



Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

Week of Mon Oct 26th through Sun Nov 1, 2020

About the Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

The purpose of the Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar is to connect the Black Community of CSU Monterey Bay with the local Black Communities of the Greater Monterey Bay Area. The idea for the calendar came out of the community forums organized as part of CSUMB's annual Super Saturday Black student recruitment events. The Calendar is edited by Steven Goings with new editions being released every Monday. To submit an event for possible inclusion, please send to AfricanQuazar@gmail.com. The submission deadline is Friday at 6pm.

Editor's Note:

Throughout this newsletter, [Blue Underlined](#) copy (including above!) indicates a searchable link.

Steven's

Take on

Monterey

County

Weekly's

Walk-back

Monterey
County Weekly
stands by
endorsements
but disavows
offensive
language -- sort
of.



In the Oct 8, 2020 edition of the Monterey County Weekly, the paper's editorial board began its endorsement of now controversial mayoral candidate Jon Wizard with the words ***"How do you know you're doing something right? By taking a strong stand for change and reform, and thereby ticking off members of the police union and the old guard of Black leadership in the city – so badly that they're backing a half-assed recall attempt against him – Councilmember Jon Wizard has proven himself willing to stand up to the powers that be."***

Some within the Black community of Seaside took great exception to this language. The Ministerial Alliance (whose members include some prominent figures backing the recall of Jon Wizard) gathered community members at Greater Victory Temple to discuss their grievances and the NAACP took the lead in crafting the press release rebuttal. This was excellently done by Yvonne Thomas, the Executive Director and Communications Officer of the Monterey County Branch.

Thomas wrote, ***"In one single sentence, you have chosen to make this about race. You have snidely looked down your noses at the "old guard of Black leadership" in our community. And we are here to remind you to watch your tone when you speak about our former Mayors, former City Councilmen, current Ministers, Philanthropists, businessmen, long time black residents, and Executive Committee members of the the Monterey County Branch NAACP. We are extremely proud of their history and the representation of strong Black leadership that has been pervasive and instrumental in keeping the Seaside Black community viable on the Monterey Peninsula for***

decades."

Perhaps not wanting to tangle with "the oldest and the boldest, the biggest and baddest" civil rights organization in the country (and the county), on Oct 22, 2020 The Monterey County Weekly printed the NAACP [press release](#) in full on their editorial page and issued the following statement:

In our Oct. 8 [endorsement](#) of Jon Wizard for mayor of Seaside, we commended him for taking on the old guard of political leadership. We regrettably described that as the old guard of Black leadership in the city. That description was both unnecessary and, as the NAACP points out, offensive.

The Weekly stands with the NAACP in its goals to end racism and racial discrimination, reform the criminal justice system and end mass incarceration, and to promote equality and civic engagement. We believe Wizard is the best candidate to advance these goals in Seaside. We stand by our endorsement of Wizard for Seaside mayor (and Tinisha Dunn and Dave Pacheco for council).

Having witnessed many dust-ups between the Weekly and other activists and activist groups over the years, I know that it is no small feat getting the periodical to walk back any editorial statements, so this is undoubtedly a win for the NAACP and the Ministerial Alliance.

While perhaps the MC Weekly will be a little less cavalier about "ticking off" our community in the future, I am not yet convinced that the Editorial Board actually understands its offense. In addition to releasing their new statement and printing the NAACP editorial, the paper edited the original article by simply removing one word. "Ticking off...the old guard of Black leadership in the city" now simply reads, "the old guard leadership."

The Monterey County Weekly agrees that the original language was "unnecessary and offensive" but as far as I know, there has been no actual public apology in print or otherwise. Furthermore, simply removing the word Black from the sentence does nothing to change the original tone and intent. Ticking off the old guard leadership is still something to be lauded, there is still sufficient disrespect of that leadership to describe their recall attempt (which as I keep pointing out, I too am opposed to) as "half-assed" and finally, the Editorial Board remains as oblivious to the blatant ageism of the old guard reference as they were to the original latent racism in the

old guard of Black leadership reference.

It seems to me that given the power of the NAACP brand, the MC Weekly is in "cover your ass" mode. It is doing what it can to put out the fire before it spreads. However, unless and until the MC Weekly gets that it is the overall tone of disrespect for a revered segment of the Black community -- and not simply naming that segment "Black" -- that is the source of the upset, they will continue to blithely toss flaming matchsticks onto the still flammable tinder of racial and other social sensitivities in Monterey County.

Seaside's Black History and Black Leadership Matters!

NAACP Recap



NAACP
MONTEREY COUNTY BRANCH

Vice News: [*The*](#)

[*US Eliminated Nearly 21,000 Election Day Polling Locations for 2020*](#)

“Having polling locations farther away or that are more crowded creates a hardship for many workers, particularly blue-collar and hourly workers,” NAACP President Derrick Johnson told VICE News. Johnson said even states that have expanded mail voting access while cutting Election Day polling sites are taking a gamble that could hurt some voters.

Bloomberg: [*The Pursuit of Equity in the Environment*](#)

Jacqui Patterson, Senior Director, Environmental and Climate Justice Program, NAACP, and other environment specialists speak with Bloomberg CityLab Writer and Editor Brentin Mock at the Bloomberg Equality virtual briefing Covid-19 Exposed: The Quest for Equity about the connection between health and the environment.

Diverse Education: [*NAACP Tackles Black Student Debt Crisis*](#)

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) put a national spotlight on the Black student debt crisis in the U.S. and suggested how to combat it. The nation’s oldest civil rights organization, held a virtual press conference on Monday to discuss a report titled “Legislation, Policy and the Black Student Debt Crisis,” a Lumina

Foundation report that details and quantifies the economic inequalities that Black students face in higher education with regard to student debt burdens. The NAACP offers recommendations to address these issues.

Orange Leader: [NAACP: Candidates should address resolving black student-debt crisis](#)

Concerned that student debt hits Blacks hardest, the NAACP is using a Twitter campaign to make sure presidential candidates prioritize reducing college debt in their education-policy platforms. A 2019 study showed Black students who graduated from Texas state universities have a debt-to-income ratio of 117%, compared with 68% for white students.

**In the
Spotlight:
John
Wineglass**



While Wineglass' work keeps him traveling, he is

Composer-in-Residence at the Monterey Symphony and lives on the Monterey Peninsula. The Youth Ministry of Monterey County will conduct an online interview with Wineglass on Nov 4, 2020 at 5 pm.

RSVP for the Wineglass interview with this link:

<https://www.youthmusicmonterey.org/event-info/interview-with-john-wineglass>

John Wineglass, born in Washington, D. C. in 1973, played viola in the DC Youth Orchestra. He received a B.M. degree in Music Composition at the American University and earned a Master's degree in Music Composition: Film Scoring for Motion Pictures, Television and Multi-Media at *New York University*. Wineglass won 3 *Daytime Emmy* awards for his work on *All My Children*. Compositions for orchestra include *Big Sur: The Midnight Sun*, commissioned and premiered by the Monterey Symphony; *Bonny Doon: From the Misty Redwoods down to the Mighty Pacific Ocean*; *Cityscapes*; and *Voices of the West*. A recent work, *Unburied, Unmourned, Unmarked: Requiem for Rice*, is “dedicated to the lives of millions and

numerous contributions of Africans & African-American forced laborers who cultivated the immense, expansive, and particularly wealthy rice economy in the Lowcountry”.

For further information visit: johnwineglass.com

In the Spotlight: New Hope Baptist Church



New Hope Missionary Baptist Church was organized February 12, 1959, in Seaside California at the home of Reverend James W. and Sister Bertha L. Paige. Charter members in attendance were Reverend Clarence Lewis McFadden, Reverend W. F. Bailey, Reverend Light, Deacon C. P. Swann, Brother Bennie L. Harris, Brother William Gulley, Brother Stellman Reid, Sister Alice Baxter Kellum, and Sister Evon Harris.

After meeting in the Paige home for several weeks, Deacon Ira Beverly (Friendship Baptist Church) and Brother Bennie L. Harris were instrumental in locating a site, at St. Helena and San Pablo Streets for the newly formed "New Hope Missionary Baptist Church." As the membership began to grow, New Hope moved to its present location at 1304 Sonoma Avenue in Seaside California in January 1960.

Many members have contributed to the long and glorious history of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. With gratitude, we acknowledge the distinguished service of Charter Members and the first Church Officers: Reverend James W. Paige; Trustees: Deacon C. P. Swann, Brother William Gulley and Brother Bennie L. Harris; Recording/Corresponding Secretary/Clerk: Sister Evon Harris; Treasurer: Sister Alice Baxter Kellum; Sunday School Superintendent: Brother William Gulley; President of the Usher

Board and the Deaconess Board: Sister Louise Swann.

During our 61 years, we have had four pastors: the late Reverend J. W. Paige (retired January 12, 1975); Reverend J. P. Anderson (resigned January 1976); the late Reverend Benjamin Charles Franklin (from July 1976 to his retirement on November 5, 2000); and Pastor ML Carter (from November 6, 2000 to the present).

Here are just a few highlights of some memorable and historical events over the past 61 years.

1977-Deaconess Lenora Bean founded the J.W. Paige Scholarship program to aid students in furthering their education.

1980-The Church purchased four parcels of land adjacent to the Church building; the sanctuary was enlarged, repaved, and the first cornerstone laid.

1992-Under the leadership of Pastor Benjamin Franklin, the Church purchased the fifth parcel of land adjacent to our present location and the construction of the "J.W. Paige Educational Building" began.

1994-The construction of the "J.W. Paige Educational Building" was completed and consisted of a large social hall, Pastor's office, two classrooms, a computer room, three bathrooms, and three storage rooms. The Church dedicated the building at that time and a second cornerstone laid.

1997- The Brotherhood purchased material for a new "Order of Service" sign that was constructed by Deacon Otis Martin.

2005-The Church remodeled the kitchen under the direction of Deaconess A. Dean Martin.

May 2009- The Lord blessed our Church family to pay off the Church mortgage by the coordination of the "Sacrifice With A Vision" Pledge Drive Ministry, chaired by Deaconess A. Dean Martin and committee members Deaconess Johnnie Smith, Sisters Ruthie Watts, Anita Sterling, and Brother Ron Johnson.

2015-The Church dedicated its Piano in memory of Sister, Grace Delaney, a faithful member and dedicated pianist of the church for over 40 years.

2019-The Church dedicated its Organ in memory of Sister, Patt Casion, a member and astonishing musician of the church for over 30 years.

Throughout the years several associate Ministers have been licensed and/or ordained under the leadership of Pastor ML Carter to preach the Gospel; Rev. Ramon Hyde, Rev. David Evans, Rev. David Walker, Rev. Armando Rios, Rev. Colin Larkin, Rev. Jimmy Welch, Rev. Daniel Kidd, Rev. Jessie Boone, and, Rev. Warren Tropet.

We are proud to have Reverend ML Carter as our Pastor. He was mentored and ordained for six years under the direction of Pastor Benjamin Franklin. There have been additions to the Church family, by Christian experience, and candidates for baptism. He has continued the legacy that started with Pastor Paige and carried out with Pastor Franklin. To "Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ" in season and out of season, to maintain the integrity of the Church ministry's focus, which is "winning souls for Jesus Christ." To God be the glory for the things He has done for New Hope Missionary Baptist Church!

Fall 2020
Historically
Black
Virtual
Church
Tour...



On Oct 25th, 2020, we visited New Hope Baptist Church. [Here is a link](#) to the Sunday Service Recording.

This week we visit New Hope Baptist Church, Seaside

Sun Nov 1, 11 AM

Ocean View Baptist Church

Ways to attend Sunday's Service:

1. Go to Pastor Kenneth Murray's Facebook [page](#) where the service will be broadcast live
2. **To join the Historically Black Church Tour Watch Party**, join the Monterey Bay Black Folks Calendar Facebook [group](#) and login before 11 am. All members will receive a watch party notification through Facebook.

Recruiting Teachers of Color for MPUSD!



Ann Jealous has been in conversation with MPUSD Superintendent PK Diffenbaugh about the need

to bring in more Black and teachers of color to Monterey K-12 schools, and asked for our help in getting word out to possible candidates for the *Alder Teacher Residency* program they are offering.

Adler Teacher Residency is recruiting now for the 2021-2022 school year. Application deadline Nov. 9, 2020.

\$15,000 living stipend

**\$10,000 tuition reimbursement for math, science, and
SPED candidates**

**Year-long apprenticeship with Mentor Teacher
Master's Degree and Credential in one-year
Priority hiring for full-time position at MPUSD**

**Requirements: BA completed by June 2021; 3.0 GPA preferred;
eligible to work in US**

More info, contact Superintendent PK
Differbaugh at: pkdifferbaugh@mpusd.k12.ca.us

Check out website at: [Alder Teacher Residency](#)

**Voter
Registration
at the
Recognizing
Military
Service
Center**



**Weekly: Wed-Sat from 3 to 6 PM
Located at 2087 Del Monte Blvd., Seaside**

Long time members, Mary Davis and Yvonne Kirkland will be on hand to register voters at the [RMSC](#). At the same time, Michelle's Soul Food Kitchen is available on-site for take out.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Voter Registration Drive, contact Mary Davis at Mary.Davis0406@gmail.com

**Upcoming
CSUMB Events:**

Roberto
Pérez
(Urban
Pilón)
(Daniel Hale
Williams



Black Health Education Series)

The Center for Black Student Success invites you to cook with Afro-Caribbean chef Roberto Pérez.

November 12, 2020

6:00pm — 7:30pm

[*Register for Virtual Event*](#)

In preparation for Thanks Giving/Indigenous People's Day Pérez will join HCOM Professor Umi Vaughan virtually to teach viewers how to prepare a meal and to discuss his organization Urban Pilón whose mission is to honor and preserve cooking traditions from Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, and Latin America while using completely natural, healthy ingredients. Participants will learn a classic recipe along with the history behind it.

Cultural Programming

The Center for Black Student Success brings relevant cultural programming to campus by welcoming authors, artists, scholars, and performers from throughout the African Diaspora to enrich the CSUMB experience with concerts, workshops, exhibits focused on engaging and inspiring Black students.

Following event:

- **Nate Cameron:** December 3, 2020, Time: 6-7:30 pm

Upcoming Community Events:

Youth Music Monterey County interviews John Wineglass



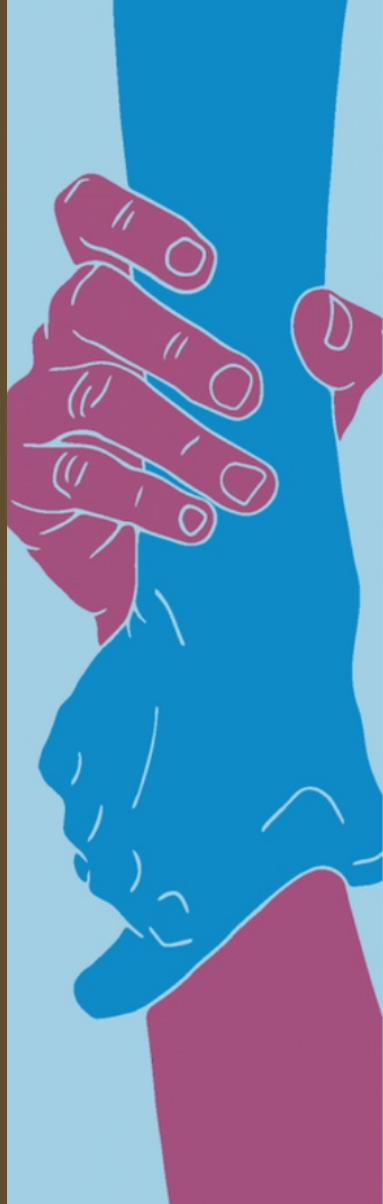
Please join YMM, Wednesday, November 4th, 2020, at 5 p.m. when Suzanne Mudge, Executive Director, will conduct a live interview with John Wineglass via Zoom. Topics include the many genres of musical composition; teaching, working and making a living as a composer; breaking the boundaries of traditional classical music; and how classical music can help create a world of equity, diversity and inclusion.

RSVP for the Wineglass interview with this link:

<https://www.youthmusicmonterey.org/event-info/interview-with-john-wineglass>

YMM's new series, **Fresh Perspectives**, created by Suzanne Mudge along with Danko Druško, Music Director, debuted in September of 2020. The series consists of virtual master classes, interviews, and videos with luminaries from the world of music. Past sessions are available to view via the YMM YouTube Channel. For more information on future **Fresh Perspectives** presentations and for students interested in becoming musicians in our orchestras, visit our Website:

<https://www.youthmusicmonterey.org/>



SAVE THE DATE



MONTEREY COUNTY YOUTH SUMMIT: RACE TO EQUITY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

A VIRTUAL SUMMIT TO RAISE THE VOICES OF
MONTEREY COUNTY YOUTH ON ISSUES OF
RACE AND EQUITY!

OPEN TO ALL MONTEREY COUNTY MIDDLE
& HIGH SCHOOLS, COLLEGE STUDENTS, AND
MONTEREY COUNTY RESIDENTS

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Lopez Littleton on
above Youth
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Upcoming

NATIONAL Events:

Register Now - Virtual Forum Series!

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Registration is Open!

The 2020 [Virtual Forum Series, Addressing Racial Equity](#), will be held over a 5-week span beginning September 29. Each day will cover a different topic, provide attendees the ability to earn a total of 15 live CE's, include access to the Virtual NASW/NASW Foundation Awards Program, and access to Forum Series Session recordings to review and refresh your knowledge.

Addressing Racial Equity

September 29 – Addressing Racial Equity Presentation | Keynote Address

October 6 – The Intersection of Ethics & Racial Equity | Racial Equity Through the Clinical Lens

October 13 – Cultural Competency & Racial Justice: Working to Undo Racism

October 20 – 2020 Election Forecast | Voter Suppression

October 29 – Immigration and Refugees | The Way Forward: Be a Part of the Solution

October 29 - NASW/NASW Foundation Awards Program

[REGISTER](#)



National Association of Social Workers, 750 First Street NE, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20002-4241

Addressing Racial Equity
[***Registration Link***](#)

[***Useful Links:***](#)

[Black Business Directory](#)

- Here is something the Monterey County Branch NAACP is working on. You can **send your entries directly to lbogene@yahoo.com**

[Black Community Leader/Activist Archive](#)

- Check out the list and add your bio and photo to it.

[Black Court Support Volunteer Sign-Ups](#)

- We all know the so-called criminal justice system treats our folks much more harshly than others, sometimes just having community members show up at court can make a difference in how things turn out.

[Black Web Sites](#)

- Check it out or add your favorite to the list

[Black Speakers Bureau for Classroom Presentations](#)

- With so few African Americans working in our K-12 and higher education systems, our kids have too few opportunities to see professionals and role models who look like them. We are looking for Black community members and professionals who can be called on to be occasional guest speakers in local classrooms.

[Black Voices and Photo Portrait Project](#)

- Local photographer Nic Coury has launched this Black Portrait Project and looking for subjects. **If interested in posing for a professional picture message him on Facebook** or send me (africanquazar@gmail.com) your contact info for me to forward.

[Updated! CSUMB Black Staff & Faculty](#)

- Just the basic public contact and position info

[Improving Black Lives Priorities and Wish List](#)

- Click on this google document to share your thoughts about what is needed in the Black community. We will prioritize them for further action.

[Monterey Bay Historically Black Churches](#)

- Check out the current list of churches, update existing entries or add new ones.

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