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KAMALA HARRIS' BAY AREA FRIENDS EXHALE

EXTOL HISTORIC ELECTION

Tears, cheers as Harris breaks another barrier

By **JULIA PRODIS SULEK** | jsulek@bayareanewsgroup.com | Bay Area News Group PUBLISHED: November 7, 2020 at 11:54 a.m. | UPDATED: November 8, 2020 at 1:33 p.m.

Amelia Ashley Ward has had Kamala Harris' back since their early days in San Francisco, when Ward was running a Black community newspaper and Harris was a little-known Black woman running for district attorney.

Ward endorsed her then — and reported on Harris' riding a cable car through the streets of the city to drum up support — and has remained a close friend and political ally ever since.

On Saturday, when her son called with the news while she was getting her hair done at Glitz Beauty Salon in San Francisco — Joe Biden and Kamala Harris finally had won the race for the White House — the salon erupted in cheers. Ward broke down in tears.

Amelia Ashley Ward, who as publisher of the Black community newspaper the Sun-Reporter in San Francisco supported Kamala Harris's campaign for District Attorney, said Saturday she is thrilled with Harris's win.

"You have to realize," Ward said, "I've been crying since she got the nod to run, and now that this has happened — it's like, wow."

The first woman and first person of color to become America's vice president-elect, this daughter of Jamaican and Indian parents who grew up in Berkeley, shattered

barriers on Saturday and made history.

"It's history for us and history for the country and the women's movement. This woman has finally kicked in the glass ceiling, and now we're uplifted," Ward said, "especially members of our community and young girls everywhere. They know Kamala has opened that door, and they too can walk in."

The Bay Area Indian community also responded with enthusiasm Saturday as Harris became the first Indian-American to ascend to the White House. At an Indian beau-



Amelia Ashley Ward, who as publisher of the Black community newspaper the Sun-Reporter in San Francisco supported Kamala Harris's campaign for District Attorney, said Saturday she is thrilled with Harris's win. (photo by *Shunise Criswell*)

ty salon in Fremont, Meenakshi Kumar said she had been fielding calls all day from friends in the Bay Area and relatives in India, a country where former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was the first woman to lead more than 50 years ago.

"It makes me proud that an Indian woman has gone to that level," Kumar said of Harris. "Indian Americans have been making some headway into American politics, but someone getting to this level of leadership is a really big thing."

In Harris' old neighbor-

hood, just a few blocks from Bancroft Way where she and her mother and little sister rented an upstairs apartment, neighbors rushed into the streets.

Paul Rude, who keeps a hand-painted "Trump Danger" meter tacked to his garage, moved the needle from "extreme" to "very high" Saturday with his neighbors "hooting and hollering."

"It's a great relief," he said.

As the long-awaited news lit up cell phones Saturday morning — four days after Tuesday's elec-

tion — Harris' loyal friends who have supported her for more than two decades, campaigning for her runs for California attorney general, U.S. senator and even president, were overcome.

These are the people who texted her and wrote op-eds when President Trump called her "nasty" and a "monster," congratulated her for her boldness when she criticized Biden for his opposition decades ago to busing students for school desegregation, who flew to battlegrounds states to get out the vote in the days before the election, and said their prayers every night as the ballots were being counted in the days since.

"I'm proud. Sixty years ago, Black women had to walk in the back door of white residents," said Lateefah Simon, who worked with Harris in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office two decades ago and has been a close friend since. "In January, a Black woman will walk in the front door of the White House — not as a guest, but as the second-in-command of the free world. There's no turning back."

Some of Harris' longtime supporters, however, remained as nervous as exhilarated. Rebecca Prozan, who flew to Arizona in the days before



FILE PHOTO—Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., arrives to speak during a drive-in rally, Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, in Philadelphia. (AP Photo/Michael Perez)

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FILE - In this Aug. 12, 2020, file photo Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden and his running mate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., pass each other as Harris moves to the podium. To speak during a campaign event at Alexis Dupont High School in Wilmington, Del. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster, File)



FILE - In this June 18, 2004, file photo San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris poses for a portrait in San Francisco. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez, File)



FILE - In this June 1, 2019, file photo Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., speaks at an SEIU event before the 2019 California Democratic Party State Organizing Convention in San Francisco. (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu, File)



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AMERICA DECLARES TO TRUMP 'YOU'RE FIRED'

Black Votes Push Biden Over the Top in Contentious Election

By **Stacy M. Brown**, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

After days of post-Election Day counting, Democrat Joe Biden has defeated President Donald Trump to become the nation's 46th commander-in-chief.

With all eyes on Pennsylvania, Georgia, Nevada, and Arizona, it was the Keystone State's 20 electoral college votes that put Biden over the top, and helped America send the message Trump had become known for years earlier during his "Apprentice" reality television show: "You're Fired!"

"Trump finds out

Biden won while he's playing golf," Washington Informer Journalist Anthony Tilghman tweeted, as Trump played golf at his National Club in Sterling, Va.

Reportedly, it's the 410th day the President spent at one of his namesake properties since taking office.

"This election is about so much more than @JoeBiden or me. It's about the soul of America and our willingness to fight for it," Sen. Kamala Harris, the Vice President-Elect tweeted

alongside a video. "We have a lot of work ahead of us. Let's get started," she added.

When Biden and Harris are sworn-in on January 20, 2021, the California Senator will become the first Black Vice President in U.S. history.

After what's expected to be the most contentious and violent post-election in American history, inauguration ceremonies will occur. Demonstrators had already gathered outside of vote counting centers around the nation, mainly as the country waited anxiously for results from

Pennsylvania, Arizona, Georgia, and Nevada.

Chants of "Stop the Count! Stop the Count," turned to "Stop the Steal! Stop the Steal! At state buildings by pro-Trump supporters at state buildings. The President egged on the commotion, tweeting false claims about voter fraud and that the "Democrats are trying to steal the election."

With little question, Black voters pushed Biden over the top.

Biden trailed the President in Pennsylvania, but as the count included predomi-

nately Black Philadelphia and surrounding counties, Trump's lead disappeared, and the Democrat prevailed.

That scenario repeated itself in Georgia, where Atlanta and Fulton County also came through for the former vice president.

"At this historical moment, the voters have made it clear that they want a country that works for all people. They want a country that is not broken by racism and bigotry," NAACP President Derrick Johnson wrote in a statement.

"They want leadership that can create opportunities for all Americans to succeed in all aspects of society, without fear of over-policing, discrimination, and destructive policies at our expense.

"This election transcends party and gives voice to the voters who want affordable health care, economic stability, quality education for their children, and wholesale relief from the pandemic and structural inequality. How we move forward from here and begin to repair our nation is critical."

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the election to knock on doors and get out the vote, said the country is so divided, and the challenges of getting the coronavirus under control and restoring the economy are daunting.

"I'm worried that we won't be able to move forward together," Prozan said, and it is up to Biden and Harris "to turn everything around, and that is a lot to do."

She said she can't even think about the inaugura-

tion yet.

"I just feel like the next 60 days is going to be really difficult, like nothing we've ever seen," Prozan said.

In the Glitz Beauty Shop on Saturday morning, as "everyone was screaming" with the news, Ward — still publisher of the weekly Sun-Reporter — held tightly to her cell phone. On it were messages she would cherish for the rest of her life.

On Friday, when Biden and Harris were ahead and climbing in the vote count

but the race still had not been called, she had messaged the woman she had believed in for 18 years.

"You already know," Ward wrote to her. "It had to be you. I'm beyond proud. I love you, Madame Vice President."

Harris, in Delaware with Biden at the time, responded quickly. Ward, of course, excused the typo.

"We've been on this journey together for a long time," Harris wrote. "Thank you sister Amelia. Love you."



BERKELEY, CA – NOVEMBER 07: Caren McDonald, left, and Isobel White, of Berkeley, dance at Vice-President elect Kamala Harris' childhood home in Berkeley, Calif., on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020. (Jane Tyska/Bay Area News Group)



Paul Rude, 75, who lives several blocks from Kamala Harris' childhood home in Berkeley, joined neighbors in the street who were "hooting and hollering" Saturday morning Nov. 7, 2020, and changed the hand-painted "Trump danger" meter on his garage from "extreme" to "very high." (photo by Julia Prodis Sulek)



SAN JOSE, CA – MAY 19: BART Board President Lateefah Simon worked with Kamala Harris in the San Francisco District Attorney's office two decades ago. (Anda Chu/Bay Area News Group)



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EDITORIAL PAGE

“YOU’RE FIRED”

My Day



by *Dr. J. Ester Davis*

“You’re Fired” said the American people and the majority waiting nations around the globe enhanced the dance and applause with a standing ovation.

Plain and simply, the current United States President lost the popular vote by a distinct margin and the electoral vote still growing over 270. Mr. Trump did not represent all the citizens of America, and on a daily basis, he openly expressed via twitter (a most inappropriate form of communique) his discontent along with his disconnect with everything about America. America is changing and the New South is wide open. America is a diverse nation. Most homes in America today have another race/color relative. I have two interracial grandsons. Texas is the leader of diversity with lots of room for diversity to roam. Make no mistake about it, this “royal firing” was destined. The

firing of 45 has been impatiently planned throughout neighborhoods, kitchen tables, backyards, c-suites, retirement and recreation centers for months before the Pandemic. The center focus was prepare to vote. This President has been his worst enemy since taking office, so the offering of voting fraud is almost laughable. You do not have to commit fraud, lie and cheat when you mistreat the people you took an oath to represent. This is a democracy. We have options. There was lots of proof that ‘something was up’. The evidence was in the massive long lines to vote early. The evidence was the willingness of cities around the United States to stay open late so people could vote. The evidence was the number of young voters who volunteered time so there would be enough workers. It is credible to mention so many of our youth participated in the peaceful globe-wide protests (Black-Lives-Matter) and the quest for our accurate complete count.

As reported by the Wall Street Journal, 20 hours ago. . . this article completed Tuesday, November 10th, 107 million American citizens

voted early. The highest in history for a presidential election. That is a significant history note. There was something mighty big and important that ‘motivated’ Americans to get to the polls. Just to name a few, blatant lies, children in cages, derogatory remarks about the very popular 44th President, degrading women. Again just to name a few. President Trump was not a “fit” for all the people and he made no attempt to be. It actually had nothing to do with whether “I liked him or not”. It was his sincere disrespect and “above-the-constitution -attitude combined with an “unfit ungrateful commander-in-chief abusing his power”. So, I strongly disagree that the uptick of the Pandemic was the single and sole reason for the firing. It certainly propelled the issuance of the ‘pink slip’ from . . . we, the people.

On a lighter side, there is nothing wrong with being “fired”. It is a healthy American right-of-passage. Over the course of my corporate career, I was fired twice. Years later as a television host on one of our Time Warner segments, we conducted a survey, followed

by a subsequent show on people who had heard these famous words. Some of them, after aforethought, admitted that they did not do the job. . . should have been fired. It will be interesting to see how history will record the impeachment and firing of the 45th President of the United States.

Way back in March, we asked our Dallas County Commissioner Price to come and discuss COVID-19 with the black media. See article “This is Survival” in Dallas Post Tribune Archives, BPENTv, DFW BAM, several social media sites. Based on science, ten plus years ago, the Obama Administration had a complete plan in place for the nation which was ignored by the incoming administration. This Pandemic is an adjective that is all inclusive, so pervasive that it is affecting the whole world. This 100 year Pandemic is a public health nightmare and should be nonpolitical.

Going forward with baseless allegations of fraud, voting irregularities, lawsuits, overturning Obamacare in the midst of a roaring pandemic, I wonder why 45 is recklessly willing to lose twice.

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Uniting the United States of America

By: **Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30)**



Chairwoman, House Science, Space and Technology Committee

On November 3, 2020, the American people turned out in record numbers across the country to participate in the democratic process.

Texas was among the several states that shattered its previous turnout records. It is estimated that 66% of Texas’ 17 million registered showed up at the polls – nearly 7%

higher than the 2016 general election and the highest total percentage since 1992.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to those who worked tirelessly to protect the integrity, sanctity, and the safety of voters. The poll workers, election officials, and postal employees – heroes of democracy – risked their own health and safety to ensure a timely and accurate count.

The coalition that elected the Biden-Harris ticket is one of the broadest and most diverse that we have ever seen – one filled

with both democrats and republicans, liberals and conservatives, and moderates and independents alike.

On day one, it is clear that President Biden and Vice President Harris will take immediate action to restore a sense of leadership and decency to the White House. Their priorities will include regaining control of the pandemic, stimulating our struggling economy, passing racial and criminal justice reform, and addressing climate change.

I am encouraged by this administration’s

outlook on uniting this divided and hurting Nation. I am an advocate of diversity and inclusion because I know firsthand the benefits of taking an equitable approach when making decisions – it increases creativity, productivity, and performance. It allows us all to make an impactful difference and promotes hope.

It is time for our country to stand together, work together, and exist peacefully together. I am ready to live up to our Nation’s name - the United States of America.

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"A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN"
ST. JOHN 8:1-11
THE INCIDENT OF THE ADULTEROUS WOMAN
BY REV. JOHNNY CALVIN SMITH

Having discussed the life-changing effect that Christ had with some previous individuals such as Nathaniel (St. John 1:49), Nicodemus (St. John 3:1-14), Samaritan Woman (St. John 4:15), Impotent Man (St. John 5:8-9), we come now to Christ's meeting with the Adulterous Woman of chapter 8. Christ had a marvelous meeting with this woman, but His gracious dealing with her will promote continual hostility and hatred with the Pharisees, His arch enemies. At the close of chapter 7:53, it says: "And every man went unto His own house." After the Jews' heated debate with Him regarding

His identity (7:40-52), they could not endure Christ's claims anymore, resorting to depart from Him as verse 53 states. While they went to their various houses, the matchless and peerless Saviour, who committed no sin, went to the Mount of Olives. The scene before us in St. John 8:1 evidences the condescension of our blessed Lord; while others went to their houses, He retires outside to the Mount of Olives. It is awfully emphatic to note that the maker of heaven and earth did not have a place of residence while He ministered among men. In other words, during Christ's public ministry He had no permanent dwelling, for Matthew 8:20 says: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head."

Having encountered conflict in the previous chapter, we discovered that our Lord continued to be engaged in teaching, for verse 2 says: "And early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came unto Him; and He sat down, and taught them." As Christ was engaged in teaching, the Scribes and Pharisees brought a woman accused of adultery (v. 3). The sin to which she was being charged with was punishable by stoning (Leviticus 20:10, Deuteronomy 22:22). Granted that she may have been guilty, but what about the man?

The law stated that both of them should die. The religious leaders of Jesus' day really knew the law, but they did not apply it right. They could really quote its contents, but they had corrupt intent in their application of it. They really brought this woman before Him with the wrong motive, for verse 6 says: "This they said, tempting Him, that they might have to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground, as though He heard them not." Simply put, they interrupted the teaching process in order that they might discredit Christ before the people. They really wanted Christ to render a decision that would incriminate Him, neither of violat-

ing the law by exonerating her, or issuing the death penalty, thus contradicting His mission "to seek and to save that which was lost" (St. Luke 19:10). In verse 6, displaying majestic wisdom we find our Lord writing on the ground; but, what was He writing! The text does not supply an answer. Having brought this adulterous woman unto Him, the critics of our Lord really thought they had Him cornered as He wrote in silence (v. 6). Verse 7 brings out this arresting fact: "only the original Lawgiver was able to render the proper verdict with regard to this woman's case. With marvelous grace, our Lord turns the very law against the woman's accusers, saying: "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her" (v. 7).

In verses 8 and 9, the Great Law-giver of Exodus 31:18, mastered the moment by convicting the consciences of His enemies, thus He sent them away in shame. They really thought they had Him cornered, but by the same law which condemned the woman, really condemned them! With the accusers gone, the woman was left alone with Christ, and our Saviour said: "Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?" This woman was indeed blessed and was exonerated because Christ intervened. What a marvelous sequel to someone who was once charged with committing a sin punishable by stoning. Let us note with interest verse 11, as we close this discussion, for it says: "She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more."

May God bless!

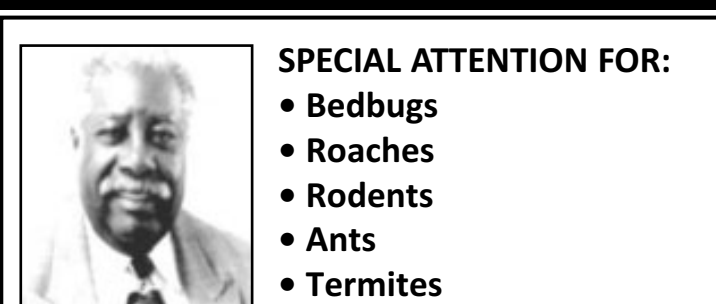


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Pfizer says COVID-19 vaccine is looking 90% effective

By LAURAN NEERGAARD and LINDA A. JOHNSON



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Pfizer Inc. said Monday that its COVID-19 vaccine may be a remarkable 90% effective, based on early and incomplete test results that nevertheless brought a big burst of optimism to a world desperate for the means to finally bring the catastrophic outbreak under control.

The announcement came less than a week after an election seen as a referendum on President Donald Trump's handling of the scourge, which has killed more than 1.2 million people worldwide, including almost a quarter-million in the United States alone.

"We're in a position potentially to be able to offer some hope," Dr. Bill Gruber, Pfizer's senior vice president of clinical development, told The Associated Press. "We're very encouraged."

Pfizer, which is developing the vaccine with its German partner BioNTech, now is on track to apply later this month for emergency-use approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, once it has the necessary safety information in hand.

Even if all goes well, authorities have stressed it is unlikely any vaccine will arrive much before the end of the year, and the limited initial supplies will be rationed.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government's top infectious-disease expert, said the results suggesting 90% effectiveness are "just extraordinary," adding: "Not very many people expected it would be as high as that."

"It's going to have a major impact on everything we do with respect to COVID," Fauci said as

Pfizer appeared to take the lead in the all-out global race by pharmaceutical companies and various countries to develop a well-tested vaccine against the virus.

Dr. Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organization's senior adviser, said Pfizer's vaccine could "fundamentally change the direction of this crisis" by March, when the U.N. agency hopes to start vaccinating high-risk groups.

Global markets, already buoyed by the victory of President-elect Joe Biden, rocketed on the news from Pfizer. The S&P 500 was up 3.3% in afternoon trading, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained more than 1,300 points. Pfizer jumped more than 11%. Other vaccine stocks were up as well.

Whatever the ultimate level of protection, no one knows if people will need regular vaccinations.

Also, volunteers in the study received a coronavirus test only if they developed symptoms, leaving unanswered whether vaccinated people could get infected but show no symptoms and unknowingly spread the virus.

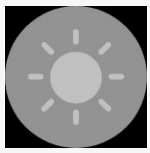
Pfizer has estimated it could have 50 million doses available globally by the end of 2020, enough for 25 million people.

Public Citizen, the consumer advocacy group, called the release of the preliminary and incomplete data "bad science" and said that any enthusiasm over the results "must be tempered" until they are reviewed by the FDA and its independent experts.

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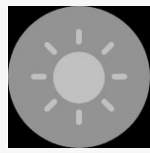
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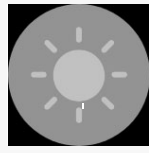
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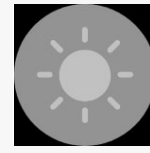
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Masters and partners coming to aid of Augusta neighborhood



Lee Elder, right, and Fred Ridley, Chairman of Augusta National Golf Club posed for a picture on the first tee at the Masters golf tournament Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, in Augusta, Ga. Fred Ridley, Chairman of Augusta National Golf Club, announced today that Lee Elder, the first Black man to compete in the Masters Tournament 45 years ago, will be honored by establishing scholarships in his name and inviting him to be an Honorary Starter for the 2021 Masters. (AP Photo/Chris Carlson)

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The map showed an outlined area not far from Augusta National, only this isn't another neighborhood the club plans to purchase. It's the historic Harrisburg and Laney Walker area that the Masters and its partners are trying to save.

Augusta National Chairman Fred Ridley

announced Wednesday a \$10 million donation to help with the redevelopment of what he said were once-thriving communities that have gone through decades of poverty, crime and unemployment.

Ridley said the Masters and its three corporate partners — IBM, AT&T and Bank of America —

would each contribute \$2.5 million.

Leading the way is the Medical College of Georgia Foundation, which is working with the Community Foundation and the Boys & Girls Club to develop a community health care, literacy training, work development and nutrition. The plan

includes a new headquarters for the Boys & Girls Club.

"Each organization's \$2.5 million contribution will provide the majority of funding needed for this first step in the journey to uplift these underserved communities and, importantly, to promote generational change and the opportunity for economic mobility all Americans deserve," Ridley said.

It capped a week of announcements geared toward responding to a year of racial injustice and inequality.

That includes Lee Elder, the first Black to compete in the Masters, in 1975, hitting the honorary tee shot next April with Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player. In addition, the Augusta National is paying to start a women's golf program at Paine College, a historically Black college in Augusta, and awarding scholarships in Elder's name to a male and female golfer at Paine.

Ridley says the Harrisburg and Laney Walker development project doesn't end with the \$10 million donation. He

expects other entities to get involved.

"We view this as just a catalyst for future opportunities," Ridley said. "But it's really exciting, and I think it's something we're going to be able to talk about not just in April, but the following April and the one after that."

KEEP PLAYING

The Masters announced in 2002 that past champions would only be able to play until they were 65, a policy that was reversed the following year by Hootie Johnson, then the club chairman.

Champions now can play as long as they like. Bernhard Langer received that assurance at the Masters Club dinner Tuesday night with Chairman Fred Ridley.

Langer is 63, making him the oldest player in the field this year. He also remains competitive, currently leading the money list on the PGA Tour Champions. He has made the cut five of the last seven years at the Masters, including a tie for eighth in 2014 when he was 57.

"I wasn't sure if there

was an unwritten rule for an age limit for past champions to play in the Masters so I did ask the question of chairman Fred Ridley," Langer said in an interview with Mercedes, his corporate partner. "He said that as long as we can stand upright and play golf, we are welcome to play, and that we will all know when the time is right to stop playing."

GREAT LENGTHS

Augusta National has room to expand the par-5 13th hole after a land purchase from adjacent Augusta Country Club. The 510-yard hole can be reached in two with as little as a wedge, as Bubba Watson showed a few years ago and Bryson DeChambeau is likely to match.

"I've been reluctant thus far to make any major changes regarding adding distance to the golf course," Ridley said. "I think sometimes when you do that, there are unintended consequences that come out of that. ... It changes more than just adding distance. The look of the hole changes. And the design philosophy of the hole changes."

NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Wife's racist tweets about Harris spur official to resign

MENLO PARK, Calif. (AP) — A school board president in the San Francisco Bay Area has resigned after his wife's racist comments about Vice President-elect Kamala Harris raised an outcry.

Jon Venverloh announced Sunday that he was stepping down from his position with the Las Lomitas Elementary School District in Menlo Park. His wife, Mehrdith Philips Venverloh, tweeted Sunday in response to comments about Harris's qualifications that "all she needs to be qualified is a black (crude term for female genitalia)! No brain needed!"

She also posted several other crude remarks, prompting dozens of parents to demand her husband's resignation.

In announcing his resignation, Venverloh said he didn't agree with his wife's "reprehensible views" but that given her

posts, "I know that my continued service would be a distraction from the work that needs to be done."

Venverloh, a former Google executive, was elected to the school board in 2018 and had two years left in his term.

Venverloh, a supporter of President Donald Trump, later apologized in another post, saying her "vulgar" words were written "in a moment of disappointment."

"I am deeply sorry and ashamed," she said and added that she has been taking medications for a "debilitating neurological disease" but had been weaning herself from them in preparation for a scheduled hospitalization. "I believe that the change in medication reduced my judgment between right and wrong when I made the posts," she said.

Other board members of the district, which includes a middle school in Menlo Park and an Atherton elementary school, condemned the remarks as "racially-based

and gender-based hatred."

Texas tops 1 million cases as COVID-19 surge engulfs the US

By DAVID CRARY

Texas on Wednesday became the first state with more than 1 million confirmed COVID-19 cases, and California closed in on that mark as a surge of coronavirus infections engulfs the country from coast to coast.

In New York, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said all restaurants, bars and gyms statewide will have to close at 10 p.m. starting Friday, a major retreat in a corner of the U.S. that had seemingly brought the virus largely under control months ago. He also barred private gatherings of more than 10 people.

Texas, the second-most populous state, has recorded 1.01 million coronavirus cases and over 19,000 deaths since the outbreak began in early March, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. California, the most popu-

lous state, has logged more than 991,000 cases.

The U.S. has recorded over 240,000 deaths and about 10.3 million confirmed infections, with new cases soaring to all-time highs of well over 120,000 per day over the past week. Health experts have blamed the increase in part on the onset of cold weather and growing frustration with mask-wearing and other precautions.

Cases per day are on the rise in 49 states, and deaths per day are climbing in 39. A month ago, the U.S. was seeing about 730 COVID-19 deaths per day on average; that has now surpassed 970.

Among the many health officials sounding the alarm was Dr. Julie Watson of Integris Health in Oklahoma.

"We are in trouble," she said. "If nothing is done soon to slow the rise in cases, our hospitals will be more overwhelmed than they already are and we won't be able to be there for all of those who need it."

Oklahoma's health depart-



(Briana Sanchez/The El Paso Times via AP, File)

ment said Wednesday that 1,248 people were hospitalized for confirmed or probable coronavirus, shattering the previous one-day record of 1,055. Texas reported 10,865 new cases on Tuesday, breaking a record set in mid-July. One of the hardest-hit places is the border city of El Paso; its county has nearly 28,000 active cases and has suffered more than 680 COVID-19 deaths.

The American Medical Association renewed its plea for mask-wearing, physical distancing and frequent hand-washing.

"With the holidays quickly approaching, each of us must do everything possible to reduce the spread of COVID-19," AMA President Susan Bailey said. "Failing to do our part will prolong the suffering and disruption to our lives and inevitably lead to more deaths of our friends, neighbors and loved ones."

Meanwhile, many traditional Veterans Day celebrations gave way to somber virtual gatherings Wednesday. Many veterans homes have barred visitors to protect their residents from the virus.

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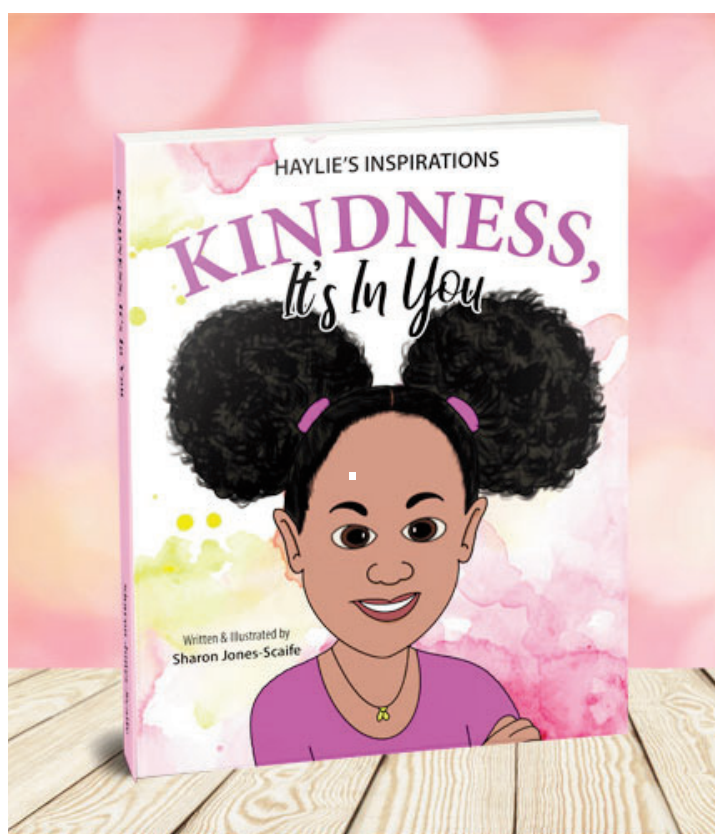
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Author Releases New Children's Book, *Kindness, It's In You* Just in Time for World Kindness Day



Sharon Jones-Scaife, Author



About the Author

Sharon Jones-Scaife grew up in Marvell, Arkansas, the fourth of 15 children. As one can imagine, she spent a great deal of time reading to her younger siblings. She is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a BA in Graphic Design and Illustration. Sharon Jones-Scaife is the publisher of *Teen Graffiti*, a magazine that serves as a voice for teens and as an avenue of communication, allowing teens to express their opinions, concerns, and ideas through poetry, essays, articles, and photography. Sharon Jones-Scaife is also the author of *I Miss*

You Papa, Mrs. Hughes is Missing, It's Bedtime Lil' Marco, and Becoming, a collection of original poems and illustrations. A resident of Sachse, Texas, Sharon Jones-Scaife spends her time supporting her son in basketball, creating adventures with her grandchildren, running, cycling, writing, and of course, reading. Sharon Jones-Scaife is available for media interviews and can be reached using the information below or by email at sharon@coffeecreekmediagroup.com. More information is available at her website at <http://www.coffeecreekmediagroup.com>.

(Dallas, TX – November 11, 2020) World Kindness Day is celebrated annually on November 13th. It is an annual 24 hour global celebration dedicated to paying it forward and focusing on the good. Coffee Creek Media Group is excited to announce that author, Sharon Jones-Scaife has released her new children's book, *Kindness, It's In You* just in time for World Kindness Day.

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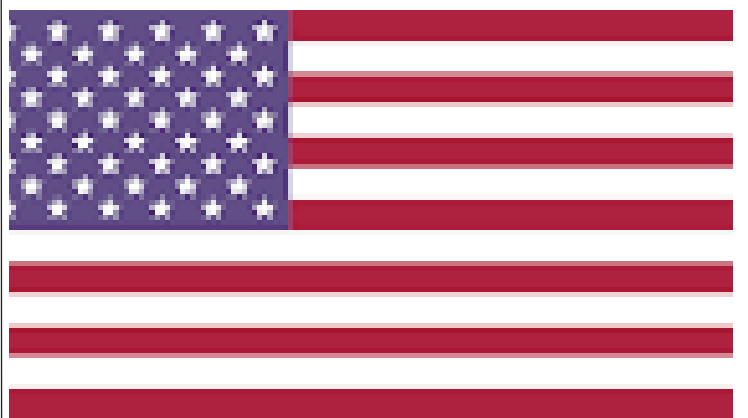
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Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson's Statement on Veteran's Day 2020



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“Texas is home to more than 1.6 million veterans with nearly a quarter of them residing in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) area. As a former Chief Psychiatric Nurse at the Dallas Veteran's Affairs (VA) Medical Center for 18 years, I provided bedside care to veterans of all generations. As a proud daughter, grand-daughter, niece,

wife, and sister of veterans, I remain a committed lifelong supporter of the men and women who have served.

“Our veterans face many challenges after their enlistment commitments. That is why it is a privilege to fight for accessible, quality healthcare as well as safe and affordable housing along with reducing the number of veteran suicide deaths.

“Although our commemoration celebrations will look different this year due to the pandemic, our gratitude persists.

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