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The only coherent premise behind this lawsuit was the innocuous assertion that every 10 days my son was attacked by the police, a claim of a more deserving and better academically equipped group of Black males. This case demonstrates that this is just plain wrong. Fortunately, the judge was able to see through this spurious claim and dismissed the case in this manner. Unfortunately, many other judges are not so wise and they are using race as a convenient weapon. The danger of these cases is that they can result in some students being denied admission to thousands of deserving African-American and minority students.

For information, contact Gwen McKinley or Erica Clark at (222) 103-9771.
The signs and statistics mapping the progress African Americans have made during the 1990s have become more of the significant occupational successes of the society that has become more pronounced as well. The even more welcome news is that the long period of prospectivity finally appears to be improving the terrible job status of poor young blacks.

According to a study published this month by economists Richard B. Freeman, of Harvard, and William M. Rodgers III, of the College of William and Mary, they're working in greater numbers and earning bigger paychecks than ever before. That fact and the personal stories of dashed hopes behind it led Boston University economist Glenn L. C. Lozy to write in "The unfortunate reality is that race-based barriers to job access are a seemingly permanent feature of the economy."

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George Brown and sends condolences
to wife Marta and his family.

In Memory of

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His Favorite Scripture:
He has told you, O man, what is good;
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But to do justice, to love kindness
And walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8
The Holy Land Church of God in Christ New Facility

The Church of God in Christ, which was founded in 1897, is the second largest Pentecostal Church in America with over nine million members nationally. The San Bernardino Region represents numerous churches and several thousands members. The new acquisition, Holy Land Church of God in Christ, comes at an integral point in the congregation's growth to include 16,000, with the vast majority ranging from age 25 to 45. The congregation is made up of professionals and non-professionals. There are over 30 task forces, which includes health, substance abuse, emergency food and clothing, homeless, equity advocate, general and specialized housing, and tutoring. The DESIGN IS TO "TAKE THE CHURCH BEYOND IT'S WALLS". 

Dr. Charles E. Blake will officially dedicating Holy Land Church of God in Christ in July 30, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. city, County and state elected officials will be in attendance for this special event. The entire public is invited to join in this special ceremony.

For more information please contact Daniel Frazier Sr. at (909) 884-8370.

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**California State Legislature Honors North's Champions**

*Northern Calif. Track & Field State Champs*

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*IN THE CHAMBER:* (left to right) Keiana Shannon, Monique Young, Alex Edmond, Nicole Denby, Tajshari Johnson, Carl Soong, April Holliverse, Kyra Williams and Tracee Thomas get a feel for the legislative chambers.

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*ON THE STEPS OF THE CALIF. STATE CAPITAL:* (front row L to R) Carl Soong, Kyra Williams, Rich Stalder, Chaunte Howard, Monique Young, Alex Edmond, and coach Charles Leathers. Riverside North's girls' track team became the first Inland Empire team to ever win a State title. The team was flown up by the state and honored for its accomplishment.

*Photo by Dale Kinnear - BVN*

*ENJOYING THE MOMENT:* (L to R) North coach Charles Leathers is accompanied by Assemblyman Ron Pacheco and North's A.O. Rich Stalder.

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*FUNNING:* More fun to (L to R) Carl Soong, Keiana Shannon, and Tracee Thomas enjoy a snack in the legislative chambers.

**Sporting Stein's Way**

*by LELAND STEIN III*

**Women's sports continue to shine and demand its share of the sports spotlight**

**Riverside** - I leave on a well deserved hiatus to the hinterlands of Michigan, and, when I get back, the sports landscape has changed. My family and I traversed the beautiful highways and byways of Michigan and ended up on an island in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. The island we stayed on had NO car and our rooms had NO phones, and, best of all, our rooms had NO televisions. The island challenges each visitor to explore the woods, the beaches and, most importantly, themselves. Take away the modern concessions of today that demonize our lives, then we are left to look inside and depend on our innate instincts to explore life.

On my return to civilization, I was shocked at the changes.

**Windham let go by Sparks**

The first bit of news to welcome me back to Southern California was the firing of Los Angeles Sparks' General Manager, Rhonda Windham. I searched through a mass of press releases and I found one from the Sparks that read, "On June 25 Los Angeles Sparks' President Advisory Board announces that Rhonda Windham has been relieved of her duties. Bass will assume the task of General Manager of Basketball Operations until a replacement can be found."

When I look at the Sparks' team, I see one that has the potential to compete for the WNBA crown and is basically solid throughout. One can only wonder what led to Windham's demise. Looking at the team's chemistry the squad appears to be on top. The problem obviously lied in the Bass/Windham working relationship.

No matter the firing, Windham still should be recognized for her pioneering effort during the past African-American female General Manager of any sports' team. Windham's leadership played a pivotal role in her seeking the last year as the point guard on the Cheryl Miller led Lady Trojans, which became a two-time NCAA champion. She also founded the Say No Classic and has always championed women's basketball. My hope is that she will reemerge somehow in the league very soon.

**Women Rule**

Women's sports is like a snowball rolling down a mountain - it just keeps on growing. Confirming the success of women's sports, which had solid roots in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, where the women won Gold in softball, soccer and basketball, the 1999 U.S. Women's soccer team recently proved its Olympic-Gold medal win no fluke and is the latest in women's sports in indoor real.

In fact, the preliminary national ratings of the Women's World Cup makes it the most watched soccer event in U.S. history.

For the first time, all 32 games of the Women's World Cup were broadcast live on television. Marili Mingus, president of the WWC organizing committee, set her sights very high when she forecasted 350,000 as a total attendance figure, which raised it to 400,000, then to 500,000.

The final tally was nearly 660,000. Female fandom became reality in Pasadena, Calif., when the snowballing excitement resulted in the dream matchup between the host country and China.

A crowd of 90,185 squeezed into the Rose Bowl, the 14th-largest gathering for a soccer match, male or female, in this country's history.

**That Scurry, She's A Real Keeper**

Brains Scurry was the baby of a big family, and she wasn't always as strong as she is now. People had a tendency to be protective of her.

When the war was over, she came home and told her mother, Robbins, that another girl had pushed her down. "I wasn't going to let that happen again," Robbins said.

The enlisted her daughter in a dance class and Brains, an athlete in whatever she did, eventually earned a brown belt. Similarly, when Brains was in 4th grade and wanted to play soccer with the boys, the coach put her in the goal box. "When she was 13 years old, her mother recalled.

Well, in the safe hands of Scurry, the U.S. team set the country on fire. Although Scurry's step on star of the Chinese's penalty kicks was the game winner, her shout of "Who's on First?" as she was the game of a lifetime. The U.S. was indeed in good hand with Scurry.

**Ladies' first**

The WNBA played its first All-Star Game in a sold-out Madison Square Garden, where the Western Conference team whipped the Eastern Conference stars 79-61.

The West had a 35-6 lead at the break, and made the most of it, rebounding the East 48-36.

"There wasn't much we could do to combat that when you don't have size on your bench," said East coach Linda Hill-MacDonald of Cleveland. "The taller player on our team was 6-foot-3. taller after that was 6-2. We had three post players; they had five. There's no much you can do."

That left the West's List Leslie, at 6-foot-5, free to roam. She scored 13 points and was the game's most valuable player.

The game included a full supply of layups and breakaways, 3-pointers and no-look passes.

The players received what became president Val Ackerman described as "modest bonuses" for participating in the game. "The proceeds of the game helped pay for the game," she said.

The league, during the weekend, closed a city block adjacent to the Garden for a shopping interactive street fair. Bases made a contribution of $25,000 to the March of Dimes and UFT is honor of Cheryl Sparks, top vote getter in fan balloting. Sparks received 85,632 votes.

The game was televised to 133 countries in 20 languages.