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Reparations for Black Californians could top \$800 billion

By JANIE HAR



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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — It could cost California more than \$800 billion to compensate Black residents for generations of over-policing, disproportionate incarceration and housing discrimination, economists have told a state panel considering reparations.

The preliminary estimate is more than 2.5 times California's \$300 billion annual budget, and does not include a recommended \$1 million per older Black resident for health disparities that have shortened their average life span. Nor does the figure count compensating people for property unjustly taken by the government or devaluing Black

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Trump Ramps Up Attack on Manhattan DA with Violent Imagery and Call for 'Death' and 'Destruction'

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

Former President Donald Trump has ramped up the rhetoric and the threats as potential criminal charges loom in New York, Georgia, and Washington.

Trump took to his Truth Social platform and posted a photo of him swinging a bat to the head of Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg.

He also threatened that his anticipated arrest would lead to “death and destruction.”

“What kind of person can charge another person, in this case a former President of the United States, who got more votes than any sitting President in history, and leading candidate (by far!) for the Republican Party nomination, with a Crime,

when it is known by all that NO Crime has been committed, & also known that potential death & destruction in such a false charge could be catastrophic for our Country? Why & who would do such a thing? Only a degenerate psychopath that truly hates the USA!” Trump wrote.

Then in all capital letters, Trump continued his tirade:

“Everybody knows I'm 100% innocent, including Bragg, but he doesn't care. He is just carrying out the plans of the radical left lunatics. Our country is being destroyed, as they tell us to be peaceful.”

A week before, Trump predicted that authorities

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In Loving Memory of Gloria E. Foster Kirven



April 4, 1935 - March 1, 2023

Gloria Esterlyne Foster Kirven passed away peacefully in Los Angeles, California, at 87, on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. She was an inspirational teacher, loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Born in Longview, Texas, Gloria was the daughter of Lillie Jameson Jones, a veteran Dallas school teacher, and Homer Calvin Foster of Dallas, a successful Black real estate agent.

After graduating at age 16 from Booker T Washington High School, Gloria began college at Spellman, but she graduated Cum Laude from Texas College. There, she won academic awards and, along with other activities, was Dean of Pledges for the

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. After graduate work at Columbia University, she taught in Cushing, Texas.

Gloria married her high school sweetheart, Joe Kirven, and they remained married for Sixty-three years until Joe died in 2021. Young Gloria sold her car to help start the family business, ABCO Corporation and handled the payroll and accounting. She also worked for her father at H.C. Foster Real Estate. She and Joe were longtime members of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, where Gloria sang, played the organ for the choir, and taught Sunday School.

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HUD Secretary Fudge Pledges to Change Agency's Ad Spending with Black-owned Media

By Stacy M. Brown



The 18th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Marcia Fudge (Photo: hud.gov).

With the federal government spending a pittance of its advertising dollars with Black-owned media and President Biden demanding that agencies expand contracting opportunities for historically disadvantaged businesses, including those

owned by women and people of color, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Marcia Fudge has made a specific pledge to African American publishers and media company

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Do You Support A Political Candidate Who Might Be A Prison Candidate?

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.



Dr. James Ewers

America is the land of hope and good fortune. Our landscape has often been the launching pad for honorable and rewarding careers.

This is the big difference between our country and those ruled by dictators and carriers of fear. They are in office simply because citizens are afraid of them.

We have seen in too many instances when speaking up creates turmoil, retribution and sometimes death. It is troubling that people can lose their lives because they voice their opinions.

Fortunately, we have not had many problems with the conduct of our national leaders. Our democracy is stronger than folks who we

put in office and then create confusion while in office.

Right will always "trump" wrong. Evil will never be able to stand next to good and last. They will eventually fall and self-destruct.

If you don't remember Watergate and Richard Nixon, go into the history books and you will find out what happened to the former president. You can draw your own conclusion about his innocence or guilt.

More recent history will bring us to what happened with Donald Trump, the 45th president of the United States of America. The allegations of his wrongdoings have captured the attention of we the citizens.

He lost the last election yet still believes that he won. He claims that it was fraudulent and unfair. In the eyes of most, Mr. Trump is fraudulent and unfair.

Calling Brad Raffensperger, Georgia Secretary of State and telling him that he needed 11,000 votes from him was unscrupulous. That is a crime in my opinion.

The mayhem that occurred on January 6th has

been attributed to him as he encouraged and cajoled people to come to Washington DC. Again, we know what happened.

So now, if you have read any of the reports, you know that the former president has trouble brewing in Georgia and New York.

In New York, we know about his questionable business practices and having hush money paid on his behalf. In Georgia, it is because he wanted officials to change the voting count that would have allowed him to win.

The next presidential election will be held in 2024 and he has already announced his intention to run for that office. However so has Nikki Haley with Mike Pence and Ron DeSantis waiting to announce later.

Mr. Trump is confronted with mounting legal battles. Indictments appear to be on the way. Will he have to testify, or will he go to prison? Maybe nothing will happen and it will be business as usual.

These are questions on the justice stove, and they are hot. As close as these

papers are to being served, will they be?

I do not believe that he will go to a federal prison. The delays and appeals will keep him out of harm's way. Without the political trappings, if we had committed what he allegedly has committed, we would be serving time.

America, here is a scenario that would be a nightmare for us. Just suppose his legal problems last until next year prior to the November election.

Will the Republican Party still make him their choice for president? That move would be unprecedented and embarrassing. That is my opinion.

It may just happen because there is a voting block in this country that believes that he can do no wrong. They blow it off as something minor and that it is much to do about nothing. How is it that they can turn away and only blink awkwardly about his indiscretions. That is a mystery to many of us.

Let's just stay aware of what may happen. This is history in the making and we don't want to miss it.

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Quinn Minute – Looking back: the Middle Ages

By Rix Quinn

I've been reading old articles we've had around the house since the 1980s.

I keep a file folder near my desk that holds newspaper and magazine clippings. Some days I read about things that happened last year. Sometimes I read about inventions from 1975.

Yesterday I read about the Middle Ages (not mine, but the world's). Those folks suffered nearly 1,000 years...and those were the

rich ones.

What if you had no alarm clock? What if you had no toothbrush? What if you had no tooth?

How tough was it? Well, rich people owned the land, lived in a castle, and could afford to bathe once a year.

Peasants farmed that land, and lived in houses made of wood, straw, and clay. Those dwellings had no windows, dirt floors... and sometimes farm ani-

mals slept inside. (That meant their wooden TVs had to remain at high volume.)

These people worked long hours, between sunrise and sunset. They had no wristwatches. Sundials were too heavy to keep in a pocket.

Many remedies were herbal. They were passed down from one generation to the next, mostly by conversation. (These were the

first oral medications.)

Consequently, there were very few old people, because anybody over 30 with three or four teeth and most of his fingers was considered a geezer.

And nearly everybody had superstitions. Many believed in witches, and their ability to transform into werewolves at night. This made parties extremely risky, and curfew a lifesaver.

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from New York would arrest him, however, that never happened.

Bragg's office said Trump simply misled the public about an imminent arrest.

"We will not be intimidated by attempts to undermine the justice process, nor will we let baseless accusations deter us from fairly applying the law," Bragg said through a spokesperson.

Bragg, 49, maintained that no one is above the law, and everyone receives equal treatment.

"In every prosecution, we follow the law without fear or favor to uncover the truth," his statement contin-

ued.

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Trump's social media attack on Bragg could reveal the frustrations and even the concern he might possess over all of the legal problems he currently faces.

Bragg's case, in which the former President allegedly paid hush money to porn star Stormy Daniels and committed campaign finance crimes, is just the tip of the iceberg for the bombastic Trump.

Most legal experts believe Fulton County, Georgia, District Attorney Fani Willis might have a more serious case.

A special grand jury disbanded in January after reportedly recommending charges that include obstruction, bribery, and interfering with a presidential election.

Additionally, a Special Counsel's investigation into Trump allegedly mishandling classified documents at his Florida home has amped up with a federal judge ordering the former President's lawyer to testify.

Finally, the Congressional committee that investigated the January 6 insurrection has recommended serious charges against Trump to the U.S. Department of Justice. Those charges could include

treason.

"It would be a travesty of justice," Mississippi Democratic Congressman Bennie Thompson said if Trump isn't prosecuted by federal authorities for his role in the insurrection.

"Nobody is above the law, not even the President of the United States," said Thompson, who chaired the commission.

"What we saw after interviewing more than 1,000 people – the majority of who identify with the Republican Party – we are convinced that whatever happened, happened because of one person. So, we are clear in our recommendation."

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II CORINTHIANS STUDY

II CORINTHIANS 6:1-18
THE GENUINE MINISTRY AND MESSAGE OF PAUL

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



Beginning in II Corinthians 6:1 Paul pointed out that it was possible for the Corinthians to receive God's grace in vain. Paul had explained in II Corinthians 5:21 that the righteousness of God was obtained only by faith (Romans 3:22; 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Philippians 3:9). The way that the Corinthians could receive God's grace in

vain was for them to disbelieve the message Paul expressed in **Chapter 5:21 (v. 1)**. Paul presented the fact that the day of salvation is the present day of grace. The gospel of God's grace is universally offered not only to stubborn Israel but also to the Gentiles (v. 2; Isaiah 49:6). Paul was concerned more about defending his ministry than defending himself.

He was very cautious about avoiding behavior that would bring disrepute to his ministry as an Ambassador for Christ (II. Corinthians 5:20). He knew the message of the cross would offend many, but he did not want to offend others by conduct that would bring spiritual ruin to a fellow believer (v. 3). Without consideration for themselves, Paul and

his associates faced various trials. As marks authenticating his ministry, Paul cites nine trials of the ministry (vv. 4-5), then he cited nine inner or internal qualities of his ministry (vv. 6-7), followed by nine pairs of paradoxes (vv. 8-10) of the ministry. Expressing candor in speech and an unrestrained affirmation of affection, Paul opens up his great heart of love.

Having expressed the depth of his feelings, he desired that the Corinthians would reciprocate. Paul is calling for the Corinthians to respond with unrestrained love (vv. 11-13). In verses 14-15, the open and loving response that Paul is calling for from the Corinthians was hampered because the Corinthians needed to separate themselves from false apostles. Paul is considering false apostles to being unbelievers. Paul is not stating that believers should have no contact with unbelievers; rather, believers should separate themselves from false teachers. A believer can be rightly yoked only with Christ and not with

Belial (vv. 14-15). By way of application, a believer should not yoke in marriage with an unbeliever. In verse 16, Paul states that the church is the temple of God, where the Holy Spirit dwells. The promise of God to live among His people was ultimately fulfilled in Christ (Matthew 1:23). In order to enjoy God's presence, personal purity is required, for personal purity makes it possible to serve and be received by Him (v. 17). As believers, we are brought into a special relationship with God the Father as sons and daughters (v. 18; Isaiah 43:6).

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Reparations for Black Californians could top \$800 billion

businesses, two other harms the task force says the state perpetuated.

Black residents may not receive cash payments anytime soon, if ever, because the state may never adopt the economists' calculations. The reparations task force is scheduled to discuss the numbers Wednesday and can vote to adopt the suggestions or come up with its own figures. The proposed number comes from a consulting team of five economists and policy experts.

"We've got to go in with an open mind and come up with some creative ways to deal with this," said Assembly member Reggie Jones-Sawyer, one of two lawmakers on the task force responsible for mustering support from state legislators and Gov. Gavin Newsom before any reparations could become reality.

In an interview prior to the meeting, Jones-Sawyer said he needed to consult budget analysts, other legislators and the governor's office before deciding whether the scale of payments is feasible.

The estimates for policing and disproportionate incarceration and housing discrimination are not new. The figures came up in a September presentation as the consulting team sought guidance on whether to use a national or California-specific model to calculate

damages.

But the task force must now settle on a cash amount as it nears a July 1 deadline to recommend to lawmakers how California can atone for its role in perpetuating racist systems that continue to undermine Black people.

For those who support reparations, the staggering \$800 billion amount economists suggest underscores the long-lasting harm Black Americans have endured, even in a state that never officially endorsed slavery. Critics pin their opposition partly on the fact that California was never a slave state and say current taxpayers should not be responsible for damage linked to events that germinated hundreds of years ago.

Task force recommendations are just the start because ultimate authority rests with the state Assembly, Senate and the governor.

"That's going to be the real hurdle," said Sen. Steven Bradford, who sits on the panel. "How do you compensate for hundreds of years of harm, even 150 years post-slavery?"

Financial redress is just one part of the package being considered. Other proposals include paying incarcerated inmates market value for their labor, establishing free wellness centers and planting more

trees in Black communities, banning cash bail and adopting a K-12 Black studies curriculum.

Gov. Newsom signed legislation in 2020 creating the reparations task force after national protests over the death of George Floyd, a Black man, at the hands of Minneapolis police. While federal initiatives have stalled, cities, counties and other institutions have stepped in.

An advisory committee in San Francisco has recommended \$5 million payouts, as well as guaranteed income of at least \$97,000 and personal debt forgiveness for qualifying individuals. Supervisors expressed general support, but stopped short of endorsing specific proposals. They will take up the issue later this year.

The statewide estimate includes \$246 billion to compensate eligible Black Californians whose neighborhoods were subjected to aggressive policing and prosecution of Black people in the "war on drugs" from 1970 to 2020. That would translate to nearly \$125,000 for every person who qualifies.

The numbers are approximate, based on modeling and population estimates. The economists also included \$569 billion to make up for the discriminatory practice of redlining in housing loans. Such compensation

would amount to about \$223,000 per eligible resident who lived in California from 1933 to 1977. The aggregate is considered a maximum and assumes all 2.5 million people who identify as Black in California would be eligible.

Redlining officially began in the 1930s when the federal government started backing mortgages to support homebuying, but excluded majority Black neighborhoods by marking them red on internal maps. The racial gap in homeownership persists today, and Black-owned homes are frequently undervalued. Redlining officially ended in 1977, but the practice persisted.

Monetary redress will be available to people who meet residency and other requirements. They must also be descendants of enslaved and freed Black people in the U.S. as of the 19th century, which leaves out Black immigrants.

In their report, the consultants suggest the state task force "err on the side of generosity" and consider a down-payment with more money to come as more evidence becomes available.

"It should be communicated to the public that the substantial initial down-payment is the beginning of a conversation about historical injustices, not the end of it," they said.

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Eventually, Gloria and Joe had their daughter Josette. When Josette attended the Hockaday School in Dallas, Gloria and Joe were the first Black parents and the first Black members of the Board of Trustees. Gloria hosted and accompanied Joe to numerous national and state political events, meeting many political luminaries, including President Nixon and

Presidents Bush. Later, Gloria taught English for DISD schools and privately taught piano and organ. Her music students won many piano competitions. In addition, Gloria served on the Boards of Dallas Planned Parenthood and Young Audiences and joined the Links organization.

Gloria continued her graduate studies at North Texas University, earning a Master's Degree in English and American Literature.

After graduation, Gloria worked for Brookhaven College (Now Dallas College) as an instructor. Once her grandsons, Gregory and Michael, were born, she visited them often in Los Angeles. She adored them.

Before the pandemic, Gloria worked with Joe in the Dallas Wiley Club to create and successfully fund the Joe Kirven Scholarship Fund for Wiley students.

Gloria is survived by her

daughter, Josette; son-in-law Gregory Valtierra III; her grandsons, Gregory Valtierra IV and Michael Valtierra; and Kirven relatives and friends.

Services will be held Friday, March 31, 2023, at 2 PM at Laurel Land Funeral Home.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 30, 2023, from 6 PM to 8 PM at the exact location. Masks are welcome. She will be missed by all that knew her.



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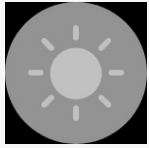
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A different March Madness: Online hate for the athletes

By EDDIE PELLIS



FILE - Michigan's Terrance Williams II reacts during an NCAA basketball game between Michigan Wolverines and Kentucky Wildcats at the O2 Arena, in London, Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022. The toxic cauldron on social media is one of the minefields players in the NCAA Tournament must navigate. (AP Photo/Ian Walton, File)

HOUSTON (AP) — It wasn't so much that social media was criticizing his son. That happens sometimes — especially after a loss like THAT.

But when a post came up suggesting Terrance Williams II, a junior forward for Michigan, be left for dead in a ditch, his dad decided enough was enough. Terrance Williams Sr.'s profanity-laced response to all the haters was, in many ways, an expected byproduct of social media vitriol that bubbled up after the Wolverines blew an eight-point lead in a one-point loss to Vanderbilt earlier this month — not in the NCAA Tournament but in the NIT.

"You actually root for

them when they're good," Williams Sr. said of the Michigan fans in an interview with The Associated Press two days after the season-ending loss. "But then they make a mistake, and a game doesn't go your way and you turn to hate. That's unacceptable."

The episode was just one of countless examples of the toxic minefield that athletes, coaches, friends and family face all too often on social media, all of it amplified for college basketball players when the calendar flips to March and the madness begins.

College administrators and coaches alike have warned for several years that students and athletes are facing increasing mental-health

challenges exacerbated by the pandemic. And never have there been more outside voices that not only scrutinize every move players make on the court, but impact their emotional well-being away from it.

"The feedback right now, it can be so harsh and it's so immediate, and I think that's the hardest part," said Melissa Streno, a Denver-based mental health consultant for high-level athletes. "It's the immediacy of the feedback from people they don't even know. And it can be so impactful on their identity and how they see themselves as a player on the court."

Turning off social media is one option, but it's not really practical, not with the

way society interacts in the 21st century. And many athletes use social media to open the door to cash. It comes with a toll.

A survey conducted by the NCAA in the fall of 2021 found spikes among athletes who experienced mental exhaustion, anxiety and depression compared with a similar survey two years earlier — before the pandemic, and also before name-image-likeness deals became an everyday reality of college sports. The survey also found that despite a growing recognition of mental health as something to be addressed, fewer than half the respondents felt comfortable seeking support from a counselor on campus.

Even so, those counselors have been busy; a growing number of questions they field from the players involve how to manage social media.

"For some of them, social media brings pressure to put out information, to create content, build their brand and that can cause anxiety," said Charron Sumler, a former college basketball player who is now an athletic counselor at Ohio State. "On the flip side, there's the input where they're receiving messages. And with phones in the locker room, sometimes they're receiving that negative feedback and content before they've even had a chance to debrief with their coaches or with themselves."

Just this month, Virginia's Kihei Clark started trending for the wrong reasons when his ill-advised pass at the end of a first-round March Madness game against Furman allowed the Paladins to make the game-winning 3-pointer that sent the Cavaliers home.

After the game, Clark sat in the locker room and patiently answered every question. Predictably, social media was destroying him before the final buzzer even sounded.

Among those who knew the feeling was Matthew Fisher-Davis. He was the Vanderbilt guard who, thinking the Commodores were trailing, fouled a Northwestern player in the waning seconds of a first-round game in 2017. In fact, Vanderbilt was ahead by one; Northwestern made both free throws after the foul and won by a point.

Before the next season, Fisher-Davis released a slickly produced video showing him working out, the main theme of which was: "Everybody's got something to say."

"It gets to the point where, the stuff coming from outside the locker room doesn't make anything easier," Fisher-Davis told the AP in an interview this month.

Stanford's Haley Jones was named most outstanding player at the women's Final Four after helping the Cardinal win the national title in 2021. Two weeks ago, when Stanford made an early exit from this year's March Madness, Jones' performance — and her prospects for the upcoming WNBA draft — were being dissected, sometimes cruelly, on social media.

"Right after every game. I know what I did well, and I know what I didn't do well," said Jones, who is part of a program called Game 4 Good that focuses on mental wellness for athletes. "I don't need to go and listen to thousands of people who don't know me tell me these same things, and probably say it in a lot meaner way."

On rare occasions, players get ripped for doing something good.

In an episode that illustrates the parallel explosive growth of both social media and online sports wagering, TCU's Damion Baugh was the object of scorn in the second round this month when he launched a shot at the buzzer from near the halfcourt logo in a game that had already been sealed by Gonzaga.

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owners.

"I will take a look at it, and if [advertising spending] is where you say it is, we will change it," Fudge declared following a question from National Newspaper Publishers Association President & CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. about the inequitable distribution of advertising dollars with the Black Press.

"You can hold me to that," Fudge asserted.

Chavis, Washington Informer Publisher Denise Rolark Barnes, and media mogul Roland Martin all pressed Fudge and others during a Black Media Roundtable at HUD in

Washington.

The federal government spends about \$600 billion annually on consumer goods and services.

A small portion of that money goes to small businesses owned by women, minorities, and those otherwise disadvantaged.

The most recent Government Accountability Office study found that federal agencies spent more than \$5 billion on advertising over five years, with just \$51 million, or 1.02 percent, going to Black-owned businesses.

"It's been on our minds," said Beth Lynk, the assistant secretary of public affairs for HUD. "We are asking [all contractors] what is your spend? Not just

Black reach, but Black ownership in the media."

Adjoa Asamoah, the senior advisor for Racial Equity for the Office of the Secretary of HUD, called Fudge a "secretary of, with and for the people."

"I had a conversation recently with the Deputy Secretary of HUD (Adrienne Todman) and we will increase our spend with Black and brown media," Asamoah asserted.

"A couple of things. We are disrupting the present systems with disrupting how we do money. We recognize that the federal government is the largest consumer of goods and services and roughly 10 percent has traditionally gone to Black, Brown, and small, and dis-

advantaged businesses."

Asamoah continued:

"That's not 10 percent each. We've been tasked by the President with leveraging the full power of the federal government's procurement power.

"While ad spending directly is what we will look at, under Secretary Fudge we have looked at how we are spending our dollars and adjusted accordingly. Every single notice of funding opportunity that goes out this door, [the contractor] is required to state how you have demonstrated your ability to advance racial equity and what will you do in the future to advance racial equity. We are doing things differently."

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Dallas ISD hosts annual Pre-K Pop-up Registration events

BY THE HUB



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We are excited to announce that Dallas ISD Pre-K registration goes live on Saturday, April 1, for the 2023-2024 school year. The Early Learning department is sponsoring the third annual Pre-K Pop-up Registration events throughout the district to support our families and communities with registration.

Families will receive face-to-face support with online registration, and community partners can provide additional services such as CHIP, WIC and SNAP/TANF. Pre-K Pop-up Registration Events will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on select Saturdays during April and May. Families will need to bring documentation to register, including their student's birth certificate, parent/guardian picture ID, proof of income, proof of address, immunization records and other applicable documents.

Children eligible for Pre-K must be three or four years old by September 1. All new and returning students registering for Pre-K

during these events will receive a free backpack with school supplies. Registration assistance will also be provided for families with Pre-K through 12th-grade students.

Event Locations:

- April 1 L.G. Pinkston High School – 2815 Bickers St.
- April 22 Thomas Jefferson High School – 4001 Walnut Hill Lane
- May 6 South Oak Cliff High School – 3601 S. Marsalis Ave.
- May 20 Ann Richards STEAM Academy – 3831 N Prairie Creek Road

For additional information:

- Visit prekdallas.org
- Text "PREK" to (972) 687-7735
- Call the Pre-K Enrollment Hotline at (214) 932-7735

Acknowledging Black Women In Particular During Women's History Month

By Dr. John E. Warren, Publisher, San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper

It is fitting and proper that we have a Women's History Month. Just as Black History Month which precedes it, there is an opportunity to acknowledge another group that history often has omitted and, in many cases, continues to do so. But while all women have had struggles, none have been as great as the Black woman, unless there was the condition of slavery attached to their life struggles. Black women achieved in spite of slavery, rape, murdered husbands and children taken from them and sold as property.

While we call to the world's attention the accomplishment of just a

few Black women on these pages, it is especially important that the Black man makes these same acknowledgements without a sense of insecurity or fear. She is strong because she had to be in order for our species to survive. She is as diverse, as these pages demonstrate, as she is beautiful and she is the very fabric of this great nation built on her back and struggles.

In these pages, we are limited in our recognition of the numbers and contributions of Black women past and present. We invite you to continue the research and the recognition wherever possible. We have included some local



Dr. John Warren

heroes recently deceased and currently with us. We invite you to join us in honoring them and their achievements.

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