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Mother’s Day
Special Feature:
SALUTING MILITARY MOMS

WHAT TOOK SO LONG?

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This week my family received some exciting news. My husband, Rickerby surprised me when he unexpectedly dropped by my Downtown Riverside office. It’s not that he hasn’t been known to drop by on occasion to take me to lunch, to run in to use our fax machine, to borrow a postage stamp, or just say “hi” in the middle of the day. But this day I could sense something different. He had something to tell me. But instead of simply telling me, he shut my door, pulled out his cellphone, and played a message.

The message was from the chair of his department telling him that he had just been promoted to the rank of full professor. My husband’s next words to me were “I have to call ma.”

The significance of that moment and the role his mother has played in his personal, academic, and professional success did not escape me. On Sunday we celebrate our mothers, and much like the military moms we are highlighting this week in celebration of Mother’s Day, my mother-in-law Marva Hinds overcame difficult challenges as a young mother. Born in Honduras, as a young married woman, she found herself raising her children primarily on her own. At first because her husband was a merchant marine, at sea for weeks and sometimes months at a time, working on cargo ships in one of the few jobs available to men born on the coast of that impoverished Central American country. And later after his death, when the ship he was crewing went down taking him and 27 other crew members with it.

At the time of her husband’s death, Marva was a young mother, just 30 years old, with four small children. My husband was the oldest at age nine. By this time all of her eight siblings had moved to the United States so she had to rely on a small group of extended family members remaining in Honduras. Four years later she moved to the United States settling in South Los Angeles. She found a job as a CNA with the County of Los Angeles and set out to raise her four children as best she could.

Understanding the importance of education, she somehow put her four children through private school on her meager salary, something my husband still marvels at to this day. Understanding that their mother had done her part, the children all put themselves through college. One daughter, Mishelle, put herself through nursing school eventually receiving her Masters Degree in Nursing, and is currently on the faculty of a university teaching other students her profession. The other daughter, Rosalia, went to graduate school and teaches high school English to disadvantaged students. Her son, Thomas, also finished graduate school and teaches math and science to high school students. And while it took her oldest child over a decade to finish his undergraduate degree, he went on to graduate school at UCLA, and has taken only a decade to move from assistant, to associate, to full professor at UC Riverside, that same university where he spent most of his undergraduate life.

I have had many occasions to hear my mother-in-law talk about her children and how proud she is of them and their achievements. I hope she knows we are proud of her achievements and every time one of her children receives another promotion or award she should know that her mothering helped them achieve it.

To my mother-in-law, my own mother the newly-elected Assembly member Cheryl Brown, and to all mothers who sacrifice and fight for their children’s success as well as our country, Happy Mother’s Day.
Some of you have questioned my opinion for laying some blame of the lack of African American student achievement on San Bernardino School Board Member Danny Tillman and have responded that there is no evidence that our students, and especially African American students, are at the bottom. That feedback brought to mind one of my favorite scriptures: John 14:11, which is about the disciples not believing the evidence of witnessing the miracles that were performed.

For the record, I have strongly supported Danny each and every time he has run for office and when some members in the community began to attack him, I counseled him on how to approach the issue. Now one might have a problem with me as the messenger, but you cannot ignore the message.

That being said, I want to document some of the evidence as recorded by the California Department of Education regarding San Bernardino students. This is in no way a condemnation on the district because there are a lot of good things happening. The district has some new board members President Mike Gallo and Margaret Hill and a new superintendent Dr. Dale Marsden that have committed themselves to providing positive leadership for us to follow. So we should give them adequate time to point this district on the road to success. I am pointing out that when one wants to seek a higher level of public responsibility make sure you at least evaluate your evidence.

We all have heard or at least are familiar with the Academic Performance Index (API) score that is one of the indicators of how well our children are doing in school. A statewide base line score of 800 has been established as a student performing well. As a former school board member I have personal knowledge that these indicators are a basis and not gospel as to how well a district is doing with our children.

A snapshot of student performance in San Bernardino in three critical areas:

**API scores:**
- Blacks 687
- Latinos 723
- Whites 788
- Asians 832

Remember 800 is the baseline score everyone is trying to reach.

**Cohort dropout rate:**
- Blacks 18.8%
- Latinos 14.8%
- Whites 14.7%
- Asians 14.3%

So the question is what is the acceptable number of students who dropout of school?

**Graduation rates:**
- Blacks 67.8%
- Latinos 73.7%
- Whites 76.3%
- Asians 78.6%

This shows that for every 100 Black students attending school over 30 of them will not get a high school diploma.

Without a diploma, these students will find that decent employment is out of reach for them and with a 12.4% unemployment rate in the city and employers seeking candidates with some college education, these students are doomed.

Yes, this is my opinion. You might not believe me, but at least believe the documented evidence.

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**Don’t Forget to Vote for Norma Torres for State Senate District 32 by Tuesday**
Riverside Welcomes New Marketing Manager

Riverside

T he City of Riverside Office of Economic Development recently welcomed Collette Hanna who was hired as the City’s Marketing Manager, a key position on the economic development team. The Economic Development team’s main goal is to help businesses create jobs for the Riverside community.

Hanna has worked in marketing for over 15 years – eight of those in economic development marketing. Her most recent economic development role was as Business Development Manager with the City of Victorville, where she managed all marketing and communications, incentive programs, and developed programs for attracting businesses to the city. Her efforts helped bring several companies and employers to Victorville, including Dr. Pepper Snapple Group and Church and Dwight (makers of Arm & Hammer consumer products), as well as other manufacturing, retail, and residential developments.

“Collette brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to our economic development team,” stated Assistant City Manager Deanna Lorson. “Her passion for marketing combined with her experience in economic development makes her our top candidate to be leading the effort of telling Riverside’s story to the world.”

Hanna was chosen following a highly competitive recruitment. “I am very excited to join the economic development team at City of Riverside. It is a great city with a highly-respected economic development program; I look forward to leading marketing efforts that celebrate Riverside’s many great assets.”

Collette has also managed marketing and public relations for a non-profit housing agency in the Bay Area, and was Sr. Marketing Manager for Lucent Technologies. During the time at both companies she developed platforms for the launch of technology products, created and managed several successful events that resulted in record attendance, and managed brand messaging within both organizations. Ms. Hanna has an MBA from Pepperdine University, and a B.A. in Economics from San Diego State University.

Residential Assessment Program

San Bernardino

I n its ongoing effort to mitigate the destructive effects of wildland fires, The San Bernardino County Fire Department is offering to its residents a no-cost evaluation of their property’s defensible space.

On May 1st, County Fire will be launching its Residential Assessment Program (RAP) promoting hazard reduction around homes that exist in our mountain, wildland, and watershed communities. This outreach program is mutually beneficial in that it assists homeowners while increasing both the effectiveness of fire suppression efforts and firefighter safety.

When wildfires threaten residential communities, there are many steps homeowners can take well in advance that help to reduce the chance of catastrophic loss. One of the best ways to prepare is by creating defensible space. Defensible space is the removal and/or trimming of fuels around the property that allow wildfires to burn up to and consume homes. Some steps to creating this space include clearing all dead vegetation, cutting limbs from trees that are between ground level and six feet in height as well as limbs that overhang roofs, and moving wood piles and other combustibles away from the sides of structures. This perimeter should extend 100 feet from the house or to the property line.

In the coming weeks, San Bernardino County Fire Department will be out in the community going door-to-door handing out information and, should any resident desire, offering to walk the properties with the homeowners. During these visits, firefighters will provide specific advice on how best to create defensible space for your house. These visits are free of charge and without penalty. Firefighters will be unable to provide physical labor, however information on various programs will be available.

To schedule an assessment of your home’s property, you may contact our Office of the Fire Marshall at 909-386-8400.

For more information on how you can best prepare yourself for wildland fires and other safety topics, please visit www.sbcfire.org and click on Safety Preparedness.

“Education Is...” Summit

“EDUCATION is...” will be a great opportunity for the students, parents, educators and community members to build their understanding of what it takes to advocate for the academic success of all children.

The entire event is FREE and open to all ages. Breakfast, lunch and childcare will be provided. There will be a variety of workshops for participants to choose from that will build their understanding of what it takes to advocate for the academic success for all children.

Saturday, May 18, 2013
8:30 am-2:30 pm
San Bernardino Valley College, 701 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92410

Keynote speaker Dr. Kennon Mitchell
Assistant Superintendent
San Bernardino City Unified School District

For more information call (909) 915-1716 or (909) 521-8404 Register at www.IEEducationIS.org
Three Finalists Named for SBVC President Position
San Bernardino

Three higher education administrators from the Inland Empire have been named as finalists to become the 13th permanent president at San Bernardino Valley College. The three candidates appeared at an open forum last week organized by the SBVC Academic Senate. The candidates are:

**Dr. Barbara Blanchard** has been a part of the California Community College system for over 20 years. She began as an adjunct faculty teaching computer science courses at Palomar College and then moved into a full-time faculty position in the computer information science department at Solano Community College. Barbara served as dean of business, computer science and information technology at American River College for 13 years and served for approximately one year as the interim vice president of student services before moving to Grossmont College as the vice president of academic affairs.

Barbara served as the accreditation liaison officer at Grossmont College and as a volunteer for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) on external site visits. She has also been involved in the strategic and educational master plan processes from development through implementation at both American River College and Grossmont College. Dr. Blanchard’s involvement in leadership development includes professional development and mentoring programs at the campus level and throughout the state as a coordinator of the mentor program of the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA).

Barbara Blanchard received two bachelor’s degrees in science from the University of Illinois and a master’s degree in management information systems at the University of Arizona. She proceeded to earn a doctorate in education from the University of California, Davis, after defending a dissertation on the issues community college faculty face surrounding the increasing numbers of under-prepared students in the classroom.

**Dr. Edward Bush** has over 18 years of experience in higher education with 15 of those years with the Riverside Community College District. Dr. Bush currently serves as the vice president of student services for Riverside City College. He has served as an associate faculty member in student activities, director of the educational talent search federal TRIO grant, and dean of student services. In addition, he has served on numerous college and district-wide committees and has been active with several community organizations including serving on the board for two non-profit foundations. Dr. Bush has also worked as an adjunct instructor for the Graduate School of Education at the University of Redlands and Brandman University. Dr. Bush has taught courses in student development, organizational theory, and research.

Dr. Edward Bush is a published author with 8 peer reviewed publications and is the co-author of the recently released book The Plan: A Guide for Women Raising African American Boys from Conception to College. Dr. Bush is a sought-after speaker and has been an invited presenter at numerous conferences, including the National Association of Black School Educators, the National Association of African American Studies, the Institute for Race Relations, and the National Convening of Postsecondary Education Support Programs for Former Foster Youth.

Dr. Bush received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from University of California, Riverside, master’s degree in public administration from California State University, San Bernardino, and his doctorate in educational leadership from Claremont Graduate University. Dr. Bush and his family have been residents in the city of San Bernardino for over 18 years and have been active members of the community.

**Dr. G.H. Javaheripour** was appointed vice president of administrative services and campus business office at the Victor Valley Community College District in December of 2008. The District educates more than 14,000 credit and noncredit students. Dr. Javaheripour has guided the district’s finances by presenting balanced budgets and increasing reserves, while minimizing the effect of the funding reductions by the state.

Under his guidance, the district constructed a large facility dedicated to public safety programs, updated several aged facilities, and implemented large scale sustainability and energy production/conservation initiatives. As the result of these efforts, the California Community College Board of Governors has selected Victor Valley College as the recipient of the District Leadership in Energy and Sustainability award. Dr. Javaheripour has also been instrumental in updating the information technology and management information systems and infrastructure to improve service to students and instructional capacities at the college.

His career spans the academic, student services and administrative services arena. Celebrating his 34th year of service to public education, Dr. Javaheripour began his higher education career at the University of New Mexico. His community college career includes positions at Gallup Community College and Santa Fe Community College in New Mexico, and Chabot College and Victor Valley College in California. He has served at the policy level for the past 23 years and in executive capacities for the past 13 years. He received his bachelor’s of science degree in occupational education from Southern Illinois University, master’s degree in business administration from Webster University, and a doctorate of education from the University of New Mexico.
Foster Youth Awareness Month 3rd Annual Shining Star Awards

Rialto

Madera’s Big Happy Family fans are in for a heartfelt experience on Saturday morning during the 3rd Annual Shining Star Awards hosted by The Brightest Star, Inc., benefiting the mission of building dreams and the self-esteem of children and teens in foster care. Award winning, actress Natalie Desselle Reid, who played Tammy in the Tyler Perry film, will be mistress of ceremonies, honoring thirteen outstanding individuals for their dedication and commitment to children in foster care.

The Shining Star Awards recognizes deserving individuals who have gone above and beyond for neglected, abused, abandoned and at-risk youth. “Our 13 honorees are the kind of amazing shining stars that inspire and quietly light up the lives of children,” said Lea Michelle Cash, executive director of The Brightest Star (TBS). “We are happy to shine a light on these extraordinary, largely unsung individuals and bring awareness to children thriving in foster care during National Foster Care Awareness month.”

This year’s honorees are: Brandon Miller, Former Foster Youth—California State University; Danny Mendoza, President & CEO -Together We Rise; Fonda McGensy, Director Operation Safe House; Jamilda Bell, Supervising Agency Social Worker-Avant-Garde Foster Family Agency; Jacqueline White, WIA Program Director-Provisional Accelerated Learning (PAL) Center; Jonel Lamonte, RN, County of San Bernardino Juvenile Court-Behavioral Health Services; Kathy Turnbull, Assistant Network Officer-San Bernardino County Children’s Network; Karen Bass, Congresswoman U.S. Representative for California’s, 33rd Congressional District; Luke Madrigal, Executive Director- Indian Child and Family Services; Parish A. Knox, Attorney, Past-Board of Director President-Current Board of Director/California Youth Connection; Trinity Wallace-Ellis, Motivational Speaker, Advocate Foster Care Alumni of America, Southern California CA President- San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Consultant; Wandalyn Lane-Williams, Program Coordinator, Valley Star Children and Family Services, and Zena (Zell) Johnson, Intake Coordinator-McKinley Children’s Center.

The special event will be held on May 18, 2013 at the Fontana Hilton Garden Inn located at 105343 Sierra Avenue. The time is 9:00 -11:30 AM. Tickets are $25.00 and can be purchased on the donation page of www.thebrighteststar.org. Breakfast, gift bags, and entertainment are provided. Celebrity guests are expected to attend.

For information regarding The Brightest Star, Inc., the Shining Star Awards and/or National Foster Care Awareness Month, please call the organization: (909) 875-2968.
Businesses Must Hire More Vets

By First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden

Two years ago, we launched Joining Forces, a nationwide campaign to rally all Americans to support our veterans and military families. We did this for two simple reasons: because we were both awed by the courage and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform who risk their lives every day to protect our values and keep us safe. We were also awed by their families, the spouses and children who serve right along with them, enduring deployment after deployment with grace and resolve.

As we traveled the country visiting bases and military communities, everywhere we went, we heard from veterans who had years of training and experience in the military -- leading dozens, even hundreds of their peers; operating some of the most advanced technology; and solving complex problems under the most extreme conditions imaginable. But when they returned home, they struggled to find decent jobs. We met military spouses who'd spent decades moving from base to base every couple of years and struggled to maintain their careers. As the months passed, we saw that the unemployment rate for our most recent veterans remained far too high above the national average.

These men and women are some of the highest-skilled, best-trained, hardest-working people in this country. They are medics and engineers, drivers and welders, computer technicians and machinists. They are eager to work and determined to keep on serving this country. All they need is a chance.

So today, we need business leaders across this country to ask themselves, “What can my company do for these men and women who have served our country so bravely?”

But the challenge of giving them that chance is only becoming more urgent. In the coming years, more than a million servicemembers will be hanging up their uniforms and transitioning to civilian life. That’s on top of the hundreds of thousands of veterans and military spouses already out there looking for work.

That’s why, back in August of 2011, President Obama challenged the private
sector to hire or train 100,000 veterans and military spouses by the end of 2013. And over the past two years, businesses across America have answered that call. By last August, they had already filled 125,000 jobs, with commitments to hire 250,000 more. And today, we are proud to announce that America’s businesses have hired or trained 290,000 veterans and military spouses, almost triple the original goal. In addition, companies like Wal-Mart, UPS, Home Depot, the Blackstone Group, Target, and McDonald’s have committed to hire or train another 435,000 veterans and military spouses over the next five years.

So we’re making real progress. We’re encouraged that the unemployment rate for post-9/11 veterans dropped by 2.2% in 2012. But it is still too high; because as long as any veteran or military spouse who needs a job is unable to find one, then we still have work to do.

That’s why, in his budget, President Obama proposed a permanent extension of the tax credits he signed into law for businesses that hire unemployed veterans and wounded warriors. We’ve also been working with governors and state legislators to revamp state laws to give our troops credit for the skills they’ve learned in the military when they apply for professional licenses and credentials here at home. In addition, we’ve created new partnerships between the armed forces and the manufacturing and information technology industries to ensure that our servicemembers are trained for good jobs.

But ultimately, it’s up to our companies to actually hire veterans for these jobs. So today, we need business leaders across this country to ask themselves, "What can my company do for these men and women who have served our country so bravely?" If you own a small business, can you commit to hiring a few veterans -- or even just one? If you own a larger company, can you hire a few hundred -- or a few thousand? Can you retrain the veterans already in your workforce so they can grow within your company? Can you team up with other businesses to hire the veterans in your communities?

This is an all-hands-on-deck issue, and we cannot rest until every single veteran and military spouse who is searching for a job has found one. These men and women have sacrificed so much for all of us. Now is the time for all of us to come together to serve them as well as they have served this country.

Dr. Jill Biden
INLAND EMPIRE ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS SPONSORS HIGH SCHOOL BLACK GRADUATION
May 9, 2013
Inland Empire Alliance of Black School Educators will host its 3rd annual High School Black Graduation. The event is held annually for African-American high school graduates within the Inland Empire community, with the goal of honoring their accomplishments with a cultural celebration that includes their extended family and organizations who traditionally serve the African-American community. Scholarships are awarded to many of the participants.

The event will be held from 6 – 8 pm at California State University, San Bernardino. For more information email IEABSE@gmail.com.

FONTANA’S GOT TALENT FOR TEENS
May 10, 2013
The lights are on, the curtains are drawn, the stage is ready and the audience is waiting to be entertained by Fontana’s most talented teens. Mayor Acquanetta Warren and the Fontana City Council would like to invite Fontana teens ages 11 to 18 to participate and come out to see tomorrow’s stars compete at the Fontana’s Got Talent, Teen Talent Show on May 10th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Steelworkers’ Auditorium (8437 Sierra Ave.).

Participants can enter as a solo or as a group act (2 to 6 people) to showcase their vocal, instrumental, dance or theatre/drama talents. Acts have a maximum performance time of three minutes to dazzle the Mayor’s Youth Council judges to win first, second and third place prizes for both solo acts and group acts. This grand showcase of talents will amaze the audience with their one of a kind abilities!

Pre-registration is required. To register for the show visit either the Jack Bulik Teen Center (16851 Filbert St.) or the Art Depot Gallery (16822 Spring St.). Registration ends April 26th.

For the Teen Talent Show details visit arts.fontana.org or youth.fontana.org.

SB CHAPTER OF THE LINKS INCORPORATED SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST BALL
May 11, 2013
Join the San Bernardino Chapter of the Links Inc. May 11, 2013 for their 35th Scholarship Breakfast Ball at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario.

They will honor 2013 high school seniors from San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Proceeds from the scholarship breakfast support Links programs including scholarships used to assist students in achieving their college education and career goals. Tickets are $45.00. Please call 909-875-0614 if you would like to attend the event. Since 1979, the organization has awarded over $350,000 in scholarships.

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP GALA
Friday, May 13, 2013
Community Action Partnership Gala - “Helping Families Improving Communities.” Location: National Orange Show Events Center - Valencia Ballroom - San Bernardino, CA. Silent Auction, Raffle & Mixer - 6:00pm; Dinner and Program - 7:00pm; Dancing until 12 Midnight. Purchase Tickets by calling (909) 723-1517 or buy online by May 10, 2013 at www.capsbc.org.

FREE HEALTHY MEAL PREP CLASSES
Friday, May 13, 2013
The Necessary Nutrition Academy’s free Healthy Meal Prep class is designed for those who want to improve their health and overall well being using real food and nutrition. This class is held the 2nd Monday of the Month at 6:30 pm. Location: 3985 University Avenue, Riverside, CA. Cost: Free. Space is limited. Reservations Required. Reserve your spot today. Visit www.Necessary-Nutrition.com or call 951-259-5198 to register for the next class.

BLESSED MAN OF GOD
May 19, 2013
Bishop Philip Powell will be honored as a Blessed Man of God on Sunday, May 19, 2013 at 10:45AM and 4:00PM, at the Centre at Highland located at 1672 Palm Ave, Highland. Come and celebrate. For more information please contact Elder Spencer or Sister Bowser at 909.425.2615.

4TH INLAND EMPIRE AFRICAN-AMERICAN GRADUATION CELEBRATION
May 19, 2013
The Corona Community AME Church Education Task Force and the Inland Empire Family Community Project are sponsoring the 4th Inland Empire African-American Graduation Celebration to highlight and celebrate graduating high school seniors in Riverside County. The event will be held at the Corona Historic Civic Center Theater, 815 W. Sixth Street, Corona from 4 pm – 6 pm. For more information call 951.545.4117 or email blackgraduation@aol.com.
Menopausal Support: Taming Hot Flashes

Dear Dr. Levister: I heard an ad on the radio for a product called “Amberen” which claims to relieve menopausal symptoms. I read some of the reviews but I fear they could be fabricated. Do you see any red flags? Is this worth a try? M.P.

Dear M.P.: Transitioning into Menopause is often the most frustrating period in a woman’s life. This is because unlike other life transitions, the effects of Menopause can last for years. Typical symptoms of Menopause include: hot flashes, mood swings, night sweats, decreased libido, loss of energy, decreased concentration, memory loss and weight gain. Unfortunately, all of these typical symptoms can occur simultaneously which often results in a feeling of one’s life being out of control.

While some women prefer to use prescription hormone therapy to alleviate some of these symptoms, many find that side effects of HRT (hormone replacement therapy) are worse than those of Menopause. Additionally, women who use hormone replacement therapy also increase their risk for heart attacks, blood clots, and breast cancer which is why so many women have started using safe and effective natural supplements to help control their Menopausal symptoms.

The best natural Menopausal supplements include ingredients which have been shown to help alleviate the symptoms of Menopause without producing side effects. Natural Menopausal treatment supplements are not only able to reduce common symptoms such as hot flashes and mood swings, but they are also able to help increase a woman’s libido, energy level, and improve their immune system.

Amberen is a product that is said to help relieve menopause symptoms, but typical ingredients found in Amberen’s competitors (like Black Cohosh and Chasteberry) are not used in Amberen. The manufacturer of Amberen states that the product is an all-natural-menopause that contains the active ingredient, Ammonium Succinate. The rest of the formulation also consists of salts and amino acids.

The manufacturer of Amberen provides a full ingredient list for customers to review. The manufacturer of Amberen also claims that the product has undergone decades of studies for safety and efficacy, but it is hard to determine when specific testing on Amberen as a whole actually began.

I am not recommending Amberen or any of its competitors; however, my initial review of this product does not reveal obvious red flags. A trial run probably won’t hurt you.
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der Moreno Valley resident and city government watchdog Deanna Reeder learned of last week’s early morning raid by the Inland Regional Corruption Task Force of the city’s mayor and councilmembers’ homes, the corporate offices of a local developer, and one of his associates, she immediately emailed the news to her list of community members with the subject line simply stating “Hallelujah!”

Her email moniker “stopvotesforsale” summarizes her mission over the past several years.

Reeder is arguably one of the most vocal critics of the relationship between the city’s largest developer and campaign contributor Highland Fairview’s CEO Iddo Benzeevi and the city councilmembers and city staff he seems to wield significant influence over. And she is one of the community members who have been patiently waiting for years for this action by law enforcement.

A constant fixture at Moreno Valley City Hall, along with her husband Kenny Bell, Reeder admits that she filed a corruption complaint with State Attorney General Kamala Harris’ office last year. She is aware of other community members who have also filed complaints, including former councilman Bill Batey.

“I think the Attorney General has gotten subsequent complaints. I think the IRS has gotten subsequent complaints. I am not the only person who has complained,” she said.

Last Tuesday, the task force of FBI, IRS, US Attorney General, and Riverside County DA agents served search warrants at the homes of current Moreno Valley Mayor Tom Owings, city council members Jesse Molina, Victoria Baca, Marcelo Co and Richard Stewart, real estate
broker and campaign contributor Jerry Stephens, and Benzeevi’s corporate offices.

The agencies have not commented on the details of the warrants and no arrests have been made, but corruption allegations in Moreno Valley have been widely reported in the local press and continuously addressed by citizens and community leaders in public forums.

In October of last year when the council voted to amend the fees the city charges developers, critics argued that the inclusion of a new category “large-scale warehouses” was exclusively for the benefit of Benzeevi’s Highland Fairview. The developer’s most recent proposal is a mega warehouse complex World Logistics Center, which would include his already completed 1.8 million-square-foot Skechers distribution center.

Critics, including Batey, have also publicly speculated that former City Attorney Robert Hansen’s unexpected retirement late last year could have been connected to legal opinions he expressed regarding a Benzeevi project.

And as recently as January 2013, when Councilman Stewart was not reappointed to the March Joint Powers Authority Commission by current Mayor Owings, he claimed it was because he supported March LifeCare, a large-scale medical campus near March ARB that would provide competition with a health care corridor Benzeevi is developing near Riverside Regional Medical Center in Moreno Valley.

“It started with (former councilmen) Charles White and Frank West,” said Bonnie Flickinger who served on the Moreno Valley City Council from 1992-2010 including several terms as mayor. Both White and West were ousted when well-funded Benzeevi-supported candidates ran against them.

“If you step on his toes,” she said speaking of Benzeevi, “he will come after you.” Something she knows all too well. “I asked too many questions, defended the taxpayers when I saw him manipulating city staff to his benefit, and paid the price.” She lost her re-election bid to the Benzeevi-supported candidate current Councilman Co. Hearing the news of last week’s search warrants, “the popular and very widespread position has been, why has it taken so long?” she said.

“As a former elected official I am proud of what I was able to accomplish for the city of Moreno Valley,” she said. But after serving the city for almost two decades, Flickinger is focused on Crime and Intelligence Analysis and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and looking forward to an internship with the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department.

“The future of the city,” she said, “will depend on the results of the corruption probe and if indictments and arrests are eventually made.”

Deanna Reeder believes the future will also depend on the involvement of citizens. When asked if she believes this would have occurred if there had been more community involvement in local government, Reeder said the information is out there but not readily accessible.

“Plus,” she said, “Moreno Valley is a bedroom community. They commute to LA County and they commute to San Diego County. They’re reading papers in LA County, Orange County, and San Diego County. They spend most of their time somewhere else…”

Longtime Moreno Valley resident and community activist Juanita Barnes agrees, “A lot of the people knew what was going on but if we don’t stand together and fight corruption, one person alone won’t be able to do it. A lot of people were laughing about what happened in Bell, but look at what is happening to us now.”

“People have to be more politically minded. You just can’t go to work, go home and shut the door. We have to be engaged in the community,” she said.

On Tuesday, exactly one week after the initial search warrants were served, Mayor Owings issued a written statement welcoming the opportunity to speak to the convening Grand Jury and pledging to fight for the city’s reputation and the restoration of the residents’ trust in their city government.

Chinwe Oniah and VOICE staff contributed to this story.
Mother’s Day 2013

FOR COUNTRY & FOR FAMILY
HONORING MILITARY MOMS
ON MOTHER’S DAY

Being a mother is a hard enough job, but being a mother who is also an active duty servicewoman, or whose children are serving in the military, or who is left to parent children while her partner is away can be more than challenging. According to a Joint Economic Committee report over 200,000 women have served in Afghanistan and Iraq. And about 40 percent of these active-duty women are mothers. This year for Mother’s Day, the VOICE honors all our military moms who fight not just for their families but for their country as well. These moms really know the meaning of sacrifice and service and we salute all of them.

Verretta Johnson, A military mom still going strong after 50

By Juno Kughler Carlson

Having been an active duty member, wife and mother, the challenges were many, however Verretta Johnson’s greatest challenge and heartache was when she received orders to go to Panama and she was not allowed to bring her family.

At the time she had two sons were 5 and 2 years old and as a mother in the military, that is the last thing you want to receive...“Remote Tour Orders”. “I was blessed to have my mother, sister and brother to take care of my sons for a full year while I was away. Having to leave my young children was the most difficult thing I have ever had to do in my life.”

Now Verretta is a fleet safety and training instructor at Omnitrans who also serves as Air Force Active Reserve. She first joined the military just before she turned 22.

“I was living in Oxnard with my parents and knew that I wanted more. I loved being around people. I loved to travel and wanted a career. I didn’t want to be that person who spends her entire life in the same little town she grew up in. So I went down to the recruiting office and signed up for the Air Force.”

For years she was stationed in Riverside, never imagining she would ever be involved in a war. Then everything changed with Operation Just Cause. Verretta was given orders for Panama and instructed that her family would not be allowed to come with her.

“When I arrived there I immediately knew why. Huge tanks, demolished buildings and cement barricades were everywhere.
I would wake up to the sounds of bombs dropping. It was a
definite life changer for me. The bowling alley became the
morgue. The supply warehouse for cold storage held the
bodies. I woke up early one morning and saw a flatbed truck
piled with body bags. It was a nightmare. Houses and apartment
complexes were being blown to pieces while they were looking
for Noriega.”

“After 7 months I was finally allowed to go home to see my
children. My mom hadn’t been letting them watch TV because
the oldest knew where I was, and they were always showing
pictures of Panama burning and all that. The hardest part came
when I finally had to go back. My son grabbed leg, screamed
and cried. It broke my heart, and I promised him I would never
leave him again. Soon after, the Air Force began downsizing
and offering people the opportunity to get out of the military. So
I left active duty.”

“T/DY” -- temporary duty and leave us. And we were
sad also. He served in the US Air Force and retired
at March Air Force Base in 1978, after 24 years in the
service of his country.

Frank was a very quiet person so when he spoke
you listened. He was a loving person and a Godly
man. He truly loved God and his family and to this day I truly
love and miss him dearly. The children and I often
speak of so many fun things we did as a family. The
military was a good thing for us, but even iron gets
tired. I am the mother of seven adult children (although
God called my youngest daughter home earlier this
year) and sometimes it was very difficult to take care of
them alone.

During the times when we were in the Air Force
our lives were so different. We never knew what was
going to happen or where we were going at times.
Sometimes it was hard, like when the kids were in high
school and it was near graduation and they did not
want to leave their classmates. That was a mother’s
nightmare. But most of the time the kids made friends
easily and could fit in to the community, because
as parents we would usually study the new area to
prepare them as well as ourselves.

One thing being a military mom taught me was to
know who you are as a family and make sure you talk
to your children every day at the dinner table about
their day what they did or if they have an after school job. Most of all let them
know that they are loved.

As a military family, the biggest challenge for us was being separated.

My best friend, my late husband and partner in
crime, T/Sgt. Frank Washington Barnes Jr., was
such a wonderful husband, father, friend, grandfather,
great grandfather, a role model, and one of the most
loving people I have known. He loved serving his
country, but was always very sad when he had to go
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Heavenbound

Review by Sonja Brown

The first lady of television comedy, Marla Gibbs, comedian Michael Colyar, Jacob Lusk from American Idol season 10, Chico Benymon from sitcom “Half and Half”, Abraham McDonald discovered by Oprah Winfrey, Brely Evans from “Sparkle” and the legendary Freda Payne lit-up the stage of the Wilshire Ebell Theatre in Los Angeles during their recent performance in Heavenbound to an enthusiastic crowd and anxious fans. The Gospel play was written, directed and produced by Don B. Welch.

Set in a place called “almost-in-heaven”, five Christians who have passed away, are waiting in a room just outside of heaven to give their life testimony, sing a song or both in order to become a part of “The Beams of Heaven” gospel choir. These five characters come from various backgrounds and as each tell why they deserve to become a “Beam”, most people could probably identify with at least one of the characters in some way.

One by one the audience was introduced to the characters who would give us a glimpse of their past while justifying their rightful place in the heavenly choir. Marla Gibbs served as the “gatekeeper” and it was her job to enforce the rule to these potential “Beams” that they sing or give their life testimony as well as follow the rules of the holding room just outside of heaven.

The Gospel singing was so captivating that it was easy to not notice that there were no set or wardrobe changes for the entire play with only the Gatekeeper changing her gown from purple to black during the intermission. This audience was part of something like a revival and none of the traditional theatre play protocol applied to viewers. The music, the singing, and the choir dressed in all white perched in the choir stands was the right combination to let viewers get a peek into what Heaven really could be like. The crew did an excellent job with the lighting; the periodic light changes set the perfect atmosphere to let the spirit of God move among the crowd. And while we could see the keyboard player on stage (he was one of the Beams), we could not see Andrea Byrd who was on percussion just behind the curtains but her playing was critical in making the sound and feel of the singing come alive.

At the finale of the play the audience was treated with an amazing performance by Freda Payne singing her classic hit “A Band of Gold”.

Don B. Welch has many credits to his name as a singer, actor, writer, director, playwright, producer and now author. He has had co-starring roles on “The Fresh Prince of Bel Air”, “Cosby” as well as independent films. He has written and directed over 19 productions and worked with such notables as Loretta Divine, Vanessa Bell Calloway, Doreen Wilson, Kenny Lattimore, Dawnz Lewis, Tatyana Ali, Ginuwine, and Flex Alexander. He is often compared to Tyler Perry, “It used to bother me, because we really are nothing alike. His journey is his journey and my journey has been mine,” states Welch. “But, I have come to understand that the general public needs a comparison. They need to be able to identify what one does with an example that is easily accepted and understood. So, it’s fine. I respect Mr. Perry’s journey, he has worked very hard to do that no one else from this genre has been able to do in the Black community,” he continued.

Mr. Welch and his team will begin production of a feature film “The Divorce” next week.

UCR ARTSblock Presents

THANK YOU FOR COMING: Senior Exhibition 2013

Opening Reception: Saturday, May 18, 6-9 p.m., free admission*

Riverside

UCR ARTSblock’s Sweeney Art Gallery & Culver Center of the Arts present Thank You For Coming, the annual senior exhibition featuring thirty-three graduating Bachelor of Arts students from University of California, Riverside’s Department of Art. The works in this year’s exhibition were selected and curated by the faculty in UCR’s Art Department.

Every year, undergraduate art majors graduating from UCR have their final work in the senior exhibition at the Sweeney Art Gallery & Culver Center of the Arts that feature paintings, photographs, drawings, installations, and sculptures. Among the Art Department’s distinguished faculty are John Divola, Jill Giegerich, Jim Isermann, Brandon Lattu, Charles Long, Erika Suderburg, and Amir Zaki.

University of California, Riverside’s Art Department and the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CHASS) has provided support. Thank You For Coming: Senior Exhibition 2013 is organized by UCR’s Art Department and Sweeney Art Gallery.
SB Black Culture Foundation Holds Open House

The San Bernardino Black Culture Foundation recently held an open house at the Henderson Auditorium of San Bernardino Community Hospital to report on the Foundation’s continuing programs for promoting African American culture. The next project will be a workshop on June 8, 2013 regarding financial aid opportunities and resources for higher education. Although the SBBCF has awarded approximately $300,000 in scholarships to high school graduates from local schools, the scholarship needs are growing faster than scholarship income. The SBBCF committees meet monthly at the SB Community Hospital. Leaders, volunteers, contributors, and anyone interested can reach the SBBCF at P.O. Box 7288, San Bernardino, CA 92410, calling 909.888.1696 or visiting their website at www.sbbcfoundation.org. Text and Photo by John Coleman

(l-r) Tammy Martin-Riles, President Inland Cities East Chapter, Southern California Black Chamber of Commerce; Navarre Bell, Media Director, ICEC, SCBCOC, Genevieve G. Echols, President SBBCF, Inc; Troy Ingram, 1st Vice President SBBCF; Jessica Garcia, Treasurer, SBBCF; and Evelyn Gonzales, Secretary, SBBCF

San Bernardino Recall Organizers Hold Press Conference

Over 100 community members and representatives from local media outlets attended the press conference on the Total Recall of San Bernardino elected officials. Recall organizers were available to talk to the media and city leadership after the announcement was made on the steps of the San Bernardino City Hall.

Arrowhead United Way Annual Awards

The Arrowhead United Way held its annual meeting and awards celebration on May 2nd at the National Orange Show Event Center in San Bernardino. Established in 1981, Arrowhead United Way is a volunteer-driven organization that actively supports health and human services by focusing on education, income, and health. These services address the underlying causes of the community’s issues and create lasting change. The organization was established in 1891 and is led by prominent respected community leaders; it is one of the oldest United Ways in the country.

1-Doug Rowland, Arrowhead United Way CEO; Dave Marion, Outgoing Board Chair; and Brian Townsend, Incoming Board Chair. 2-Over 250 community leaders attended the event honoring donors who support the community.
Black NHL Players on the Rise
Anaheim Ducks Devante Smith-Pelly brought up for NHL playoff run

Anaheim
By Jon D. Gaede

The National Hockey League commences its playoff season in May and there are 26 active Black players on NHL rosters. The most recent is 2010 Anaheim Duck draft choice, Devante Smith-Pelly.

The young winger did not have to break any barriers. There have been several Black hockey players before him. With each quality addition like Smith-Pelly, the new group of skilled Black players should also be considered pioneers, because they help generate interest in minority communities, while transforming the image of the league.

On April 24th, the Ducks brought up Smith-Pelly, the promising winger from their AHL developmental affiliate, Norfolk Admirals. He joins the big club in Anaheim as they pursue their second Stanley Cup. The Anaheim Ducks have drawn the Detroit Red Wings in the first round.
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To ensure your comments are considered, they must be received in writing no later than April 16, 2013. Comments should be submitted to: Burkes@wib.sbcounty.gov or mailed to: Supervisor of Workforce Development Administrative Supervisor II 825 E. Palm Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415-0046 Phone: 299-6950 FAX: 299-6953

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

You are in default under a Deed of Trust, dated April 26, 2001. Unless you take action to prevent your property, it may be sold at public sale. If you do not vacate the premises and prevent the process against you, you should contact a lawyer or attorney who will be acting against you.

As duly appointed Trustee under the following Deed of Trust, I am authorized to sell your property:


Recording on April 26, 2001, as Instrument No. 2001-0310631 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Riverside County, said Deed of Trust described the following property:
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Charlene Johnson, owner of Gracious Gatherings event planning and catering service near March Air Force Base, is a proud Navy mom. Her son, Jeremy is in Information Technology with some of the Navy’s most elite fighting forces. She is an important part of a military family – her husband is a Navy veteran; her daughter in-law is a Marine veteran; her brother is an Air Force veteran; her brother in-law is an Army veteran; and her nephew is an active duty Army officer.

Moms wear lots of hats and pockets. I’ve been working many, many years...all filled with good memories and “defining moments”. I’ve been a teacher, hospital administrator, tutor for international students, corporate trainer, and at this season in my life I have lived a dream of being a business owner. I opened an event planning & catering service 11 years ago at March Air Reserve Base. Since the redevelopment of the base closed that facility, the business is ‘mobile’ now, but just as enjoyable.

We are pretty much a military family - representing Navy, Army and Air Force and serving from the Korean War, Viet Nam, and now the Middle East ‘conflicts’.

My son Jeremy developed an interest in military service while in junior high and volunteering at the Loma Linda Veterans Medical Center. The Chaplain there introduced him to the Navy Sea Cadets Corps.

With our encouragement, after high school, he decided to enlist in the Navy in 1997.

Today he has seen most of the world, and gained computer training in his chosen field, that we could not afford to give him. This has taken him to exciting (as well as dangerous) assignments with the Navy’s elite fighting forces in Afghanistan and Iraq. He’s now Petty Officer 1st class specializing in Information systems.

The night before he left for basic training, we spent time looking at our family album and praying for his safety and success. Then it wasn’t so hard to let him go. He’s in God’s hands. I did worry a bit when he called home from Iraq to tell us he had been in a building that had been blown up. He seemed so calm about it that I never worried again. (Actually, I was more worried about him when he was dating in high school...oh well we survived that too!)

We’re proud of his service and believe that the United States is the GREATEST SHOW on EARTH! There are so many opportunities here that don’t exist in many places in the world. We are a blessed nation.

So parents, encourage military service to your sons and daughters. They’re going to get fed, housed and clothed, learn good ‘life skills’ and a career, positive self-development, PLUS an allowance. And you won’t have to worry where they are at night because the military WILL find them.

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