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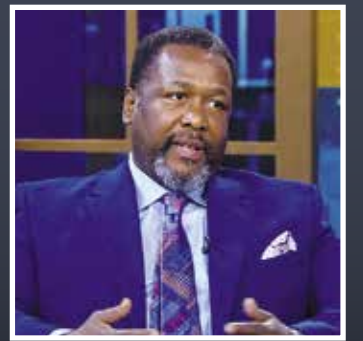
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# Kamala Harris Makes History

## *Accepts Democratic Nomination for President*



Since becoming the Democratic Presidential Nominee, Vice President Kamala Harris has built a coalition of supporters that span the ideological spectrum. Something that was on full display at the Democratic National Convention.

**Stacy M. Brown**  
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Last Week, Vice President Kamala Harris formally accepted the Democratic Nomination for President in a week filled with celebration, reflection, and a sense

of history in the making. Following in the trailblazing footsteps of Shirley Chisholm, who ran for president 52 years ago, Harris became the first Black woman to receive a major political party's nomination for president while speaking to a packed house at the United Center in Chicago. "America, the path that led me here in recent weeks was no doubt unexpected. But

I'm no stranger to unlikely journeys," Harris told the enthusiastic crowd, which greeted her with a standing ovation. She reflected on her late mother, Shyamala Harris, sharing a poignant story that resonated deeply. "My mother was 19 when she crossed the world alone, traveling from India to California with an unshakeable dream to be the scientist who would cure breast can-

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cer. I miss her every day, especially now. And I know she's looking down tonight and smiling."

The final night of the Democratic National Convention served as both a celebration of Harris's historic nomination and a pointed critique of the dangers posed by a potential second term for the twice impeached and 34 times convicted former President Donald Trump. Congressman Jason Crow delivered a stark warning about Trump's Project 2025, outlining its potential to compromise national security, alienate allies, and dismantle critical benefits for veterans. "Real strength and security come from our people and our allies. Donald Trump's Project 2025 would abandon our troops, our veterans, our allies, and our principles," Crow emphasized, urging voters to choose Harris as the leader who will stand by America's service members. The evening also brought attention to the enduring scars of racial injustice as four members of the Central Park Five, introduced by Rev. Al Sharpton, took the stage to recount their wrongful convictions and the role Trump played in their



suffering. "He spent \$85,000 on a full-page ad in the New York Times calling for our execution. We were innocent kids. But we served a total of 41 years in prison," said Korey Wise. Yusef Salaam, now a New York City Council Member, added,

"45 wanted us unalive. That man thinks that hate is the animating force in America. It is not."

The convention also featured a lineup of high-profile people who voiced their support for the Harris-Walz ticket. Michelle Obama and



Barack Obama gave speeches that made the case for voting for Harris in November. Also, Oprah Winfrey spoke at what was a convention that showcased a wide range of support.

Others who appeared were Charlamagne Tha God, Dave Chappelle,

and Tiffany Haddish attended, while Actresses Eva Longoria and Kerry Washington delivered passionate speeches. Legendary Singer Stevie Wonder performed, and Comedian D.L. Hughley added his voice to the call for unity and action.

Yet the night belonged to Harris, who closed the convention with a powerful call to action. "With this election, our nation has a precious, fleeting opportunity to move past the bitterness, cynicism, and divisive battles of the past," Harris proclaimed. "I know there are people of various political views watching tonight. And I want you to know I promise to be a President for all Americans. I will be a president who unites us around our highest aspirations. A president who leads—and listens."

As Harris left the stage for a standing ovation, it was clear that her nomination had energized the Democratic base and set the stage for a deeply consequential election. "We know what a second Trump term would look like. It's all laid out in 'Project 2025,'" she warned. "But the consequences of putting Donald Trump back in the White House are extremely serious."

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# The Cosmetology Institute Celebrates the Graduation of 14 Talented Students

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The Cosmetology Institute proudly celebrated the graduation of 14 talented students, marking a significant milestone in their journey toward successful careers in the beauty industry. The ceremony was a joyous occasion filled with excitement and anticipation for the future.

The graduates come from various programs offered at The Cosmetology Institute. Each student demonstrated exceptional dedication and skill throughout their training, and the graduation ceremony was a testament to their hard work and perseverance. Graduating from the Esthetics Program are Que'Shawnta Dillworth, Amanda Gulette, She'quitta Miller, Candiss Perkins, and Kelsee Singleton, all of whom have demonstrated exceptional skill in skincare, beauty treatments, and wellness.

From the Cosmetology Program, graduates include Dajonelle Dixon, Na'Shey Howard, Chryzel Jean-Jacque, Monica Morgan, Jhoany Snatana, Deilyn Silva, Ikela Taylor, and Nelajae Williams. These students have successfully completed rigorous training in hairstyling, cutting, coloring, and various other cosmetology techniques. Additionally, Heave Leverette graduated from the Alternative Hair Design Program, specializing in natural hair care and styling.

The ceremony highlighted the graduates' achievements and the comprehensive training they received at The Cosmetology Institute. With a focus on hands-on experience and guidance from industry experts, the graduates are well-prepared to enter the beauty industry and make significant contributions.

"We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our graduates," said Lauren Lewis, Owner The Cosmetology Institute. "Their hard work, passion, and commitment to excellence have truly shone throughout their time with us. We are confident they will go on to make remarkable contributions to the beauty industry, and we are excited to see all they will accomplish in their careers."

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Lauren Lewis, Owner The Cosmetology Institute



Amanda Gulette



She'Quitta Miller



Que'Shawnta Dillworth



Monica Morgan



Kelsee Singleton



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Deilyn Silva



Na'Shey Howard



Chryzel JeanJacque



Ikela Taylor



Dajonelle Dixon



Jhoany Snatana



Heaven Leverette



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# Renown Actor New Orleans Native Carl Weathers to Posthumously Receive Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame

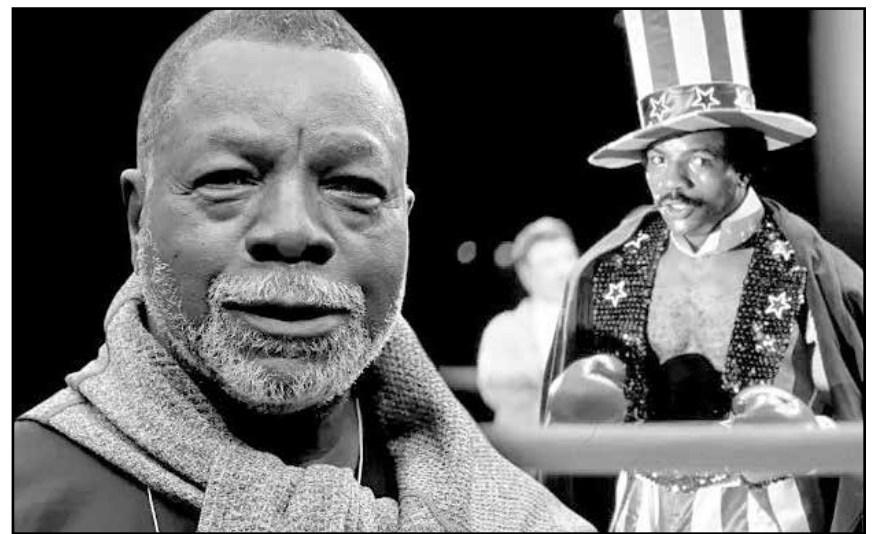
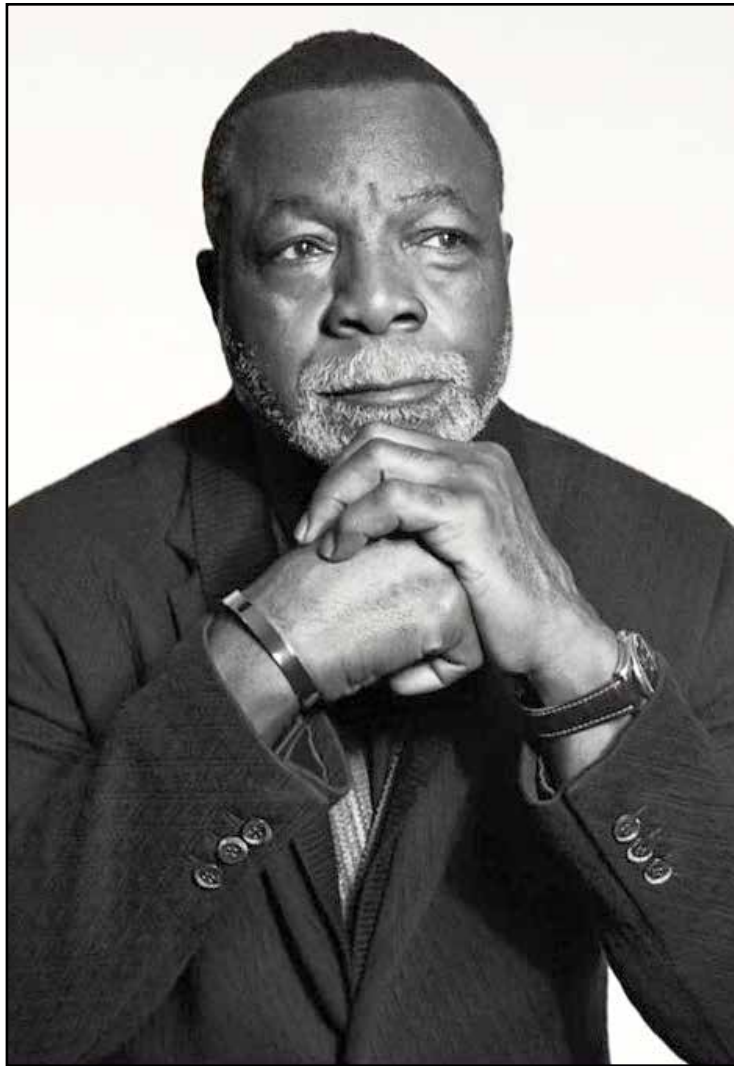
Glenda Bell  
Data News Weekly  
Contributor

New Orleans Native Carl Weathers, who passed away earlier this year at the age of 76, will Posthumously receive a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on August 29, 2024.

Weathers grew up in uptown New Orleans, attending James Lewis Grade School, before graduating from St. Augustine High School. He attended college at Long Beach City College and San Diego State becoming a letterman and helping them win the Pasadena Bowl. At San Diego State, Weathers who considered acting his first love and had been performing plays since grade school received a Master's in Theatre Arts.

Weathers also played professional football in the NFL for the Oakland Raiders and the CFL with the B.C. Lions.

In his decades-long career, he was one of few actors who accomplished becoming known for such iconic characters as Weathers played. Characters such as Apollo Creed from the "Rocky" films, Chubbs in "Happy Gilmore", Dillon in "Predator", and Jericho Jackson



New Orleans native Carl Weathers, had an amazing career as an actor, and now he will be recognized with a Star and the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

## State & Local News

# Regional Transit Authority Board Chair Mark Raymond Resigns

*RTA Board of Commissioners Thank Him for His Service*

Data News Staff Edited  
Report

Officials with the Regional Transit Authority Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, announced the resignation of Board Chair Mark Raymond.

According to the RTA, Raymond joined the board in 2022 when former Chair Flozell Daniels stepped down after 11 years.

Raymond, a Disability Advocate is the Founder of the Spilt-Second Foundation that is committed to breaking barriers for people with disabilities.



Regional Transit Authority Board Chair Mark Raymond

In May, he and other City of New Orleans officials introduced a plan to make streetcar stops more wheelchair accessible.

As a result of the plan, over \$5 million was given toward the effort of transforming the streetcar stops.

Upon Raymond's resignation, the RTA Board of Commissioners released a statement.

"The Regional Transit Authority is appreciative of the service of our Board Chair. Mark has been a dedicated advocate for those who are differently abled and has been instrumental in raising the profile of services offered due to his shared experience as a member

of the disabled community. Our recent awarding of a \$5.5 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) Program to enhance accessibility for passengers with disabilities on the St. Charles Streetcar Line was one of Mark's persistent efforts to improve ADA Mobility. He also was an invaluable thought partner on our recently launched Accessibility Study. We thank Mark for his contributions, insight, support, and experience during his tenure and we wish him the very best on his future endeavors."

# Actor Wendell Pierce Says 'Undecided Voters will Give Kamala Harris A Look'

## Data News Staff Edited Report

Actor Wendell Pierce, a New Orleans native known for his roles on The Wire and Suits, recently told USA TODAY that Vice President Kamala Harris is offering voters something different this election: the ability to propose solutions.

"A lot of new voters are going to give Kamala Harris a look," Pierce said in an interview at the Democratic National Convention. He believes the difference comes down to policy solutions versus the "cult of personality" that former President Donald Trump and the Republican Party offer.

He also stated, "But [Harris' campaign] is really for working people. People want to feel better about their lives. People want to be able to know that someone is going to be in the office and going to help



Actor Wendell Pierce

them exercise their right of self-determination."

Pierce praised Harris' ability to bring voters together on policy solutions, saying it was similar to his rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Katrina struck his neighborhood in 2005.

"When I was rebuilding my neighborhood in New Orleans Post-Katrina, the one thing I always told my neighbors - I was President of the Neighborhood Association - I said, 'You can come and complain, but the price of complaining is bringing a solution to the table.' 'That's what it feels like here, that there's a clarion call for people to come together and bring some solutions to the table,'" Pierce said.

Pierce will star as the formidable Editor-in-Chief, Perry White of The Daily Planet Newspaper in James Gunn's much-anticipated Superman Movie, which is expected to be released in July 2025.

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