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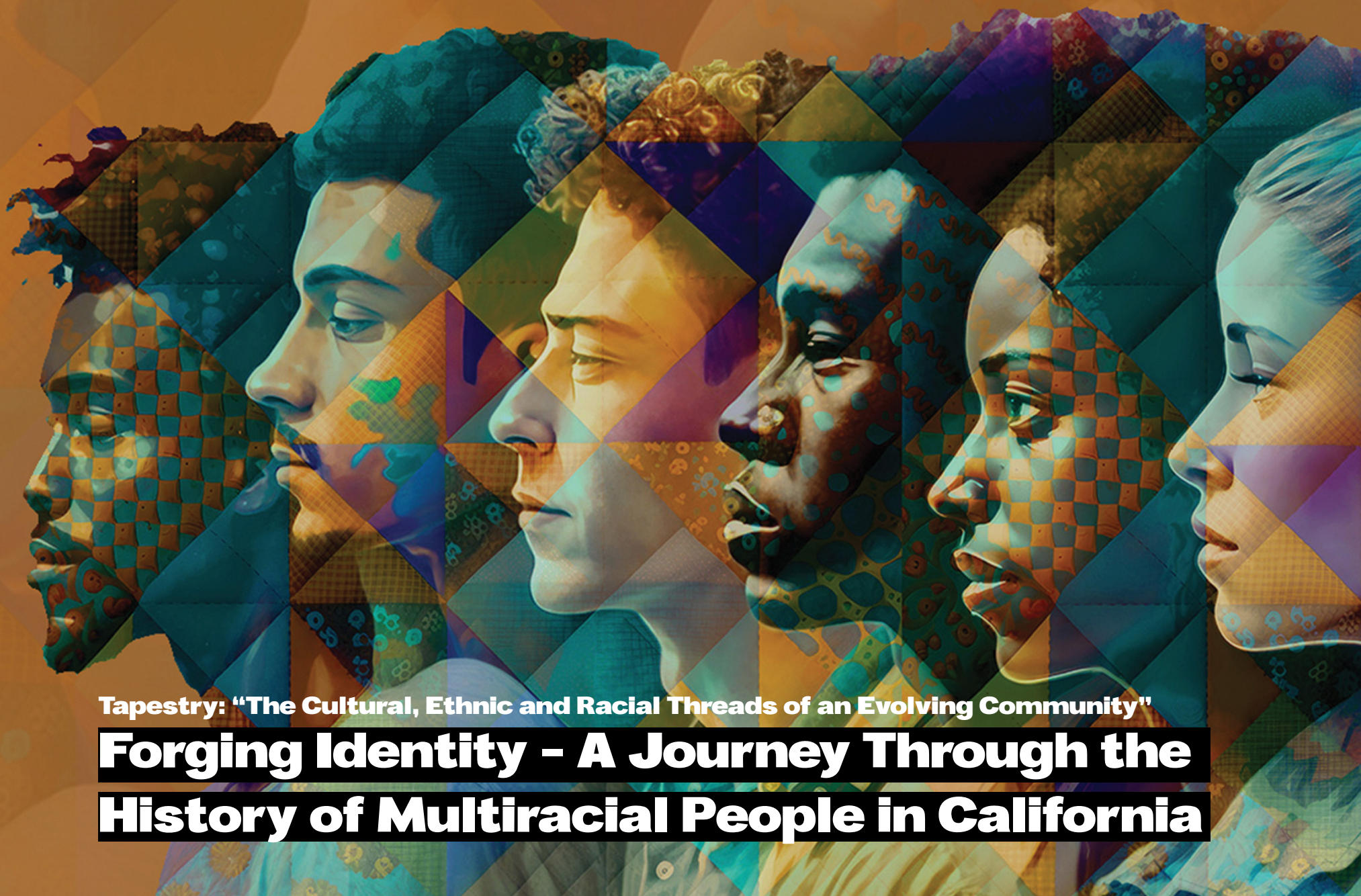
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Homelessness – The State Must Do More Audit Says



In a report released in April, California State Auditor concluded that the state lacks current information on the costs and outcomes of the numerous homeless programs. (source: auditor.ca.gov)

Homelessness remains a pressing and concerning issue in the inland region, around the state and across the nation. Only about seven percent of CA's population is Black but Blacks in the state represent more than 25% of the state's homeless population. How money on homelessness programs is being spent and the success of the programs—including sustainable solutions, matter—especially to the Black Community.

In 2023, more than 180,000 people were counted among California's homeless population—nearly a combined 8,000 here in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Statewide, this represents a mind-boggling startling 53 percent increase in the decade between 2013 and 2023.

Billions of dollars have poured into ongoing efforts at the state and local levels to curtail the homelessness crisis by funding programs that are “dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness.”

But, it seems as more and more money is poured into the effort to curtail it . . . the crisis continues to deepen. How many people have been/are being helped? In what ways? What are the costs associated with administering each program? What sustainable solutions are being funded? What programs are devoted to keeping people from falling into homelessness?

In April, the California State Auditor released findings related to an audit of California's homelessness funding that included an evaluation of efforts undertaken by the state. Although the auditors were not seeking to answer my hypothetical list of questions above, instead, they had a list of their own. What the agency found was remarkable.

In effect, auditors concluded that the state lacks current information on the costs and outcomes of the numerous homeless programs. Auditors claimed this is because the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH),

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IE Voices...From Mothers in the Community: Shirley Coates



Shirley Coates (seated), her granddaughter Kennedy Schneider (left), and daughter Trina Schneider (right) pose for a portrait in Coates' home in Riverside, California on May 9, 2024. Coates, her daughter Trina and granddaughter Kennedy shared that an important value passed down from the mothers within their family is to see and hear one another. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News / CatchLight Local)

Aryana Noroozi | Staff

Community leader Shirley Coates, her daughter Trina Schneider and granddaughter, Kennedy Schneider engaged in a conversation centered around the importance of education and confidence in career advancement, particularly for young women.

They shared personal experiences about the roles of their mothers and female leaders who helped them build confidence, instilled the importance of feeling seen and heard, and to believe in their own worth. They also discussed the challenges young women face in today's society and the impact of negative beliefs on self-esteem. As individuals involved in community-based programs, they highlighted community programs and leadership as key to combating

negative societal beliefs and empowering women.

Coates is the founder of The California Society of Extraordinary Women, a mentorship program that works directly with young women in the community to close education, achievement and gender gaps by focusing on esteem building, collaboration, financial literacy and college preparation.

As a mother, Coates said it is important to set the right example for your children: a path for success.

"When I always talk about success, it's not about how much money, it's really about what kind of human being you are developing," she said. "That's a tall order, you are responsible for bringing another human being into the world and want to be sure that they are self-

sustainable."

Coates believes that legacy can be viewed in a number of ways, but personally thinks that "legacy is the type of people that you create and the type of people that you develop from."

Coates and her daughter, Trina, are comfortable talking about anything. This is a trait that has been passed down to Kennedy.

"There's nothing that you can't talk about. I can always say anything, it's always a safe space,"

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When I always talk about success, it's not about how much money, it's really about what kind of human being you are developing... That's a tall order, you are responsible for bringing another human being into the world and want to be sure that they are self-sustainable.

- Shirley Coates

Founder, The California Society of Extraordinary Women

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Kennedy said. "She teaches me that my words matter. I can say what I feel... especially when you're going into a space and your demographic may not be in there. Just know that just because it's not in there, you're still there."

Trina remarked on her experience as both a mother to Kennedy and daughter to Coates.

"All humans want to be seen," she said. "If a mother really sees their children, listens to their children, and really helps to develop their emotional intelligence, I think that's a really good key factor into making sure your kids grow up to be happy."

Breanna Reeves | Staff

This summer Californians will have a new way to protect themselves against spiked drinks due to a new law set to take effect on July 1.

Assembly Bill 1013, authored by Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal (D-Long Beach), will require businesses with Type 48 licenses to offer the sale of drug testing kits, such as test strips, that can detect if a controlled substance has been added to a beverage. These

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While anyone can have their drink spiked, the targets of this act are all too often women and LGBTQ+... Although drink spiking can occur in almost any setting, it is more common in bars and nightclubs that serve alcoholic beverages.

*- Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal
(D-Long Beach)*

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controlled substances are commonly referred to as “roofies” in which someone’s drink is unknowingly spiked with a drug.

“The under-reported epidemic of drink spiking or roofieing continues to plague California and the world. Unfortunately, drink spiking is often used to facilitate the commission of other crimes, such as sexual assault and rape,” Lowenthal said in a press release last year, introducing the bill.

Type 48 licenses are required for bars and nightclubs that are limited to people over the age of 21, for the authorization to sell liquor. AB

New Law Requires Bars and Nightclubs to Sell Drug Testing Kits for Spiked Drinks



Drink spiking drug test kits will be available in businesses with Type 48 licenses (issued to bars and nightclubs) in California beginning July 1, 2024. (Image credit: Pexels)

1013 will impact roughly 2,400 establishments that hold Type 48 licenses across the state, which are issued to bars and nightclubs, according to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). These establishments are responsible for purchasing the test kits and must sell them at a “reasonable amount,” or can offer these kits for free.

“While anyone can have their drink spiked, the targets of this act are all too often women and LGBTQ+,” Lowenthal stated. “Although drink spiking can occur in almost any setting, it is more common in bars and nightclubs that serve alcoholic beverages.”

ABC will require Type 48 licensees to have a sign displayed in an obvious, prominent and easily visible location within the establishment that lets customers know that drug testing

kits are available to test for date-rape drugs, also known as “roofies.” These kits can detect substances such as flunitrazepam (Rohypnol), ketamine and gamma hydroxybutyric acid (GHB).

“Due to the challenges of addressing and prosecuting this crime after it has taken place, preventative measures are a commonsense way to try to curb the instances of drugging that are taking place in Type 48 establishments,” stated Lowenthal.

ABC does not sell or provide kits, nor does it recommend or endorse any specific company that does.

According to ABC, Type 48 license holders who do not follow the new law could face “administrative actions” that will impact their licenses.

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CA

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DESERT TOTS CHILDCARE, INC
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CA

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Joe W. Bowers California Black Media

On May 10, Gov. Gavin Newsom presented his annual revision of the state budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Commonly referred to as the “May Revise,” the \$288 billion spending plan focuses on stringent spending cuts, improving government efficiency, streamlining procurement, cutting bureaucratic obstacles, and reducing redundancies rather than resorting to tax increases or implementing worker furloughs.

“Without raising taxes on Californians, we’re delivering a balanced budget over two years that continues the progress we’ve fought so hard to achieve, from getting folks off the streets to addressing the climate crisis to keeping our communities safe.” Newsom stated.

Highlights of the proposed budget include:

Achieving Fiscal Stability Over Two Years

The budget tackles deficits for both the current budget year and the next, eliminating a projected \$27.6 billion deficit for the 2024-25 fiscal year and a projected shortfall of \$28.4 billion deficit for the next fiscal year. By tackling these budget shortfalls now, Newsom aims to achieve a positive operating reserve balance over the next two fiscal years.

Streamlining Spending and Enhancing Efficiency

To address the budget deficit, Newsom’s budget cuts one-time spending by \$19.1 billion and ongoing spending by \$13.7 billion through 2025-26. These cuts involve various measures, such as slashing \$260 million from the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention program (HHAP), reducing operations costs by 7.95% across nearly all state departments, eliminating 10,000 vacant state positions, and scaling back funding for certain programs, including education initiatives like the Middle-Class Scholarship program and childcare expansion projects.

Newsom is proposing \$3.6 billion less for climate change initiatives and plans to decrease funding for expanding internet access to

Gov. Newsom Presents Balanced Budget for California; Avoids Tax Hikes, Worker Furloughs



Gov. Gavin Newsom (Shutterstock)

underserved areas by \$2 billion over two years. Additionally, funding cuts are proposed for programs addressing shortages in healthcare workers such as nurses and social workers, while healthcare providers serving Medi-Cal patients will lose extra pay incentives.

Newsom’s plan involves revisiting Proposition (Prop) 98, a constitutional provision that guarantees a minimum level of funding for California’s schools and community colleges. By adjusting the funding requirement for the fiscal year 2022-2023 to reflect lower-than-anticipated state revenues from the previous year, Newsom aims to align education funding with current financial realities. However, this move could potentially lead to significant cuts in future school funding, raising concerns among

education advocates.

Safeguarding Vital Services and Social Safety Nets

Despite facing budget cuts, many public assistance programs, such as those providing food, healthcare, and educational services like pre-kindergarten for 4-year-olds, will maintain their current levels of support. Efforts to achieve this involve pausing expansion of some programs and reducing new investments, all while prioritizing fiscal responsibility alongside meeting the essential needs of residents, which includes keeping the promise to extend Medi-Cal coverage to undocumented immigrants.

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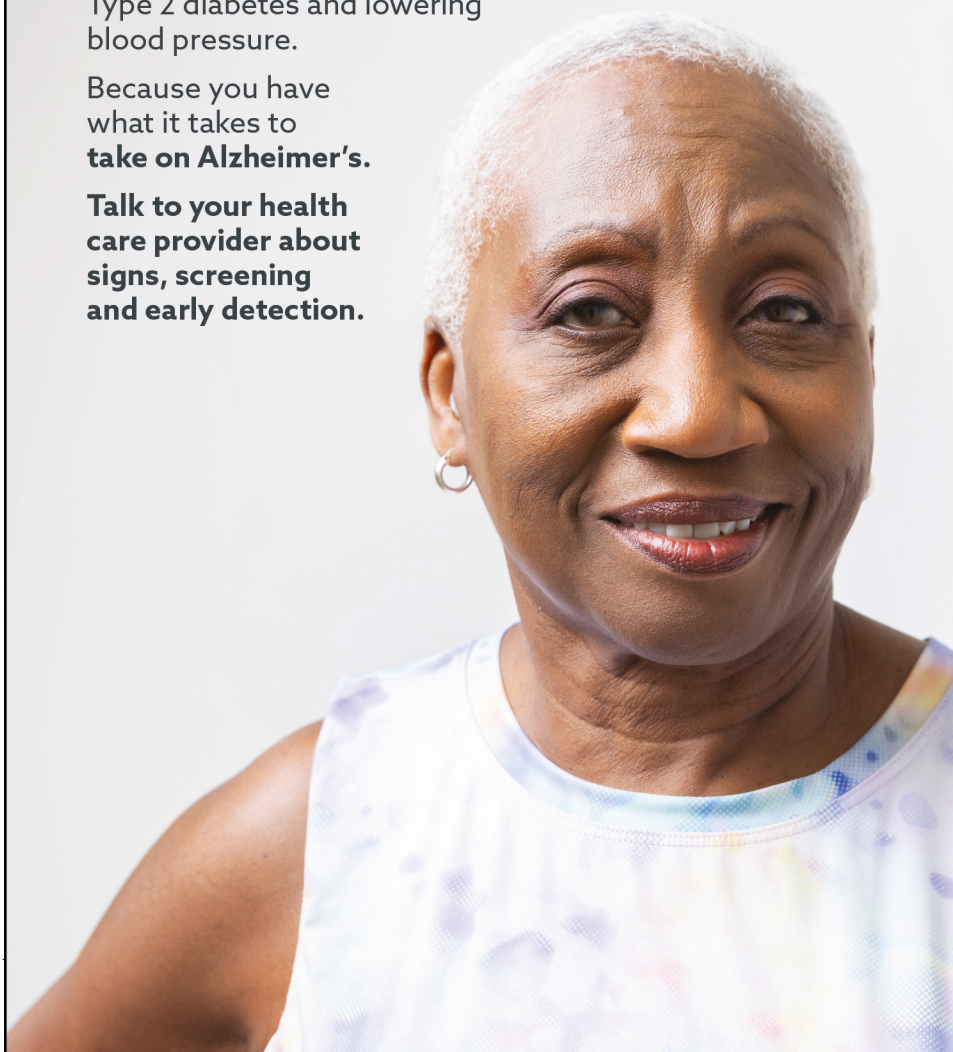
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San Bernardino Celebrates Superstar Jayden Daniels Chosen 2nd Overall by the Washington Commanders In NFL Draft

2024 Heisman Trophy recipient taken second overall in this year's NFL draft as Rams and Chargers fill their immediate needs during the annual three-day selection process in Detroit.



San Bernardino Cajon High School superstar Jayden Daniels becomes the second player drafted. The 2024 Heisman Trophy winner was taken by the Washington Commanders. (Photo: Jon Gaede, BVN)

Jon D. Gaede | BVN Sports

Each year, the front office staffs from each of the current 32 NFL teams have a critical task to evaluate, select and hopefully infuse their rosters with the talent their team needs most. Teams are always looking for the best athlete, however, elite quarterbacks like this year's number 1 drafted player, dynamic quarterback Caleb Williams (USC), was taken by the Chicago Bears.

Ten minutes later, Jayden Daniels (LSU), Cajon High School and 2024 Heisman awardee, as the nation's best collegiate player, was taken by the Washington Commanders.

"Nothing is given to me, I'm coming in the to compete no matter where I was drafted to show up every day and go to work," said Jayden Daniels.

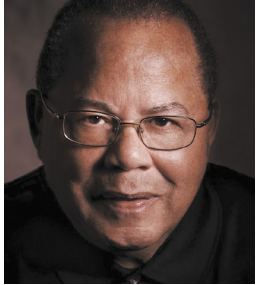
Daniels threw 40 touchdowns, gaining 14,000 total yards (running and passing) for the Cajon Cowboys in San Bernardino's Citrus Belt League, and was clearly the best football player in America last season, earning the Heisman Trophy at LSU. The dynamic young man is a proven, born leader who tends to make everyone around him better.

After the first two picks, New England then took Drake Maye QB (North Carolina), followed by the first receiver, Marvin Harrison Jr. WR (Ohio State), who was taken by the Arizona Cardinals.

The Los Angeles Chargers, under new head coach Jim Harbaugh, took

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San Bernardino's Bogus Censure that Maligns and Disenfranchises Councilmember Kim Calvin and the Black Community



Hardy Brown, Sr.
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Allow me to give you my opinion of this bogus censure from two flawed investigations on San Bernardino Councilmember Kim Calvin and the Black Community.

How did San Bernardino's mayor and council get to this bogus 4-3 vote to censure Councilmember Calvin, alleging she leaked information of Closed Session meetings, while ignoring three others who are named in city manager candidate Steve Carrigan's \$2 million claim filed against the city?

The First Investigation: The city of San Bernardino contracted with the Laguna Niguel-based JL Group, LLC. From what I can see, this law group has no Blacks as partners or on staff. This group was hired with our taxpayer's money to do the first Personnel Investigation Report (hit piece) on Councilmember Calvin that was released by the mayor and council back in December 2023 just before the March 2024 election.

This report was for violating a rule of interacting with staff, which is something Councilmember Ted Sanchez said he does regularly when he talks with police officers.

One of the partners in JL Group, not that it should matter, is a former police officer. I list his "police service" because Carolyn Tillman, a former candidate for city council, had mentioned the "underbelly" of the San Bernardino Police Officers Association in her comments at a prior council meeting and there might be a connection.

Councilmember Sanchez is quoted in the hit piece in The Sun on December 7, 2023 as saying, "The report speaks for itself and I hope the voters of San Bernardino take this seriously." This makes it a political hit piece paid with public funds, in my opinion.

Like I mentioned earlier, the first, personnel investigation report (hit piece) on Calvin came

from an "UNNAMED FORMER EMPLOYEE" alleging that Calvin created an unfavorable work atmosphere, when Calvin requested information from him, without going through the city manager.

To my knowledge the unnamed former employee filed this complaint after leaving the city and it has never been revealed to the public or Councilmember Calvin. The report was released to the public with a 5-0 vote in Closed Session when Councilmembers Calvin and Ben Reynoso were absent, according to a press release posted on December 7, 2023. That announcement came after the council meeting on December 6, 2023, with a Closed Session agenda item on page 7, which states: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE 54956.9 (D)(2)(TWO CASES)

According to the Fowler v. City of Lafayette Case of California, as explained by the law firm Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud, Romo (AALRR) on 3/9/2020, where they wrote: "Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act ("Brown Act"), local agencies may meet in closed session to "confer with, or receive advice from, its legal counsel regarding pending litigation when discussion in open session concerning those matters would prejudice the position of the local agency in the litigation." (Government Code § 54956.9(a).)

Litigation is considered pending when a "point has been reached where, in the opinion of the legislative body of the local agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the local agency." (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2).) This is the same Gov. Code listed on the council meeting agenda.

AALRR goes on to say: "We understand that many public agencies, when dealing with closed session agenda items for threatened or pending litigation, simply list the number of cases pending and do not provide any additional

information. The Fowler decision rejected this practice," end of quote.

Based on AALRR's analysis of the Fowler Case, San Bernardino City Council might have violated the Brown Act when they listed the issue as "two cases" without naming the potential cases, on the agenda, then discussing the personnel issue concerning Councilmember Calvin without her and Councilmember Reynoso being present, then voting 5-0 to make the report public. The very next day, a summary of the report was posted on December 7, 2023 and appeared as a headline story in The Sun with a quote from Councilmember Ted Sanchez.

This action by the council was part of a scheme to help defeat Calvin on election day in March 2024 and malign and disenfranchise the Black citizens of San Bernardino's 6th Ward.

Some of the questions I have are: Was Calvin given a copy of the complaint? Was there an explanation of the details of the complaint? Was she told who filed the complaint? Was she given her Due Process? I believe the investigator should have produced a more detailed explanation in the report or the full report should be released, instead of an executive summary.

Stay tuned for more on the second investigation next week.



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by **Mariah Brown**

Multiracial history unfolds a tapestry woven from tales of resistance in the sun-filled landscapes of California.

Critical moments where diversity, identity, and social justice intersect highlight a significant coming together, supporting the inclusion of multiracial individuals and human rights.

Spanning from the Gold Rush era, where cultures melded, to the landmark Loving v. Virginia case challenging interracial marriage bans, and the fervent Chicano and Black Power movements advocating for self-determination, this historical timeline encapsulates the struggles and triumphs of individuals navigating the delicate weave of race and identity.

During the 1850s and 1860s, as the Gold Rush swept through California, the state saw a massive influx of immigrants from all corners of the world. Around 300,000 migrants poured into California beginning in 1948.

In just four years, a multiethnic, multi-racial world was created and propelled California into statehood, according to Carolyn Brucken, senior curator at the Autry Museum of the American West. “You see in this period communities coming together to claim their freedom, improve their lives, and claim rights of citizenship,” Brucken explained, describing the environment as a “powder keg.”

Gold spurred entrepreneurship from the tens of millions of dollars in gold that was extracted, but severely concentrated numerous ethnic groups to a relatively small area of Indigenous lands in the Sierra Nevada foothills with “devastating effects for Native peoples and mixed effects for everyone else,” according to Susan Johnson, Harry Reid Endowed Chair for the History of the Intermountain West at the University of Nevada. “The California Gold



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Rush is more a cautionary tale than an example of multicultural harmony.”

California's state government, influenced by prevailing attitudes of white supremacy, financially supported settler violence against Indigenous peoples and enacted a Foreign Miners' Tax to limit the profits and involvement of Latin Americans and Chinese individuals. Despite its designation as a “free” state, African Americans and American Indians were subjected to labor exploitation, while Native and Chinese women endured sexual exploitation, Johnson noted.

Communities laid the groundwork for cohesion and information-sharing through local institutions and newspapers, key to self-agency and “helped to create these important connections across time and space,” said Alyssa Bentz, Wells Fargo Senior Historian.

The Mirror of the Times in San Francisco and publications like El Clamor Publico provided a secure platform for sharing information and news among Black and Spanish-speaking communities, respectively. Newspapers utilized Wells Fargo's express services for distribution



Synthia Campbell, now 59 and of Irish, Scottish, and African American descent, vividly remembers her mother's struggle with her own parents' disapproval when she wed a Black man in 1960s Compton, California. (Photo: Courtesy)

and subscription payments.

The struggle for equality and fairness became entwined with the pursuit of wealth in California. This naturally resulted in intermingling with white settlers, challenging the prevailing societal norms of the time regarding race and identity.

The consequences of the Gold Rush persisted even after its end, evolving alongside California's changing economy and influx

of newcomers, and “eventually prompting movements for sovereignty and social justice that would start to make gains in the twentieth century,” Johnson said.

The Evolution of Interracial Marriages

The journey towards acceptance for interracial couples was far from smooth. In the early 20th century, California, among other states, implemented anti-miscegenation laws, aiming to limit interracial unions. Despite these legal barriers, biracial couples

History of Multiracial People in California

persisted, weaving their families and communities into the diverse fabric of California's cultural scene.

Synthia Campbell, now 59 and of Irish, Scottish, and African American descent, vividly remembers her mother's struggle with her own parents' disapproval when she wed a Black man in 1960s Compton, California. "Our family stood out in our community," Campbell reflects, highlighting the isolation she felt growing up with only her parents.

Amid a backdrop of civil rights activism and social change, preconceived notions of biracial couples were contested. In a historic decision in 1967, the Supreme Court's ruling in *Loving v. Virginia* brought an end to anti-miscegenation laws across the United States. The Court's judgment on June 12, 1967, in the case of Mildred and Richard Loving, declared Virginia's anti-miscegenation laws unconstitutional, citing violations of the Fourteenth Amendment's equal protection and due process clauses.

Prior to the *Loving v. Virginia* ruling, interracial marriage was a topic that most people steered clear of discussing, said Brian Powell, a professor in the Department of Sociology at Indiana University Bloomington. "As long as there was silence, there was no acceptance," Powell said. "This silence was shattered with the court ruling. As a result, we saw a dramatic shift in Americans' acceptance of interracial marriage."

According to a recent analysis by the Pew Research Center, just 3% of newlyweds in 1967 tied the knot with a partner of a different race, as shown by data from the U.S. Census Bureau. This decision signaled a turning point for biracial individuals, ushering in a new era and narrative of interracial identity and relationships.

The 57 years since *Loving v. Virginia*, Northwestern University Sociologist Cheryl Judice notes an undeniable shift in societal views on black-white relationships. Drawing from her own research focusing on black-white interracially married couples, Judice finds that younger couples encounter fewer social barriers compared to their older counterparts. According to a 2017 Pew Research study, about 90% of non black people expressed willingness to embrace interracial marriages within their families, as these

unions steadily increase in the United States. "These insights lead me to speculate that societal acceptance will only continue to strengthen as we look back on the years gone by," Judice said.

Biracial activism in civil rights

Amid the activism and transformation of the 1960s, California became a center of change, where the Chicano Movement, seeking to reclaim cultural heritage and assert identity, intersected with the Black Power Movement to empower marginalized communities.

In his book *"Power to the Poor: Black-*



Mildred and Richard Loving. On June 12, 1967 the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Virginia's antimiscegenation statutes as unconstitutional under the equal protection and due process clauses of the U.S. Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment. (source: britannica.com)

Brown Coalition and the Fight for Economic Justice," Gordon Mantler discusses how Mexican Americans endeavored to collaborate with African Americans and other communities of color to combat discriminatory policies that systematically perpetuated poverty.

"African Americans and Mexican Americans' common fight against poverty held the greatest potential for multiracial cooperation at the time [late 1960s], given their similar histories of oppression," writes Mantler.

For multiracial individuals, the Chicano Movement led by visionaries like Cesar Chavez

and Dolores Huerta inspired solidarity, self-empowerment, and rights advocacy for Mexican Americans. The once offensive term of reference "Chicano" became a symbol of empowerment.

They showcased their commitment to self-determination and representation through advocacy and challenging racial norms, including the push for improved Chicano education, such as the creation of bicultural and bilingual programs.

Similarly the Black Power Movement acted as a catalyst for change. Biracial activist Kathleen Cleaver, a prominent figure in the 1960s civil rights movement as part of the Black Panther Party, advocated for Black empowerment and liberation through education initiatives and self-determination. As a biracial woman of African and European descent, she represented these ideals for biracial Black individuals.

Cleaver emphasized the importance of representation and challenged societal norms by proudly wearing her natural Black afro hair, fostering discussions about identity and self-expression within the movement and beyond. Popularized during that time was the saying "Black is Beautiful," in all the phenotypic features it represents.

Beyond symbolism, multicultural activists served as vital bridges between diverse racial and ethnic groups within the struggle for the liberation of communities of color. Navigating multiple cultural identities, they facilitated dialogue, built alliances, and enriched cultural expressions.

In California, multiracial activism reflects struggles and triumphs from the Gold Rush to landmark legal cases, fostering solidarity and reshaping narratives of racial struggle against oppression. Despite California's reputation as a land of opportunity, history reveals that the pursuit of equity has been hard-fought, evolving and persisting over time.

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Joe Stephanshaw Department of Finance Director

Maintaining Fiscal Stability Without Tax Increases

The budget emphasizes fiscal stability without resorting to tax increases. Instead, it seeks to enhance government efficiency and reduce spending redundancies. Additionally, the plan minimizes reliance on the state's "Rainy Day" reserves, preserving these funds for future emergencies.

Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire (D-North Coast) and Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Chair Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) commended the collaborative efforts between the Legislature and the Governor to balance the budget, highlighting the \$17 billion reduction in the projected deficit achieved through their Early Action Agreement.

Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas (D-Salinas) and Assembly Budget Committee Chair Jesse Gabriel (D-Encino) acknowledged the improved budget forecast and the preservation of rainy-day reserves, but expressed concern over proposed cuts, pledging to protect crucial programs for vulnerable Californians and classroom funding.

Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) said Newsom's spending plan is "wasteful and irresponsible."

"Newsom made big promises he can't possibly keep while wasting billions on homelessness programs that don't work and a high-speed train to nowhere. Now he's forced to make cuts to programs Californians rely on," said Gallagher said in a statement. "Newsom played fast and loose with our money and now the game is up."

California School Board Association (CSBA) President Albert Gonzalez criticized Newsom's budget plans, citing potential unconstitutional manipulation of Prop 98 funds. He warned against diverting \$8.8 billion meant for schools to non-education spending and stressed the need to protect Prop 98.

"To serve California students, we must preserve Prop 98, avoid new pet projects, remain focused on the effective implementation of existing programs, identify resources to address staffing shortages and stop the growth of unfunded mandates that negatively impact existing initiatives and reduce local control," Gonzalez said.

During the presentation, Joe Stephanshaw, the state Director of Finance, emphasized to the media that, "We tried to focus on protecting the core programs and services that people rely on, but even in doing that, tough decisions had to be made." He further stressed, "The budget is about solutions to not only solve for a year, but

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Without raising taxes on Californians, we're delivering a balanced budget over two years that continues the progress we've fought so hard to achieve, from getting folks off the streets to addressing the climate crisis to keeping our communities safe.

- Gov. Gavin Newsom

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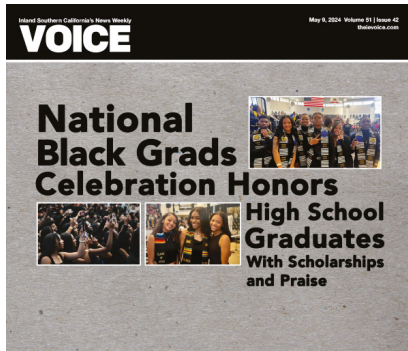
the subsequent budget year.”

In response to the Governor's presentation, California State Controller Malia M. Cohen said the state exceeded its revenue target by nearly \$150 million in April, but year-to-date revenues remain at levels "lower-than-expected." However, Cohen affirmed that the state has "unused borrowable resources" that can be utilized to balance the budget.

"The high level of borrowable resources is due in large part to the \$26 billion the state has prudently built up and reserved for rainy days and economic uncertainties. Maintaining enough cash to cushion against economic downturns has been one of California's strengths in its credit ratings, and this ensures the state will continue to meet its payment obligations."

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Homelessness, continued from page 3



The impact of institutional and structural racism in education, criminal justice, housing, employment, health care, and access to opportunities cannot be denied: homelessness is a by-product of racism in America.

- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

“has not consistently tracked and evaluated the state’s efforts to prevent and end homelessness.” Cal ICH was created in 2017, to oversee the implementation of Housing First policies, guidelines, and regulations intended to reduce the prevalence and duration of homelessness in the state. It now oversees several departments related to this effort.

In essence, the state is spending billions on one of the most pressing issues of our time without accountability tracking to determine how the money is being spent or an effective means of measuring success of the various programs.

Although the auditor looked at two cities in particular (San Diego and San Jose) and released findings and conclusions related to them in a separate report, in general, the audit concluded that the State of CA “must do more to assess the cost-effectiveness of its homelessness programs.”

Last year, Cal ICH reported financial information for fiscal years 2018–19 through 2020–21, but then did not continue to track and report the information “despite the significant amount of additional funding to address the homeless crisis over the past two years.”

Also, according to the auditor, Cal ICH’s action plan to end homelessness is “not aligned with its statutory goals to collect financial information and ensure accountability and results.” As a result, according to the audit summary, “it lacks assurance that the actions it takes will effectively enable it to achieve those goals.”

Also, because the state does not have a

consistent method for gathering key information about costs and outcomes of individual programs, auditors called it, “another significant gap in the State’s ability to assess programs.”

Although auditors did confirm at least five, state-funded homelessness programs including the Department of Housing and Community Development’s Homekey program and the California Department of Social Services’ CalWORKs Housing Support Program “appear” to be cost-effective, they were unable to assess the cost-effectiveness of three other programs reviewed because sufficient data was not collected on the programs’ outcomes.

Among the recommendations made by the state auditor’s office, two stand out. First, the auditor is calling for the California State Legislature to mandate reporting by state agencies on the costs and outcomes of their homelessness programs. Second, the auditor is requiring Cal ICH to compile and publicly report this information.

The success of these programs are important especially to the Black community due to the impact of homelessness among Blacks. Part of that success rests in the credible administration of funding and meaningful program outcomes. We should demand accountability to ensure much needed programs are being fairly funded, administered and is producing desired results.

Of course this is just my opinion. I am keeping it real.

S.E. Williams
Executive Editor

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CVCO2402759

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: SANDRA BRITO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SANDRA BRITO to. SANDRA CASTILLO. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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: 06/26/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVENUE, RM 201, CORONA, CA 92882. 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,

LAURA C. GARCIA, Judge of the Superior Court
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Date: APRIL 30, 2024

Tamara L. Wagner, Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CVCO2402252

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: MIRIAM JAZMIN JIMENEZ FLORES / EDWARD DELGADO VERDIN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ANTHONY DELGADO to. ANTHONY DELGADO JIMENEZ. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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: 05/29/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVENUE, RM 201, CORONA, CA 92882. 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

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NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

RFP No. 23-25 Family Engagement Community Health Education (Home Visits)

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 proposal submittals through its OpenGov e-Procurement web portal in response to RFP No. 23-25 Family Engagement Community Health Education (Home Visits) to engage, support, honor, and strengthen families by developing partnerships, building relationships, organizing resources, and creating opportunities that cultivate a resilient and thriving community at all school sites across the District.

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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 RFP, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the Bid document(s). The District may award any, all, or none of this RFP. By: Laura Cardenas, Director of Purchasing Services
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RFP No. 23-29 Professional Development Training & Materials (Certificated Staff)

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electronically up to but not later than Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., at <https://sbcusd.com/bidpostings>. 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 RFP, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the Bid document(s). The District may award any, all, or none of this RFP. By: Laura Cardenas, Director of Purchasing Services
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Asking your loved one what kind of burial ceremony they'd like or if they have a last will and testament can seem pretty morbid and even awkward.

While broaching the topic of end-of-life planning may be difficult, it's an important conversation to have with loved ones, especially those who may be experiencing cognitive decline and brain diseases that impact cognitive health.

The brain is responsible for some of the most important functions of the body including how well you think and remember, motor functions, emotional functions, and how well you respond to touch. Alzheimer's disease, a form of dementia, is one of the leading brain diseases in the U.S. It is irreversible and impacts all aspects of daily living.

Symptoms of Alzheimer's disease include "memory loss beyond what is normal with aging," according to the American Brain Foundation. This memory loss may show up as difficulty remembering new information, or recent events and misplacing items. Other symptoms of Alzheimer's include trouble concentrating and confusion.

An estimated 6.7 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's dementia in 2023. Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia, accounting for an estimated 60% to 80% of cases, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

Other common causes of dementia are Cerebrovascular disease, which happens when brain tissue is damaged; Frontotemporal degeneration (FTD), which occurs when front and side lobes of the brain die; and Parkinson's disease, a brain disorder that affects the nervous system.

"You want to start the planning before there's an issue of whether or not an individual is competent," said Michelle D. Strickland, an attorney based in Colton.

As these brain diseases are all marked by cognitive decline, planning ahead and planning early is essential to financial and end-of-life planning for caregivers and care receivers.

Once a dementia diagnosis is made, it can become increasingly difficult to assess whether or not a care receiver is competent enough to

Why It's Crucial to Discuss End-of-Life Planning With Loved Ones



When it comes to end-of-life planning, the first step is starting early and having the conversation with trusted family members. (Image credit: Pexels)

make important decisions regarding their end-of-life plans.

"It's really never too soon to start thinking about end-of-life plans, and also putting those plans into place," said Susan Howland, who is the senior director of programs for the Southland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

"When you're talking specifically about Alzheimer's disease, these plans should begin while the person still has the capacity to make those legal and financial decisions, which is typically in those earlier stages of the disease."

The first step to end-of-life planning begins with a conversation

The first step with addressing end-of-life planning is starting early and having the conversation with trusted family members, according to Strickland.

"It's a hard subject, because people do not

want to talk about dying. They do not want to talk about the possibility that they may have to have someone make decisions for them," Strickland said.

It's important to gather those who should be involved in end-of-life planning such as family members who are trusted to make decisions on behalf of someone suffering from cognitive decline. Include family and friends who are responsible and trusted enough to carry out plans.

"I think it's very important for people to know that their wishes will be carried out after they're gone," Strickland explained.

This process includes having necessary documents such as a last will and testament, and even advance healthcare directives that explicitly state what steps loved ones should take. These directives allow loved ones to know

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For caregivers and family members, knowing what documents are needed for end-of-life planning will be important to keep track of. The Alzheimer's Association has a free online Legal and Financial Worksheet that is organized by document categories like assets, income, expenses and legal. (Graphic by Breanna Reeves)

what medical decisions they should follow in the event of their loved one's death. An advance healthcare directive is a legal document that provides instructions for medical care and only takes effect when a person can no longer communicate their own wishes.

Learn what documents you'll need for planning

As part of the planning process, Howland explained it is important to keep track of other key documents in addition to wills and health directives such as assets like bank accounts, real estate and vehicles. Keeping track of financial documentation like recent income tax returns, life insurance policies, health insurance policies and power of attorney documents will help with the process.

A power of attorney legally allows someone else to make financial, medical and property decisions on behalf of someone else. Strickland

appointed her son, who is her only child, as her power of attorney, allowing him to carry out her wishes if she is ever incapable of doing so.

"It really also helps family members to understand that person's wishes, if those are the family members that are actually going to execute those wishes further down the line," Howland said. "Also, these trusted individuals should have copies of the completed legal and financial documents in order to execute those wishes later."

If a power of attorney isn't appointed, a loved one will have to go to court to get authority over financial affairs, if necessary. With no power of attorney, in the event of a medical emergency, there is no one to tend to a loved one's financial responsibilities like paying monthly bills.

Unless someone is a beneficiary on their loved one's bank account, they don't have access to their finances. To Strickland's surprise, a lot

of people do add beneficiaries on their bank accounts. Beneficiaries can be listed for life insurance policies, college savings accounts, 401(k) plans and individual retirement accounts (IRA).

"So in getting a power of attorney, you're protecting yourself with regard to transactions for your life after death," Strickland emphasized.

Some individuals may also consider a living trust, another estate planning tool, that allows someone to decide how they want their assets to be managed and distributed by appointing a trustee, both while they're alive and after they pass. Different types of assets that can be put into a trust include property, stocks, antiques and bank accounts.

Start your planning early and take it step-by-step

Howland recognized that discussing end-of-life planning with a parent or grandparent, or any loved ones can be a challenging, but necessary process.

"It's completely an overwhelming process, and sometimes it's really hard to start," Howland said. "Also, I want to acknowledge that it's sometimes an uncomfortable topic. Sometimes our children almost feel invasive, asking about their parents' legal and financial situations."

With these things in mind, setting time aside to begin this process by gathering everyone involved is a good first step. Taking the process step-by-step is also important so as not to get overwhelmed.

Gathering information for end-of-life planning can begin with collecting logins and passwords, and maintaining them in a single place as part of organizing information related to digital assets such as online banking and brokerage accounts, and retail apps.

"Everything doesn't need to be tackled and accomplished at one sitting. And you can always enlist the help of professionals and resource organizations like the Alzheimer's Association to support and provide some guidance," Howland shared.

The Alzheimer's Association has a free online Legal and Financial Worksheet that is organized by categories like assets, income, expenses

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Coach Jim Harbaugh has hit the ground running as he re-tools the Charger roster through the draft. (Photo: Jon Gaede BVN)

offensive tackle, Joe Alt (Ohio State), to shore up and protect Justin Herbert. The Chargers added a variety of players to fill specific needs on the team, including Ladd McConkey WR (Georgia), Junior Colson LB (Michigan), Justin Eboigbe DL (Alabama), Tarheeb Still DB (Maryland) and Cam Hart DB (Notre Dame).

The Los Angeles Rams took edge rusher Jared Verse (Florida State) in round one, Braden Fiske DT (Florida State), Blake Corum RB (Michigan), safety Kamren Kinchens (Miami), edge rusher Brennan Jackson (Washington State) and Tyler Davis DT (Clemson).

The Raiders, who will occupy the Chargers former camp facility in Costa Mesa, chose Brock Bowers TE (Georgia), Jackson Powers-Johnson C (Oregon), Delmar Glaze OT (Maryland) and Decamerion Richardson CB (Mississippi State).

Chargers

The Los Angeles Chargers offense had to be re-tooled by incoming head coach Jim Harbaugh as key veteran players have moved on, including receiver Keenan Allen, Mike Williams, Gerald Everett and two-dimensional running back Austin Eckeler who will join Jayden Daniels



D'Marco Farr, former Rams lineman, serves as MC on stage at Hermosa Beach announcing their draft picks. (Photo: Jon Gaede BVN)

in Washington. The Chargers had a rolling “Draft Day” celebration, stretching over several counties covering several restaurants, pubs and Top Golf (Hermosa Beach) to create an experience for their fans to meet players on draft night.

Rams

The Los Angeles Rams built a 60-yard scale NFL turf field onto the sand at Hermosa Beach for fans and 2,000 local youth to experience football related activities against a backdrop of the Pacific-Ocean. The 60-yard field related to promoting 60 minutes of physical activity per



Rams “Play60” turf field built on the sand at Hermosa Beach for fans and 2,000 local students for football related activities. (Photo: Jon Gaede BVN)

day. Reporter and former Ram lineman D'Marco Farr served as MC on stage as each draft pick was announced. The Rams desperately needing to replace the 45 pressures from retiring future Hall of Famer Aaron Donald, hope that Jared Verse can fill those shoes.

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and legal documents. This worksheet allows individuals to add necessary information across each category, or even to begin thinking about what information they will need.

Additionally, the Alzheimer's Association has a 24/7 helpline — 800-272-3900 — that offers no cost, confidential listening and referrals to resources in the community in over 200 languages. Other resources are available from the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California (CCCC) who works to educate and change systems on “high-quality care” for those who are near the end of their life or who are seriously ill.

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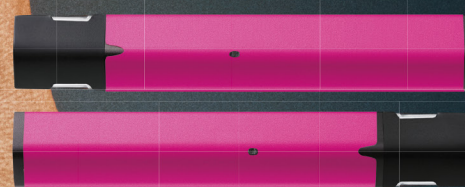
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