



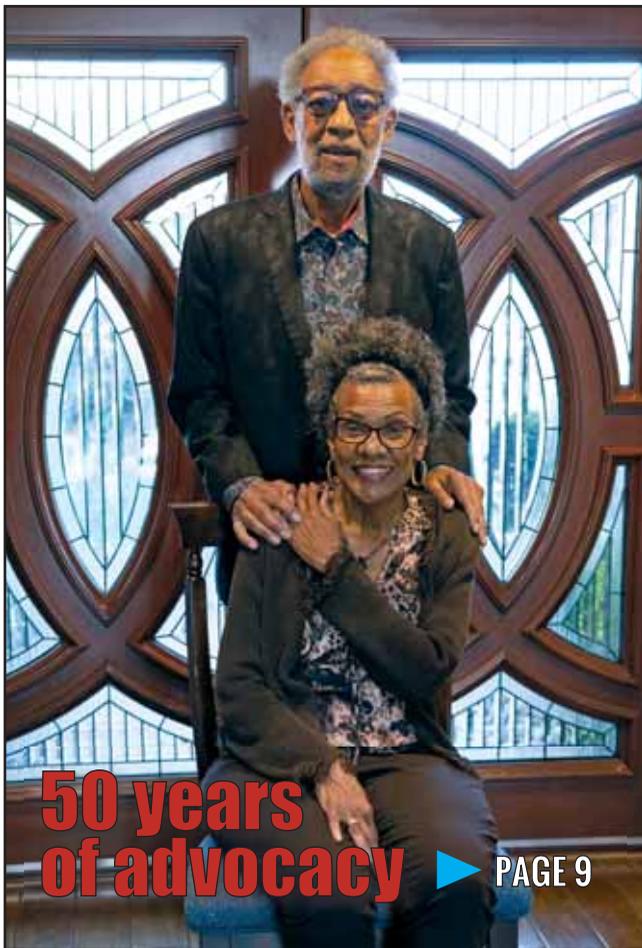
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Sumner Danbury Principal Rahkiah Brown and her mother Evonne Brown. COURIER photo/Steven Felschundneff

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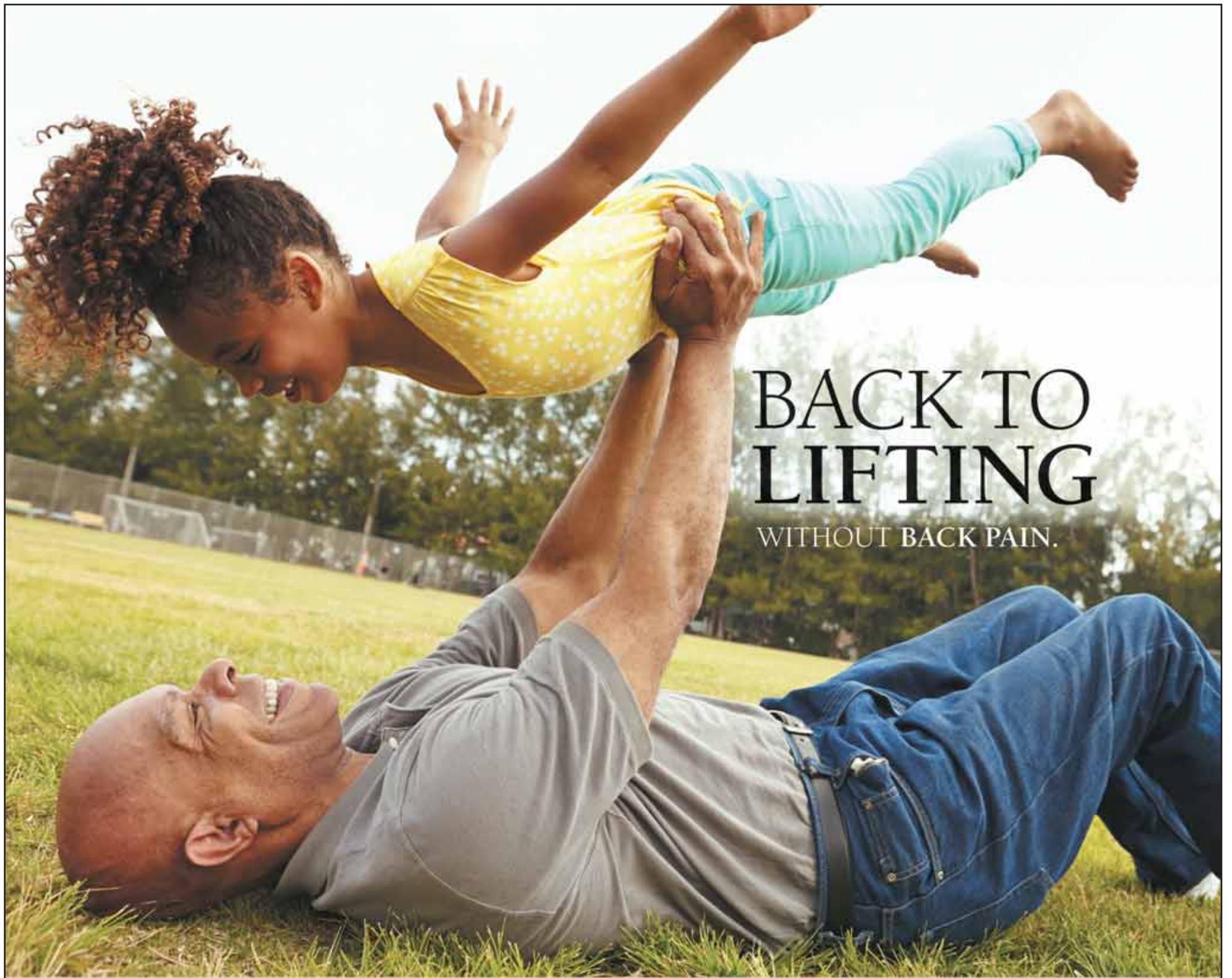


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Like many of you, my husband and I go for a walk as many mornings as we can. With the pandemic and safer-at-home regulations, it's become even more important to get outside and breathe. We are so lucky in Claremont to be surrounded by natural beauty and the majesty of Baldy, Cucamonga, and Ontario Peaks crowning the town. We aren't very creative in our route, we do basically the same short loop every morning.

We've gotten to know Frank and David, who keep the trees trimmed and sidewalks clean. We are on a nodding familiarity with many neighbors as they leave for work or take their morning constitution. Clouds, birds, and bees enliven our views, as do the cars racing up past us on Mount Baldy Road, especially after a snowfall.

At heart I'm a collector: paintings, friendships, recipes, books, and knick-knacks enhance my life and my world. It took me a long time to think of myself as a collector. I've known some great ones. John, the husband, collects historical photographs and has over 10,000 crammed into his study, providing the base for three scholarly books on men and masculinity. A former teacher friend had hundreds of Limoges boxes.



INSIDE & OUT

by STEVE HARRISON

My friend Randy started with inkwells, has hundreds of brass candlesticks, a wall of religious icons, and numerous archeological and geological novelties. Rufina in La Verne has a wall of crosses and a nest of feathers. We have associates who have had numerous jobs collected out of choice and necessity — their resumes read like itineraries, a history of their lives. My painter friends collect many images, the base for future paintings, and many art lovers collect their creative interpretations.

On my walks I'm particularly drawn to acorns and pinecones. I'm struck by how both can be these perfectly formed natural icons. Both hold the DNA of noble, California trees. It's a good reminder now as our town with its significant urban forest has taken a hit. It will be years, if not decades, before the holes from our

grand trees' absence will be filled. Yet, it is nature's way. When I bemoaned the death of a small tree in our yard to a friend, her response was, "Well, they're not all redwoods." Point taken.

In our yard we have one tree that I loved. It came up from an acorn, dropped, I imagine, from a bird's beak. The oak was multi-trunked and provided a wonderful shield from the neighbor's house. More than one landscaper commented on how great it was and remarked how lucky we were to have had it come up naturally and for free. We lost it in the wind-storm last week. There is something about the majesty of trees. I wish I had planted more when we moved here 20 years ago. Now on our walks I pick up many an acorn and throw them on our slopes hoping they will take root.

We are all surrounded by nature's beautiful objects, free for the picking, if we just take a moment and look. Maybe that is what is good about a routine route for the walk. After I clear my mind, breathe in the air, nod to fellow residents, I can look at the little things that I could easily just pass by. My collecting brings peace, it helps center me in my world, just like a yoga class or breathing exercises. The trick is to stop and look around. I hope as we get back to "normal" that we won't forget to observe the beauty around us. Claremont has an abundance to behold; and though we mourn what's lost, there is still so much here.



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Sumner Danbury Principal Rahkiah Brown's great grandmother Ilma Smith is seen front and center of this circa 1952 class photo from Phillis Wheatley High School in Houston, where she taught Latin for 49 years. Brown highlighted Smith's prominent position in the photo as a sign of the huge impact Smith had at the school and on its students.

by Steven Felschundneff • steven@claremont-courier.com

Sumner Danbury principal Rahkiah Brown's great-great-great-grandfather, Richard Brock, was given to a Virginia woman as a wedding present. Born into slavery in 1824, Brock was essentially part of this woman's dowry, and he was subsequently transported to Houston, Texas when she moved there a short time later.

Brock was an enterprising man, so after working for the Virginia woman's family all day, he took up blacksmithing at night to earn enough money to buy his family's freedom.

"He paid for his freedom, he paid for his wife's freedom and his sister's freedom," Brown said.



Richard Brock

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After the Civil War ended, Brock continued operating his blacksmith shop, bought property and soon began to engage in Houston's Black civic life. He became the first Black alderman, co-founded the first Black Masonic lodge and, in conjunction with other former slaves, Brock launched the first Black church and the first Black cemetery. A Houston elementary school and a park are named in his honor.

In 1872, Brock, Richard Allen, Jack Yates, and Elias Dibble bought 10 acres of land for \$800, creating Emancipation Park as a place to hold Juneteenth celebrations commemorating the end of slavery. In 1916 the land was donated to the City of Houston and for decades it was the only park in the city that welcomed Blacks, according to the Emancipation Park Conservancy.

Brock died in 1906, however, his family continued to make history. Tracing their steps from the end of reconstruction in Texas, they migrated to Massachusetts after World War II to escape Jim Crow laws, fought for justice during the civil rights movement and returned to Texas as integration began in the Northeast.

Brock's great-great-granddaughter, Evonne Brown is Rahkiah's mother and the current matriarch of the family. Evonne's was born at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina on August 15, 1944 where her father was serving in the first Black Marine unit. A few months later the family moved to Summerville, Massachusetts where Edward Brown took a railroad job.

The family has a legacy of highly educated, strong women, including Evonne Brown, her mother Portia Smith-Brown and her grandmother Ilma Smith who all received master's degrees.

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Ilma Smith, seen at left in her classroom, taught Latin for 49 years at Wheatley High School in Houston. She also started a club on campus that fed and clothed many of the students who could not afford the cost.

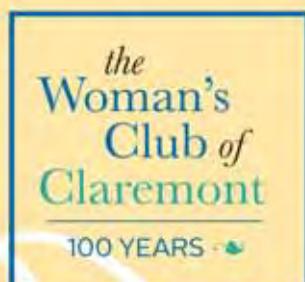


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“You could not even get a bachelor’s if you were Black, they called it a normal degree,” Evonne Brown said about Smith. “They could not go to the University of Houston so they set up something for [Black] people who wanted higher education.”

“Back in the 1920s she received her master’s degree when most Black people were delegated to roles of domesticated jobs,” Rahkiah Brown said of her great-grandmother.

The degrees were backed by the university, which allowed Smith to teach. She was on the founding faculty at Wheatley High School in Houston where she taught Latin for 49 years. Smith organized the Wheatley Loveable Troubadours, a service club on campus that fed both the home and visiting football teams.

“Boys were good players but had no food or clothing,” Smith told the Forward Times newspaper. “The girls prepared lunches for those boys who could not afford them. And when visiting teams came the same girls prepared food for the visitors.”

“My grandmother was feeding everybody during the depression,” Evonne Brown said.

As an educator, Rahkiah Brown looks to Smith as a role model because she was a champion for the students who came through Wheatley. Pulling out a class picture she points to Smith, who is standing in the center surrounded by the students and faculty.

“The principal is not in the middle of that picture, my great-grandmother is,” Rahkiah Brown said. “Because of all the work she’s done to change the school, to support the students and start a free lunch program to make sure every kid was fed. To make sure kids were clothed.”



This undated photo shows a Juneteenth celebration at Emancipation Park in Houston which was co-founded by Sumner Danbury Principal Rahkiah Brown’s great-great-great-grandfather Richard Brock, who was a former slave.

“I am proud of who I am and where I come from because not many people have that type of legacy,” she continued. “And I know that I come from a line of leaders and innovators. People who are not afraid to take a stand and stand up for what you believe in.”

According to her great-granddaughter, one reason Smith was so successful and accomplished during the Jim Crow era in the South was her light complexion.

“You have the segregation within Black culture,

too, with the skin color. So she was able to pass for White and in a lot of instances she was able to go to places where it was Whites only,” Rahkiah Brown said.

“My mother told me that at Emancipation Park they had a pool and in the morning the light-skinned Blacks could use it and the afternoon and evening was only for the dark-skinned people ... at the park that Richard Brock started. But that is what they had



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to go by,” Evonne Brown said.

During a visit to Houston when she was six, her godmother decided to take Evonne shopping. However, Evonne was not accustomed to the strict parameters Blacks had to live by in the South, including sitting at the back of the bus.

“I just sat wherever I wanted to, and all of a sudden it was so quiet. I looked around, wondering why people are looking at me, the shock on my godmother’s face to see me sitting behind the bus driver. She grabbed my arm and my feet did not hit the floor until we were off the bus,” Evonne Brown said.

She described the segregation in Massachusetts made her feel invisible, so just after Rahkiah was born in 1977, mother and daughter returned to Houston, settling in a middle class neighborhood called the Third Ward.

“In the north there was racism and segregation, but not like it was in the south,” Evonne Brown said. “I wanted to leave Boston because I was tired. I lived in a White world there and I wanted to be around my people more. And that is why I moved to Houston because we were only 2% of the population in Cambridge.”

In Houston, Evonne Brown took a job as a social worker with the state of Texas investigating reports of abused children under age six.

“All my life I have been dedicated to working with children, even though I got my degree in gerontology,” she said.

About twenty years ago Evonne followed Rahkiah out to California when the younger Brown decided to attend California State University Los Angeles and pursue acting. Rahkiah continued to act even as her career in education grew.

In the 1960s Evonne Brown fought for the equal rights of Black people and the passage of the 1965 Civil Rights Act, participating in boycotts, marches and sit ins at Woolworths. She recalled that during those marches the participants were largely Black.

Last year Rahkiah received a phone call from her mother who was in tears after seeing a Black Lives Matter protest on television with participants of all colors and races.

“Watching my mother cry from that, it moved me because I understand when people say ‘Oh we haven’t gone anywhere’ but we have gone somewhere. We have made progress. Because people are coming together regardless of the color you are, regardless of your race. It’s slow progress and people don’t see it and it’s not immediate but there is a change,” Rahkiah Brown said.

Other news stories, including the killing of George Floyd, made Evonne feel like society had taken a step backward.

“Today what I really feel is more sadness than anything else. Looks like for every step forward, we have to go back two steps. But my cup is always half full never half empty, and even though we might be taking a step backward we are still going to move forward,” she said. “We can’t stop everything, stuff is still happening, but we are being heard. People are doing something. I don’t know what it will be like in my granddaughters’ time but it gives me hope that it will be better. It may never be good but it will always be a little bit better.”

Evonne Brown

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Webb family looks back on 50 years of advocacy

by Mick Rhodes
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When Reggie Webb was 10, his mother and grandmother packed him a sack of fried chicken and pound cake and put him on a bus in South Bend, Indiana for a 30-hour ride to Madison, Arkansas, where he was to help his great-grandparents tend to their five-acre farm.

When he crossed the Mason-Dixon line for the first time in his life, at the Illinois-Missouri border, he had to change seats.

“You know, those ‘white only,’ ‘colored’ sections of the bus,” said Reggie, now 73. “White section’s in the front, the colored in back.”

Down in Arkansas he was familiarized with “colored” entrances, race-segregated restrooms and drinking fountains. It was a pivotal experience.

“You were taught very quickly, once you were going south, and reminded all the time when you were there, what behaviors were expected of you,” Reggie said. “And they all were behaviors that allowed you to know every day that you were subordinate.”

It was a profound experience, and helped to plant the seed for what would become a lifetime of working to right that wrong.

Along with his wife René, and even-



Reginald and René Webb of Webb Family Enterprises outside their Claraboya home holding their honorary doctorate degrees from California State University, San Bernardino on Sunday. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

tually, their three children, he would grow a successful food service business

to include 16 locations throughout the Inland Empire before retiring in May

2021. That business success helped propel the Webb’s five-decade passion

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for the economic empowerment of Black and other marginalized communities. This past December, California State University, San Bernardino recognized that passion when it awarded the couple — who have lived in the Claraboya neighborhood of Claremont since 1998 — honorary doctors of humane letters degrees.

Born in South Bend, Indiana, Reggie's family came to Southern California when he was 11. Wife René was born in Medford, Massachusetts. She made the trek to the Golden State in 1966, at 16.

Los Angeles was far from a color-blind utopia. It had unspoken racial covenants such as redlining that served to keep people of color segregated. The map was dotted with "sundown towns" with posted signs informing Black people they needed be outside the city limits by dusk. The American Nazi Party set up shop in Glendale, and the Ku Klux Klan didn't ride through town on horseback, but it did and does operate in L.A., albeit in suit and tie, not sheets and hoods.

"But beyond that, it was a pretty free environment," Reggie recalled. "We

went to [Santa Monica's] Pacific Ocean Park. You'd get on the bus or the trolley and go to a lot of these places, to the beach and that kind of stuff, and you and your friends were free to go and do whatever anybody else can do."

Both René and Reggie came of age during a time of civil rights demonstrations, assassinations, war, riots and social upheaval.

Reggie's worldview expanded after joining the U.S. Coast Guard. He was home on leave when he met René on a blind date in March 1967. He was stationed in Alameda, a stone's throw away from San Francisco, the nexus of 1960s West Coast political and social counterculture.

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"It was very difficult not to be involved and aware of what was happening at that point. I was 18, 19 years old, African American. It was the season of flower power, and the Black Panther Party was in its ascendancy."
- Reggie Webb

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Though he mostly enjoyed the Coast Guard, many officers hailed from the American South. Coming from California, the overt racism was jarring.

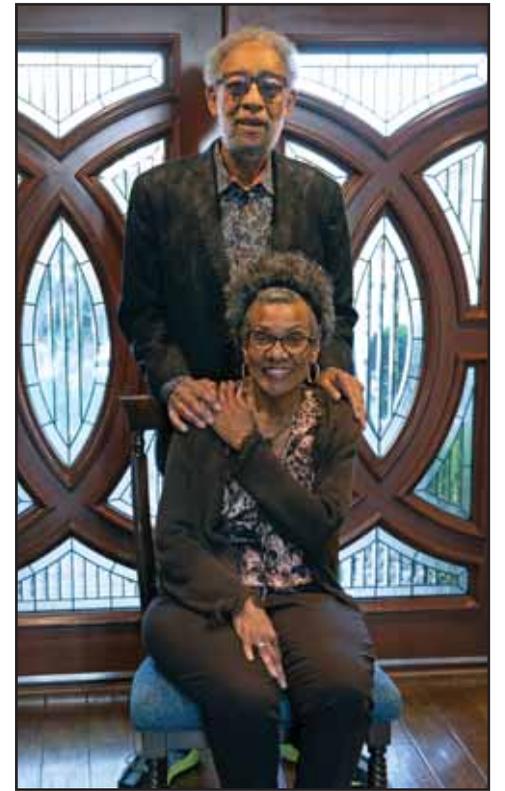
"I thought it was inconsistent with the promise of the United States," Reggie said. "And I was very disappointed in that fact. And it's also very different from what my experiences were just living and growing up in Los Angeles."

In 1973 Reggie and René — recently married and new homeowners — were looking for stability. The McDonald's corporation had recently gone public with an IPO. The company was growing fast, and they needed Black talent in Los Angeles.

He spent 12 years as an employee, the last five as a regional vice president of Southern California. Then in 1985, the Webbs became McDonald's franchisees with their first two restaurants in Pomona. They would grow that business to include 16 locations in the Inland Empire before retiring in May 2021.

The couple's three children, sons Karim and Kyle, and daughter Kiana, have each followed their parents' example of combining business acumen with community service, serving on the boards of multiple non-profits and foundations. Kiana is now

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Reginald and René Webb of Webb Family Enterprises inside their Claraboya home after recently being named honorary doctors of humane letters from California State University, San Bernardino. "Reggie" was a franchisee of 16 McDonald's restaurants across the Inland Empire prior to retiring last year. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo



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the president of Webb Family Enterprises, and Kyle is its CFO. Karim has continued his family's food service tradition and owns four Buffalo Wild Wings locations.

"Our kids and I are still involved in our business, but our passion was always in developing people, particularly in social equity enterprises," Reggie said. "And so we're now full-time working to develop people who have similar backgrounds as ours to go on to become entrepreneurs."

The couple have a uniquely long view on the Black experience in America. Despite recent setbacks with respect to voting rights, Reggie said he thinks of progress as a constantly fluctuating graph, but with a trend line of consistent upward motion.

"When I take a look at the African American community today that trend is up," he said. "There's no question in my mind."

He cited representational improvements for Black Americans in media and housing as cause for optimism, but was less upbeat about a nagging shortfall in that most elemental measurement: economic mobility.

"Unfortunately, we have reached a point where a

lot of people think that African Americans are doing better than they are," Reggie said. "The reality is today, at 13 or 14% of the population, we own 1% of the GDP. And as long as that's the case you're going to have a very sizable percentage of African Americans who are impoverished and living in environments that they have no opportunity to escape."

Capitalism is driven by winners and losers: competitors engage, market shares are divided, some businesses ascend, others contract or disappear. On paper, it's survival of the fittest, but is the system tilted against Black Americans?

"We're a capitalist country. And if you're not playing in the capitalist environment, you're going to always be further behind, and falling further behind, economically," Reggie said. "Economic success is where power and influence comes from. If [Black Americans] have one-tenth of the family income of the average White family in the United States, then we are going to always be subordinate in terms of the privileges of being an American."

"And so that is where the change needs to occur, and that is where the fight really is in my mind."

Webb Family Enterprises continues to be a source

of change in the community. The second generation of Webbs run it now, but despite their recent retirement, their elders are no less passionate about growing its reach in empowering the underserved.

And their family is also growing. This year they will add a grandchild and great-grandchild to their current roster of six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

I always close interviews by asking my subjects if they have anything else they'd like COURIER readers to know. Reggie chimed in first:

"I think that, you know, life has been a ..."

"A blessing," René said.

"A blessing," Reggie continued, "and a privilege, and it still is. We're in the fourth quarter, and every quarter has its assets and liabilities, the things that you learn, the things that you look forward to, and your disappointments. But overall and on balance, it's hard to believe that we started from where we started from in life, that we could have had a better one than we've had."

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Math instructor's nonlinear path to teaching

by Andrew Alonzo
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Despite being the daughter of a teacher, Vivian Webb School's Dean of Students Sarah Lantz said she took a round about way to teaching.

Long before she began her career teaching math at the Claremont private school in 2010, Lantz recalled how she initially became intrigued by the subject that many seek to avoid at all costs. Between 1992 and 1996, she attended Saint Lucy's Priory High School in Glendora where she played volleyball and also developed her affinity for numbers, thanks to her freshman algebra teacher, Mary Fowler.

"It was something that always came easily to me. It was something I found success with," the now 43-year-old said about math. "I think probably my favorite classes were my math classes because I enjoyed the subject so much."

After high school, Lantz attended Scripps College where she built up her social life and barista skills working at the student-run coffee shop, The Motley Coffeehouse. On the job, Lantz said she thoroughly enjoyed interacting with others and understanding the business, its practices and how to run it. The experience inspired her to pursue an economics degree at Scripps because she could "see how customer behavior would influence our business decisions." After completing her undergraduate studies, Lantz graduated with degrees in both math and economics and began a career in number-crunching.

In 2000, Lantz accepted a job in Washington D.C. at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. There, she worked as an economic researcher for about 10 other economists, doing work that supported her colleagues' findings.



Vivian Webb School Dean of Students and math teacher, Sarah Lantz. Photo courtesy of Scott Nichols.

"At the time, I mean there was not much going on in terms of ... this topic in the United States," she said, adding, however, that, "it wasn't so interesting to me that I wanted to come back to Southern California."

Lantz then worked as part of the risk assessment and internal process management team for the Capital

Group Company, based in Los Angeles, between 2002 and 2004.

"Again, I was like this is not really what I wanted to do," she explained before laughing. "As I kind of began my career I realized that I wanted to have a job where I had more of an impact on people's daily lives."

In 2006, a year after their wedding, she joined her husband Ray Lantz at his family's business, The Diamond Center in Claremont. However, she only lasted one year as she didn't see herself fitting into the retail environment.

"I didn't find personal gratification in retail, I really wanted to be working in an academic setting," she said.

It wasn't until Lantz began fundraising for local schools, including The Webb Schools, that she began to really find her passion for making an impact.

"I thought, you know fundraising, I can do this, I get along well with people, I don't mind asking for money," Lantz said. "I started fundraising and that's how I came to Webb."

In 2008, in conjunction with leading the school's annual giving program, the La Verne native also started team teaching economics with current Head of Schools Taylor Stockdale. In 2010 after the Lantzes welcomed their first child, Lucy, Lantz was informed about a math teaching position and a dorm head position opening up at the school. She jumped at the opportunity and was hired for both jobs.

At Webb, Lantz currently teaches Integrated Math II, an advanced level math course open to freshman and juniors. As a math teacher in one of the most prestigious academic environments, she says there is no limit to the love she has for her job. "I do love teaching. I love impacting kids and

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“As I become a more seasoned math teacher, our job is to help students think critically about math as they do a humanities text,” she said. “I love mathematics and problem solving and I think all students are capable of it if they give themselves patience and time to really grapple with the skills they have and how to apply them to a problem.”

“I think what inspires me to teach is that ... it gives me an opportunity to connect with kids and for them to see that you don't have to be a math wizard in order to study math, be good at math, and do something in your career with math,” she said.

While on maternity leave with the couple's third child,

Evelyn, in 2016, Lantz remembers interviewing for the dean of students position at the private school, to which she was appointed in the fall of 2017.

“It was a big honor for me. When I was promoted to dean of students, it was a nice way of the school recognizing my work up until that point and having faith and trust in me to lead the school in that way,” she said. “I want to believe my work is not for nothing. That the time I am away from my family, doing the work that I do, that it is impactful and meaningful.”

“People ask ‘how do you do it Sarah?’ And my number one thing is that I have an excellent partner that supports my growth not only as a person, but in

my career. And we have really made it to that we are to each other [and] that we put our family first.”

Over the years, Lantz has accumulated quite a few titles. Aside from being a math teacher and dean of students, she's also wife to husband Ray and mother to their three children, Lucy, 12, Annie, 9, and five-year-old Evelyn. All titles she cherishes deeply. She also received a master's degree in education from Claremont Graduate University in 2020.

“I think women who chose to have a family and chose to work outside the home really, I feel, we're all superheroes disguised as mothers,” she said. “I think of my mom [Judith Belanger] and everything

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that she did and I wanted to be like her which was a good mom, a good wife and partner for my husband, but also to have some success in the work that I was doing so that my time away from my children wasn't for nothing."

While some use the cliché 'living at work' as an exaggeration of their workload, Lantz and her family literally do live on the campus of The Webb Schools. Though she spends most of her days at work, outside of the classroom Lantz said she likes to spend her free time riding her bike around the City of Trees, garden-

ing in her backyard or just spending time with her family.

"Really it's an honor and a privilege to raise our children here at Webb among, you know, some of the world's brightest students," Lantz said. "We feel like we're kind of living in a fairytale sometimes because it is a novel, different experience for so many people in Southern California to be living at a boarding school."

So far for Lantz, life, in her words, has been a steady, enjoyable journey that she's been able to celebrate with those around her.



Sarah Lantz, Vivian Webb Schools' Dean of Students and Integrated Math II teacher, shows sophomore Matthew Maschler and other high school students at The Webb Schools how to find the volume of a prism during her math course on January 20. Photo courtesy of junior Julia Fenner, one of Lantz's Integrated Math II students.

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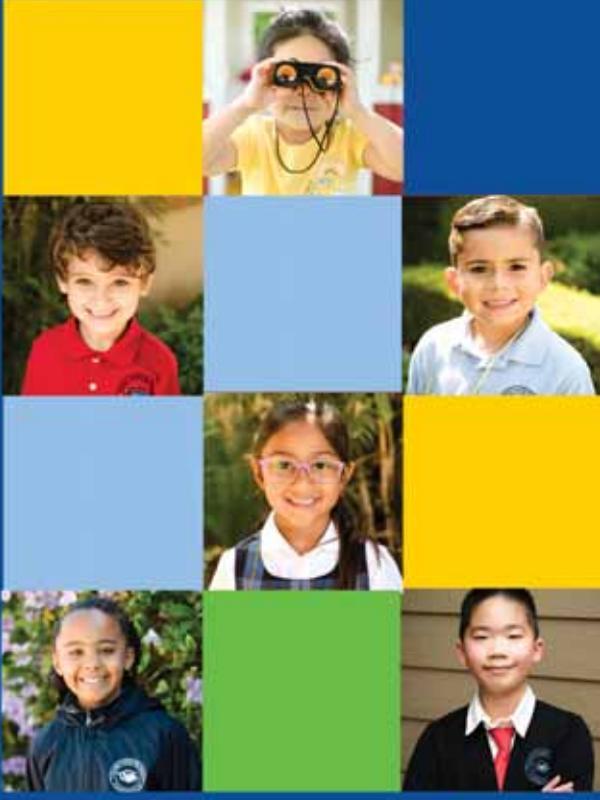
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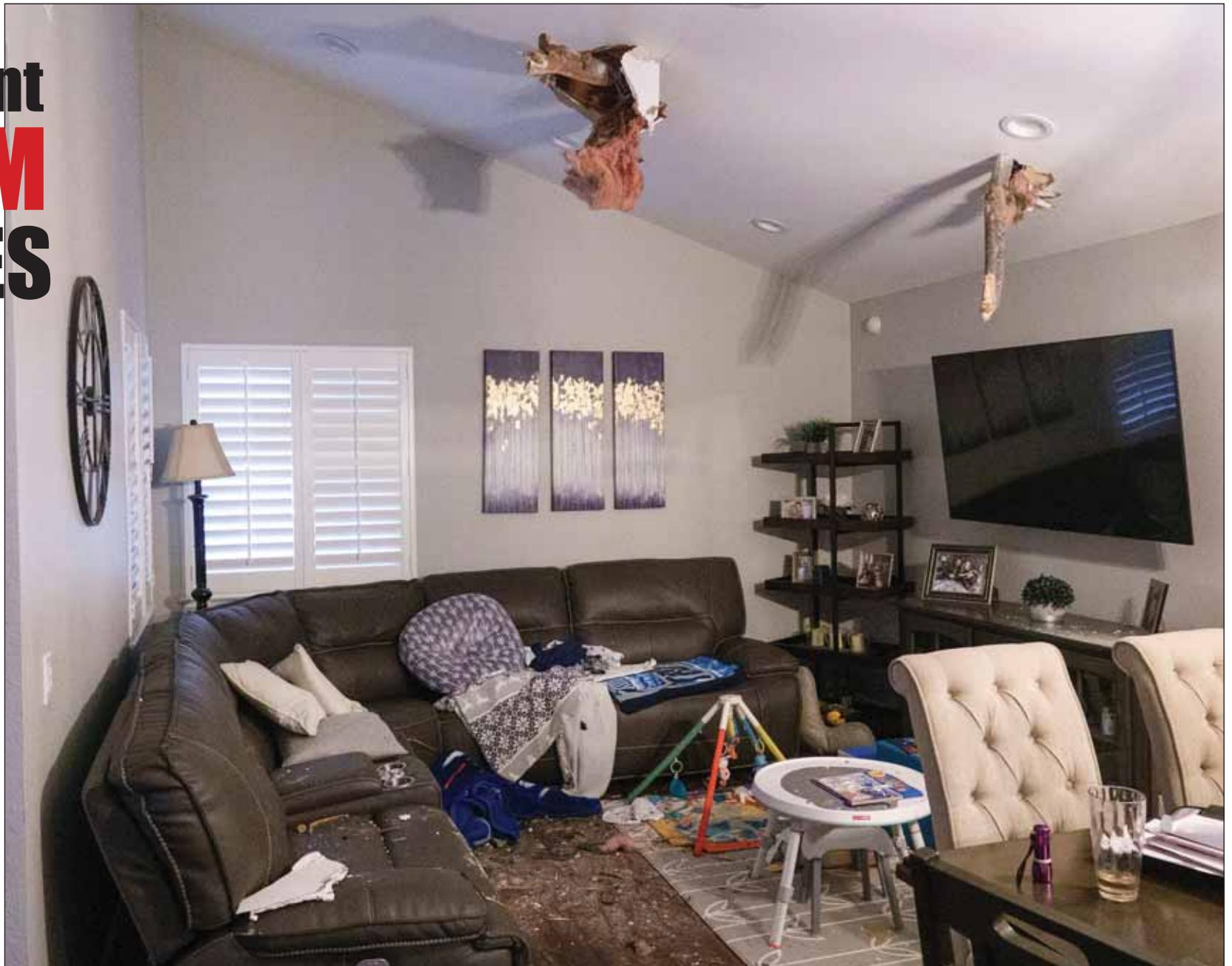


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Claremont STORM STORIES

Tami and Vincent Arenas were watching television in their family room around 11:30 p.m. on Friday with their three-month-old child, Dylan. As the wind howled outside they heard a huge boom on the roof. As debris flew everywhere, they noticed that branches were poking through the roof right above them. They felt lucky to be alive. "All of a sudden it came through the roof and...the noise was so loud and it shook the house so much I thought the roof was just going to collapse in on us. Like, that's just how hard it came through," Tami said. "I screamed and then my second thought was to get my other son [two-year-old Jake] who was sleeping in his room and for some reason he didn't wake up through the whole thing." COURIER photos/Peter Weinberger



When the Arenas family went outside, they saw a giant pine tree in their front yard had fallen on top of the house, causing major damage. They were not alone, as other homeowners in their Stanislaus Circle neighborhood were also impacted by downed trees landing on homes.



Later in the morning, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Reece, who was circling the neighborhood assessing damage, stopped by to see how the Arenas were holding up. While the full cost of damages is still being assessed, Tami shared that the damages were so severe that the family has to find a rental for a few months while their home gets repaired.



Once Michael O'Malley discovered there was substantial damage from the windstorm, he headed down to Pomona College to assess its magnitude. O'Malley knew he had to act quickly before the cleanup effort began. When he arrived, he found the damage was severe with giant tree after tree knocked down with roots exposed to the sky. He then opened his orange spray paint cans and got to work. You see, he teaches sculpture at Pomona College and will repurpose the wood to give these trees a second life as furniture. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger



King Street resident Brad Jamison uses a chainsaw to cut a section from a massive pine tree that fell during the windstorm, completely blocking Butler Court in north Claremont. Jamison, who lost trees at his property as well, came to the aid of his neighbors after seeing that several residents were completely marooned by the felled tree. With the help of some more neighbors, Jamison was able to clear the road wide enough for vehicles to pass. "I saw the tree down and I knew it would take the city sometime to get to it so I thought I would help them out," Jamison said. COURIER photo/Steven Felschundneff

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