrollees can change to a Covered California plan if income and employment status changes within that time. To start the Medi-Cal enrollment process, those who believe they may be eligible can go to the DHCS website to start the application process.

Meanwhile, those working to get more African-Americans enrolled are holding out hope that black consumers will heed the calls for action targeted at their communities and enroll in a plan.

“The enrollment numbers for African-Americans are not sufficient. It's basically half of what it should be,” said Daniel Zingale, Senior Vice President of The California Endowment. “I think the outreach is getting better, but I think the real problem is the intake process. It's hard to get through on the phone lines, the website and hardest of all to get an in-person enroller.

It's a tough job because Covered California had to create all new systems, hire staff to the answer the phones and license the enrollers. It's a big undertaking, but I think they're making progress.”
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Sages Super Market

One of my grandsons sent me a picture of the old Sages Complete Market located on Baseline and "E" Street where the San Bernardino City Adult Education School is now. I told him not only did I remember Sages, I used to chauffeur the owner Mr. Milton Sage to board meetings for California Electric Company headquartered in Rialto. Mr. Sage was a board member and I was a Garage Attendant/Chauffer working in the garage on Pepper Ave. before Edison took over in 1964. When I was not driving, I detailed and serviced cars in preparation for repairs by the mechanics.

Since my grandson was interested I shared with him that I also chauffeured the owner of the Denver Broncos, Mr. Gerald Phipps, who was also a board member of Cal Electric when the board met in Rialto.

I drove Mr. Milton Sage, Mr. Fred Olendorf, Jr. and Mr. James Krieger of Best, Best & Krieger to Pacific Palisades for the signing of the papers to sell Cal Electric to Edison. I did not know the historic significance of that business transaction at the time, which made Edison one of the largest electric companies in America. My orders were simply to pick them up, wait for them, and return them home.

I also told my grandson that Jack Brown the CEO of Stater Bros. Market worked for Sages at one time.

This history is recounted in the book California Electric Power Company 1904-1964 by Laura L. Klure, the daughter of Cliff Gallup the man who hired me in the transportation department in 1962.

New Day and Faces in City Hall

Last week set in motion a new day for San Bernardino City to get back on track towards being an All America City again. With new mayor Carey Davis, three new council members, and a new city attorney, the people stand poised to accept a new direction as spring is around the corner.

There is something about springtime with its rain showers and the earth producing fresh flowers for us to smell. But also with springtime come allergies, so the new council might sneeze every once in a while as they adjust to the newness of one another and work together to lead the city out of bankruptcy.

The citizens and new city leadership must also move quickly to revise the charter while looking at campaign funding guidelines and council members’ compensation. The mayor and council can provide the leadership needed to get this done and brought before the voters.

I want to join the many well-wishers and congratulate these new faces that will lead the city.

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Protecting the Inland Empire from Wall Street’s Next Potential Bubble

It’s no secret that the Inland Empire was hit particularly hard by the home foreclosure crisis. Between 2008 and 2011, Riverside County saw an astounding 134,910 household foreclosures—a rate of one in every ten homes. When the cause of the crisis was investigated, it was discovered that millions of home mortgages, many of which were sub-prime mortgages, were bundled, securitized, and put up for sale to investors. When the housing bubble burst, there was a severe shock to the entire financial system.

For the Inland Empire, the bubble bursting was devastating. I believe that another disaster must be avoided at all costs. That is why I’m asking for Congress to hold hearings on Wall Street’s new financial innovation, which is, in part, backed by the rent checks of families that live right here in Riverside County.

In January, my office released a report entitled, “Rents on the Rise in Riverside,” which showed that one in three renters in Riverside County are paying more than fifty percent of their income on rent, a twenty percent increase since 2007. The report also showed that the number of people paying more than half of their income on rent in Riverside County is rising faster than other Southern California counties.

Analyzing the cause of the change, the report determined that rents could be rising due to the high volume of institutional investors in our region. Investors are more attractive to sellers because they are able to pay with cash, making it much more difficult for non-investors, who must finance the home and are subjected to tighter credit markets, to purchase a home.

One investment firm in particular, The Blackstone Group, struck a deal with Deutsche Bank and has begun to sell securities to investors backed by the rent checks, similar to how the sub-prime mortgages were sold.

The same day I released my report, I sent a letter to the House Financial Services Committee asking for hearings into these new and unknown securities to ensure that they do not pose a serious risk to our economy. Coincidently, less than a week later, a second investment firm, American Homes 4 Rent, partnered with Goldman Sachs to sell bonds backed by rental payments from its own properties.

This second deal shows a clear pattern for investment groups who are looking to gain from these questionable financial instruments and further illustrates the need for Congressional hearings into the need for regulation of rental-backed securities.

This week, I asked four federal agencies to get involved. I sent letters to the Securities Exchange Commission, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Treasury’s Office of Financial Research asking for information on rental backed securities.

The Inland Empire was devastated by the housing crisis, and as this similar market for rental backed securities continues to grow, it is important that Congress and government agencies collect as much information as possible about the potential risks.

I will continue to demand answers from these large investment firms. Our region cannot afford to be the victim of Wall Street’s recklessness once again and I will do all I can to prevent that from happening.

healthyliving with Dr. Ernest Levister F.A.C.P., F.A.C.P.M.

On E-cigarettes, Lots of Questions but Few Answers

E-cigarettes don’t make real smoke, yet they’ve ignited a firestorm of controversy.

You may have already seen e-cigarettes -- electronic cigarettes -- for sale on the Internet or at one of at least 62 kiosks at malls across the U.S.

What’s in them? The main component is a refillable or replaceable cartridge of liquid “juice” that contains nicotine, solvents, and flavors. When users draw on the device, it causes the battery to heat the liquid solution, which is then atomized into a vapor that can be inhaled. The claimed levels of nicotine vary. Blu e-cigs, for example, offer cartridges of different strengths, from no nicotine to approximately 13 to 16 milligrams, with each cartridge containing enough for 250 or more “puffs.”

E-cigarettes are marketed as a more socially permissible alternative to smoking. But what exactly are users — and the people around them — breathing in? Are the cigarettes safe? And with flavors such as Cherry Crush, Peach Schnapps, and Vivid Vanilla, to whom are they really marketed? Are they safe to use? We don’t know yet. They expose users and people around them to fewer toxins than tobacco cigarettes, but that doesn’t mean they’re risk free. Nicotine is very addictive, so e-cigs — especially the fruit and candy-flavored ones — could hook young people on the stimulant, or serve as a gateway to real cigarettes, health officials warn.

And because they’re unregulated, you don’t necessarily know what’s in them. In 2009 the FDA detected diethylene glycol, a toxic chemical used in antifreeze, in some e-cig samples and carcinogens called nitrosamines in others. Questions also linger over secondhand “vapor.”

Do they help smokers quit? They might, though Consumer Reports points out that they’re not approved for that by the FDA. And, as with approved quitting methods, the results aren’t that impressive. In a study of 657 smokers published last fall, e-cigs were about as effective as nicotine patches and were slightly better than placebo e-cigarettes, which contain no nicotine.

Bottom line. The main reason it’s so hard to say whether e-cigarettes are safe is that they simply haven’t been around long enough to know. If you’re trying to give up real cigarettes, stick with better studied methods: nicotine gum, patches, and counseling. And if you don’t smoke, don’t start with e-cigs just for fun.
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Internet activism challenges the perception that Millennials are apathetic and disengaged.
In large numbers, African-Americans have flocked to Twitter, which has become almost a staple of many of their online habits. Social media has become the tool of choice for African-Americans who are rallying support and a newfound understanding to their causes by spreading messages through their networks and watching them go viral. Twitter, YouTube, and Tumblr, have become a popular springboard for young "activists", even though some reject the label.

Several black students at Harvard University became the most recent topic in the national spotlight with their "I, Too, Am Harvard" campaign. On Tumblr, the students can be seen in photos individually holding boards with various quotes and statements to draw awareness. The#ITooAmHarvard hashtag circulated throughout Tumblr and Twitter. The students' various, tongue-in-cheek signs include statements such as “You don’t sound black … You sound smart.”, “I’m not ‘pulling the race card.’ You’re just being racist.”, “Oh, I heard her say she was going to Harvard. I just assumed she misspoke. – white parent to my mother”.

Their campaign garnered national media attention and coverage by The Boston Globe, USA Today, and Huffington Post amongst other major media outlets.

Last year, black male students from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) were a part of a “spoken word” video posted in November in which the group protested the lack of diversity among enrolled students at the university. The video, which was posted to YouTube, eventually went viral and currently includes a link to a petition page.

The sprawling influence of social media propelled by young African-Americans was seemingly about young African-Americans issues as well, beyond college campuses. The death of Trayvon Martin and subsequent trial of George Zimmerman drew the ire of blacks, but also became fodder on social networks, highlighting concerns about young black men who are victimized and racially profiled in their communities.

In large numbers, African-Americans have flocked to Twitter, which has become almost a staple of many of their online habits. According to a 2013 Pew Research Center study, blacks accounted for more use of Twitter than any other ethnic group. In a separate study released in January, African-American internet users between the ages of 18 and 29 accounted for 40 percent of Twitter users compared to 28 percent of whites in the same age group. Blacks’ use of Twitter has created such an impact that its section of the site has been labeled “Black Twitter”.

According to David J. Leonard, associate professor in the department of crucial culture, gender, and race studies at Washington State University, Pullman, social media has its place in activism just as traditional forms of activism.

“Activism and organizing are the basis of change; change comes through what [W.E.B.] DuBois described as ceaseless agitation. There are many different tools that are used to engage in this work; rallies and door-to-door organizing, social media work, cultural for are all tools that continue to be important.”

Leonard points to the information shared in social media about Trayvon Martin, the “online mobilization” to Jena 6, and the execution of Troy Davis, as examples of when black youth use social media to create conversation.

“The murder of Trayvon Martin symbolizes the persistent violence, the persistent criminalization of black youth, and the persistent devaluing of black life. Social media played an invaluable role in raising the awareness about Martin, his killing, stand your ground, and the trial itself. It played a crucial role in demanding justice, in demanding that Martin be seen, and that his life be valued. Given the consistent failures from political and media elites to show concern for black life, social media was instrumental here.”

According to Leonard, internet activism between black and white youth is also very different in comparison.

“If we look at usage rates of twitter, if we look at the ways that black youth have responded to racism on college campuses and the killing of Trayvon Martin … we can most certainly see differences in terms of the types of issues that are being taken up in social media … we see the difference. The privileges afforded to white youth,
and the realities of persistent racism, carry over onto the Internet so it’s not surprising that Internet activism among white youth generates in different ways, where upon it’s more about consumption, “fads,” and passive involvement.”

Leonard said that traditional activists should understand “That its tireless work, that it’s about organizing and pushing forward what Robin Kelley describes as ‘freedom dreams’, that people engaged in online activism are engaged in work in a myriad of spaces, pushing forward an agenda based in justice and equity.”

To read the extended version of this article, visit www.theievoice.com and www.BlackVoiceNews.com.

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From NNPA to NAACP to Silicon Valley
Ben Jealous Pushing Technology for Equality

By Hazel Trice Edney

Benjamin Todd Jealous, the former NAACP president, who has weaved a career through politics, the Black press and civil rights, has now announced his next course of action in pursuit of racial equality and economic justice in America.

Jealous and the Oakland, Calif.-based Kapor Center for Social Impact, located in the billionaire-Silicon Valley announced last week that he has joined the Center as its first venture partner. The center’s co-founders and co-chairs Mitchell Kapor and Freada Kapor Klein are bringing Jealous on to find tech-savvy entrepreneurs and inventors with ideas for using technology for social impact, mainly to fill racial and economic gaps in America.

Jealous will help the entrepreneurs, help them shape their tech visions; plus establish the selection criteria for possible seed money. He will also help lead the center’s effort to make investments in non-profit organizations that are about closing social gaps and will join the board of the Kapor Center-funded Level Playing Field Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending racial barriers in science, technology, engineering and math.

“I’ve always been interested in technology, I’ve always been interested in [deepening] the social impact. And I’ve always been very curious about ways to use technology to advance the social impact,” Jealous said in an interview this week. “When Mitch and Frieda came forth and offered me the opportunity to join the Kapor Center for Social Impact and start trying new things every day...while still staying focused on achieving my life’s mission of and leveling the playing field and closing gaps to access and opportunity in our community and the country as a whole, I leapt at it because it had been a long time since I’d tried something new that had the potential to level the playing field for hundreds of thousands and millions of people.”

Jealous says one of his first stops will be a learning tour of Silicon Valley, the South Bay portion of San Francisco, which leads the nation in cutting edge technology. The Kapor Center has a program for underrepresented college students to get paid internships in Silicon Valley companies.

Jealous, who dates his keen interest in technology back to a fourth and fifth grade computer science program, served as president/CEO of the NAACP for five years until his resignation late last year. There, his leadership in technology grew NAACP’s mobile messaging base from 5,000 activists to 423,000 and from 175,000 email activists to 1.3 million.

Jealous’ technological skills also harken back to when he started as executive director of the 200-member National Newspaper Publishers Association in 2000 with a vision of bringing the Black Press on line with websites and a full-service news service for its members. Before his departure almost half of NNPA’s newspapers were on line and the wire service continues to thrive.

Jealous’ record of using technology to fight for racial justice is what established the mutual attraction between him and the Kapor Center.

“Ben has spent his career working to end racial and economic gaps in society, from the criminal justice system to education to health care,” said co-founder Freada Kapor Klein in a statement. “We are tremendously pleased that he will bring his vast experience, strategy and energy to the tech sector as the next frontier in his life’s work for justice and inclusion.”

Jealous’ civil rights career is just as important as his tech interest said co-founder Mitchell Kapor, one of the first Silicon Valley billionaires. “As an entrepreneur and an investor, I’ve built my career on seeing the possibilities of good ideas and the right team, and then bringing that vision to life. By bringing Ben to the Kapor team, we are making a bet that someone who has succeeded in changing the broader world in so many ways will do the same in our world.”

When Jealous left the NAACP last year, he said he would spend more time with his growing family and would also work to start a political action committee (PAC) for transformative Democratic and Republican candidates. He said this week that he will continue to do it all.

“I will reserve a portion of my time continuing my work in politics. This will be 80 percent of my time and 20 percent will be continuing to build the PAC,” he said. “It’ll be separate and ongoing work.”

As for his family, Jealous says he will remain bi-coastal, primarily living in Maryland with his family even as he travels for the Kapor Center.

The Center has already made major strides in its quest for social justice. Jealous ticked off a list of ideas, apps and inventions as examples that have already received funding. They include technology that lowers the astronomical cost of telephone calls from inmates to their families; a blue tooth hearing aid that costs only $75 instead of the normal $3,000-$5,000; technology that helps parents and children with bi-lingual education; a way to send money home to another country without paying a 30 percent remittance fee; and a way to make college education available for the cost of a Pell grant.

“So, that’s what we’re talking about here...Very similar to my work at the NAACP. We’re working on multiple gaps simultaneously,” Jealous said. “It’s impossible not to be excited.”
SAN BERNARDINO
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Saturday, March 15
In partnership with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, the Fontana Veterans Resource Center and Costco Wholesale, Assemblymember Cheryl R. Brown (D-San Bernardino) will host a free tax preparation event for individuals and families with a household income of $52,000 or less.

The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 15 at the Fontana Veterans Resource Center, which is located at 16779 Spring Street in Fontana. To schedule an appointment or receive more information, contact Jon Gaede at (909) 381-3238. Walk-ins will be accepted, if time permits.

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MAKE-A-WISH VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION
Wednesday, March 19, 6pm

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ABAIE 3RD ANNUAL HEALTH 2 WEALTH EXPO
Thursday, March 20, 9am
Location: Chaffey College Chino Community Center, 5890 College Park Avenue, Chino, CA. Tel: (714) 349-2884; (951) 264-0800; (909) 618-2616; or (310) 435-7886.

In The Know
2014

Fire on Ice Returns to Ontario for Sixth Season
The Ontario Reign, back-to-back Pacific Division Champions and proud affiliate of the NHL’s Los Angeles Kings and Winnipeg Jets, present the Sixth Annual Fire on Ice hockey doubleheader on Sunday, Mar. 16 to support the National Multiple Sclerosis Society featuring Reign royalty, Jon Francisco.

This year’s Fire on Ice will feature members of the Ontario Fire Department and Ontario Police Department facing off against the Los Angeles Fire Department in a 2 p.m. showdown before the Ontario Reign will take on the Idaho Steelheads at 6 p.m.

Between the two hockey games there will be a chili cook-off outside the arena. Tickets start at just $13 which includes admission to both games and the chili cook-off with $4 from each ticket going directly to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

To reserve your seats for both games, contact Brad Spetnagel at 909-204-5509 or bspetnagel@ontarioreign.com.

5% off Senior/Military discounts
O: 951.852.0879
email: AGAHTMoving@gmail.com
Check us out @ moversinmurrieta.com

HAUSTION OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
NOTICE for Request for Proposal
RFP: PC764 Apprentice Services
HASC CONTRACT PERSON:
Angie Landaed
Housing Authority of San Bernardino
San Bernardino, CA 92408

HOW TO OBTAIN BID DOCS:
1. Access www.hacs.com
2. Register
3. Click on link to Public Purchase website to complete RFP PC764.
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DATE: April 8, 2014 by 2PM PST
SAN BERNARDINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Purchasing Department
San Bernardino, CA 92408
Procurement Officer

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:
SBVC GYMNASIUM PROJECT

PROPOSAL SUBMITALL RETURN:
April 8, 2014 by 2PM PST
HASC Administration Office
San Bernardino, CA 92408

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the San Bernardino Community College District, hereinafter referred to as “DISTRICT,” is calling for and will receive sealed Proposals for the award of a single contract for the San Bernardino Valley College – Propose 39 Year Old Projects – RE-BID.

BID INFORMATION:
Proposals must be submitted to the DISTRICT on the DISTRICT’S Bid Form.

All responses must be received by the DISTRICT no later than 1:00 PM on APRIL 8, 2014 at the San Bernardino Community College District.

San Bernardino Community College District
114 S Del Rosa
San Bernardino, CA 92408

Any bidder who fails to submit its documentation in time will be disqualified. All Proposals will be held by the DISTRICT for at least 30 days after the date of the Bid Opening in order to perform the Work. B. C10. Subcontractors must possess the appropriate licenses for each specialized subcontract.

PRE-BID INFORMATION:
One (1) Pre-Bid Conference will be held. Attendance to the Pre-Bid Conference is MANDATORY. The Bid Conference will be held on March 25, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at San Bernardino Valley College, Kitchell/BRj Construction Site, 2300 N. Vermont Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92404.

For any other desired Pre-Bid site visits, the Bidder needs to contact the Project Manager with the KB Project Manager prior to visiting the site.

SUMMARY OF WORK:
The project includes addition and replacement of existing Site lighting fixtures with high efficiency LED fixtures at the district office and at the San Bernardino Valley College campus. The design includes new Led flood lights and LED lighting of the existing campus systems at various locations on the San Bernardino Valley College Campus.

Inquiries regarding the Project are to be directed to Tim Purcell, San Bernardino Valley College – Kitchell/BRj. Project Manager. 898 Via Lata, Suite L, San Bernardino, CA 92408. All inquiries must be directed to the Contractor in the execution of the contract.

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Larry W. Ward, County Clerk

FILE NO. R-2014-01404
2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 2014

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

PRIVY ME CO.
7444 Wake Forest Dr.
Eastvale, CA 92880

Riverside County

This business is conducted by: Individual Registrant to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/2001.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

s/...Kari Ross

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Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 2/1/14

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FILE NO. R-2014-01411
2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 2014

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HAWGS AUTOWORLD
25855 Cornell St. Apt. B
Hemet, CA 92544

Riverside County

This business is conducted by: Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

s/...Robert K."B" Ross

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FILE NO. R-2014-01403
2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 2014

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

REST HAVEN GUEST HOME
30377 Garberville St.
Riverside, CA 92501

Riverside County

This business is conducted by: Corporation

FILE NO. R-2014-01305
p. 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 2014

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

s/...Randy Blake

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FILE NO. R-2014-01437
p. 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 2014

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

RENEE’S HAIR ECLAIR
28691 Honors Way
Moreno Valley, CA 92555

Riverside County

This business is conducted by: Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name(s) listed above.

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s/...Renee Ward

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FILE NO. R-2014-01407
2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 2014

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

THE VOICE. Call 951.682.2614 for more information.

VOICE
MARCH 13, 2014
thelievoice.com
This business is conducted by: Individual Registrant. Present on 2/04/14. A new fictitious business name statement was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law. (See Section 14411, Et Seq., Business and Professions Code).

L. Sibley -Deputy Clerk of Riverside County on January 27, 2014.

I hereby certify that the copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Karen Lou Crabtree Crabtree is (are) doing business as: LEWIS CRABTREE

Riverside County

Palm Springs, CA 92264-2374

By: L. Sibley -Deputy Clerk of Riverside County on 2/14/14.

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CASE NUMBER RIC 1401388

Interested Person: Petitioner: MARISA BELT BEER PEREZ

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law. (See Section 14411, Et Seq., Business and Professions Code).

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

PROBATE ONE CALL PROPERTY & ESTATE SOLUTIONS
2801 Adams #190
Riverside, CA 92505
This business is conducted by: Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name(s) listed above.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 2014

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (Personal Injury or Wrongful Death)
Attorney or Party Without Attorney, Fred R. Hunter, Jr., SBN: 165381, Hunter Law Firm, 4187 Flat Rock Suite, Suite 100, Riverside, CA 92505, Attorney for Plaintiff. Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, Indio, Branch Name: Riverside, Plaintiff: LINDA L. PACE be appointed as personal representative for the estate of Linda Pace. A Petition for Probate was filed by: LINDA L. PACE. The registrant commenced to transact business as: M & M LANDSCAPING SERVICES. The registrant has been doing business as: M & M LANDSCAPING SERVICES.

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES
Attorney or Party Without Attorney, Fred R. Hunter, Jr., SBN: 165381, Hunter Law Firm, 4187 Flat Rock Suite, Suite 100, Riverside, CA 92505, Attorney for Plaintiff. Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, Indio, Branch Name: Riverside, Plaintiff: LINDA L. PACE be appointed as personal representative for the estate of Linda Pace. A Petition for Probate was filed by: LINDA L. PACE. The registrant commenced to transact business as: M & M LANDSCAPING SERVICES. The registrant has been doing business as: M & M LANDSCAPING SERVICES.
HOW TO OBTAIN BID DOCS: 1. Access 715 E. Brier Drive, San Bernardino, CA 92408

HACSB CONTACT PERSON: Marsha Salazar, Authorized Signatory

Scheduled sale may not immediately be scheduled, and the sale will be advertised in the official records of the county in which the real estate is located. The sale may be postponed before that time. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see sec. 1440 et seq., b & c code). The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see sec. 1440 et seq., b & c code).

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: POSITIVE YAN

1901B E. Colton Ave., Suite H, Corona, CA 92879

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

COMMR & ASSOCIATES 6681 Main St. Suite C Riverside, CA 92506

By: T. Jensen - Deputy

2021/04/14

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER RIC 1402108

Petitioner: JESSICA LIRA filed a petition with this court for a change of name as follows: RODRIGUEZ LIRA. The court has determined that the new name is true and correct. The court has further determined that the new name was not assumed with the intent to deceive. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

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Larry W. Ward, Riverside County Clerk

2021/04/14

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER RIC 1402157

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: JUAN JIMENEZ filed a petition with this court for a change of name as follows: RODRIGUEZ JIMENEZ. The court has determined that the new name is true and correct. The court has further determined that the new name was not assumed with the intent to deceive. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

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2021/04/14

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER RIC 1402157

To all interested persons: Petitioner: AIDA B. HERNANDEZ filed a petition with this court for a change of name as follows: GONZALEZ HERNANDEZ. The court has determined this name change is true and correct. The court has further determined that the name change was not assumed with the intent to deceive. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

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2021/04/14

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER RIC 1402277

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: YANIS S. ABDELMALEK filed a petition with this court for a change of name as follows: GONZALEZ ABDELMALEK. The court has determined that the new name is true and correct. The court has further determined that the new name was not assumed with the intent to deceive. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

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Larry W. Ward, Riverside County Clerk

2021/04/14

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER RIC 1402277

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: YANIS S. ABDELMALEK filed a petition with this court for a change of name as follows: GONZALEZ ABDELMALEK. The court has determined that the new name is true and correct. The court has further determined that the new name was not assumed with the intent to deceive. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

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2021/04/14
GREG LAURIE

Sunday Services
7:30 | 9:30 | 11:30 a.m.

Sunday Nights at Harvest
With Pastor Josh Thompson | 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study
With Pastor Jeff Lassig | 7:00 p.m.

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n recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the Inland Empire as a publisher and philanthropist, Hardy Brown will be recognized by the California State University and California State University, San Bernardino with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

The ceremony will take place during the CSUSB College of Arts & Letters commencement on Saturday, June 14 at 11:45 a.m. in Coussoulis Arena.

“It is truly an honor to recognize Hardy Brown. He and his wife Cheryl are iconic members of our community, celebrating the contributions of our African American community through the Black Voice newspaper and their many community partnerships,” said CSUSB President Tomás D. Morales.

A true patriarch in the Inland Empire’s African American community, Hardy Brown Sr. co-founded Brown Publishing Company to produce a weekly community newspaper, Black Voice News, which focuses on local news in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The Browns, married for 50 years, have been recognized as the only living publishers to be included in the 175th anniversary of the Black Press of America. Their names were added to such historic publishers as Frederick Douglass, Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Carlotta Bass – all of whom overcame great obstacles to publish the truth and to give a voice to the disenfranchised. The multi-platform media company now includes news weekly print and digital editions, two websites, six social media sites, and a strategic communications firm specializing in community outreach and engagement.

In 2001, Mr. Brown founded California Black Media (CBM), a network of African American media owners across the state of California. CBM has served as a statewide initiative to better inform and educate the African American community about key issues that affect their lives. California Black Media consists of 22 African American newspapers across the state.

Passionate about community, students learning marketable skills, and education, the Browns founded the Black Voice Foundation Inc. in 1988, with a mission to train and educate individuals in print media. Due to the digital revolution, the rapid growth of technology in the world of communications and media, and the need to impact lives through a diverse set of media platforms, the Foundation has expanded its mission to include history, art and professional development.

The Foundation creates programs in order to fulfill their commitment to educate and preserve the African-American legacy in the community through the Black Voice Exhibits that last year hosted over 65,000 student and community views at several universities and community events. Other programs include the Opportunity of a Lifetime case study program, which teaches top development skills to students who attend minority-serving universities. Students from CSUSB were awarded champions in this national case study competition on “diversity recruiting” in 2013 beating over 40 other university teams.

Another program, the Footsteps to Freedom Underground Railroad Study Tour, for 17 years has hosted over 550 Inland Empire educators who have brought back to thousands of K - 12 students this unique part of American history. The Footsteps to Freedom Study tour has partnered with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Riverside County Office of Education, and National Park Service and a host of corporate sponsors to lead a unique experience to learn first-hand about the incredible courage of the people who sought freedom or who helped others achieve it along probable routes of the Underground Railroad from Kentucky to Canada.
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