Mrs. Coretta Scott King: Speaks to Family, Community and Churches

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ATTORNEY BRUCE-CLOPTON OPENS DOORS

Attorney Bruce-Clopton opens doors

By Cheryl Brown. Bruce-Clopton was a great student in high school, as a college student at St. Paul's, and finally in law school.

Now she is a blues woman practicing law in the City of Riverside encourager time on her hands she applied for a Field Director's job. She did and her life became more interesting.

E-Marl clothed in a gray suit, took his place alongside his family before the San Bernardino Family Court

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Mrs. Coretta Scott King (wife of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.) will make her first appearance in San Bernardino, California, Sunday, October 13, at 1:30 p.m., as a part of the city of San Bernardino's 75th Anniversary Program.

This is a very rare appearance by Mrs. King, hosted by Pheenis Information Center and co-sponsored by Arwood-Head Conference Center, United Way of San Bernardino County, KACE, 98.3 FM, San Bernardino Sun, and the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office.

This visit will be significant because the City of San Bernardino was among the first to erect a statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which is located in the Martin Luther King Plaza. Special people of the community will also participate in the program to include: an Inland Empire mass choir, a local poet will join in a reading, and Pilgrims' Welcome Choir will perform a closing song. Also, two films will be acknowledged, the group that was responsible for erosion of the MLK Jr. statue in the city; and 19 young ladies whose story was about nonviolent convictions in their school districts.

Tickets are available through Pheenis Information Center located at 381 E. "E" Street, (909) 383-2329, in downtown San Bernardino and Inland Empire Boys and Girls Club, 714-740-2000. Tickets are $20 for general admission, $10 for students (12 and required) and $5 for children 12 and under; VIP seating is $50 and is limited. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the San Bernardino Boys and Girls Club.

For more information contact Pheenis Information Center at (909) 887-3649 or (909) 383-2329.
Editorial: Living Responsibly

By Hardy Brooks

Last Saturday the world learned that Princess Diana of Wales was killed in a tragic car accident in Paris, France which also tragically took the life of Dodi Fayed, a business associate of Princess Diana and her bodyguard. The driver of the Mercedes, as well. Sunday morning, I attended Saturday's and the universal Sunday school services. I was overwhelmed by "Live Responsibly." Inevitably, the conversion to the shocked and angry news of the accident occurred before it was preceded. The adult class used the biblical lesson to make sense of the tragic turn of events.

The Black Press believe that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human and legal supporters. It was his encouragement and their plan that was put into action.

The NAACP vowed recently to the Association's 88th Annual Convention to promote selective buying campaigns against unfair businesses and to the monitoring of the assistance America is giving the significant expenditure of $400 million is still frowned on in our society. He also said he feels there is more to this, and that the legitimate press will air those pictures. The work of the photographer is to tell a story in pictures where text is less effective in explaining the scene. It is the photographer's job to break the monopoly of visual and print media. For the same reason, the NAACP decided to continue with the theme of selective buying and to continue to showcase unsavory businesses and their products. The NAACP encourages its members to participate in this campaign and to use it as an effective tool of persuasion and to continue to deprive African Americans of economic benefits because of corporate injustice.

We are all supposed to be working towards our nation's future. The new Development Institute will have “a bonding mix of publishing and distribution information on how effectively

The Black Press believes that American economic development on an industry-by-

James W. Wood, Editor and Publisher, "Minority Business & Employment Times, says of the program, "We are encouraged by the results of our four conventions. We are all so eager towards our nation's future. We are all encouraged by the support of our motto: ‘One nation, one family.’"
LIFESTYLES

The Black Voice News

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September 4, 1997

Blood Bank Celebrates “Second Chances”

Dear Y.F.:

I am a 52 year old overweight African-American female. My doctor says I have elevated triglycerides. Does this mean I am at risk for having a heart attack?

Dear Y.F.:

Coronary artery disease claims the lives of 500,000 women a year—that’s twice the number for all men.

Our Bodies

Doctor Leister welcomes reader mail concerning heart health. Do you feel that his advice is relevant, but regret that he is unable to answer individual letters. Your letter will be incorporated into the column at space permits. You may direct your letters to Dr. Leister in care of Voice News, P.O. Box 1581, Riverside, CA 92502.

Trouble with Triglycerides

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Blood Bank and Riverside Counties

Maggie Wong, the Blood Bank’s Volunteer Coordinator explains. Nearly 3 million people have joined the Registry in an effort to share life. In “Celebrating Second Chances,” it’s important to remember the significant role volunteers play in giving patients that second chance. Whether they’re actually donating marrow or simply agreeing to be on the Registry, their commitment to the well-being of others is profound.

Because the characteristics of marrow are inherited, a patient’s most likely chance for a match will be within their own racial or ethnic group. While about 30 percent of these patients have a family member who is suitably matched and able to donate marrow, most of these individuals turn to the NMDP Registry for potential unrelated marrow donors,” notes Wong.

“Our blood center is proud of its affiliation with the NMDP. Since 1987, 31 area residents have provided marrow to critically ill patients and more than 15,000 local volunteers have entered the registry through our Blood Bank. National Marrow Donor Awareness Week gives us another opportunity to stress the important role local volunteers play in this vital program,” she adds.

During National Marrow Donor Awareness Month, free testing will be available Monday through Wednesday, September 8 to 10 and September 15 to 17 for the first 100 people who call in to place their name on our waiting list. (The usual one-time registration fee is $45). Interested individuals are asked to contact the Marrow Donor Program at 909-891-7433 to add their name to a waiting list.

To “Celebrate Second Chances” as a potential marrow donor, individuals must be between the ages of 18 and 60, be in good health and have no chronic illnesses such as asthma or diabetes. Candidates may not be more than 25 percent above their ideal weight and must not be at risk for having the AIDS virus or hepatitis.

Blood Drive

On Saturday, September 6, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Blood Mobile will be out at Park Avenue Baptist Church, for blood donations. Baby sitting is provided and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the blood donor committee at (909) 684-5762.

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We’re electric when we provide educational grants and scholarships to schools such as Kelby Elementary in Compton.

We’re electric when we work together for the benefit of our children, our jobs, our communities and our future.

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Minority Contracts: WHERE THEY SET UP FRONTS?

Washington

Recently, a deposition given regarding a lawsuit filed by Black contractors against the State of Indiana depicts the ugliness of institutionalized racism officially performed by state officials with the blessings of the Governor.

Harry C. Alford, President and CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce, gave a deposition describing his hands-on experience as Deputy Commissioner for the Minority and CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Robert Dotson, nationally known psychologist and entrepreneur, described how he succeeded in organizing the fight against racism in the business arena.

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African American Grants: All of this racism coming from a Democratic Administration is alarming, according to Dr. Arthur Fletcher, the author of Affirmative Action and a boardmember of the National Black Chamber of Commerce.

"What's frightening is that Evan Bayh wants to become President. This is frightening," says Alford.

Beverly White KNBC Anchor to Attend First Fridays

First Fridays will begin another season on Friday, September 5, 1997 at 670 Kendall Drive in San Bernardino. This is one of our most exciting years for First Fridays, said founder Mary Davis-Lowe, in a recent interview.

This year First Fridays will have an innovative season. Beginning in September, First Fridays will host the Black Journalism Association of Southern California. The guest speaker will be Beverly White, News Anchor of KNBC in Los Angeles.

First Fridays will also return with more dynamic speakers and department of Administration for the State of Indiana. He was appointed by Governor Evan Bayh. The deposition describes how he succeeded in increasing the amount of business done by minorities. This success led to opposition against his efforts and harassment of his office. In essence, Governor Bayh wanted the progress to stop despite economic necessities.

Official "front" companies were set up in the state department of transportation which will be for Sickle Cell Anemia. It will be a main fashion show and auction. And of course the holiday affair will be coming up in December.

When Davis-Lowe was asked why she chooses to do such interesting presentations for First Fridays she said she's always looking for ways to help people in this networking venue. She said she's always asking for and seeking suggestions to offer more opportunities and networking resources to the business community.

In looking to the 1998 year Davis-Lowe said the plans a blow out party for her Fifth Anniversary in February and a business expo later in the spring. She says this should be an exciting First Fridays season.

The Castaways is located at 670 Kendall Drive in San Bernardino. (909) 881-1102. First Fridays takes place the first Friday of each month. It begins at 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. Cover charge is $10.00 but with a First Fridays flyer it's $5.00 off. Flyers are available at Premis Information Center on "E" Street in San Bernardino and also at First Fridays. For more information, please call the voice number (909) 874-3027.

Joe Esken, Jr., president of Black in Government, said he sat perfect field at a press conference during the governor's annual conference that Black oppose the suit. Congress has been tried to stop the law of housing laws.

The Inland Empire Employment Services (IEESN) is hosting a special Employers Recognition Reception. The event will be held Wednesday, October 22, 1997, 4:00 p.m. at the Foothill Library and will serve to pay tribute to employers who have hired IEESN agency participants.

The event will also recognize individuals who have overcome significant barriers to employment. For more information contact Jan Caravan, (909) 769-6601.

BIG OPPOSES CONGRESS & THE POWER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

"Congress is right for D.C."

"Congress should make a nationwide campaign to support a return to local government," he characterized the behavior by Congress as "the occupation of the Potomac." "Many people do not understand what is going on in D.C. We have seen that the new administration is about to make a move to change D.C. by Congress," he said.

The event will be held September 15, 1997 at the Bay Area's Black Voice News.

Dr. Karen Wooding

Any questions or suggestions, please call the voice number (909) 874-3027.
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Black Music Fest

Jeff Brown of San Diego and Leah Goodlow of Redlands were married last month in an intimate ceremony in the New York, New York Hotel in Las Vegas. The groom, a former resident of the Island Empire is the son of Floyd and Carolyn Brown and the niece of Cheryl Willett and the nephew of Hardy L. Brown. He is employed by Caspian Incorporated of San Diego. The bride, a graduate of California State University, San Bernardino is the daughter of Dwight and Zelma Willet and the niece of Cheryl Brown. She is employed by First American Credco of San Diego.

The concert will be conducted by Rev. Melvin Cole in Gossp Extravaganza '97 Night of Praise and Fun to the Glory of God.

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“In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills and all nations will stream to it.” Isaiah 2:2

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Curacao's beaches used to be one of the best kept secrets in the Caribbean, according to Ygmar Wiel, director of the Curacao Tourist Board in North America. But with vacationers now discovering the unique appeal of this Dutch/Caribbean island, the beaches have become a major selling point.

"Unlike some of its Caribbean neighbors, Curacao offers mostly small, white sand beaches and romantic, secluded coves," says Wiel. "We find that our beaches are especially appealing to honeymooners, couples and others not looking for long, expensive stays in crowded with hotels," he adds.

Curacao's 38 beaches are varied. Some are surrounded by giant cliffs, others by exotic flora and fauna. But they all share the same clear turquoise water and picture-perfect weather (Curacao averages less than 30 inches of rain per year), unique to this part of the world.

Following is a rundown of some of the island's best.

**Westpunt Beach** is best known for the huge cliffs which frame it and the divers who entertain beach-goers by jumping from the cliffs into the ocean below. A favorite of locals and visitors alike, the beach, located on the northwestern tip of the island, is open to the public at no charge.

Just south of Westpunt is **Knip Bay**, another of the island's most photographed sites because of its picturesque setting and dazzling, bright blue water. On weekends, live music and dancing turn the area into one big beach party. Changing facilities and refreshments are available during specified hours.

**Playa Abo**, also on the northern tip of the island, is a more quiet spot but nonetheless popular for its clear blue water and perfect stretch of white sand. Nestled into the curved shoreline of the southern cliffs into the ocean below. A favorite of locals and visitors alike, the beach, located on the northwest tip of the island, is open to the public at no charge.

**Blauw Bay**, also has shade, showers and changing facilities. A small entrance fee is charged.

**Playa Kalki**, located in a small, protected cove, is one of the island's hottest snorkeling spots because of its calm water and density of sea life close to shore.

Curacao also offers man-made beaches that give mother nature a good run for her money. Among the best are those at the **Sonesta Beach Hotel & Casino**, the **Princess Beach Resort & Casino** and the **Curacao Sea Aquarium** (a family-oriented complex that features enclosures containing every form of native sea life, as well as glass-bottom boats and submarine rides.)

For further information contact the Curacao Tourist Board, 475 Park Avenue South, Suite 2000, New York, NY 10016; tel. (800) 332-8266 or (212) 683-9337.
**Black Entertainment Dollars**

It's almost that time of year again for the Riverside Jazz and Art Festival, produced by Inland Empire Music & Art Foundation. This year looks like some great entertainers like Hiroshima, George Howard, Roy Ayers, Stanford Jordan, Chuck Mangione, Barry James, Kevin Eubanks and Avenue Blue with Jeff Golub. For more information on the festival, contact (909) 342-2072.

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**Black Voice News**

It’s your money...you decide?

By Pat Lansdell

ENN—Filmaker Warren Hughlin told attendees at the recent 12th annual National Black Economic Development Conference (NBCF) Convention in Denver, “It’s your money...you decide” for your entertainment dollars. Hughlin, Head of President of the Black Filmmaker’s Foundation and producer of such films as “Beverly’s,” “Street” and “Tellfe’s Kids,” said Black moviegoers need to use their wallets to send Hollywood a message that they want to decide what they pay for and how they spend their money in the movies. "If you want to see more films with Black actors, directors, writers, producers, and control the city’s ‘nigger penins’ that belong to the Negroes who have built and run our economy, not the downtown mobsters, you have to show Hollywood that you don’t want to spend your money at the box office and you’re not going to pay for tickets to see these movies unless they get moved up in the lineup," Hughlin said.

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Some college attendance necessary. Will train in subject matter seminar is covering. Tel. (909) 354-9807; Transition wage plus portfolio. Starting from a very low station in life. Against unthinkably odds, Don King has become the NAACP award to fight promoter Don King.

Ironically, this is the kind of media bias that the NAACP Award to fight promoter Don King.

The idea hasn’t gone over well with much of the country’s white media, who have been more interested in the crop of black media that fall[s] to successfully address this country’s troubled racial climate regarding justice and the NAACP and King have fashioned for himself a legend and a mantle or in his trophy case and know that it is the most eligible national figure for the hot.

The NAACP and Don King seemingly have one thing in common. Both seem to quickly use negative criticism from a biased White media that fails to correctly address this country’s troubled racial climate regarding justice and the NAACP is giving the award to King indicates that the organization is on sound footing again and not into taking dictation from outside forces who have shown no great propensity for helping the cause of race in America. Instead of bash[ing] the NAACP and King, most of the White media, if they were of a serious mind to do so, could strike a mighty blow for civil rights by hiring African American in decision and policy-making administrative positions.

Don King is a demonstrated equal opportunity employer who has hired, per capita, more individuals of other races in administrative positions than any of the media who appear to be so concerned about how the NAACP conducts its business. King is a leader by example.

Further, King needs to make no case for himself in circles where the NAACP concentrates its efforts. He has been a supporter, a generous donor, an employer and a builder. The award given to him is very appropriate and King should place it on a prominent spot on his mantle or in his trophy case and know that it is one he truly deserved. Enough said!