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by Aryana Noroozi

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Arrogant and Self-Assured, Sheriff Chad Bianco Begins New Term



Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco is sworn in by Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin on January 4, 2023. (source: youtube.com).

Could the saying “pride comes before the fall” be a premonition of what’s to come for Riverside Sheriff Chad Bianco? Will his cocky arrogance result in more missteps that may one day result in his setback or failure in the coming six years? No one knows for sure, but we can certainly bet money that he doesn’t think so. Bianco thinks he’s untouchable and may even be aspiring to higher office. To that pipe dream I say, spare us, please.

When Bianco took the oath for his second term in early January, it was clear he believed the hype offered by those who sing his praises. He thinks he is entering his second term with some kind of electoral mandate – an obvious indication he is not too good at math. Sure he received 60% of the vote in the June 2022 primary, but when only 28% of registered voters cast ballots in the election, I’d say his idea of being overwhelmingly elected by some mythical majority is farcical.

The unfortunate reality for Riverside County residents, however, is that Bianco was reelected

despite a running list of missteps, misdeeds, mismanagement, misappropriations, his blatant ties to right wing extremism and his failed promises.

In addition, the timing of his reelection could not be worse because a change in state law now entitles him to a bonus of two years in office.

Last September, Governor Newsom signed AB 759. The legislation rescheduled elections for sheriffs and district attorneys in most California counties from a midterm election cycle to align with presidential election years. The new law only impacts “general law counties” like Riverside and the majority of California’s 58 counties that must adhere to state law regarding the number, duties and elections of county elected officials. San Bernardino County, Los Angeles, San Francisco and a handful of other counties, on the other hand, are “charter counties” and thus exempted from this new rule. This is because charter counties have a limited degree of “autonomy or home rule” authority

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San Bernardino's Historic Roosevelt Awarded \$1.4 Million in Federal Funds



The historic Roosevelt Bowl at Perris Hill Park in San Bernardino is (surrounded by stately oaks, which provide shade for the open-air seating. (takano.house.gov).

S.E. Williams | Executive Editor

On Monday, January 23rd at 10:30 am, Congressman Pete Aguilar announced \$1.4 million in funding from the recently approved Federal budget to restore, renovate, and upgrade the historic Roosevelt Bowl at Perris Hill Park in San Bernardino. The Roosevelt Bowl is located at 925 E Highland Ave, San Bernardino.

Nestled against the hill, the 1,800-seat outdoor Roosevelt Bowl amphitheater was built and dedicated in 1934 as part of the Federal Work Progress Administration (W.P.A.). The Bowl is surrounded by stately oaks, which provide shade for the open-air seating. The retaining wall, a mosaic of stonework, reflects the architecture of the period as well as the labor-intensive style of the depression era W.P.A. For many years, the Roosevelt Bowl was a featured gathering place in San Bernardino for musical, artistic, and cultural performances, civic events, and graduations.

As a result of the City's bankruptcy, funding in recent years was prioritized on essential core services and spending was cut on maintenance at facilities such as the Roosevelt Bowl.

In 2022, the San Bernardino Mayor and city council committed \$600,000 to begin the renovation of the historic Bowl. The \$1.4 million in federal funds will enable the city to complete the restoration.

Summer Concerts

Improvements will include the installation of fencing, renovation to the building (including the roof), external concession stand and bathroom (upgrading the facility to be compliant with the American with Disabilities Act), concrete and electrical work, restoration of the walkway access trail, upgrades to lighting and sound systems, renovations

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Oil and Gas Referendum May Halt SB 1137's Intent to Protect CA Communities from Toxic Oil Operations

Prince James Story | Staff

Last month, the California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA) collected enough signatures for their referendum seeking to halt SB1137.

SB1137 mandates oil and gas facility operators in protected areas to implement strict pollution controls and develop response plans to protect the health of frontline communities. These frontline communities or “health and protection zones” include those living within 3,200 feet of existing oil wells.

SB1137 would also implement stricter policies and rules for wells already existing in these “health and protection zones.”

Provided Secretary of State Shirley Weber formally qualifies the oil industry’s petition, the issue of neighborhood drilling in California will go before voters on the 2024 ballot.

A press release from the CIPA argues SB1137 only threatens to increase gas prices in the state by making it harder to drill oil, which leads to more oil being imported from other countries.

“California-produced oil is the most climate-compliant oil in the world. Producers in our state must adhere to the state’s greenhouse gas reduction program and account for all emissions. Foreign oil imports are exempt from those requirements,” said Rock Zierman, Chief Executive Officer of the California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA), which is spearheading this effort.

Environmental Justice activists push back

But environmental justice activists have a different opinion.

“Big Oil has spent the last few months price gouging us at the pump to pay for this mission. Twenty million dollars taken from California’s working families gallon by gallon, all to undo a democratically passed law and buy their way out of a common sense legislation,” said Kobi Naseck, Coalition Coordinator, VISIÓN Voices in Solidarity Against Oil in Neighborhoods. “Everyone should be watching what’s happening



The Valero Refinery, which sits in the middle of Wilmington, California, runs operations on January 11, 2023. According to the city of Long Beach, Wilmington is the third largest drilling site in the U.S., producing 46,000 barrels per day from 1,550 active wells. The majority of Wilmington’s residents identify as Latino. SB1137 would create protections for communities like Wilmington, requiring oil and gas facility operators to implement strict pollution controls and develop response plans to protect the health of frontline communities living within 3,200 feet of existing oil wells. (Aryana Noroozi, Black Voice News Newsroom / CatchLight Local).

in California right now. Are we really going to let these big corporations buy back a law that stops them from setting up shop in our backyards and poisoning our kids? I don’t think so. They’re in for a helluva fight.”

The CIPA filed the referendum one day after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed SB1137, and in under two months, gathered over 978,000 signatures in hopes of placing the referendum on the 2024 ballot.

Last Chance Alliance organization claims there have



Rock Zierman, Chief Executive Officer of the California Independent Petroleum Association is spearheading the effort against SB 1137. (source: cipa.org).

been multiple reports of fraud in regard to signature gathering and that some petitioners are misleading people to gain their signatures.

“We’re calling on the California Attorney General to investigate this campaign because it’s a crime to mislead and deceive voters into signing a petition,” Community organizer Cesar Aguirre of the Central California Environmental Justice Network

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SAN BERNARDINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (SBIAA) REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (SOQs) FOR AOA ACCESS ROAD PROJECT & RUNWAY 24 STOPWAY DESIGN PROJECT SBIAA is soliciting SOQs from qualified firms seeking to provide engineering design services for the Runway 24 Stopway Design Project and engineering design and construction management services for the AOA Access Road Project “the Projects.” SBIAA will utilize the qualifications-based selection process described in the Request for SOQs to determine the most qualified firm to provide professional services for the Projects in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements. Please submit six (6) copies of your firm's response to the SOQ to 1601 E. Third Street, Suite #100, San Bernardino, California 92408, attention Ms. Jennifer Farris, Assistant Secretary of the Commission. The packages containing the original response to the SOQ must be marked with the firm's name and “SOQ FOR AOA Access Road Project and, Runway 24 Stopway Design Project” in bold letters. Responses to this SOQ will be received until 2:00 P.M. on Monday, February 13, 2023. Copies of the SOQ packet may be obtained from the Owner's Office located at 1601 E. Third Street, Suite 100, San Bernardino, CA 92408, or at the SBIAA's website at www.sbiaa.org under “RFPS/Bids.” A non-mandatory meeting in the main auditorium of the Norton Regional Event Center located at 1601 E. 3rd Street, San Bernardino, CA will be held at 1:00 pm on January 26, 2023. All inquiries shall be directed in writing via email to Mr. Jeff Barrow, Director of Development, with the words “SOQ FOR: AOA Access Road Project and, Runway 24 Stopway Design Project” entered in the e-mail subject line at jbarrow@sbdairport.com. Questions will be received until February 2, 2023 at 2:00 pm. If modification or clarification to the solicitation document becomes necessary, a written addendum will be posted to the SBIAA's website, www.sbiaa.org. It is the responsibility of all potential respondents to monitor the SBIAA's website for any such addendums. The SBIAA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all responses to this SOQ, and/or to waive any informalities or irregularities in any response. Award of contract is subject to SBIAA Commission approval. San Bernardino International Airport Authority San Bernardino, California Date:1/5/23 By:\s\ Jennifer Farris, Assistant Secretary of the Commission 1/19, 1/26/23 CNS-3658691#

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NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS Bid No. 22-03 Rubberized Playground Surfacing, Repairs, and Installations NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Bernardino City Unified School District of San Bernardino County, State of California, acting through its Governing Board, hereafter referred to as the “District”, is soliciting electronic bid submittals through its OpenGov e-Procurement web portal in response to Bid No. 22-03, Rubberized Playground Surfacing, Repairs, and Installations. Bids must be submitted electronically up to but not later than Thursday, February 10, 2023 at 2:00PM, at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/sbcusd>.

Bidders who are desirous of securing a copy of the Bid documents may do so by logging into the District's website at: <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/sbcusd>. Bid responses must conform and be responsive in accordance with the Bid Documents posted through the District's “OpenGov Procurement” website portal. A mandatory Bidder's Conference and Job Walk will be held at 09:00AM at Ramona-Alessandro Elementary School Front Office, 670 Ramona Ave North, San Bernardino, CA 92411 on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Attendance is mandatory and a prerequisite for bid submission. Any proposer who fails to attend the Job Walk will be automatically disqualified, without any further action by the District. This will be the only opportunity to inspect the site prior to award. Contract award is contingent upon availability of funds. Local, Minority and Disabled Veterans Businesses are specifically encouraged to respond. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and to accept or reject any item, to withdraw a line item or entire Bid, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the Bid document(s). The District may award any, all, or none of this Bid. By: Emmil Penn, Buyer Publication January 26, 2023 Mandatory Job Walk January 31, 2023 09:00AM Request for Clarification February 3, 2023 11:00AM Virtual Bid Opening February 10, 2023 02:00PM <https://meet.google.com/ymf-jnap-hva> 1/26/23 CNS-3661356#

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VEHICLE SALES

NOTICE OF SALE OF VEHICLE Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 3071 of the Civil Code of the State of California. The undersigned will sell the following vehicle(s) at lien sale at said time(s) 02/10/2023 at 10:00 AM Make/Yr. 2014 CHEVY Lic.: 8VDN185 Vin. 1G11C5SL0EF190945 Location: 11840 SUSAN AVE, DOWNEY , CA 90241. Said sale is for the purpose of satisfying lien of the undersigned for towing, storage, labor, materials, and lien charges, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF VEHICLE Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 3071 of the Civil Code of the State of California. The undersigned will sell the following vehicle(s) at lien sale at said time(s) 02/10/2023 at 10:00 AM Make/Yr. 2016 VOLK Lic.: 8DIM663 Vin. 3VVW267AJ2GM289796 Location: 13313 SHERMAN WAY STE F, N. HOLLYWOOD, CA. Said sale is for the purpose of satisfying lien of the undersigned for towing, storage, labor, materials, and lien charges, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

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NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVMV2205531

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: CESAR JESUS URIBE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: CESAR JESUS URIBE to, CESAR JESUS AGUILAR. The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 02/10/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE 13800 HEACOCK AVE. D201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507 Date: December 19, 2022 BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVMV2300027

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: MELANIE CANE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: CAMERON TERRELL BIAS to, CAMERON RIDGELL CANE. The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 03/03/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE 13800 HEACOCK AVE. D201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507 Date: December 19, 2022 BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVSW2208332

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: ANDREW I FLORES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names

as follows: ANDREW ISAAC FLORES to, ANDREW ISAAC CABRERA. The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 02/09/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: S101. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE 30755 AULD RD, MURRIETA, CA 92563 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507 Date: December 19, 2022 James F. Hodgkins, Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVSW2208455

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: SALVADOR FLORES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SALVADOR FLORES to, SAL J. FLORES. The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 02/16/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: S101. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE 30755 AULD RD, MURRIETA, CA 92563 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507 Date: December 30, 2022 James F. Hodgkins, Judge of the Superior Court

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SUSAN ENID STRICKLAND Case Number PRRI2202571

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: SUSAN ENID STRICKLAND. A Petition for Probate has been filed by ERIC J. STRICKLAND in the Superior Court of California, County of: RIVERSIDE. The Petition for Probate

requests that ERIC J. STRICKLAND be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: February 27, 2023, Time: 8:30 am Dept: 8 The Courts address is the SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Michelle D. Strickland, P.O. BOX 2238, Colton, CA 92324

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

TAILOR MADE LENDING 39859 N. GENERAL KEARNEY RD TEMECULA, CA 92591 RIVERSIDE COUNTY Irvine Selwyn Dyal 39859 N. General Kearney Rd Temecula, CA 92591

This business is conducted by: Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1998 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000) s. Irvine S. Dyal The filing of this statement does not of 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 (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 12/27/2022 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision

(a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of 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). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Peter Aldana, County Clerk, FILE NO. R- 202216496 p. 1/5/2023, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26/2023

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

CHEF CHARLIE RAY 24376 Reserve Court Menefee, CA 92584 RIVERSIDE COUNTY Rays Corp 24376 Reserve Court Menefee, CA 92584 CA

This business is conducted by: Corporation Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/14/2022 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000) s. Nadine Ray, President The filing of this statement does not of 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 (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 12/21/2022 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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The following persons) is (are) doing business as: ULTIMATE MEDICAL BILLING SERVICES 5513 Daybreak Drive, Unit B Eastvale, CA 91752 RIVERSIDE COUNTY Brigitte M. Jackson



Caution and Equity: The Hallmarks of Gov. Newsom's First Budget Under Black Director

Aldon Thomas Stiles | California Black Media

On Tuesday Jan. 10, at a press conference held in Sacramento, Gov. Gavin Newsom presented his first draft of the state's 2023-2024 budget to the Legislature.

The proposal, which totaled \$223.6 billion, is the first spending plan developed under the supervision of Joe Stephanshaw, the first Black director of the California Department of Finance. The state's budget for the next fiscal year presents a more modest outlook than last year's, which totaled \$240 billion.

In his presentation, Newsom assured Californians that the state has \$35.6 billion in reserves, which the governor says he intends not to touch.

Stephanshaw, who took the podium after the governor, explained that the decrease in the budget and the decision not to tap into the reserves are not actions taken in anticipation of an impending recession.

Instead, he said, the state is practicing "moderation" due to witnessing "slower growth" revenues than was expected last year.

An assessment of Newsom's budget proposal by the independent Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) determined that a recession is not an unlikely possibility and praised the proposed budget for making financial sense.

"Notably, the Governor does not propose using any reserves," LAO's statement read. "This approach is prudent given the downside risk to revenues posed by the current heightened risk of recession."

The statement also cautioned lawmakers.

"We recommend the Legislature maintain this approach during its own planning process," the statement continued.

Sen. Steve Bradford (D-Gardena), vice chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) said the state's more cautious spending plan for the next fiscal year is a "step in the right direction" but promised to continue to fight to fund priorities that are critical for California's most "marginalized" and "vulnerable" communities.



Gov. Gavin Newsom presents his draft 2023-2024 state budget in Sacramento on January 10. [source: California Black Media]

"As many Californians are struggling to pay for groceries, housing, and gas, the state faces its own money concerns. A projected budget shortfall of about \$24 billion will challenge the Legislature and the Governor to ensure our investments will provide services to those Californians who need them the most," he observed.

"I look forward to the budget process and will work to make sure any adjustments to investments in jobs, healthcare, education and public safety are viewed under a lens of equity," Bradford added.

Some observers praised Newsom's draft budget because it did not come with new taxes.

No New Taxes

"I was pleased to see that taxes are not part of the new state budget," Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-Highland) said in a statement released by his office on the day of the announcement.

"Even though California faces a budget deficit, we will continue moving forward to improve education, reduce homelessness, and combat fentanyl use, especially among our children and youth to ensure public safety and economic development in the face of threats from flooding, wildfires, drought, and other climate extremes," Ramos promised.

The budget proposal focuses heavily on education, with provisions for public schools, colleges, universities and other academic support, accounting for about 46% of the general fund.

About 36.3% is allotted to K-12 education and 10.1% is earmarked for higher education.

Chair of the CLBC Lori Wilson (D-Suisun City) praised Newsom for specifically committing \$300 million to K-12 education to close the academic achievement gap of low-income students.

"Thank you, Governor @GavinNewsom for

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(Left): A house on Sanford Avenue sits directly across from active oil and gas operations conducted by Sampson Operators on January 11, 2023; (Right): Beside John Mendez Baseball Park, a community park in Wilmington, California, Warren E & P operates hundreds of active wells and conducts lateral drilling on January 11, 2023. (Aryana Noroozi, Black Voice News Newsroom / CatchLight Local).

said. “The Attorney General should be investigating this campaign, which is built on lies from top to bottom. It’s an assault on frontline communities because they’re suffering from the health harms of oil and gas, and it’s an assault on our democracy when we can’t trust the [petition system], to be honest about what these laws are about.”

Emergency regulation filed

In what seems like a game of chess, with one side trying to outmaneuver the other, the Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) of the Department of Conservation filed an emergency regulation calling for the immediate implementation of the policies listed in SB1137 to protect frontline communities.

"Californians living fence line to toxic oil operations need immediate and permanent protections from the threat of neighborhood drilling. This emergency rulemaking is a strong signal that CalGEM is preparing to carry out its mission to protect public health in the short term," said Naseck. "The agency should take advantage of this moment to continue its long-delayed public health rulemaking, which will guarantee permanent protections for all. We need a regulator who will prioritize our health and environmental justice over Big Oil lies."



(Top): “Everyone should be watching what’s happening in California right now. Are we really going to let these big corporations buy back a law that stops them from setting up shop in our backyards and poisoning our kids?” asked Kobi Naseck, Coalition Coordinator, VISION Voices in Solidarity Against Oil in Neighborhoods. (source: linkedin.com).

(Left): Flowers grow on the sidewalks of E Sandison Street on January 11, 2023. This Wilmington street is directly beside Sampson Operator’s active oil and gas operations. (Aryana Noroozi, Black Voice News Newsroom / CatchLight Local).



Stormy Winter: California Takes Steps to Manage Impact of Weather and Water

Aldon Thomas Stiles | California Black Media

Over the last few weeks storms, have torn through many of California's communities, prompting evacuations in areas like Planada and Merced due to widespread flooding.

There have been at least 19 fatalities due to storm related incidents, according to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Friday Jan. 13, marked the end of the seventh storm and beginning of the eighth storm in a series of nine storms.

That day, Gov. Newsom paid a visit to Santa Barbara, joining first responders, volunteers and members of Cal Guard as they filled sandbags in preparation for the storm to come.

"The magnitude of this is not isolated to smaller communities, it is scaled across the largest state in our union," Newsom said at a press conference held in Santa Barbara.

Newsom said that Californians can expect these storms to continue through at least the 18th of this month.

But what does this mean for the state's long-standing drought?

Since 2019, California has been experiencing its driest period in 1,200 years, according to a study published by Nature Climate Change.

Molly White, the State Water Project's Water Operations Manager, says that the statewide reservoir storage sits at 87% of the historical average, surpassing the 2021 and 2022 levels.

"We're certainly, across the state, seeing an increase in storage with this storm activity," White said during a presentation hosted by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

However, there are variations in water storage from county to county.

This has much to do with how areas get their water supply as some areas rely on groundwater – which usually accounts for about 30% to 60% of the state's total water supply, depending on the year; others rely more heavily on surface storage.

Tim Godwin, DWR Supervising Engineering Geologist at the Sustainable Groundwater Management Office, talked about how the framework for groundwater storage is outlined in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

Signed in 2014, SGMA was conceived to protect water present below the earth's surface by requiring local agencies to form groundwater sustainability agencies to manage water in their respective regions.

"Groundwater is best managed locally," Godwin said during the online presentation. "It also acknowledges that groundwater and surface water are intimately connected."

The Flood Operations Center (FOC) has identified six focus areas critical in the flood prevention effort: the Pajaro River in Santa Cruz and Monterey County, the Salinas River in Monterey County, the Cosumnes River in Sacramento County, Bear Creek River in Merced County, the Russian River in Mendocino and Sonoma County, and the State-Federal Flood Control system in Sacramento and the San Joaquin Valleys.



The California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System in action! California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Swift Water & Flood Team 13 assisted in rescuing approximately 175 residents impacted by rising flood waters in San Joaquin County. [Source: California Black Media]

Even when the storms slow, state officials claim that water levels will remain high due to the fluctuations in some of these target areas.

On Jan. 14, President Joe Biden approved the state's emergency declaration, making federal funding available for Merced, Sacramento, and Santa Cruz.

Additionally, Newsom proposed \$202 million in flood prevention in the 2023-2024 budget proposal.

Newsom claimed that these storms – and other tumultuous weather conditions are not happenstance, but a symptom of climate change.

"Megadroughts. Wildfires. Historic floods and atmospheric rivers. This

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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY SEARCHES FOR ANSWERS IN AFTERMATH OF MASS SHOOTING

by Aryana Noroozi

This story has been updated to reflect new information.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna confirmed the identity of the Monterey Park shooter during a press conference held on the evening of Jan. 22. The suspect was identified as 72-year-old Huu Can Tran who was found dead inside of a white van due to a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Torrance, according to authorities. Luna confirmed that there are no other outstanding suspects.

The investigation is still ongoing as detectives gather more information and work on “determining the motive behind this extremely tragic event,” according to Luna.

Congresswoman Judy Chu (D-CA) said she hopes residents now feel a sense of safety.

“The community was in fear thinking that they should not go to any events because there was an active shooter,” Chu said. “You are no longer in danger.”

But she says she still has questions about the attack.

Community celebration disrupted by mass shooter

Eastvale Councilmember Jocelyn Yow was celebrating with her family as they prepared to ring in the Chinese Lunar New Year on the night of Jan. 21, but her night and new year quickly changed when she heard the news of a mass shooting.

Less than 40 miles away at a new year celebration in Monterey Park, a city in southeastern Los Angeles County, a gunman



Police block the entrance to Star Ballroom Dance Studio on January 22, 2023. The people and injuring at least 10 more on the eve of the Chinese Lunar New Year. 65 get this person off the street,” said Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert G. Luna the n CatchLight Local).

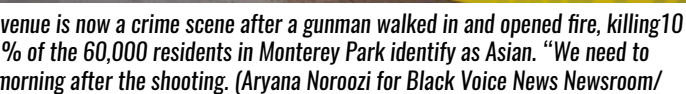
walked into a ballroom dance venue and opened fire on civilians. The shooting resulted in the death of 10 people and at least 10 others were injured.

Yow was invited to speak at a Women’s March in downtown Riverside on Jan. 22, which marked both the start of the Lunar New Year and the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the ruling that established the right to an abortion.

Yow explained that she almost canceled her appearance at the event because of the news. The Monterey Park mass shooting is another incident that targeted the Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Roughly 65% of the



“Let me be clear, they are con power and control over women marginalized folks. They’re ab of color,” emphasized Yow. Ea Yow. (source: twitter).

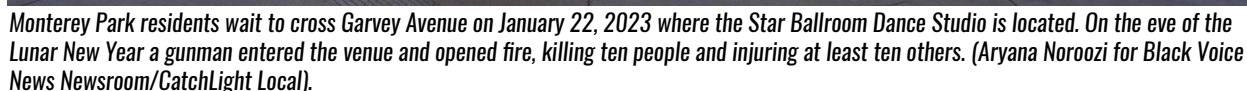


With the threat to reproductive rights and targeted mass shootings, Yow said these two things may appear to be different, but they are connected by two things: control and power.

“Let me be clear: they are connected. They are about power and control over women. They’re about control over marginalized folks. They’re about control over communities of color,” Yow emphasized.

“I remember scrolling through my social media. I was like, ‘Oh, my goodness, this is really happening,’” said Yow. “And I thought about the Atlanta shooting. Two years back,

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including this funding in the budget and shout out to my colleague Asm. Akilah Weber, MD, for her tireless work on this issue,” Wilson tweeted.

Some Republican lawmakers issued brisk criticisms of Newsom’s spending plan and Democrats’ endorsement of it.

“Democrat politicians have wasted a record surplus on new social programs and pork projects, while allowing our aging infrastructure to crumble. Now, we are faced with a \$22 billion deficit as a result of their fiscal recklessness. It’s high time we refocus our budget on the core functions of government,” said Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (D-Yuba City).

“As California bounces between flooding and drought, it is abundantly clear that we need new water storage, and yet there is still no dedicated funding this year or next to meet that need. Instead, the Governor protects failed programs



The second-highest funded priority is health services and initiatives at 23.4% of total spending. [source: istock.com]

that haven’t made a dent in our state’s highest-in-the-nation poverty rate.”

Minimum Funding

In his presentation, Newsom evoked Proposition 98 which requires a minimum funding level for community colleges and other schools.

After education, the second-highest funded priority is health services and initiatives at 23.4% of total spending.

If the Legislature approves, some of the monies for health funding will go toward mental health for programs like CARE Court and



The budget proposal focuses heavily on education, with provisions for public schools, colleges, universities and other academic support, accounting for about 46% of the general fund. [Source: California Black Media]

CalAim.

There are also funds dedicated to reproductive care.

In a statement, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California stood behind the governor’s decision.

“Maintaining and pursuing new investments is critical in the pursuit of accessibility and equity for California patients and those forced to seek care here,” the statement read.

Another 8.6% of the budget will go toward human services, 4.3% will go to natural resources, and 10.7% will go to other efforts.

“With our state and nation facing economic headwinds, this budget keeps the state on solid economic footing while continuing to invest in Californians,” said Newsom.

Assemblymember Tina McKinnor (D-Inglewood) – also a member of the CLBC – expressed her support on Twitter.

Short-term Issues

“Governor Newsom’s proposed 2023-24 state budget preserves a lot of the progress we’ve

made over the past few years and helps navigate short-term fiscal issues while maintaining our long-term vision for CA,” she tweeted.

During the press conference, Newsom indicated that he believes continued investments in things like universal healthcare will bring about radical change for the state.

Over the next five months, the Governor and the Legislature will work to hash out their differences and present an updated draft proposal, commonly known as the “May Revise.”

By law, Legislators have until June 15 to approve the final budget, which takes effect July 1.

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there was an Atlanta shooting where they [also] targeted the Asian community.”

In March 2021, eight people were killed during a series of shootings that occurred at three spas. The mass shooting caused outrage among many who believed the incident was another attack in a series of anti-Asian hate actions.

Gun Violence Archive, a nonprofit research group, defines a mass shooting as involving the death or injury of four or more people. Last year, there were 648 mass shootings in the U.S. In 2023, the organization has identified 33 mass shootings in the U.S. so far.

One resident's account of the shooting

On the eve of the Lunar New Year, Monterey Park resident Wynn Liaw heard what she believed to be fireworks, and then what she believed were news helicopters. Liaw was excited because she thought the buzz around the Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration garnered media attention after events were halted for two years due to COVID-19.

“This is the first time they returned the celebration since COVID. So everybody is excited... China is rising, so the Chinese celebration is getting bigger and bigger,” Liaw said. “So that’s why I thought the news was covering it.”

The Monterey Park 2023 Lunar New Year Festival, which people travel across Southern California to attend, wrapped up for the evening and was scheduled to resume on Sunday morning.

When Liaw awoke on new year’s morning she heard more of what she believed to be news helicopters. She was mistaken.

Eager to see the coverage of her community for herself, Liaw walked two blocks from her home to Garvey Avenue. This is where she soon learned that the helicopters actually belonged to law enforcement and not the media. Instead of news cameras, she saw caution tape and learned about the mass shooting that killed 10 people and injured at least 10 more. The second day of Monterey Park’s Lunar New Year Festival was canceled.

“I’m shocked because this kind of thing doesn’t happen in this neighborhood,” Liaw



Monterey Park residents cross a street that leads to Star Ballroom Dance Studio. Police block the street as various authorities and special agents arrive at the crime scene on January 22, 2023. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News Newsroom/CatchLight Local).

said. At first she heard it may have been gang related. “But then I heard another theory. It might be anti-Chinese.”

Liaw said she always felt safe in Monterey Park, a community with a population of approximately 60,000 people and largely made up of Asian residents.

Anti-Asian hate crimes have increased

Liaw became fearful of anti-Asian hate crimes in 2020 as they appeared at alarming rates amid the pandemic. According to the Department of Justice’s 2020 Hate Crime Statistics annual report, there were 279 anti-Asian incidents reported in 2020, a 77% increase since 2019. Still, Liaw felt a sense of comfort in Monterey Park and felt grateful for her community as she learned about the racially-motivated crimes in New York and San Francisco.

“I [felt] maybe if I stay in Monterey Park I

will be insulated,” Liaw said.

She said if this is a hate crime, then the perpetrator picked the place for a “big” hate crime. “All the Chinese [people] are out on the street,” Liaw said. “An opportunity.”

Liaw, who immigrated from Malaysia in 1982, commented that she is uncertain about the future of Asian people in the U.S. She said she plans to send pictures to her friends and family in China and to show them, firsthand, the psychological trauma that Asian Americans live with hate crimes happening regularly.

“We don’t want to dominate anyone and we don’t want to harm anyone. We’re just like everybody else,” she said. “Who wants to live in a nation that is so violent?” Liaw asked. “I am concerned. For me, freedom is to be able to walk down the street freely, carefree.”

Stop AAPI Hate, a national coalition

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US Men's National Soccer Team Playing Two Matches in Los Angeles Area



A very young United States Men's National Soccer team performed above expectations at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. (iussoccer.com).

Jon D. Gaede | BVN Sports

One month after the World Cup Final in Qatar, the US Men's National Soccer Team (USMNT) will play two friendly matches in Southern California.

The first against Serbia on January 25th at Banc of California Stadium, home of MLS Champion LAFC, at 7:00 pm, and the second on January 28th versus Colombia at 4.30pm at Dignity Health Sports Park, home of the Los Angeles Galaxy.

A very young United States team performed above expectations at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, playing well enough in the Group Stage with an impressive tie against England, advancing to the round of 16. Led by team captain Tyler Adams (23), whose reliable play on the pitch and mature composure with the press served the Americans well. Each of the



The landscape of American youth, collegiate and professional soccer has changed dramatically over the past few decades resulting in more diversity on the USMNT. (census.gov).

young men were the focus of soccer analysts on national television throughout the World Cup. A more diverse roster in 2022

The landscape of youth, collegiate and professional soccer has changed dramatically over the past few decades in America. At age 17, Landon Donovan (Redlands East Valley HS) was

among the first American-born soccer players to play overseas for Germany's Bayer Leverkusen in the Bundesliga. Today, there are 17 current USMNT members who make a living playing soccer in the UK, Spain, France, Germany, Italy and Turkey. The USMNT has become more diverse with 12 Black players on the 2022 World Cup roster.

Among the 2022 World Cup players to play in the upcoming Los Angeles matches will be keeper Sean Johnson, Kellyn Acosta, Walker Zimmerman and Aaron Long, including several current younger and upcoming stars who will compete to be part of the next World Cup cycle. FIFA has chosen the United States, Mexico and Canada to host the 2026 World Cup. Although the US lost to a ninth ranked Netherlands side 3-1 in the elimination round, the appetite and expectation for greater success will certainly grow toward 2026.

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Arrogant and Self-Assured, continued from page 3 regarding elections, etc.

Of course, the self aggrandizing Bianco, probably sensing the reality of what may become of his career after a presidential election year when voter turnout will certainly be higher than it was in 2022 and recognizing that such a higher turnout will probably not be to his advantage, did not miss an opportunity to sound off on Facebook about the change stating, “[Our] out of touch extreme left legislators are under the misguided belief that the general public dislikes law enforcement as much as they do.”

No, Chad. We just dislike you.

Just because the next election for sheriff in Riverside County is pushed two years from 2026 to 2028 doesn’t mean we need to suffer under his stewardship until 2028. Bianco made plenty of missteps during his first term and there is no reason to think his second will be any different. So what will happen if he pushes the boundaries too far?

Though the options for his removal are limited, there are options.

Can he be removed before his term expires?

For the most part, county sheriffs basically operate with autonomy, so what can be done about a sheriff of Bianco’s ilk who flaunts his authority while flagrantly bending and breaking rules to suit his purpose?

According to the California Association of Counties, “the Board of Supervisors may supervise a sheriff to the extent that the sheriff acts as a county officer, and may investigate his performance of county duties. However, in enforcing state law, the sheriff is acting as a peace officer of the state and is under the direct supervision of the attorney general.” In addition to being an officer of the county, the sheriff is also an officer of the court and, while acting in that capacity, is not under the supervision of the Board of Supervisors. This precludes the Board’s authority to investigate the sheriff in connection with such duties.

As convoluted as this seems, there are options to corral a rogue sheriff. A key role of the Civil Grand Jury in California is to “weigh the allegations of misconduct against public officials and determine whether to present formal accusations requesting their removal



Deputy Isaiah Cordero



Deputy Darnell Calhoun

Officers Down

In recent weeks two Riverside County deputies, Deputy Isaiah Cordero and Deputy Darnell Calhoun, lost their lives in the line of duty. I extend condolences to the families for their loss. May they rest in peace.

from office.” In such instances, it is then up to the more to accept the recommendation and make a referral to the Attorney General.

Charter counties like Los Angeles and San Francisco on the other hand, have constitutional power to amend their charters to provide removal procedures for elected county officers like sheriffs. Charter counties have two primary options for removing their sheriffs – a recall by the voters or removal by the county governing body for cause such as official misconduct.

San Bernardino as a charter county gave itself such authority in 2002. To do so, it relied on its charter powers and the California Attorney General’s opinion that “A county charter may grant the board of supervisors the authority to remove the sheriff for cause by a four-fifths vote of the Board.” Although the constitutionality of the ordinance was challenged by the sitting sheriff, it withstood the legal challenge.

Sheriffs in general law counties like Riverside

are also subject to recall, with some distinctions between sheriffs in charter counties versus those in general law counties. General law counties like Riverside require the legislature to “provide for recall of local officers.”

So, while general law counties must use the state’s existing recall procedure (and are probably limited to that remedy), and although charter counties like San Bernardino have greater flexibility to use the recall or some other removal procedure, the bottom line is that California sheriffs are not exempt from removal before their term expires.

In September 2021 the ACLU requested the state Attorney General to investigate the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department citing a number of concerns about Bianco and the department. The concerns included Bianco’s failure to adequately protect inmates from COVID-19, high rates of in-custody deaths, fatal

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I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000) s. Derrick Williams

The filing of this statement does not of 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 (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 12/14/2022 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of 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). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Peter Aldana, County Clerk,
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

ABODE COFFEE
41965 Via Renate
Temecula, CA 92591
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
ABODE COFFEE
41965 Via Renate
Temecula, CA 92591
CA

This business is conducted by: Corporation

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000) s. Karla Amador, President

The filing of this statement does not of 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 (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 12/21/2022 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,
FILE NO. R- 202216348
p. 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2/2023

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

THE CLOWN AROUND TOWN
350 E San Jacinto Ave, Spc 115
Perris, CA 92571
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Dana Marie Ganai
350 E San Jacinto Ave, Spc 115
Perris, CA 92571

This business is conducted by: Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/02/2007

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000) s. Dana Marie Ganai

The filing of this statement does not of 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 (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 01/4/2022 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,
FILE NO. R- 202300075
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

DOZZER CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES
10044 Cabernet Ct
Riverside, CA 92509
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Adan - Amezcua
3358 Olive St
Huntington Park, CA 90255

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On January 22, 2023, in front of Star Ballroom Dance Studio which is now a crime scene, a Monterey Park resident recounts his experience of hearing the gunshots to the patrolling police officer. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News Newsroom/CatchLight Local).



Decorations for the Chinese Lunar New Year stock the shelves of a 99 Ranch Market in Monterey Park on January 22, 2023. The local festival, which people travel across Southern California to attend, was canceled due to a deadly mass shooting the night before. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News Newsroom/CatchLight Local).

addressing anti-Asian hate in the U.S, released a statement following news of the Monterey Park mass shooting, calling the incident “a nightmare.”

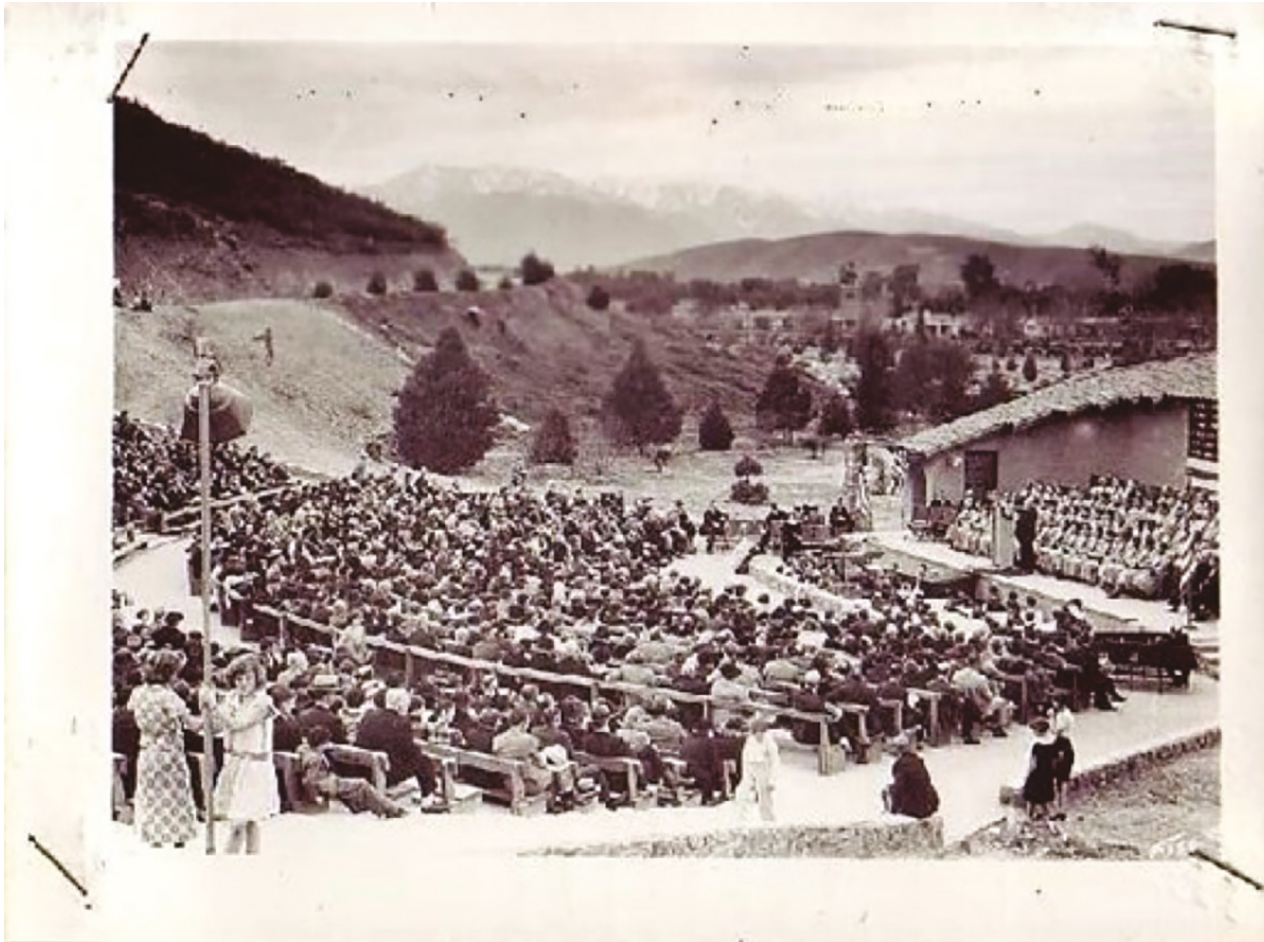
“Our hearts are with the loved ones of all those whose lives were taken, those who were injured, and the countless others who were shaken by



Shoppers buy goods from a bakery in Monterey Park on January 22, 2023, the morning of the Lunar New Year. The bakery is located blocks away from the scene of the deadly mass shooting that occurred the night before. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News Newsroom/CatchLight Local).

fear that no one should have had to experience,” the statement read. “This tremendous act of violence, on one of the most important days of the year for many Asian Americans, at a place where Asian American families come to gather and celebrate, is sending shockwaves through our community.”

SB's Historic Roosevelt, continued from page 4



For many years, the Roosevelt Bowl was a featured gathering place in San Bernardino for musical, artistic, and cultural performances, civic events, and graduations. (takano.house.gov).

to the dressing rooms, and restoration of landscaping and irrigation.

While the renovations are expected to

take approximately one year to complete, San Bernardino plans on bringing back a summer concert series at the Bowl in June.

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whiplash weather is not an anomaly. California is proof that the climate crisis is real, and we have to take it seriously," Newsom tweeted.

Newsom commended those who have been at the front line of these treacherous storms.

"I couldn't be more proud of the first responders and everyday Californians stepping up across the state to help support communities impacted by these ongoing storms," Newsom said in a statement. "With more difficult days ahead, it's critical that Californians stay alert to conditions in their area and follow guidance from local emergency responders to stay safe."



A large tree that was ripped from the roots in the Jan. 9 storm nearly missed a Sacramento CA home. [Source: California Black Media]

Arrogant and Self-Assured, continued from page 16

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Arrogance, on the other hand, is a feeling of superiority and entitlement which completely annihilates the “we” for the “I.”

- W. T. WATTS

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police shootings that disproportionately impact people of color, as well as the department's failure to comply with a federal consent decree, etc.

Subsequent to that request, not much changed in 2022. Inmate deaths continued to accrue as did police shootings. In the meantime Chad Bianco continues to fumble through as sheriff so puffed up and arrogant his feet barely touch the ground. The philosopher David Hume once wrote, “When men are most sure and arrogant they are commonly most mistaken.”

I'm sure if Bianco was aware of this comment he would never believe how it applies to people like him.

Of course, this is just my opinion. I'm keeping it real.

S.E. Williams
Executive Editor

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