

**Happy 4th of July**  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

# THE MEANING OF July Fourth for the Negro

The Words of Frederick Douglass

Fellow Citizens, I am not wanting in respect for the fathers of this republic. The signers of the Declaration of Independence were brave men. They were great men, too great enough to give frame to a great age. It does not often happen to a nation to raise, at one time, such a number of truly great men. The point from which I am compelled to view them is not, certainly, the most favorable; and yet I cannot contemplate their great deeds with less than admiration. They were statesmen, patriots and heroes, and for the good they did, and the principles they contended for, I will unite with you to honor their memory....

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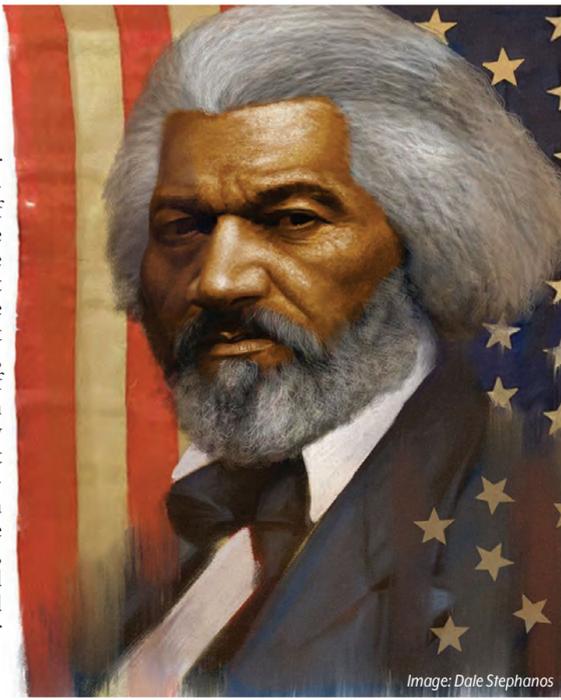


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**GEORGE D. McKINNEY RETIREMENT CTR RIBBON CUTTING!**



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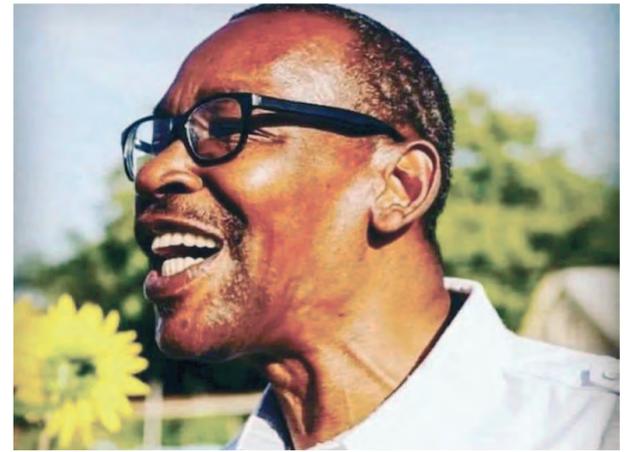
## The Loss of Mr. Robert Tambuzi

By Dr. John E. Warren

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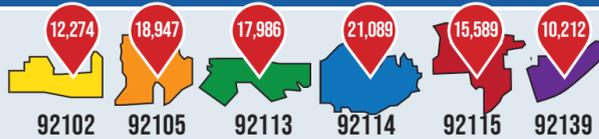
As word spread of his death from a recent illness, the uniform reaction in the communities in which he was known was an acknowledgement of a great loss. You could rarely find anything that he didn't have an opinion on. He was a well-read student of Africana Studies and Black History. A graduate of the University of California San Diego (UCSD) with a degree in

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**PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER & COVID-19 UPDATES - SEE PAGE 7**

**COVID-19 CASES IN SOUTHEAST**



SOURCE: County of San Diego a/o 6/23/2022

## GLOBAL ICON, DR. WILLIE L. MORROW PASSES



Photos: Courtesy of Dr. Tayari Howard

By Dr. Tayari Howard

Dr. Willie L. Morrow, a global icon, pioneer, author, chemist, publisher, and community activist passed away Wednesday, June 22nd in his home surrounded by family. He was 82 years old.

Local television stations and social media outlets immediately lit up with condolences to the family and accolades towards his accomplishments. Noted for turning the "impossible" into the "possible," Dr. Morrow left a plethora of inventions, textbooks, celebrity, political, and global relationships far too numerous to name.

However, some stand out as exceeding a nation's expectations and will probably never be duplicated by an African American again. He is listed in history and hair books as one of the top seven hair care pioneers such as Annie Turnbo Malone, Madam C. J. Walker, Marjorie Stewart Joyner, Art Dyson, Henry Morgan, and Joe L. Dudley.

Dr. Morrow is the only African American

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## ROE DECISION COULD SPUR MASSIVE VOTER TURNOUT DURING MIDTERMS



By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

The failure of Congress to pass legislation like the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the George Floyd Justice in Police Act have already frustrated African Americans and further damp-

ened hope for a sizable Black voter turnout during the 2022 midterm elections.

But, with the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the landmark Roe v. Wade statute and effectively taking away reproductive rights, some believe voters are now galvanized and poised for a massive showing

in November.

"The Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization says abortion is not deeply rooted in our nation's history. In holding that, the decision calls into question other rights

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## CAUTIOUS PARENTS WEIGH DECISION TO GIVE CHILDREN UNDER FIVE COVID VACCINE

By Edward Henderson

California Black Media

Antonio and Tenaja Kizzie, a San Diego area couple, are parents of a three-year-old daughter. Although both parents are vaccinated and boosted, the Kizzies have reservations about giving their toddler the COVID-19 vaccine the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended last week for children younger than five years old.

"It's one thing to feel like her body is still developing and growing. She's been vaccinated for everything else for things that have been around for

years. It's a little scary thinking about something that's new. We don't want to jump in right now," Tenaja told California Black Media.

"We just want to wait a little bit and see the side effects for other kids in her age group and reassess from there."

Her husband chimed in.

"We believe in the science, we believe vaccines work, but when it comes to the under-fives, just being a parent we're a bit more hesitant to give her the vaccine so far. We're waiting to see how it goes with other under 5

kids that get the vaccine. Even though science and logic say yes, as a new parent you're extra cautious," Antonio said.

The Kizzies are not alone. Numbers the CDC released at the end of May indicate that hesitancy about vaccinating their children is high among parents across the country. Although the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved COVID vaccines for children between the ages of 5 and 11 last October, only about 30% of kids in that age range



Photo: Courtesy of CBM

have received the shot.

"For those families that are hesitant and questioning, I try to understand what their fears and questions are. I try to remind them that we are in this together. I care about the health and

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# LOCAL/STATE NEWS



Photo: CDC

## CA REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES BILL PASSES FIRST ASSEMBLY

*Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins says it is 'imperative' to prepare California for the reality of life without Roe v. Wade*

### Voice & Viewpoint Newswire

On June 21, the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions passed SB 1375, a bill authored by Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins (D-San Diego) to clarify existing law that allows nurse practitioners meeting specified criteria to practice without physician supervision, including first trimester abortion care.

"As the leaked Supreme Court majority draft opinion last month showed us, it is imperative that we prepare California for a reality without the protections of Roe v. Wade, and SB 1375 is a critical piece of the puzzle," Pro Tem Atkins said. "Patients already need more access to health care providers and services, and if abortion access is eliminated at the federal level, than that need is going to grow exponentially. Nurse practitioners are highly skilled, qualified, and are ready and able to fill that need."

SB 1375 would help address the shortage of health care professionals projected for California and complements recommendations from the California Future of Abor-

tion Council as a way to strengthen abortion care. The bill would widen access and affordability to abortion services and healthcare by increasing the number of nurse practitioners able to provide critically-needed care, especially for marginalized and lower-income communities.

The bill would clarify provisions set forth in law by Assemblymember Jim Wood's AB 890 (2020) and Pro Tem Atkins' AB 154 (2013). AB 890 authorizes nurse practitioners who meet certain requirements to practice without physician supervision, while AB 154 increased the types of trained health professionals who can provide early abortions by allowing nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants to perform early abortions safely within the terms of their licenses.

SB 1375 would update statutes relating to early abortion services to allow nurse practitioners qualified to practice independently to provide first trimester abortion care, thus creating a mechanism for thousands of experienced nurse practitioners in California to begin expanding access to patients in need of these services.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SAM WHITE: HELPING FOSTER CHILDREN —THROUGH CASA—

*Voices for Children's CASA program recruits and trains volunteers to advocate on behalf of youth in foster care and to be a stable figure in their lives*

### Special to The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint

As a former youth in foster care, Sam White was looking for a way to give back and make a difference locally. The opportunity came to him in the form of a Voices for Children social media post, which led him to attend an information session. Inspired by what he experienced, he decided to volunteer by supporting and advocating for local youth in foster care as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

Voices for Children's CASA program recruits and trains volunteers to advocate on behalf of youth in foster care and to be a consistent, stable figure in their lives. Last year, Voices for Children served more than 3,700 children in San Diego and Riverside Counties.

White was first paired with a young teenager who was failing most of his classes and was facing many challenges. White and his assigned teen began their weekly visits by bonding through sports – visiting the batting cages and playing pickleball – and by sharing meals and sightseeing around San Diego.

"It's hard at times, it's also like, 'hey, this is what I signed up for.' And I told him, 'whatever was there in the past, let's change it up, and let's focus on what you want to get done and what you want to achieve. Let's get you there.' So, for me, it's gratifying every time he achieves something new," said White.

CASA volunteers like White are appointed by a judge. They spend time get-

ting to know the child and reporting on their progress and needs to the court. By building a trusting relationship with their child, a CASA is able to help the judge understand their situation and what they like to do, how they are doing in school, or why they are struggling in a certain placement. This individualized advocacy helps judges make the most informed decisions for a child's future.

Then, the pandemic hit but White's goal continued to be the same: to keep his case youth on track and help him along the way. The two of them continued to



Photo: Courtesy of Voices for Children



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meet virtually to work on classes and assignments. White is currently helping him earn his driver's license.

During White's journey as a CASA, he emphasized the essential support provided by his advocacy supervisor. Because most CASAs are new to this arena, Voices for Children assigns every volunteer with an advocacy supervisor, a staff member with expert knowledge of the court system, the child welfare system, and resources available to youth in foster care. An advocacy supervisor is a CASA's sounding board and champion.

"My newest advocacy supervisor is really cool. We recently met over Zoom to share ideas and solutions that are helping me better advocate for my case child. This guidance is crucial in ensuring the children in our care get to a better place," said White.

With a full-time job as a Commercial Real Estate Developer and graduate student at the University of San Diego, White continues to stay in touch with his assigned teen and be a dedicated and constant presence in his life.

"One time he said, 'you've been one of the most consistent people in my life,' which is crazy. I'm like, 'you're a teenager, I would hope there's other people that have done so,' but that's what I try to do. Just follow my word," said White.

To learn more about Voices for Children and to become a CASA volunteer, go to [speakupnow.org](http://speakupnow.org).

## \$3.2 MILLION SETTLEMENT REACHED IN POLICE KILLING OF DAUNTE WRIGHT

### Associated Press

A suburban Minneapolis city has agreed to pay \$3.2 million to the family of Daunte Wright, a Black man who was fatally shot by a police officer who said she confused her gun for her Taser.

The tentative settlement also includes changes in police policies and training involving traffic stops like the one that resulted in Wright's death, according to a statement Tuesday night, June 21, from attorneys representing Wright's family.

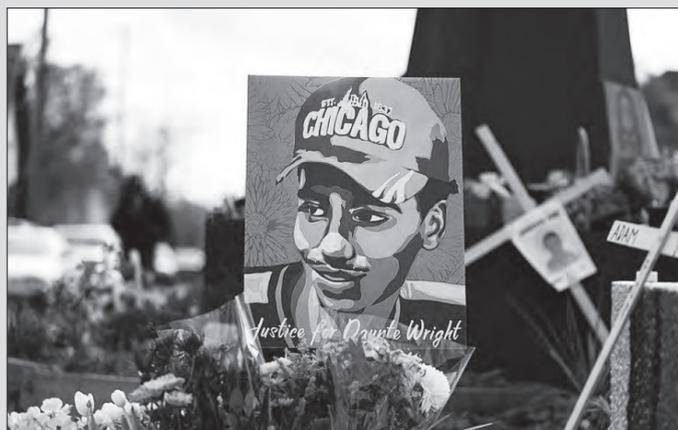
Wright was shot once in the chest by Brooklyn Center Officer Kim Potter, who is white, after the 20-year-old was stopped for expired registration tags in April 2021. The former officer was subsequently convicted of first- and second-degree manslaughter and was sentenced to two years in prison.

Potter is heard on video yelling "Taser" several times just before she fires her pistol.

Wright's family members "hope and believe the measures of change to policing, policies and training will create important improvements to the community in Daunte's name," said co-counsel Antonio M. Romanucci. "Nothing can bring him back, but the family hopes his legacy is a positive one and prevents any other family from enduring the type of grief they will live with for the rest of their lives."

The shooting happened at a time of high tension in the area, with former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, who is white, standing trial just miles away for the killing of George Floyd, who was Black. Floyd's May 2020 death prompted a reckoning over police brutality and discrimination involving people of color.

The fallout from Wright's death led the Brooklyn Center City Council to pass a series of reforms, including the use of social workers and other trained professionals to respond to medical, mental health and social-needs



A vigil for Daunte Wright at George Floyd Square in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Photo: Lorie Shaull via Wikimedia Commons

calls that don't require police.

The changes also prohibit police from making arrests for low-level offenses and require the city to use unarmed civilians to handle minor traffic violations. The settlement is one of the largest involving police conduct in Minnesota. Last year, the city of Minneapolis agreed to pay \$27 million to Floyd's family.

Minneapolis previously paid \$20 million to the family of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, after she called 911 to report a suspected assault behind her home in July 2017 and was fatally shot by Mohamed Noor, one of the officers who responded to her call. Noor is Somali American and Damond was white.