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The Words of Frederick Douglass

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

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**By Dr. John E. Warren**

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

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

**By Dr. Tayari Howard**

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

Local television stations and social media outlets immediately lit up with condolences to the family and accolades towards his accomplishments. Noted for turning the “impossible” into the “possible,” Dr. Morrow left a plethora of inventions, textbooks, celebrity, political, and global relationships far too numerous to name. However, some stand out as exceeding a nation’s expectations and will probably never be duplicated by an African American again. His accomplishments have been described as one of the top seven hair care pioneers such as Annie Turnbo Malone, Madam C. J. Walker, Marjorie Stewart Joyner, Art Dyson, Henry Morgan, and Joe L. Dudley. Dr. Morrow is the only African American

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

**By Edward Henderson**

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

“It’s a thing to feel like your body is still developing and growing. She’s been too busy living life to give too much thought for things that have been around for years. It’s a little scary thinking about something that’s new. We don’t want to jump in right now,” Tenaja told California Black Media.

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

Her husband chimed in.

“We believe in the science, we believe vaccines work, but when it comes to the under-fives, just being a parent, we’re a bit more hesitant to give her the vaccine so far. We’re waiting to see how it goes with other under 5 kids that get the vaccine. Even though science and logic say yes, as a new parent you’re extra cautious,” Antonio said.

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

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