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THE E. REED REPORT

U.S. Senator and Attorney Kamala Harris is the Democratic Party's nominee for the Vice President of the United States to serve with Presidential hopeful, Joe Biden. She is the first Black woman to serve on a major party presidential ticket.

Harris explained in her acceptance speech information about her mixed heritage. She indicated that she was born on October 20, 1964, at Kaiser Hospital in Oakland, California.

Her father, Donald J. Harris, is a Stanford University professor emeritus of economics, who arrived in the US from British Jamaica in 1961 for graduate study at UC Berkeley. He received a PhD in economics in 1966.

Kamala's mother, Shyamala Gopalan, immigrated to the United State in 1958 as a graduate student in nutrition and endocrinology at the University of California at Berkely.

Kamala said that both of her parents were active in the civil rights movement of the sixties.

Kamala and her younger sister, Maya, Harris lived in Berkeley, California, until she was twelve years old. Their parents separated when she was six years of age and she was raised by her mother. Harris says that her mother took them to Black Churches as well as Hindu Temples.

Both of her parents are now deceased, but she has kept up with her extended families on both sides.

Harris attended Howard university, the University of California, and Hastings College of Law. She worked in the San Francisco area as an at-

Kamala Harris, Vice Presidential Nominee

first Black woman to serve on a major party presidential ticket



torney as was elected to the 27th district attorney post of San Francisco. She ran for Attorney General of California in 2010 and won and then won re-election in 2014. In 2016 She won the 2016 Senate election becoming the second African American to serve in the United States Senate. Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois was the first.

Because of her mixed heritage, she is also considered an Asia American as well as an African American.

Harris ran for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in the 2020 election, but dropped out of the race citing a lack of funding. When dropping out, she endorsed former vice president Joe Biden who has now picked her for this running mate.

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North Chicago's First Black Chief of Police, Ernest B. Fisher, Sr., Passes

(December 31, 1931 - August 18, 2020)

Ernest Fisher is noted for his rich legacy of public service and dedication to the community of North Chicago and the greater Lake County area.

He is the first black police officer to be hired in the City of North Chicago in 1973. During his career, he served as a Sergeant, Lieutenant, Assistant Chief of Police and in March of 1983 named to be the First Black Chief of Police.

Ernest retired in August 1994 after 39 years of service. He then transitioned to be Alderman of the First Ward and has been re-elected to that position every term serving for nearly 24 years.

Ernest was an honoree of the 2010 Lake County Rights Hall of Fame. He was also honored as First Responder by Lake County Board Profiles in Excellence.

Having served the City of North Chicago for fifty plus years, he was honored in August 2011 with the naming of Jackson Street between 10th and 14th Street as Ernest B. Fisher, Sr. Drive.

"I knew Alderman Fisher back when he was a patrol officer," said Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. "I knew his son, Ernest Fisher, Jr., I served with him on the City Council under Mayor Bobby Thompson.

"The level of his dedication and commitment to North Chicago is unparalleled. He will truly be missed," Rockingham said.

Ernest is a member of Trinity AME Church, Waukegan, Illinois, a member of Rufus Mitchell Lodge #107, Little Fort Elks Lodge #1359 IBPOEW, International Association Chiefs of Police, Illinois Association Chiefs of Police and Lake County Chiefs of Police. He received his elementary and high school education in North Chicago and Waukegan, Illinois, respectively.

In preparation for and during his career on the North Chicago Police Department, Ernest attended the University of Illinois/for police supervision; Juvenile Training Institute; Northwestern University/Police Decision



Alderman Ernest Fisher, and wife Betty Fisher at the 2019 Most Influential African Americans of Lake County Awards Banquet where he received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Making and Leadership; Northern Illinois University/Criminal Investigations; Illinois State Police Academy/Advanced Managerial Strategies; Emergency Communication; Manager/Supervisor Training School; Control of Civil Disturbances; Lake County Chief of Police Association/New Domestic Violence Art; Disaster Management Resources; Federal Bureau of Narcotics Training School/Narcotics Enforcement; and Chicago Police Academy/Criminal Justice Sciences. In addition, he received many letters of achievement.

Ernest was married for 50 years to Betty Jean Armstead-Fisher. He is the father of three; grandfather of six; and great grandfather of eleven. A life-long resident of North Chicago, Illinois. He enjoyed retirement as an Amateur Radio Operator, a golfer and a traveler.

In 2019, Fisher received the 2019 Most Influential African Americans of Lake County Lifetime Achievement Award presented by The Chicago Peoples Voice Newspaper.

- Elroy Reed

Chadwick Boseman The Black Panther Dies

It is with immeasurable grief that we confirm the passing of Chadwick Boseman. Chadwick was diagnosed with stage III colon cancer in 2016, and battled with it these last 4 years as it progressed to stage IV. He died on August 28, 2020. He was 43 years of age.

A true fighter, Chadwick preserved through it all, and bought you many of the films you have come to love so much. From Marshall to Da 5 Bloods, August Wilson's Ma Rainey's Black Bottom and several more, all were filmed during and between countless surgeries and chemotherapy.



It was the honor of his career to bring King T'Challa to life in Black Panther. The Black Panther became the third top-gross selling title of all times behind Star Wars: The Force Awakens, and Avatar. His last blockbuster was 21 Bridges.

He attended Howard University.

He died in his home, with his wife and family by his side.



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News Digest

Covid-19 Update

According to the Lake County Health Department, as of August 29, 2020 there has been reported about 14,394 confirmed cases of the Covid-19 positive cases. Of those 443 have died. Nationally, there has been more than 6 million cases with about 183,000 deaths. Please continue to protect yourself, use face masks, social distance, and if you have symptoms, please get tested.

The Waukegan Harbor to be Dredged

Due to growing sand deposits in the Waukegan Harbor and the related shipping problems associated with high levels of sand deposits, the United States Army Corps of Engineers will dredge the Waukegan Harbor next summer and Transport the sand to help eroding beaches in North Chicago, Lake Bluff, Glencoe and Evanston.



Election Information

The national election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Voters may vote by mail, early voting, or voting the day of the election. Check out the Lake County Clerks office for specific information, but above all, please register and vote.

The Lake County Clerk's office is looking for Election workers for the day of the election. These are paid positions. You must be a registered voter, at least 16 years of age, a U.S. Citizen, and an Illinois resident for 30 days. Visit ElectionJudge.info or call 847-377-2408 for more information.

Peoples Voice Talent Showcase

The Peoples Voice is introducing a virtual talent showcase. If you would like to participate call the Peoples Voice Talent Show Hotline at 847-766-1924.

CLC Receives Trio Grant

The College of Lake County was recently awarded a U.S. Department of Education TRIO Student Support Services grant of 1.3 million. for the third consecutive time. This five-year grant provides crucial student services for 140 low-income, first generation and/or students with disabilities.

The TRIO Student Services program helps with student retention and graduation rates. This is the third consecutive time that CLC has received this award.

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Sadie Watts

A Virtuous Woman

October 26, 1918 - August 22, 2020

It was cold that night in Leighton, Alabama October 26, 1918. The doctor had been summoned to the tidy, but small shotgun house to deliver a baby that would be born pre-mature. The female infant was so tiny and feeble, that it hardly cried, and the doctor gave up hope.

“She won’t survive the night,” the country physician told her parents with dry distaste as he pronounced her demise. “Just dig a hole out in the back yard and bury her.”

But the loving mother could not give up on her newborn that easy. She nestled the struggling baby in her nurturing breast and gave the child everything that she could to keep Sadie alive...at least through the night.

That was two months shy of 103 years ago. The doctor who pronounced gloom and doom over Sadie Watts is himself dead and gone. But Sadie, she is still alive and has memories to share and a rich legacy of love and community service that speaks for itself.

After living 20 years in the deep south, Sadie moved to Waukegan, Illinois in 1938 to a small shanty on Water Street near the then poverty-stricken Market Street area. Two years later, she married Dement Depreist Watts and they had one daughter, Phyllis. Dement Depreist was a soldier in World War II. He was a good husband and provider. Together, Sadie and Dement built a beautiful life. He died in 1998.

Sadie worked in numerous capacities over the years. She served as a truancy officer. She worked for the Community Action Project. And she worked at Glenkirk, a facility which provides services for individuals with disabilities.

While making a living, Watts made life a joy for many people. Throughout her life, Sadie was an inspiring mentor full of wisdom, blessing and encouraging everyone she encountered. She was full of love and life.

She is one of the founding members of Mt. Zion Missionary



Baptist Church of Zion. Mt Zion is the first African American church in Zion. Deacon Amos Taylor, a life-long member, tells the story of how Watts went from door to door encouraging people to attend as the congregation grew. He testified to her tenacity as a Christian soldier at her 100th Birthday party held at Mt. Zion on October 26, 2018.

Taylor says that Watts was a community leader that was well respected.

“When there was something going on, she was heard!” said Taylor.

At her 100th Birthday Celebration, community leaders like former NBA legend and now Mayor of the City of Zion, Billy McKinney spoke about how Sadie made a difference in their lives, simply by the life that she lived.

“She was like a mother to all the kids in the neighborhood. She helped with all the discipline that we needed to be successful in the world,” Billy McKinney reflected. “She made sure that when we stepped out of the house, we represented our community, family and race the right way.”

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Sadie Watts *continued*

McKinney read a resolution proclaiming October 26, 2018, Sadie Watts Day in the City of Zion.

Zion Township Supervisor Cheri Neal shared with the audience that Sadie Watts was a mentor and friend and that she cherished the moments that they shared drinking black tea with brown sugar. On Monday's Neal says that she would go over and sit with Watts and that after each session, she would go home and pour the treasures from those meetings into notes that she plans on writing as a book.

Mary Ross-Cunningham, a Lake County Board Member, recalled the Watts family from Market Street saying that their families were close. Cunningham also presented a resolution from the County naming October 26, 2018 as Sadie Watts Day in Lake County.

Pastor Robert Williams said that Sadie was full of wisdom and a fine example of a virtuous woman.

Sadie Watts has served on several boards including the Department of Housing and Urban Development Board, and the Illinois Department of Aging. She was the Chairman of the Zion Human Relations Commission, and she started one of the first food pantries in Lake County from the garage of her home.

Sadie has earned several awards including the NAACP Community Service Award, the Women's Coalition of Lake County Community Service Award, the Baha Award for promoting harmony, tolerance and understanding between various racial, ethnic, cultural and religious people, and she earned the Most Influential African American of Lake County Civic Leadership Award and The Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sadie Watts attended Moody Bible Institute, Trinity Christian College, American Baptist Theological Seminary and Carthage College where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1974. Her most remarkable attribute was the warm and embracing Godly spirit that Sadie possessed, and one that she shared with everyone that she encountered.

She was a virtuous woman.



*Sadie Watts with Cheri Neal (Zion Township Supervisor),
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and City of Zion Mayor Billy McKinney*

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Faculty prep for online classes drive student success this fall

After months of preparation, fall classes at College of Lake County (CLC) start on August 24. Since 78 percent of classes at the college are online this semester, every faculty member benefited from professional development to teach them how to create a Zoom classroom experience akin to what students normally experience on-campus.

Unlike the experience faculty and students went through when classes abruptly switched to alternative delivery last spring due to the pandemic outbreak, this fall's digital classroom is better equipped to ensure student success. Whether it's using breakout rooms for small group discussions or motivating students through interactive Zoom video presentations, faculty are prepared to keep students engaged in their virtual classrooms.

"The college provided various offerings to help faculty as they transitioned to new modes of course delivery," said Page Wolf, faculty development chair at CLC. "Many faculty members spent the summer engaged in workshops and webinars developing active learning strategies for our new learning environments, whether they were live via Zoom, hybrid, or online anytime modalities."

Summer semester was a prime opportunity to pilot many of these strategies. Psychology professor Martha Lally taught her psychology class online this summer. She provided slides before class, opened Zoom rooms early so students could mingle before it began and stayed late on Zoom afterwards for questions.

"As much as possible, I wanted students to actively interact with me, each other and the course material," said Lally. "Mixing up the daily class format and being flexible, supportive and available outside of class time facilitated a successful semester."

Xavier Torres, one of Professor Lally's psychology students, said, "Being in class online is not that different than being in person. The PowerPoint is the same thing as seeing it in class. It really feels like I'm there in class, but now I'm in my room in pajamas."



Torres said Professor Lally would get everyone involved, even more so than if they were in a classroom together. Even though he finished his associate degree this summer, Torres will continue taking online classes at

CLC this fall because it's the most affordable option as he prepares to transfer.

At least two faculty members went as far as renovating their home office into a virtual classroom they call "The Rebel Base," equipped with the latest technology and a co-pilot.

Married sociology professors John and Maria Jose Tenuto are taking turns operating the camera and moderating student chats while the other teaches from their home. They made room for floor space to walk, set up a monitor to mimic a projector screen and positioned a camera that can zoom and pan so there's movement and the ability to focus on important information.

"We wanted to harness the best of the traditional classroom with the best of Zoom capabilities," Tenuto said. "Creating 'The Rebel Base' is a personal investment we're willing to make because students can experience the most positive Zoom live class we can give them. It also makes it seem more like being at CLC for us. We get to stand, move and use a physical whiteboard to bring some humor and energy to the learning experience."

Student success and safety is at the forefront of CLC's work and a new student guide was recently created to help navigate the semester ahead. It outlines the safety guidelines in place for the necessary courses being taught in-person on campus. It also directs students where to go to access the abundance of resources still available virtually and in-person by appointment. As campus navigates this next chapter in its 50-year history, teaching and learning excellence is at the college's core purpose and this fall is no exception. Whether it's in the classroom or online, there's no better time to learn than now

-A Peoples Voice Special Report



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The Jacob Blake Story

August 31, 2020

Violence and national attention has been drawn to Kenosha, Wisconsin and Antioch Illinois over the shooting of 29 year old Jacob Blake on August 23.

According to eye witnesses, Jacob Blake was attempting to break up a fight between two women, when the police were called to the scene.

Somehow, police attention was directed at him, an altercation occurred and Jacob was shot seven times in the back by a White Kenosha Police Officer, Rusten Sheskey.

The event was captured from two angles on two separate cell phones by individuals at the scene. The first video showed Jacob moving around the vehicle as Sheskey held on to the tail of his shirt, and as Jacob attempted to get into the car where his three sons were. The police officer then fired seven rounds into Blake's back. The second video released about a week later showed a tussle with the police and Jacob moving away from the officers to go around to his vehicle.

CNN analyst reported that neither of the videos demonstrated cause for the police officer to use deadly force.

Violence erupted in the city the night following the incident. Rioters burned down a car lot and set other building on fire. Black Lives Matters protested descended upon the city as well as other violence instigators like the 17 year-old resident of Antioch, IL, Kyle Rittenhouse, who said that he was going to the event with a loaded rifle to help the police. Video footage shows him walking right by the police with the gun slung

around his neck. He shot and killed two white protestors and injured a third according to police reports.

He was subsequently arrested and charged with first-degree intentional homicide in Wisconsin. He took a loaded rifle to the protest, police say, with the intent of helping the police and killing someone. Jacob Blake, shot seven times in the back with his three sons looking on, is in critical condition and his attorney's say that he may never walk again.

Blake's family launched a Go Fund Me fundraising effort to help pay for Jacob's immediate hospital and legal bills. According to individuals associated with the family, the fund has generated over \$3 million.

According to neighbors, he has a sister who lives in of North Chicago, Illinois. His mother has disavowed the rioting and violence which has pursued and cited that the family has a rich legacy in civil rights advocacy. Jacob's father has regularly appeared at press events citing disappointment in the Kenosha Police in shooting his son seven time.

As of the writing of this article, President Donald Trump has said that the would visit Kenosha, however, the Governor of Wisconsin has asked him not to citing a probable stoking of the fires which may lead to more social unrest.

Celebrities from all over the country has weighed in on the event citing this as another example of systemic racism that adversely impact African Americans in the nation.

-A Peoples Voice Special Report



**Jacob Blake
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Basketball Coaching Legend John Thompson Dies

A Peoples Voice Special Report

John Robert Thompson Jr was born September 2, 1941 and died August 30, 2020. He was married to Gwendolyn Thompson and they had three children.

Thompson became the first African American head coach to win a major college championship when he led Georgetown to the NCAA title in 1984. He coached at Georgetown for 27 seasons and finished with 596 career NCAA wins, becoming the winningest coach in the school's history.

In 1999, Thompson was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Thompson was often noted for the trademark white towel that he carried on his shoulder during the games.

Over 90% of his players stayed all four years of college and graduate, which is absolutely unheard of in colleague sports.

He won seven Coach of the Year awards. Under Thompson, 26 players were chosen in the NBA Draft, eight in the first round including two players selected first overall, Ewing by the New York Knicks and Iverson by the Philadelphia 76ers. Inheriting a Georgetown team which had been 3-23 the year before, Thompson quickly improved the team, making the NCAA tournament within three seasons. Thompson's Hoyas went 596-239 (.714), running off a streak of 24 postseason appearances. Georgetown appeared in three Final Fours and a National Championship in 1984.



John Thompson, basketball coach at Georgetown University, towers over President Gerald Ford and Jesse Owens during a reception at the White House in Washington on August 5, 1976, for members of the United States Olympic team. Thompson served as an assistant coach on the gold medal winning U.S. basketball team. (AP Photo)



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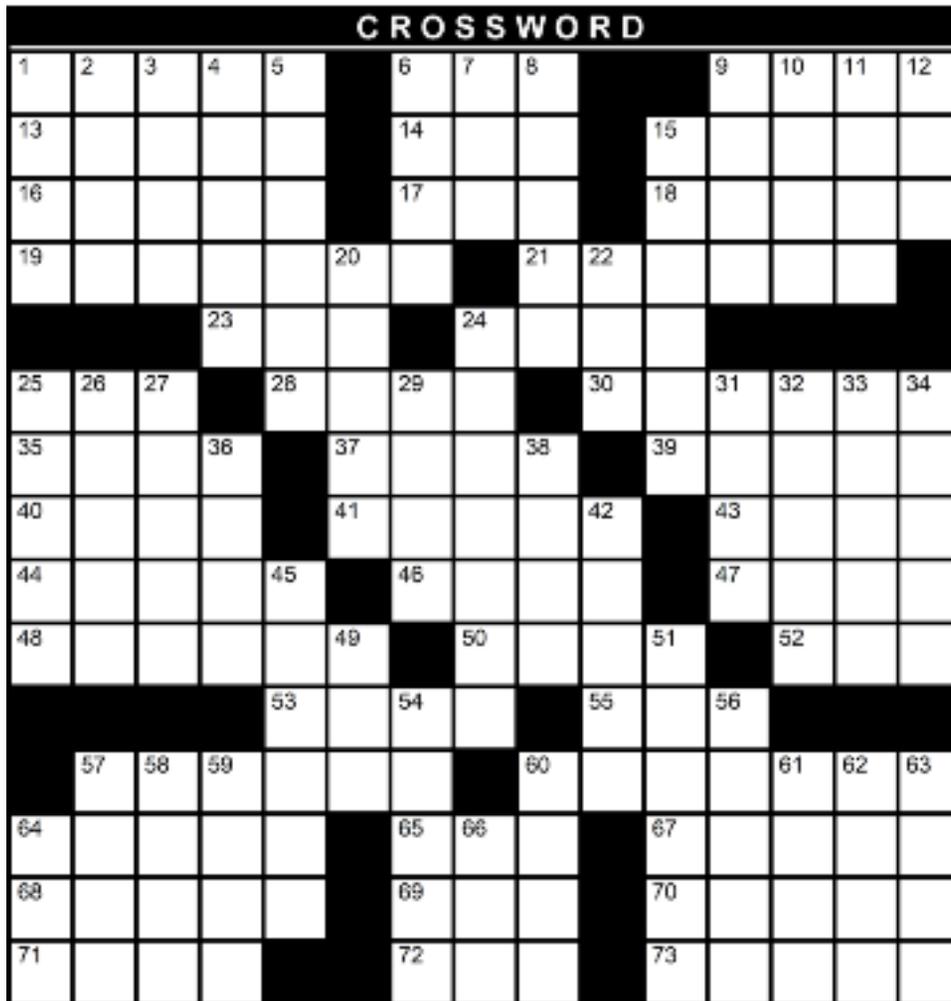


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ACROSS

1. Lascaux and Mammoth, e.g.
6. At the stern
9. Eyeball rudely
13. Inuit boat
14. And not
15. Sing like Sinatra
16. Manicurist's file
17. Old-fashioned "before"
18. "If you _____, I won't cry. I won't waste one single day"
19. "Steve walks warily down the street

48. Canine's coat
50. Sol or fa
52. National Institutes of Health
53. "_____ Christmas, I gave you my heart"
55. Trinitrotoluene
57. "You were working as a waitress in a cocktail bar when I _____"
60. "I wanna dance with somebody, with somebody who _____"
64. Lithograph, for short
65. Holstein sound
67. Radio sign
68. Killed, like dragon

with the brim
 pulled way _____
 _____"

21. "She's just a
 girl who claims I
 am _____"

23. "Play it,
 _____," from
 "Casablanca"
 24. Boris Go-
 dunov, e.g.

25. "All right stop
 collaborate and
 listen, _____ is
 back..."

28. Between Phi
 and Kappa

30. Restriction
 limiting use of
 lights during air
 raid

35. J.D. Power
 awards competi-
 tors

37. "Oh, back on
 the chain _____"

39. Ann Patchett's
 novel "Bel _____"

40. Slightly

41. Algorithmic
 language

43. French
 "place"

44. Kind of potato
 masher

46. Brickowski's
 brick

47. Cleopatra's
 necklace

69. Commotion

70. Yiddish shrew

71. Sleep in rough accommodations

72. Gourmet mushroom

73. Cancel an edit, pl.

DOWN

1. Whispered from a prompting booth

2. Shells and such

3. "Meeting you with a _____ to a kill"

4. Brings home the bacon

5. First U.S. space station

6. Again

7. "Hello, is it me you're looking _____?"

8. Weight of refuse and chaff, pl.

9. Black and white cookie

10. One from Goa

11. "And I'm never gonna make it like you
 do, making _____ out of nothing at all"

12. Compass reading

15. One of religious orders

20. Last letter of Greek alphabet

22. Experienced

24. Sine over cosine

25. "I long to see the sunlight in your hair
 and tell you time and time again how much
 _____"

26. Northwoods dwelling?

27. The Goldbergs sibling

29. "Cuase I'm your _____ cool one, and I'm
 built to please"

31. Scotch ingredient

32. Kitchen tear-jerker

33. Wombs

34. "Ooh, what's the matter with the crowd
 I'm seeing? Don't you know that they're out
 of _____?"

36. Petals holder

38. "Wake me up before you _____"

42. It creates instant millionaires

45. Count on, two words

49. One from Laos

51. Emissaries

54. Poison ivy or Poison oak

56. Religious doctrine

57. Venus de _____

58. Greek Hs _____

59. Not that

60. Pilot's stunt

61. Not loony

62. Catcher's gear

63. Geological time periods

64. Psychedelic acronym

66. Lyric poem



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