Mystery Surrounds Death of NY Journalist at City Hall

By James Crawford
Special to the NNPA

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The city and its police department are struggling to explain exactly what happened to journalist George Davis, a 43-year-old associate editor for the Black Voice News who was found dead in a stairwell in City Hall on the night of May 29.

In an attempt to explain what happened, crime scene investigators and detectives interviewed witnesses and collected evidence from the crime scene. But as of now, the police department has not come up with a clear explanation about how Davis died.

Davis was a respected journalist who had been with the Black Voice News for 15 years. He had been working on a story about the tragic death of another journalist, and was known for his dedication to the craft.

According to his colleagues, Davis was planning to go home after work on the day he died. However, he never showed up for his shift.

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**Turn Back the Hands of Time**

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**Bryant Dumps Thug Athlete Issue Back on Nation’s Table**

Kobe Bryant’s jockstrap became the instant repository of a controversy that has rumbled for the past few weeks. But he’s hardly the only one. Too few baseball and basketball players are still signing on the legal past. They are some of the biggest names in sports. All are top stars in their respective sports.

And they are young, black males. Black males who have or who haven’t had a chance to grow up and play fair.

What happened to the athletes haven’t yet been convicted of rape, but have been charged with rape, are the subject of a study that has revealed that there are many others who are facing the same charges.

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Learning computer skills is an important aspect of learning to drive a car in today’s world, especially during an economic downturn with high unemployment rates. That’s the opinion of Bill Bergin, co-chairman of the Computer Information Systems Department at Mt. San Jacinto College.

Considered one of MSJC’s flagship programs, CIS offers computer training ranging from basic to the most advanced. “If you’re just getting started in computing, we have classes ranging from basic information technology, the Internet and a variety of computer applications to advanced classes in database administration,” Bergin said.

In a single semester, students can take all of the classes needed to prepare for certification in Information Technology, which opens the door to jobs, Bergin said. You can take or re-take to keep current with the technology, or launch a new high-tech career.

The facilities, at both the San Jacinto and Menifee campuses, are state-of-the-art, Bergin said, featuring both PC and Mac computer labs. Students learn on the latest hardware and software, and teachers have some of the best teaching facilities and equipment.

When classes begin this fall on Aug. 18, there will be seven full-time CIS faculty members, plus a number of part-time instructors, teaching classes morning, noon and evening. “Our classes are scheduled for student convenience, and we build our class schedule with busy working students in mind,” Bergin noted.

Bergin is head of the CIS program at the San Jacinto campus and Gay Reams is his counterpart at the Menifee campus. “We have been building a program to meet the needs of students and local industry,” Reams said.

Many local businesses use MSJC to train their employees, finding it quicker and less expensive than trying to do it themselves. The City of Temecula recently sent some employees to the Menifee campus to learn data base management.

Does California still need teachers?

By Levister P. Mason

Although many teachers received pink slips this year, newly credentialed teachers are hired every year to take the place of retiring teachers. So get ahead: Start planning your career in teaching.

To visit the CaTeach website to find out how and where to:

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St. Paul Celebrates Men's Day

Pastor Rev. C.E. Knott, Sr. of Highland Unity Mission Church along with the congregation will host a revival August 4th through August 8th, 2001.

The evangelists for the week include: Rev. Delma Moore, First Baptist Church of Ontario, Rev. Pastor of Onto Lord Memorial Church, Peninsa, Rev. McCran, Pastor of New Century Baptist Church, Riverside, Rev. C. Thomas, Senior Pastor of Missionary Baptist Church, San Bernardino, and Rev. Dr. M. Jackson, Pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Hinsdale, Georgia.

The theme for this year's revival is taken from St. John 11:25 entitled "Regeneration of the Gospel." For more information contact the church at (909) 222-2135.

Highland Unity Mission Church, 20352 Rubidoux Boulevard, Suite C, Riverside.

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SIZZLING SUMMER 'DO'S Hair Trends for Fun in the Sun

Tone of voice

Get out the beach towel, rev up the grill. School is out, sandals are in and it's time to party, party, party! The fashion and beauty trend for summer 2003 is back to nature. Clothing features soft pastels or wildly geometric prints reminiscent of the '70s, with off-the-shoulder, strapless and halter top, crop pants and miniskirts, pencil-thin short dresses.

Hairstyles and color will reflect this casual, fun look. "Hair will definitely be off the face this summer," says Manley Cona, Director of Education at Textures & Tones. "The great thing is that you can mix and match any season's three hottest styles and three hottest colors to create a look that fits you to a T!"

The three hot hairstyles for summer 2003: (1) Short and sassy pixie cuts, pushed back from the face with short, fringy bangs. Think Halle Berry. (2) Soft buns and big, round, pouffy. Pulled up loop back, or down and low, with a few strands escaping to give you that 'just-loosed-together' style. Think Angela Bassett. (3) Long and loose, with big curls pushed back behind the ears. Janet Jackson. Remember, whichever style, keep it simple way to consolidate credit card and any other debt is to do a HELOC (Home Equity Line Of Credit). This is a sim­ple way to have a credit card and all its advantages without having the problems of a credit card includ­ing its high interest rates. The loan is tied to the equity of your home and is tax deductible as well. This far is by one of the best investments created. It protects you and gives you tons of advan­tages a regular credit card wouldn't.

Conservatism is also another way you will benefit. Rather than having to worry about checking, consolidating your debt into a mortgage makes sense on your looks. To give you more options, I would like to see "Big Red Hot Red" which colors your precious 'do.

Whatever the style, whatever color, don't forget to cover up and moisturize so while wild, water and sun won't damage your precious 'do. So your three step plan for Summer 2003: (1) think nat­ural, (2) mix and match style and (3) don't get your hair or your summer 'do doesn't turn into an autumn don't!

Get your hands on your monthly check up to $567. Graded, that's more than $150 more than you're paying without adding on credit card debt - then sign, even that $150 may be more than what you're spending on credit card payments.

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Long Beach Jazz Festival 16 Years Strong

The Black Voice News

RAINBOW PROMOTIONS PRESENTS THE 16TH ANNUAL LONG BEACH JAZZ FESTIVAL, ON THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH AT THE RAINBOW LAGOON PARK ON SHORELINE DRIVE IN LONG BEACH. THIS FESTIVAL PRESENTS SOCAL MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. THE 16TH ANNUAL LONG BEACH JAZZ FESTIVAL WRAPS UP SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH WITH SETS FROM KIRK WHALUM, BRANDA RUSSELL, MARCUS MILLER, AL WILLIAMS, AND OTHERS.

General admission/lawn seating is $35 (prior to August 16th) and $40 at the gate. Reserved box seating tickets are $50 on Friday and $65 per person on Saturday and Sunday. General admission/lawn seating will be available for $40 at the gate.

Reserve box seating tickets include dinner, wine service and backstage access -- $135 on Friday, and $140 per seat on Saturday and Sunday. Reserve Box seating tickets cost $50 on Friday and $65 per person on Saturday and Sunday.

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AUGUST

Aug. 8, 7:00 p.m., St. Paul AME Church will celebrate Mary's Day with Rev. Ariki Kalifa of Inai Unitarian Christian Fellowship as the guest speaker. St. Paul is located at 1335 West 21st Street, San Bernardino. For more information contact (909) 887-1718.

Aug. 8, 8:30 p.m., Trinity Baptist Church Women's Ministry presents "Women of Vision Dressed To Impress" at Harrison Hall, 14870 Lake Perris Fairground, 18700 Lake Perris Drive, Perris, CA. Donations are $25.00. There will be dinner, entertainment and door prizes. For more information call (909) 656-4015.

Aug. 8-10, 16th Annual Long Beach Jazz Festival will be held at the Rainbow Lagoon Park on Shoreline Drive in Long Beach. For more information go to www.lbgjs.com. For tickets call (562) 424-0013.

Aug. 16, 16th Annual African Marketplace & Cultural Fair is looking for vendors. To become a Little Africa Youth Village vendor contact Producer Emma E. Pullin, (323) 734-1164 or (213) 667-1540.

Aug. 23, 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Creating Creations with Respect Dinner and Dance at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel. For ticket information contact Arthur LeVias, (310) 523-1822.

Aug. 23-24, 10th Annual Idyllwild Jazz in the Pines featuring Hirokazu, Charles Mckinsey, Yvi Evans, Percho Sanchez, Marshall Hawkins, Bob Hope and many more. For more information or ticket contact (909) 659-4955.

Aug. 28, 4-6 p.m., The Perris Hill Senior Center will host an end of summer dance at 780 E. 21st Street, San Bernardino. For more information, please call (909) 384-5456.

Aug. 30, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Chaffey College & Wignall Museum will present Shannon’s Breath with an artist reception featuring Sandra Rowe at the gallery located at 9000 Haven Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga. For more information contact Rebecca Travis at (909) 941-2388.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5-7, The African Village Weekend: Cultural & Performing Arts, Inc. and the Inland Valley News will present the 4th Annual African Village Weekend. For more information call (909) 392-6097.

Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m., The Perris Hill Senior Center will host its annual Mexican Independence Day Celebration at 780 E. 21st Street, San Bernardino. For more information call (909) 384-5456.

Sept. 13, The Perris Hill Senior Center will host its annual fashion show and luncheon at 780 E. 21st Street, San Bernardino. For more information call (909) 384-5456.

Services

Parents of children ages 0-5 can receive free parenting information on topics including discipline, nutrition, early reading, and more. Provided by First 5 California, the free bru- nches and free support are available at Friendship Community Youth Center, 25421 Spring St., in Perris. For more information call (909) 443-4404.

Family Services Association of Riverside County will provide reduced or no-cost child care services in the Moreno Valley and surrounding areas. To receive an involvement packet, please contact (909) 779-9764 or (909) 786-5623.

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Cajon High School's 70's Cruise. All graduating classes in the 1970's from Cajon High School are invited to join us on a cruise beginning October 17, 2003. For more information contact Charlene at (909) 931-0831 or Esther at Riverside Travel (909) 694-1924.
NYSP in the Business of Cultivating Young Minds

By Vivian Smith
Freelance Writer for Black Voice

Cultivating and inspiring the minds of our youth to achieve their dreams is a challenging task, but for the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP), children are easily encouraged to achieve life-long goals through physical fitness and education. This 5-week program held on the UC Riverside campus is the location for over 300 NYSP participants.

"We want them [youth] to get exposed to and interested in college, and also develop an idea and interest for a career," says Dr. E. M. Abdulmumin, project administrator. Dr. Abdulmumin envision ed the many benefits that the program would offer not only for the youth, but for the local community as well. "They learn the importance of education, and that learning is a life long process." Students traveled from various parts of the local community including Moreno Valley, Perris, Corona, and San Bernardino, to participate in this nationally acclaimed program.

NYSP makes it convenient for parents travelling from other cities by providing busses for students.

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In addition to sports and fitness, NYSP participants are encouraged to reach their goals and any given the confidence and support to achieve their dreams. This educational focus provides courses in math and science, general education, gang prevention, drug awareness, and college prep. For many of the students, these mean experiencing, applying, and developing new strategies for goal-setting.

"We go over setting goals, and we want the students to realize that there are steps you need to prepare yourself to get into a 4-year college," says Tenisha Powers, who teaches the college prep class and is also a student at UCR.

Everything from college entrance exams to job interviews, NYSP provides college preparation skills for advice on each participant.

"We felt that the tax credit would reach to many families, but millions of other families will not go as far," said Baca. "During this time of economic downturn we must not leave out those who are unemployed. It is time to put working families back into the equation. America's disproportionate burden of the war must be shared by everyone, but particularly those who serve our country."

"My favorite thing is the counselors, they make me feel like family," says 6th grade participant John King of Riverside.

"I was previously a participant a few years ago, I kept in touch with my counselor, and now I assist and help students who may lack enthusiasm and hopefully incorporate all elements needed for success in life. There is competition, structure, guidance, and inspiration. With the help of volunteers and the dedicated NYSP staff, the program continues to change lives one year at a time.

"NYSP is not a routine, it is a way of life… a program designed after the death of Martin Luther King Jr. It is much inner city youth," says Eric Taylor, activities assistant and a graduating senior at UCR.
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