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America's Liar in Chief

Last week will certainly go down as a strange and curious chapter in American history for several reasons. Firstly, although the nation's most controversial president and only the third in history to be impeached was found "not guilty" by the Republican led Senate on the two impeachment counts brought against him by the U.S. House of Representatives.

Despite the president's claims of innocence and the senate's kangaroo court that found him not guilty—the president was exposed for his wrongdoings.

The votes against conviction were as follows: On the article which alleged an Abuse of power the vote was 52 "not guilty" to 48 "guilty." The second article of impeachment which alleged an "Obstruction of Congress" was defeated when 53 Senators voted against impeachment while 47 Senators voted in favor of it. Every Democratic Senator voted "guilty" on both articles.

While the president's Republican sycophants twisted themselves into knots to avoid the evidence against him so they could vote "not guilty," certainly, there were several Republicans who said the case against him was "proven" and others called his actions "inappropriate," "wrong," and "shameful," they lacked the moral courage and ignored their professional oath in order to avoid the ire of their dear leader.

Instead, they took the coward's way out with

some claiming although the president was wrong, what the president did had not warranted removal from office despite a constitutional mandate—they chose instead to cover up his crimes.

But, there were several senators who showed true profiles in courage. Only one Republican had the courage to do the right thing, Utah Senator Mitt Romney. Romney voted to convict the president based on the evidence; and regardless of the threats Romney knew would come his way from the president and other members of the Republican party.

Romney however was not alone when it came to placing his political career at risk by voting to remove the president from office. There were vulnerable Democrats in states that voted heavily for Donald Trump in 2016 who also found the courage and voted in favor of removing the president from office despite the risks to their own political careers.

They included Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia (Trump carried his state by nearly 40 points); Senator Doug Jones of Alabama (Trump carried his state by about 30 points); Senator John Tester of Montana (Trump carried his



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Shrinking to Grow: Macy's to Shutter Stores, Lay Off Employees

Cincinnati, OH – Last week department store giant Macy's announced plans to shutter 125 of its lowest performing stores while at the same time reducing its corporate staff by about 2,000 employees over the next three years. In explaining its decision Macy's Chief Executive Jeff Gennette said the closures would focus the retail giant's resources on the healthy parts of its business, directly address the unhealthy parts of the business and explore new revenue streams. None of the Macy's in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties were listed among those slated to close in the near term. The store said it will release more information regarding stores scheduled for closure over the next three years. Currently, Macy's operates about 870 stores nationally—this number includes both Macy's and Bloomingdale's department stores.

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority Rejects Proposed Legislation

San Bernardino

On behalf of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) the agency's president Darcy McNaboe reacted purposely to the recent introduction of legislation by Assemblymember Chris Holden (D-Pasadena) to create a new construction authority.

The proposed West San Bernardino County Rail Construction Authority would facilitate the design and development of a six-mile extension (Gold Line) of the passenger train from Montclair to the Ontario Airport.

McNaboe did not mince words in her response. "Despite our requests to work within the framework of SBCTA, I was disappointed to learn that Mr. Holden introduced legislation that would allow the state to dictate that San Bernardino County taxpayers fund an expanded bureaucracy to build a multi-billion transportation project that has not been approved by the SBCTA Board or by the voters of San Bernardino County through Measure I."

McNaboe explained how last December a few members of the SBCTA Board were contacted to receive initial reactions to his concept of a new



Darcy McNaboe



Assemblymember Chris Holden

construction authority. According to McNaboe as discussions continued, Mr. Holden delayed introduction of his legislation to further engage the SBCTA Board.

"Through these subsequent conversations," she continued. "I along with a few select members of our Board, shared our opinion that the creation of a new construction authority is unnecessary to successfully plan and construct the desired passenger rail connection to Ontario International Airport in San Bernardino County."

The SBCTA Board believed the establishment of such an entity would make the desired project more costly and serve to increase the time for project delivery. "We affirmed that SBCTA is the authority for transportation in San Bernardino County and that we were willing to partner with other existing agencies—including LA Metro and Metrolink—to create a regional transportation solution," McNaboe affirmed.

She also shared with Holden SBCTA's commitment to see that plans for future rail and transit access to Ontario International Airport are

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Coronavirus Update

Riverside

Amid the growing fear and rapid spread of the coronavirus, nearly 40 airlines worldwide have cut about 25,000 flights to, from or within China compared with two weeks ago.

Last week more than 500 flights a month between the U.S. and China have been suspended, despite urging by the World Health Organization against travel and trade restrictions because of the virus outbreak that started in China,

Also, there are concerns Coronavirus travel regulations could affect work at the Ports of LA and Long Beach.

According to U.S. Representative Mark Takano, last week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s laboratory test kit to detect 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) began shipping to select, qualified U.S. and international laboratories. Distribution of the tests will help improve the global capacity to detect and respond to the coronavirus. The test kit is designed for use with an existing RT-PCR



A flight from China landing at MAFB.

testing instrument that is commonly used to test for seasonal influenza.

As of Thursday, February 6, Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Chad Wolf directed all flights from China (and all passengers who have traveled to China in the last 14 days) to the U.S. be routed through eleven airports, including Los Angeles International

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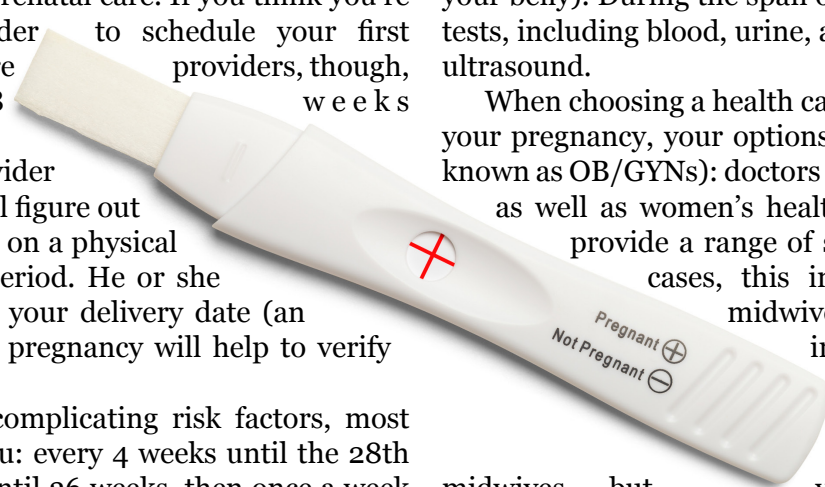
Housing Bill Fails in Midst of State's Housing Shortage



Sacramento, CA – The California State Senate has rejected SB 50, a fast-track housing bill seeking to positively impact the state's housing shortage. The measure called for municipalities around the state to raise height limits and lift local building restrictions on new construction in order to increase the supply of properties available to buy and rent by increasing density along transportation routes of trains and frequently used bus stops. The bill's failure could slow the governor's ability to deliver 3.5 million new housing units by 2023 in response to the state's continued housing crisis.

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WVWD Hires Interim Human Resources and Risk Management Manager

San Bernardino

WVWD Board President Channing Hawkins and Vice President Kyle Crowther are working to lead the water agency out of its history of questionable personnel decisions.

During last week's Board of Directors meeting Hawkins introduced Martin Piñon who will serve as WVWD's Interim Human Resources and Risk Management Manager.

"We are glad to have selected Mr. Piñon," declared Hawkins. "He has the education, experience and skill set to assist West Valley at the critical time. The board and I look forward to working with him to develop and implement Human Resources policies and practices to move our organization forward."

In mid-December 2019 WVWD administered a temporary ban on recruitment and hiring of new personnel to address several human resources issues within the District however the ban included an exception to positions critical to safe and effective operations of the District.

According to Hawkins, the hiring of Piñon

does not end the freeze but is a critical step to lifting the temporary ban and resolving the District's personnel issues. Hiring will not resume until a strategic plan is presented to the Board of Directors on how steps will be taken to assess and correct the District's personnel issues.

In addition to implementing best practices and standards for human resources, Piñon will manage the District's personnel activities including salary and benefits administration, workers' compensation, risk management, safety, training, employee relations, recruitment and selection.

He will also be responsible for ensuring the District complies with employment laws and work with management to correct employee deficiencies, apply disciplinary actions, address grievances and follow-up with complaints and inquiries.

Among his many qualifications, Piñon is a

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WVWD President Channing Hawkins

Riverside Art Museum Welcomes Home Rising Artist, Brenna Youngblood

Riverside

The Riverside Art Museum (RAM) is presenting an exhibition by Brenna Youngblood titled "Lavender Rainbow." The exhibit opened February 1 and will run through March 29, 2020.

Youngblood's work explores issues of African American identity and representation and often references historically significant moments and organizations in African American history. An example is her 2017 sculpture M.I.A. that refers to the Montgomery Improvement Association—a group co-organized by Martin Luther King, Jr., to guide the Montgomery bus boycott protest in 1955.

"RAM is very fortunate to showcase Brenna's work," said RAM Executive Director Drew Oberjuege, "particularly because she was born in Riverside. We are grateful for the work of Lisa Henry to guest curate this



Artist Brenna Youngblood

exhibition."

"Brenna Youngblood's work is both complex and beautiful," added Henry. "While her mixed media pieces fit into the history of the Southern California tradition of assemblage, her work has a unique feel. She pushes the boundaries of the diverse media that she employs."

Henry said she views the exhibition as a wonderful opportunity for audiences in the Inland Empire to experience the range of Brenna's work, from her early photographs, to mixed media panels, wooden sculptures, and her impressive abstract painted canvases.

Youngblood received the 2015 Seattle Art Museum Gwendolyn Knight/Jacob Lawrence Prize, the 2014 The Hermitage Artist Retreat, Englewood, FL, and the 2012 Los Angeles County Museum of Art Young Talent Award/AHAN Award.

Carpetbagging in San Bernardino's Westside—Here We Go Again! Let's Re-elect Bessine Richard



Hardy Brown, Sr.
Contributor

Photo by Benoit Maphettes

Four years ago, a Republican Mayor (whom I supported) moved one of his commissioners into San Bernardino's 6th Ward to run for City Council to fill a position that was being vacated by retiring councilmember Rikke Van Johnson.

The candidate had no history of involvement on the Westside but did have a good and strong history of involvement in the city, which is why I supported her.

Westsidiers voted overwhelming for Bessine Littlefield Richard who grew up on the Westside but did not have a visible history of Westside involvement, by a landslide margin of 63 percent to 36 percent.

That was then and now, she has four years of everyday involvement on the Westside. Over the past two years she has spent many hours at my home talking about the city's problems and seeking ideas on how to solve them. While I have not seen eye to eye with her on how to solve them, she still comes over to discuss her ideas and seek my thoughts as a long-time resident of the 6th Ward.

For example, we are working together on resolving this long-time problem stemming from the underrepresentation of Blacks in the Police Department. The fact that there has never been a Black Police Chief is not Councilmember Richard's fault, but the fault of those who represented us prior to her being elected.

To use Former Councilmember Rikke Van Johnson as an example, he sat in the seat for twelve years, since March 2004, and had many opportunities (four to be exact), to bring this problem of underrepresentation of Blacks to the public's attention but never did.

Now here we go again, trying to bring someone in to replace someone who has gained enough status and respect from her peers to become Mayor pro-tem and who also has some influence with a coalition to deliver things for the Westside. I know this for a fact because I



Councilwoman Bessine Richard

have attended meetings for the past year, to witness for myself.

I have heard that candidate Kimberly Calvin moved into San Bernardino from Fontana to run against Councilwoman Bessine Richard. That is her right, but in my opinion, we cannot start all over again and give up this seniority and influence in the council.

If the position was vacant with no incumbent, I might take a different stance; but we need someone who has been here now, more than ever. And, to have someone move here just to run for political office to replace Bessine Richard who has experience—I am against.

Until very recently, Calvin's personal Facebook page listed her home as Fontana. Actually, she just moved into San Bernardino in October of 2019—and then immediately announced her candidacy for City Council. If you listen to the recent meeting of the Northwest PAC community forum you will hear Calvin state, "It was hard for me to find a home to rent in the 6th Ward".

Why did Calvin become a carpetbagger into

the 6th Ward?

Bessine isn't part of the Political Old Guard (POG) that drove San Bernardino into bankruptcy. Rather, she's part of the historic new Community of Color majority that represents real change on the City Council.

Calvin telegraphed her supporters' true agenda by telling voters at the Northwest PAC community forum that San Bernardino needs to "go back to the old way." Sixth Ward residents understand that the "old way" means having their concerns ignored by city leaders.

After years of neglect, Councilwoman Richard is finally making the 6th Ward's voices heard. She restored the Westside's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade (Black History Parade) which had been abandoned by previous city councils.

In her first term, Bessine was successful in getting the city to bring new housing, long overdue park improvements and a new community policing system which includes a future local police station, on the Westside.

The politicians who used to rule the roost in San Bernardino don't like city resources being diverted from their country club precincts to benefit struggling families on the Westside. They couldn't find any legitimate local candidates to run against Councilwoman Richard, so they brought out the old carpetbagger playbook once again.

Thankfully, community leaders have rallied to Bessine's side—including School Board Trustee Danny Tillman, Community College Trustee Joseph Williams and County Supervisor Josie Gonzales and now, me.

Carpetbagging was rejected by 6th Ward voters last election. I predict it will fail again on March 3rd. Vote to re-elect Bessine Richard for the 6th Ward.

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We encourage you to submit your commentaries for potential publication to myopinion@theievoice.com.



Tuskegee Airman Col. Charles E. McGee showing a Red tail P15c Mustang airplane to an excited youth.



Shirley Coates

Black History in the Skies

The Society of Extraordinary Women Invites You to “Rise Above”

S.E. Williams
Contributor

Shirley Coates and the Society of Extraordinary Women (SOEW) invite the community to celebrate and honor one of the last surviving Tuskegee Airmen and recent Medal of Freedom recipient, Tuskegee Airman Col. Charles E. McGee.

McGee served America in three wars—World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He is the only known fighter pilot who flew 100 or more combat missions in each of those wars.

He completed no less than 409 missions, totaling 6,100 hours, more than nearly any other air force pilot. He has been enshrined in the National Aviation Hall of Fame; honored with the Distinguished Eagle Scout award; was recently promoted to honorary Brigadier General; and last week received the Medal of Freedom.

In his retirement, McGee has remained active in his many community interests. He served in various leadership positions with the Boy Scouts of America. In 2009, McGee who became an Eagle Scout in his youth, was honored with the Distinguished Eagle Scout award given to Eagle Scouts who have received extraordinary national-level recognition, fame, or

eminence within their field, and have a strong record of voluntary service to their community.

A luncheon reception honoring McGee will be held at the Riverside Convention Center on March 24, 2020 beginning at 11:30 a.m. followed by a grand opening celebration of the “Rise Above” Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit. The exhibit (located in the Convention Center parking lot) will be open to the public from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm and from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm March 25 and 26. The Convention Center parking lot will be open to the public and there is no charge to enter.

This will be the first time the RISE ABOVE Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit has toured the inland region. General McGee will be available for photo ops and to sign autographs on March 24.

On Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29 the exhibit moves to the March Air Reserve Base to be part of its Air & Space Expo 2020.

The RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit is a fully functional mobile movie theater which features, “Rise Above,” an original short film that tells

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A photograph of Prince playing a white electric guitar. He is wearing a white ruffled shirt and a dark jacket with a patterned shoulder. The background is dark with blue and purple stage lighting. The text "the most searched guitar solo" is overlaid in white.

the most searched guitar solo

Prince's guitar solos have been searched more than any other artist's guitar solos in U.S. Google Trends history.

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the most searched speech

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech, "I Have a Dream," has been searched more than any other speech in U.S. Google Trends history.

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FEATURE STORY

the story of the Tuskegee Airmen and the obstacles they overcame to be able to fly and fight for their country during WWII. The mobile movie theater is an 80 ft. long by 40 ft. wide trailer. During the movie viewers are immersed in the experience of what it was like to fly in a WW2 plane.

The immersive experience is housed in a climate controlled 53' semi-trailer with expandable sides and equipped with a ramp and hydraulic lift to ensure access to all. The semi-trailer comfortably accommodates 30 visitors for each showing. Because of its dynamic 160-degree panoramic screen, the film also creates the feeling of being in the cockpit soaring above the clouds in a P-51C Mustang--the signature aircraft of Tuskegee Airmen in WWII.

"The Tuskegee Airmen's accomplishments as America's first Black military airmen are an inspiring account of honor and valor in the face of extreme adversity," shared Shirley Coates, President/CEO of SOEW. "Their victories in the air war and their nonviolent protest for due respect paved the way for our integrated armed forces."

Coates further explained how Tuskegee Airmen expected the best from themselves, and attained it through self-esteem, resilience, zeal, and never-say-die belief in victory. "They exemplify persistence and personal strength. They are models of achievement, to be celebrated and emulated by all," Coates added.

The exhibit travels across the country to deliver this inspirational message. The movie shown in its Imax theater inspires students to live by the guiding principles of the Tuskegee Airmen which is to "Aim High, Believe in Yourself, Use Your Brain, Be Ready to Go, Never Quit and Expect to Win." The story of the Tuskegee Airmen resonates with young people and it is a powerful story that can impact everyone's life.

The Tuskegee Airmen were sometimes referred to during World War II as the Red Tail Angels or Red Tails because of the distinctive red paint used on the tails of their fighter aircraft.

Today, the CAF Red Tail Squadron—a non-profit educational outreach group that is committed to telling the inspirational story of the Tuskegee Airmen—is committed to telling the inspirational story of the Tuskegee Airmen. Its mission is to educate people of all ages about these important



President Donald Trump honored retired Brig. Gen. Charles McGee, who turned 100 in December. McGee, one of the first black fighter pilots, is one of the Air Force's most celebrated pilots. He received several standing ovations during Trump's speech.



SOEW student in Airplane Simulator

American icons so their strength of character and ability to triumph over adversity may serve to inspire others to rise above obstacles in their own lives and achieve their goals. McGee has been a guiding member of the CAF Red Tail Squadron since the group's inception.

It is hoped those who experience the exhibit will be inspired to tap into the ability within themselves to overcome barriers and find success.

These are the reasons SOEW is bringing the Red Tails "Rise Above" Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit to the Inland Empire. "We believe the Tuskegee Airmen represent an important piece of American history that should be cherished for generations to come," Coates stressed. SOEW is partnering with

school districts to reach more students and individuals in the community that will be inspired by this story in history.

SOEW is still working to reach its fundraising goal to cover expenses related to the exhibit and reception. "We invite you to become a sponsor or donate to bring the inspiring legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen and General Charles McGee to Riverside," encouraged Coates.

To sponsor or donate in support of this effort go to www.societyofextraordinarywomen.org, click on Tuskegee Airman Exhibit and select your sponsorship package or donation amount. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Shirley Coates by telephone at (310) 567-9868 or email shirleycoates@soew.org.

Founded in 2014, SOEW is a group of professionals empowering girls through mentoring and education. "Today, we serve more than 500 girls through our flagship program the Ignite Leadership and STEM

Academy for Girls," explained Coates.

The academy is a 10-week, Saturday morning program for girls in 6th to 11th grades, designed to cultivate their confidence in academia and their talents. It includes a leadership development program, a cutting-edge STEM program with a focus on GIS technology and aviation. All classes are taught by experienced educators, technologist and aviators.

On completing the program, most students improve their grade

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NOTICE OF CITATION

Freedom From Parental Custody and Control (ABANDONMENT)
Case Number ADRI 1906273

In the matter of the petition of: ANTHONY POWERS

To: MICHAEL ESTRADA and all persons claiming to be the father or mother of Minor or Minors: ELYSE ALEXANDRA NOBLE

By order of the Court you are hereby cited and required to appear before the Judge presiding in Department F-502 of the Riverside Superior Court, located at 4175 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501, on 2/28/2020 at 8:30am, and of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why said person should not be declared free from the control of his/her parents according to the petition on file herein. The petition filed herein is for the purpose of freeing the subject child for placement for adoption. You are served as an individual citee.

Dated: 01/10/2020
Deputy of Superior Court, Michelle Valadez

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PROBATES

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: KIMBERLY GERVAIS

Case Number PRRI 12000099

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: KIMBERLY GERVAIS. A Petition for Probate has been filed by AMBER MANKA and ALEXANDRIA GERVAIS in the Superior Court of California, County of: RIVERSIDE. The Petition for Probate requests that AMBER MANKA and ALEXANDRIA GERVAIS 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: MARCH 11, 2020 Time: 8:30 A.M., DEPT 11, SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501. RIVERSIDE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE-PROBATE. 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: Mark W. Regus II, 1365 W. Foothill Blvd, Ste 2, Upland, CA 91786
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

WILLIAM H. COOPER

Case Number PRRI 12000184

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: WILLIAM HARRY COOPER aka WILLIAM H. COOPER. A Petition for Probate has been filed by CHERYL L. COOPER in the Superior Court of California, County of: RIVERSIDE. The Petition for Probate requests that CHERYL L. COOPER 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: MARCH 6, 2020 Time: 8:30 A.M., DEPT 11, SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501. RIVERSIDE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE. 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: MICHAEL S. MADDOX, ESQ. 1894 COMMERCCENTER W. SUITE 108, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408
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A.P.N.: 414-231-006-5

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.

The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 314,780.72.

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

PUBLIC NOTICES

RECORDING REQUESTED BY Premium Title of California

AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:
Western Progressive, LLC
Northpark Town Center
1000 Abernathy Rd NE; Bldg 400, Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30328

SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE
T.S. No.: 2019-02241-CA

A.P.N.:414-231-006-5
Property Address: 458 WINDFIELDS WAY, BEAUMONT, CA 92223

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/27/2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Trustor: ART JURADO, A Single Man
Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC
Deed of Trust Recorded 11/01/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0805244 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Riverside County, California.
Date of Sale: 04/02/2020 at 09:30 AM
Place of Sale: THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRWAY

TO THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 849 W. SIXTH STREET, CORONA, CA 92882

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 314,780.72

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2019-02241-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

Date: February 4, 2020 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237 Ventura, CA 93003
Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>

Trustee Sale Assistant

WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB-MNT20-63

Omnitrans is accepting Bids for:

ROOFING REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Bids are due at 3:00 p.m. PST, Wednesday, March 11, 2020. Bids must be submitted electronically using Omnitrans' Procurement online bidding system at www.omnitrans.org.

The IFB documents can be obtained via download at Omnitrans' Procurement online bidding system at www.omnitrans.org.

Omnitrans affirmatively ensures that Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

Omnitrans
1700 West Fifth Street
San Bernardino, CA 92411
Contract Administrator: Krystal Turner
Phone: (909) 379-7202
Email: krystal.turner@omnitrans.org
2/13/20
CNS-3335477#

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SAN BERNARDINO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
777 N F Street
San Bernardino, CA 92410

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) No 19-25
District Student Data Warehouse

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Bernardino City Unified School District of San Bernardino County, State of California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereafter referred to as the "District", is soliciting sealed proposals in response to RFP No. 19-25, District Student Data Warehouse .

Proposals may be received up to but not later than: Friday, February 28, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m.

Vendors who are desirous of securing a copy of the RFP documents may do so by download from the District's website at: <http://sbcsud.com/bids.aspx>. Proposal responses must conform and be responsive in accordance with the RFP Documents that are on file for examination at the District's Purchasing Department and posted on the District's website.

Proposals must be received at the PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, BID BOX, SAN BERNARDINO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, 777 N F Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410, and shall be opened on the date at the below stated time and place. All responses must be clearly marked on the outside of a sealed envelope with the Vendor's company name and the RFP number. It is the Vendor's sole responsibility to ensure that its proposal response is received at the correct location and by the time of opening. No Vendor may withdraw its RFP for a period of 60 days after the date set for the opening of proposals.

Contract award is contingent upon availability of funds. Minority and Disabled Veterans Businesses are specifically encouraged to respond.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, and to accept or reject any item, to withdraw a line item or entire RFP, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the RFP document(s). The District may award any, all, or none of this RFP:

By: Lenore C. McCall
Purchasing Services – Buyer
PUBLICATION: February 13, 2020
Request for Clarification: February 18, 2020, 10 a.m.
Public Opening: February 28, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
2/13/20
CNS-3339461#

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NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

Bid No. 19-12

Concrete Retaining Wall for Material Transfer Station

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 sealed Bids in response to Bid No. 19-12, Concrete Retaining Wall for Material Transfer Station. Bids maybe received up to but not later than March 13, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Lobby Area, Bid Box, San Bernardino City Unified School District, 777 N. F Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410.

Bidders who are desirous of securing a copy of the Bid documents may do so by download from the District's website at: http://sbcsud.com/district_offices/business_services_division/Purchasing/bids_and_rfp_s/. Bid responses must conform and be responsive in accordance with the Bid Documents posted on the District's website and on file for examination at the District's Purchasing Department, 777 North F Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410.

As of April 1, 2015, no contractor or subcontractor may bid or work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. Proof of DIR registration and compliance is required to be submitted with all bids. <http://www.dir.ca.gov/PublicWorks/PublicWorksSB854.html>. 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 proposals, 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: Monica DiMasi-Valadez, Buyer
Publication: February 13, 2020
Mandatory conference/job walk March 4, 2020
Bid Opening: March 13, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
2/13/20
CNS-3340806#

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
UR BEST MARKETING
15300 Legendary Drive
Moreno Valley, CA 92555
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Marcia Margareta Frater
15300 Legendary Drive
Moreno Valley, CA 92555
Georgette – Bowen
15300 Legendary Drive
Moreno Valley, CA 92555

This business is conducted by: Co-Partners
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2008
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. Marcia Margareta Frater

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 01/16/2020

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:
HANAA'S SWEET TREASURE
44481 Kingston Drive
Teremcula, CA 92592

This business is conducted by: Individual
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

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Hanaa Kaessar Koro
44481 Kingston Drive
Teremcula, CA 92592

This business is conducted by: Individual
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. Hanaa Kaessar Koro

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Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 01/09/2020

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-202000436
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
POLITICAL CHORSE
3291 Bernard St # B
Riverside, CA 92504
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Leroy – Vaughn
3291 Bernard St # B
Riverside, CA 92504

This business is conducted by: Individual
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. Leroy Vaughn

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 01/15/2020

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
MARTINECK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
130 West Citron St
Corona, CA 92682
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Willie David Martinez
130 West Citron St
Corona, CA 92682

This business is conducted by: Individual
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THE ELIXIR FACTORY
16820 Calle Pinata
Moreno Valley, CA 92551
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Daicy Ofelia Aispuro Ramos
16820 Calle Pinata
Moreno Valley, CA 92551
This business is conducted by: Individual
The fictitious business name(s) referred to above
was filed in Riverside County on 04/29/2019
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 and
is punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand
dollars (\$1000).
s. Daicy Ofelia Aispuro Ramos
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on 01/08/2020
Peter Aldana, County Clerk
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Airport, where the Federal Government has established enhanced health screenings with the ability to impose a quarantine if needed.

Also last week the publication Wired reported on Coronavirus related phishing scams claiming to provide information about the Wuhan coronavirus. As reported, a sample phishing email detected by the security firm Mimecast showed the attackers disseminating malicious links and PDFs that claim to contain information on how to protect yourself from the spread of the disease. "Go through the attached document on safety measures regarding the spreading of corona virus, "the message which purports to come from a virologist reads, "This little measure can save you."

There is also concern over racists sentiments targeting Asians as a result of fear triggered by the coronavirus. The LA Time reported as public health fears have grown, so have xenophobic and anti-China sentiments. Such sentiments are like the kinds of discrimination that occurred in 2003 during the outbreak of SARS (severe acute respirator syndrome).

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consistent with the needs of San Bernardino County taxpayers, "[W]ho would bear the financial responsibility for the project and provide connectivity to our neighbors in Riverside, Orange, and Los Angeles County."

WVWD, continued from page 7

seasoned human resource professional, trained as a lawyer with management-level experience. Prior to his hiring at the WVWD, Piñon worked as the interim human resources director for the City of West Covina in California, where he was responsible for all human resources functions including employee relations, labor relations and risk management.

Commenting on his appointment Piñon said, "I am truly excited about accepting this appointment to serve West Valley Water District. With the support and leadership of the board of directors, our senior administration, and department leaders, I know we can turn this place around and achieve even more. The District ratepayers deserve the best service and the employees deserve a good, engaging and respectful workplace."

state by nearly 20 points); and Senator Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona (Trump carried her state by 3 points).

Certainly, the Senate's vote against impeachment was anticlimactic coming on the heels of its vote just days earlier not to hear any witnesses or subpoena any documents—bottom line—it was not an impeachment trial...it was a sham.

A day before the impeachment vote in the U.S. Senate, Americans bore witness to one of the strangest "State of the Union" addresses in the nation's history where the president refused to shake the hand of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi; where the president awarded the prestigious Medal of Freedom to one of the nation's most prominent and racist, syndicated radio talk show host, Rush Limbaugh, who has made it his mission to denigrate people of color, immigrants, women, former President Barack Obama and Pelosi at every opportunity. I found the bestowing of this honor on Limbaugh a disgrace. The Medal of Freedom has previously been awarded to such deserving luminaries as Mother Teresa, Congressman John Lewis, Maya Angelou, etc.

The president's presentation took on the aura of an over the top campaign rally where he repeated his usual laundry list of lies and exaggerations about his success as president; used heartwarming stories and real Americans to squeeze what emotional leverage he could from viewers; displayed the reunion of a military

family to further his own political goals; reacted with pleasure to shouts of, "Four more years," from his supporters in attendance as if he were at one of his rowdy campaign rallies.

During the presentation as Trump basked in his made-up glory, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi positioned on the dais behind him, ceremoniously tore up her copy of the State of the Union address that she later referred to as the president's "State of Mind."

Pelosi's simple, yet unexpected act of defiance, gave a sense of hope to Democrats frustrated with a president that seems to be able to lie with impunity and act with no accountability while the rich get richer the poor get exploited, the sick are placed at risk and those seeking a safe haven in America are turned away.

Now, Trump takes a victory lap egged on with the applause of his supporters as he openly threatens those who courageously stood against him. What a hollow victory.

Bangambiki Habyarimana wrote, "Nothing is sweeter and addictive than power, the unlucky soul this demon possesses, if he is not sacrificed on its altar will sacrifice others himself to get it"

After his press secretary said boldly regarding the impeachment, "Maybe people should pay for that." There is little question in my mind Trump is the kind of unlucky soul possessed with power and willing to sacrifice others to maintain it.

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

S.E. Williams
Editor

Crowther stated, "West Valley needs a breath of fresh air, and that's exactly what Martin Piñon is. He has a professional record of working with medium and large sized governmental entities and understands the value of employees. I am honored to extend my congratulations to Mr. Piñon as we work together on writing West Valley's next chapter."

WVWD's actions are partly rooted in the preliminary findings of the state auditor last year that found agency failures in hiring practices and vendor contracts. It is important to note the hiring of Piñon does not end the current hiring freeze at the WVWD but is a critical step to lifting the temporary ban and resolving the District's personnel issues, according to the agency's Public Affairs Manager, Naseem Farooqi.

Farooqi further noted the agency will not resume hiring until a strategic plan is presented to the Board of Directors on how steps will be taken to assess and correct the District's personnel issues.

Independent Contractors Continue Fighting Back Against SB 5

Sacramento

When the state legislature passed Senate Bill 5 last year it negatively impacted thousands of Californians who work as independent/freelance operators. The legislation codified into law the 2018 “Dynamex” ruling by the California Supreme Court.

As a result of SB 5, independent/freelance operators are now required to work as W-2 employees. Though SB 5 was designed to protect workers by assuring they are paid fairly and have access to benefits like health care, etc. (the same benefits available to full time employees), many independent contractors say the law will have the opposite affect and instead, limit their ability to provide for themselves and their families.

In addition, SB 5 has the potential to devastate small newspapers in the state that rely on independent writers and photographers, etc. for their viability.

Last week in response to these growing concerns, Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel)—who has

asserted SB 5 took a sledgehammer to those who wish to remain their own bosses—introduced two new pieces of legislation, SB 867 and SB 868 to help mitigate some of the problems with SB 5.

These bills, if successfully signed into law, will allow newspapers to continue operating as they have to date with the support of freelance writers, photographers, etc. Passing my legislation will help preserve quality journalism in many communities,” said Bates according to a report by California Black Media.

Bates introduced the legislation on the heels of a lawsuit filed against the state in January by the American Society of Journalists and Authors, Inc., (ASJA). ASJA stressed the purpose of the suit is to protect its members from the impacts of SB 5.

Although SB 5 was intended to protect workers, it stands to have an opposite impact statewide on independent/freelance operators.

Feds Simplify Paperwork for Student Loan Forgiveness Program

Washington D.C.

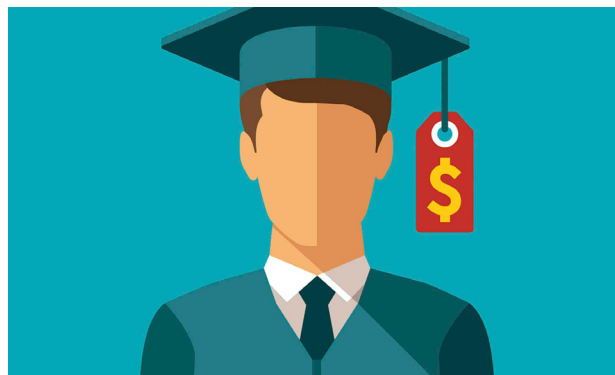
The U.S. Department of Education is streamlining the process for teachers and other public employees to apply for student loan forgiveness.

The change appears to be in response to a 2018 government watchdog report that found nearly 99 percent of people who applied for loan forgiveness under the “Temporary Expanded Public Service Loan Forgiveness” program were rejected—most were denied due to paperwork errors.

The new process purportedly simplifies the amount of paperwork an applicant needs to go through in the loan forgiveness process and will hopefully reduce confusion.

The goal of the nation’s Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program is to expunge student debt for certain public-service workers—including teachers—after the borrower makes 120 monthly payments toward their loan over the course of ten years or longer.

It was determined however the department was approving so few applications, federal lawmakers stepped in and created a temporary expanded program to give some workers a second opportunity to apply for loan forgiveness—Congress approved \$700 million for the program’s expansion. Unfortunately,



the expansion plan also fell short due to the program’s cumbersome paperwork requirements.

The Extended PSLF program was confusing to borrowers who—when applying for the expanded program—were required by the department to complete an application for the basic program even though they were not eligible.

Under the new process applicants now fill out a single application form—it is the same for either the PSLF program or the Expanded PSLF program. To learn more about these programs visit <https://studentaid.gov/data-center/student/loan-forgiveness/pslf-data>.



Tuskegee Airman Col. Charles E. McGee

level at school according to Coates. Many become involved in school leadership, or community projects. All resolve to attend college, choosing many non-traditional careers such as bioengineering, GIS technology, forensic anthropology, biochemistry, veterinary medicine and more.

“We’re currently preparing for the 2020 Spring session and are confident our girls will soon take up their rightful places alongside the best in Riverside County’s high-tech workforce,” Coates assured.

If you would like to be a sponsor or donate to this historical event, please contact the Society of Extraordinary Women’s office at (951) 289-9535 or visit their website at soew.org. To learn more about SOEW’s Ignite Leadership Academy Program and/or its Conversation Salon series visit soew.org.

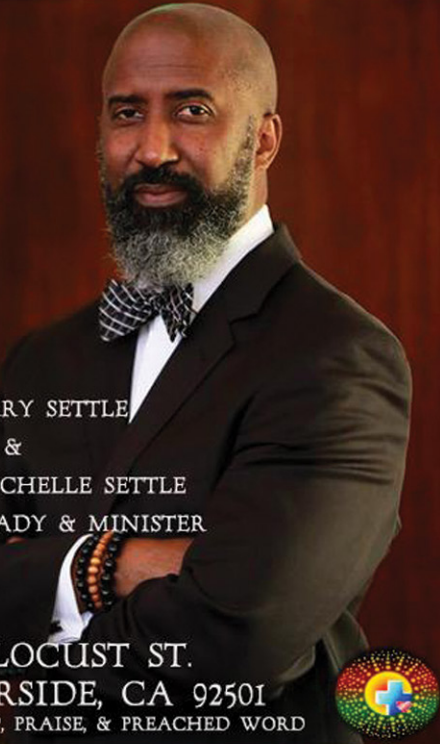
Learn more about McGee in the book *Tuskegee Airman: The Biography of Charles E. McGee* written by his daughter, Charlene E. McGee Smith, Ph.D.



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