



Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

Monterey Peninsula Pride 2022
Edition

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. Don't forget there is also a Facebook Group: [Monterey Bay Black Folks Calendar](#) where you can post anything related to Black Folks directly.

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MONTEREY PENINSULA **PRIDE 2022**

Monterey Peninsula Pride Parade

**IN-PERSON PRIDE IS
MAKING A RETURN**

**Saturday, July
23; 11am Custom
House Plaza,
Monterey**



After two years of virtual events to help keep our community safe, we're delighted to announce that the annual Monterey Peninsula Pride parade and celebration will be held in-person on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at the Custom House Plaza, part of Monterey State Historic Park.

Be sure to follow us on social media for the latest updates:

- <https://twitter.com/montereypride>
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In the Spotlight: 2022 Pride Parade Grand Marshall Ricardo Burney



Bio written by JR Walker

A framed poster with a quote by African model Nyakim Gatwech hangs on the Orlando, Florida, living room wall of Ricardo Burney. The quote, “The Black Queen is the most powerful piece in the game,” speaks to the mighty authority of the piece in the game of chess. But for Burney, those 11 words speak to life beyond tournaments and into the mighty pumps of Bernice Labelle, Burney’s drag persona, who was a mainstay in the Monterey LGBTQIA+ scene in the mid-1990s.

A soldier in the United States Army, Burney gave life to Bernice while moonlighting as a barback at a club in Germany on April 17, 1994. A few months later, Burney was sent to Fort Hunter Liggett in south Monterey County to work as a supply specialist and soon connected with the LGBTQIA+ community in Monterey.

Bernice captivated audiences at the AfterDark, with her imposing stature and energetic performances, often leaving the crowd screaming for more. Bernice would oblige, electrifying the club with a quintessential Patti Labelle in-your-face performance complete with shoe-throwing and an occasional wig toss.

Burney served in the U.S. Army at a time when being gay could cost a soldier their career, and he finished out his contract during the infamous ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ policy. Though he held his personal life close to his chest while in uniform, Burney did not hide in the shadows and found

strength in the spotlight.

Crowned Miss Gay Monterey 1995, Bernice volunteered her time with the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP) and served as the unofficial face of the LGBTQIA+ community in Monterey. Burney also served as Dual Empress in 1997 with Mindy Zireme (Kelvin Wright, who passed away in 2021), and later served as co-chair of the Monterey Peninsula Pride in its first year as a recognized non-profit.

Burney left Monterey County in 1998 for his native Florida, first settling in Fort Lauderdale, and later relocating to the Orlando area, where he served as a costume supervisor with Universal Studios Florida for 15 years. His work led him to the opportunity to work on the set of Saturday Night Live, with the E! network, and with legendary film director Steven Spielberg. Burney continues to be involved with charity work in the Greater Orlando area, including work with “Turn About”, a drag benefit that helps make HIV and Hepatitis testing at no cost. Burney currently lives with his husband, Jose, and dog Dylun in the Orlando area. He works in the medical field and also at the public library in the historic town of Eatonville.

“In the beginning, there was a contingency of embarrassment associated with being a drag queen,” Burney said.

“I wasn’t proud, and I certainly didn’t understand the platform that was afforded to me. It is now later in life that I realize the incredible power of drag, and I see that part of my life as a badge of honor. I was an activist and didn’t really know it, but an ex helped Bernice to realize the power of her voice. I have a sense of self now that has transformed me into the person that I am today, and my journey to self-discovery began on the Monterey Peninsula.”

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**MONTEREY PENINSULA
PRIDE 2022**

**SATURDAY JULY 23
11:00 AM**



START
Hartnell Street &
Polk Street

END
Alvarado Street &
E Franklin Street



**This
Year's
Monterey
Peninsula
Pride**

Events:

Parade: Sat July 23rd at 11 am (arrive by 10:15 for check-in) starts at Hartnell and Polk Street Monterey down the length of Alvarado Street in Monterey. Featuring Grand Marshal Ricardo Burney “the Black Queen is the most powerful piece in the game!”



Celebration: Sat July 23 at noon Custom House Plaza, Monterey. Featuring Mistresses of Ceremonies Rouge Roulette & Khloe Quarter Pounder and many speakers and performers!

Interfaith Spiritual Welcoming: Part of the July 23 Celebration at Custom House Plaza featuring Rev. Angel Rivero (gay pastor from Marina United Methodist Church) with many other faith representatives!

After Party: Sat July 23 from 7pm to 2am at Pearl Hour, 214 Lighthouse Ave, Monterey, \$20.00 cover. Featuring DJ. Luna, Ricardo Burney, Carmel Delights, Rouge Roulette and Khloe Quarter Pounder!

Wave Street Studios Out & Proud Panel: Sun July 24 from 2 to 3:30pm at 774 Wave Street Monterey featuring: Quazar (*Steven Goings*), *Tyller Williamson*, Chief Tina Nieto, Kacey Rodenbush, Rev. Angel Rivera, Paul Richmond and Angela Soto-Cerros Live Streamed at www.wavestreetlive.com/videos/out-and-proud-rainbow-panel

In the Spotlight: Rev.

Angel Rivero,

United Methodist Church of Marina



Rev. Rivero will be leading the Interfaith Spiritual Welcoming at this year's

Article by Mary Duan as published in Aug 6, 2020 edition of [Monterey County Weekly](#)

In God's Image:

A queer pastor faces homophobia upon arriving in Marina -- but looks ahead to building community.

Angel Rivero's welcome to Marina could have been warmer.

A native Californian, Rivero graduated from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, was ordained into the Methodist Church and sent to his first assignment – leading the United Methodist Church on Beach Road. Like many mainline churches, the Methodists are struggling to attract new followers, and at least part of Rivero's marching orders is to grow the congregation.

He arrived on July 1 and seems a perfect fit for the Methodists' social justice mission: He's young (just turned 27), he's Latino and he's gay – his Facebook bio reads "Queer Latino of the Cloth | Cat Dad." That drew ire from some members of a Marina-centric Facebook group, one of whom took a screenshot of Rivero's page sometime in mid-July, posted it and described him as a "wolf in sheep's clothing." Others questioned how he could possibly serve as a pastor and called him a "perfect example of demonic infiltration." As one observer commented on the thread, "The racists and homophobes of Marina are having a party in here. Disgusting." The reality of who he is, as Rivero put it, is this: "I am simply an itinerant minister of The United Methodist Church, called and sent to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ."

Getting an interview with Rivero took jumping through a few hoops – a talk with the Methodist Church's regional media person and then approval from his bishop. Rivero acknowledges that the online hate directed at him happened, but he doesn't want to breathe new life into the events of the past few weeks. Instead, he wants to talk about what lies ahead for his church in Marina.

Weekly: How did you end up a Methodist pastor in Marina?

Rivero: I grew up in a small town, kind of like Marina, just outside of Lancaster. I went to college up in the Napa Valley, a Seventh Day Adventist college, and that's where I was first introduced to the Methodist Church. I went to seminary in Berkeley and graduated in May. In our system, the United Methodist Church, we're an itinerant system and our bishop assigns us to a congregation. So Marina was not at all on my radar.

Weekly: You discovered the Methodist Church in college. What about it spoke to you?

Rivero: The beliefs really lead into action. It's hard in my opinion to be a Methodist and not be concerned about the world around us. For me, Methodism is summed up in personal holiness in which I pray, I go to worship and take communion, but also social holiness and being concerned about injustice or evils in the community.

Weekly: What kind of evils and injustices do you sense are out there, not specifically in Marina but in the greater world?

Rivero: A big pressing one right now is racism, both individual racism and institutional racism.

Another that I'm concerned with and hope to be more engaged with here in Marina is the evils of poverty. I've only been here for a few weeks and meeting people in the area and hearing about the large percentage of homeless students in our school district – for Methodists, supporting public education is very important.

[We'll be] finding ways to support the students and teachers and school, especially during this pandemic when times are even harder than they would be.

Weekly: You're a young guy and I imagine that part of your bishop's thought process in sending you here is because denominations are struggling and you're expected to grow the church. What do you hope it looks like in a year?

Rivero: Since meetings turned to Zoom, we've averaged about 40 people calling in and attending worship. Before the pandemic, the congregation averaged between 40 and 50 people. So it's a small congregation and aging like most mainline denominations. The nice thing about this church in Marina is that it is reflective of the diversity of the city.

With the pandemic it makes it hard to connect with new people, but I would love to see younger people, maybe students from the university and children at the church, and I'd also love to see it as a safe place for everybody.

For some people, going to church isn't a totally safe place. We need to live into hospitality and live into love. I think we need to be that community first and in addition, people need to know we're not just a social group that meets on Sunday, we're a group committed to the well-being of our community.

Weekly: What do you hope people will take away from what happened on Facebook? To some extent, it's still being talked about.

Rivero: For me, I think this is an opportunity for myself as a pastor and as an individual, but also for my congregation to live into the opposite of what was being spewed out. It's our opportunity to be the opposite by offering something hopeful and life-giving.



JULY 23
7PM - 2AM



DJ LUNA M.



RICARDO BURNEY



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CARMEL DELIGHTS



ROGUE ROULETTE



MONTEREY PENINSULA PRIDE 2022

The cover goes towards expenses associated with hosting our annual Pride festivities, which include after party entertainers.

After Party!

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OUT AND PROUD RAINBOW PANEL

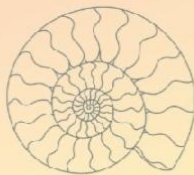


SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2:00-3:30PM
WAVE STREET STUDIOS, MONTEREY

**FEATURING MEMBERS OF MONTEREY COUNTY'S
LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY INCLUDING:**

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KACEY RODENBUSH, LMFT
REV. ANGEL RIVERA, M.DIV.
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ANGELA SOTO-CERROS; LGBTQ+ SERVICES WORKER

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**This
Week
at**

Deja Blue
BLUES, JAZZ & COMEDY CLUB

Deja Blue

500 Broadway Ave, Seaside:

Deja Blue Weekend

Breakfast

July 23, 2022

9AM - 2PM

We serve breakfast on the weekends, Come on down and start your day off with some good food! from 9am-2pm every weekend. Come check out of popular Chicken & Waffles

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Latin Dance Nights

July 23, 2022

FREE

8PM - 1:30AM

Enjoy Latin Dance Night at Deja Blue This Friday. Have a good time out with a group of friends and learn how to salsa for free!

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All Ages

The Joint Chiefs

July 23, 2022

FREE

R&B

3 - 6PM

the Joint chiefs will be playing at Deja Blue! Enjoy some R&B Blues for a evening of soul!

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All Ages

Blues with JC Smith

July 24, 2022

3 - 6PM

Deja Blue is back with the blues featuring JC Smith and band for another month for music that will blow your mind! Deja Blue is located in Downtown Seaside California 500 Broadway Ave .Deja Blue is a Soul food restaurant, bar and music club featuring the best local talent across the central coast.

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All Ages

Wednesday Jazz by the

Bay With June Cavlan

July 27, 2022

6 - 9 PM

Featuring this weeks Jazz by the bay is June Cavlan, David Daniel, Scotty Wright,

and Leon Joyce.
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All Ages

R&B Funk Sunday

July 31, 2022

3 - 6 PM

R&B Funk Sunday is back at Deja blue with minor Williams! Get yourself a plate of soul food and funk!

Ketanji Brown Jackson v. Clarence Thomas



(Biographies from [SupremeCourt.gov](https://www.supremecourt.gov))

Associate Justice Clarence Thomas:

Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice, was born in the Pinpoint community near Savannah, Georgia on June 23, 1948. He attended Conception Seminary from 1967-1968 and received an A.B., cum laude, from College of the Holy Cross in 1971 and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1974. He was admitted to law practice in Missouri in 1974, and served as an Assistant Attorney General of Missouri, 1974-1977; an attorney with the Monsanto Company, 1977-1979; and Legislative Assistant to Senator John Danforth, 1979-1981. From 1981-1982 he served as Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, and as Chairman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1982-1990. From 1990-1991, he served as a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. President Bush nominated him as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and he took his seat October 23, 1991. He married Virginia Lamp on May 30, 1987 and has one child, Jamal Adeen by a previous marriage.

Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson:

Ketanji Brown Jackson, Associate Justice, was born in Washington, D.C., on September 14, 1970. She married Patrick Jackson in 1996, and they have two daughters. She received an A.B., magna cum laude, from Harvard-Radcliffe College in 1992, and a J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1996. She served as a law clerk for Judge Patti B. Saris of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts from 1996 to 1997, Judge Bruce M. Selya of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit from 1997 to 1998, and Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the Supreme Court of the United States during the 1999 Term.

After three years in private practice, she worked as an attorney at the U.S. Sentencing Commission from 2003 to 2005. From 2005 to 2007, she served as an assistant federal public defender in Washington, D.C., and from 2007 to 2010, she was in private practice. She served as a Vice Chair and Commissioner on the U.S. Sentencing Commission from 2010 to 2014. In 2012, President Barack Obama nominated her to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, where she served from 2013 to 2021. She was appointed to the Defender Services Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States in 2017, and the Supreme Court Fellows Commission in 2019. President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., appointed her to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 2021 and then nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 2022. She took her seat on June 30, 2022.

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I support the nomination and confirmation of Judge [*Ketani Brown Jackson*](#) to the Supreme Court of the United States. I support her confirmation because of her impeccable credentials, inspiring story, hard work, sacrifice, and the historic nature of being the first African American woman as the 116th associate justice of the country's highest court. The last time a black person was confirmed to the Supreme Court was [*Clarence Thomas*](#), in 1991. In his contentious confirmation hearing he was accused of sexually harassing his work colleague Anita Hill; many believed — and [*still believe*](#) — that he lied when he denied Hill's claims. He was confirmed by a narrow majority of 52 to 48.

Judge Jackson was also confirmed by a slim majority, due to the political dynamics of the U.S. Senate.

I do not attempt to compare Justices Jackson or Thomas. But Justice Thomas was not widely celebrated in the African American community. The NACCP [*opposed his nomination*](#) before the October confirmation hearing. His relative novice judicial career and conservative ideology were not the ideal replacement for civil rights stalwart Justice Thurgood Marshall. It was Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, the Lyndon B. Johnson nominee who served as chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, that was the judicial heir apparent to Justice Marshall.

It was widely assumed the appointment to replace Justice Marshall would be a man; after all, it had been nearly 25 years since [*Constance Baker Motley*](#), [*the first Black woman to argue a case before the Supreme Court*](#), was confirmed to a federal judgeship.

Since then, according to the [Pew Research Center](#), “fewer than a third of all Black judges ever appointed (29%, or 70 of 239) have been women.” Moreover, “Only 13 have served at the appellate court level — the powerful regional courts that are one step below the Supreme Court.” The report continues: “Democrats [Barack Obama](#) and Bill Clinton, who each served eight years in the White House, appointed 26 and 15 Black women to the federal judiciary, respectively. Among Republican presidents, [George W. Bush](#) appointed eight Black women during his eight-year tenure. George H.W. Bush and Donald Trump each appointed two during their four years in office.”

As a heuristic exercise, would a conservative black woman nominee be equally embraced and celebrated? It was a Democratic Senate that ultimately confirmed Justice Thomas to the court. Such musing is not politically feasible in our current political reality, nor is the thought to suggest that black communities don't support or embrace conservatives. Gen. Colin Powell, former secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.), are prime examples of the embrace of black conservatives.

But for Justice Thomas, his voting record has cemented the *cynicism* many blacks feel toward him. He is the [first Supreme Court justice](#) to [openly criticize](#) the high court's landmark civil rights ruling, *Brown v. Board of Education*. And he joined a 2013 high court decision, [Shelby County v. Holder](#), that eviscerated the Voting Rights Act. In his three decades on the court, Clarence Thomas, the longest-serving current justice, is the most reliable conservative vote.

Certainly, Justice Jackson will have a critical impact — not only as the first and only Black woman on the court to have served as a public defender but also as one of two Black justices serving at the same time for the first time. Whether making good on this [campaign promise](#) will be enough to galvanize the Democratic base, particularly Black voters, is yet to be seen. The party has not delivered on signature campaign and legislative goals such as police reform and new federal voting rights protections. Perhaps Democrats can start to focus on the federal judiciary, as their rival Republicans spur their base to do — the entire direction for generations to come is genuinely at stake.

Will Justice Jackson's presence on the high court be enough to improve the lives of Black voters where it counts — their pocketbooks, around the household table, in their communities? Or, will Jackson's confirmation galvanize the GOP heading into the midterms this fall?

Time will tell, but in the meantime, political and legal analysts will be paying close attention to the opinions and comments between Justices Jackson and Thomas.

**African
American Policy
Forum on the
overturning of**

Roe v. Wade

Today [June 24, 2022], an illegitimate Supreme Court—stacked with radical conservative justices who lied to Congress about their adherence to the precedents confirming our civil and reproductive rights—advanced their plan to undermine the right to equal protection under the law and the right to bodily autonomy.



To say we are outraged by the immoral and constitutionally questionable opinions from the Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Services* is an understatement. Make no mistake: to rip vital abortion care out of the hands of millions of Americans who may need it is a devastating act of political violence. It will also be disproportionately lethal to Black and poor women who now will lose their already-limited access to abortions.

"We have barely emerged from a week of commemoration of emancipation in which the legacy of coerced pregnancy that was the foundation of enslavement and the source of the profits in the slave trade has yet to be addressed. The consequence of our society's failure to see coerced pregnancy as a legacy of enslavement has descended once again upon Black women and all pregnant people with lethal force. Had the project of liberation from enslavement been rooted in this recognition, then coerced childbirth would have been prohibited as a foundational principle of freedom. The incompleteness of our conceptions of liberty thus harken back to the unspeakable past and stretch forward into this painful moment, proving once again that the intersections of patriarchy, racism, and heteronormativity will continue to undermine the freedoms that we all take for granted unless we learn how to address them simultaneously. Our response must not be siloed to a problem that is historically and continuously interconnected."

— ***Kimberlé Crenshaw, AAPF Executive Director.***

In his concurrence, Justice Clarence Thomas telegraphed what those in the movement already knew: the Supreme Court will not just stop at overturning *Roe v. Wade*. They are going to come after every legally settled right and precedent previously set by the Supreme Court that protects marginalized Americans. They will take away the right to access contraception. They will take away the right to protections from workplace harassment for LGBTQ+ Americans and the right to gay marriage.

To fight back we must avoid the mountains of recrimination in the days that will seek to blame one constituency, condition, or individual for this moment. To see the scale of this threat clearly—and to meet it with a single unified movement for intersectional justice and equity—we must understand that this is the outcome of a sustained ideological initiative on the right to unravel core democratic freedoms—racial equity, gender justice, and individual liberty—all in one intellectual, judicial, and political

revolution.

Every time we have collectively failed to see how the fabric of our collective existence is tied to the protections of our freedoms has been a moment that has contributed to this profound loss. The reality is that this attack on our body politic has metastasized over a generation, leading to the current state of minority tyranny of the will of the majority of voters. The upshot is that this undemocratic, unelected body has aligned itself with a radical right agenda that is driving us to the brink of autocracy.

No unelected body should have the power to strip people of their human right to autonomy, especially an institution as plagued by controversy, illegitimacy, and naked partisanship as the United States Supreme Court. When we demand bodily autonomy, we do not just mean over our reproductive organs—we mean autonomy from the violence of the state and extrajudicial killings by the police; we mean autonomy over our gender and our sexual experiences; we mean autonomy over our families and the right to raise our children in safe and supported communities.

We at AAPF strongly believe that the post-slavery amendments to our Constitution gave us the guiding principles to achieve our aspirations for a multiracial society, free from the illiberties, coercion, and violence that characterized our first founding. It is the vision of these, the second founders—the men and women who fought for freedom and who loosened the grip of enslavement and tyranny—that must guide us in the coming years.

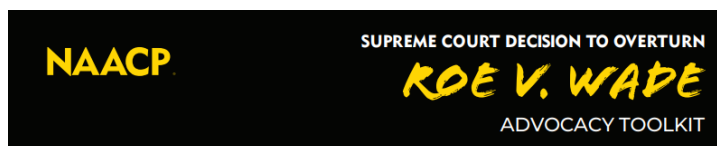
The struggle ahead of us will be one of the most difficult we have faced as a nation. We are committed to this fight, and we hope you will be there with us.

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Court Overturning Roe v. Wade**



Today's [June 24, 2022] Supreme Court decision marks a significant regression of our country," said NAACP General Counsel Janette McCarthy Wallace. "As a legal professional, I am horrified by this decision. As a Black woman, I am outraged to my core. The deciding Justices have ignored fundamental civil rights guaranteed by our Constitution and years of judicial precedent to advance a politically partisan agenda. There is no denying the fact that this is a direct attack on all women, and Black women stand to be disproportionately impacted by the court's egregious assault on basic human rights. We must all stand up to have our voices heard in order to protect our nation from the further degradation of civil rights

protections we have worked so hard to secure."

"It is evidently clear at this time that the future of our democracy hangs in the balance. This Supreme Court is turning back the clock to a dangerous era where basic constitutional rights only exist for a select few. They've stripped away our right to vote, and now women have lost their right to their own body. What's next?" said Portia White, Vice President of Policy and Legislative Affairs. "We cannot allow our future to rest in the hands of those determined to crush every bit of it. We need to fight back. Just this week, the NAACP and Vote.org formed an alliance to register and mobilize voters in what will be the most critical midterm election America has ever faced. If you're not registered to vote, or know someone who isn't, now is the moment. This is no time for anyone to sit on the sidelines."

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“Abortion as black genocide”: inside the black anti-abortion movement



By P.R. Lockhart Jan 19, 2018, 11:20am EST

While anti-abortion activism has attempted to link abortion to racism for decades, the argument that abortion poses a *unique threat* to black lives has seen an *increase in attention* in recent years, the result of a collaboration between the conservative black church, black anti-abortion activists, and some white anti-abortion organizations.

These claims speak to real fears about racism in the medical system, calling back to the *unethical harms of the Tuskegee study* and the days when women of color were forcibly sterilized by state eugenics programs. It's an apt comparison in the eyes of black anti-abortion activists, many of whom argue that Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger was a supporter of eugenics who, some say, worked to intentionally lower the black birth rate. (Sanger's history *isn't as clear-cut* — she certainly did *support a form of eugenics*, but her work on birth control in the black community was not viewed with alarm by prominent African-American community leaders.)

That black women are *far more likely* than women of other races to get an abortion (accounting for *roughly one-third* of those undergoing the

procedure according to one commonly cited study) is, to the black anti-abortion movement, proof that something is amiss. In connecting abortion access in the present to the harms of the past, black pro-choice advocates say the black anti-abortion movement *ignores women's agency*. And while polling doesn't fully capture the *complex viewpoints* a large segment of the public has about abortion, in polls of the issue, black Americans still *overwhelmingly* say that abortion should be legal in most cases.

Even so, the black anti-abortion movement has landed on a provocative argument, one that award-winning filmmaker Yoruba Richen says proved ripe for exploration.

Richen was first exposed to the criticisms of Sanger and the abortion-as-black-genocide argument when she stopped by an anti-abortion protest while working on a different project. "I went to [an] abortion center and there was a protest, and there were signs out there that talked about Margaret Sanger being a racist," she says. Looking further at the protesters themselves, she found "it wasn't just people from the sort of traditional, mostly white anti-abortion space; it was a sector of black folks from the black anti-abortion movement."

After researching the issue, she quickly realized not only how potent the argument could be in parts of the black community, but how it had spread much further, becoming a common talking point of anti-abortion politicians. With the backing of PBS Frontline and the Investigative Fund at the Nation Institute, Richen set out to better understand how the black anti-abortion movement operates, speaking to a number of people on both sides of the issue and releasing a short film on the topic, "*Anti-Abortion Crusaders: Inside The African-American Abortion Battle*," in December.

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[Monterey Bay Black Folks Calendar](#) (Public Group, 396 members)

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- Site Administrator: Steven Goings

[NAACP Monterey County Branch 1049](#) (Facebook page under reconstruction)

- About: The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

[National Association for the Advancement of Colored People](#)

- About: Founded in 1909 in response to the ongoing violence against Black people around the country, the NAACP (National Association

for the Advancement of Colored People) is the largest and most pre-eminent civil rights organization in the nation. We have over 2,200 units and branches across the nation, along with well over 2M activists. Our mission is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.

Black Lives Matter

- About: #BlackLivesMatter is an online forum intended to build connections between Black people and our allies to fight anti-Black racism, to spark dialogue amongst Black people, and to facilitate the types of connections necessary to encourage social action and engagement.

African American Policy Forum

- About: Founded in 1996, The African American Policy Forum (AAPF) is an innovative think tank that connects academics, activists and policy-makers to promote efforts to dismantle structural inequality. We utilize new ideas and innovative perspectives to transform public discourse and policy. We promote frameworks and strategies that address a vision of racial justice that embraces the intersections of race, gender, class, and the array of barriers that disempower those who are marginalized in society. AAPF is dedicated to advancing and expanding racial justice, gender equality, and the indivisibility of all human rights, both in the U.S. and internationally.

Monterey County Black Caucus (Public Group, 174 members)

- About: Our mission for the Monterey County Black Caucus (MCBC) is to heal and empower the Black Community by cultivating leadership, by providing a safe space for Black residents to unwrap and reflect, by advocating for equity and inspiring Black culture through arts and community development
- Site Administrators: Tay Elaine, Tinisha Dunn, Robert Daniels, Rosalyn Green

Marina BIPOC & Allies (Private Group, 63 members)

- About: A group for BIPOC & allies in Marina, CA to support the BIPOC community. We support #blacklivesmatter & will center black voices on needed local changes.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

- Rev. Harold Hollingsworth Lusk Sr. Pastor
- The Church today REACHING TO PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE!!

Christian Memorial Tabernacle Church of God in Christ

- Christian Memorial Tabernacle Church of God in Christ is under the Pastoral Leadership of Dr. Samuel E. Gaskins Sr.

Emmanuel Church of God in Christ

- About: Stay updated about the great things God is doing at Emmanuel COGIC here in Seaside, CA. Our Pastor is Dr. E.B. Jones and our Founder is Dr. Welton McGee!
- YouTube Channel:

[Friendship Baptist Church Seaside](#)

- About: Friendship is one of the first Baptist Churches on the Monterey Peninsula. Many other Baptist Church's have branched off this congregation.

[Greater Victory Temple Church of God in Christ](#)

- About: Dr. Ronald Britt, Senior Pastor
- Lost souls are our priority! Each one, win one!

[Hays Christian Methodist Episcopal Church](#)

- Rev. La Tanya Barr

[Holy Assembly Missionary Baptist Church](#)

- Founded in 1974 by Reverend Slade, HAMBC is a moving church being led by God in Marina, CA.

[Lighthouse Full Gospel Church](#)

- Through this Seaside branch, many lives have been influenced and souls saved. Great men and women have been equipped and sent out into the harvest field to promote the gospel and to help advance the kingdom of God.

[Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Salinas](#)

- In 1965, a group of devout Christians, finding a need for a Baptist Church in the area, assembled in the home of Sister Richardson at 1112 Del Monte Street, Salinas, California.

[New Hope Baptist Church Seaside](#)

- 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.

[New Hope Baptist Church Salinas](#)

- About: "A Church Dedicated To Servant-hood and Discipleship"

[Ocean View Baptist Church](#)

- Rev. Kenneth Murray

[Seaside Seventh Day Adventist Community Church](#)

- **About Us:** The Seaside SDA Community Church Seaside community SDA church is the first and only Historically Black Adventist church on the Monterey Peninsula. Founded in 1966, Seaside SDA Church is part of a worldwide organization with more than 15 million members around the world. We exists *to share the love and teachings of Jesus Christ to all people*. Through prayer, the word, love, and service, we connect our church and community to Christ. When you come to Seaside, you can expect to be welcomed into a friendly, positive environment by people who are genuinely glad to see you.
- **Saturdays Virtual and in-person-** Sabbath School service on Zoom at 9:30 AM. Enjoy in-person worship service and by live-streaming Seaside Community SDA on Facebook or You-tube at 11:00 AM.

[Recognizing Military Service Center](#)

- Formerly "Retired Men's Social Club"
- About: We are a Social Club. Our goal is to add to the betterment of this community and the people of the community, by providing Scholarships to Graduating High School Seniors, Service Learning Programs and affordable Entertainment to our members and Community

[LINKS, Inc. Monterey Bay Chapter](#)

- Established in 1974, the Monterey Bay Chapter of the Links Inc, are friends that transform the community in which we serve. Through cultural, educational, & civic participation, our chapter faithfully strives to be strong, smart & bold in positive change.

[Deja Blue, Seaside](#)

- Live Jazz, Blues and Comedy in Downtown Seaside

[Useful Links:](#)

[New! County Employment Opportunities:](#) Monterey County Supervisor Elect Wendy Askew encourages community members to "*register for job announcements from the County - and to apply for anything that seems interesting so that your resume gets into the system.*"

[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.

Updated! CSUMB Black Staff & Faculty

- Just the basic public contact and position info

Monterey Bay Historically Black Churches

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

Monterey Bay Black Folks Weekly Event Calendar
Submit to AfricanQuazar@gmail.com
