**After Sparks, Fighting & Anger...CHW Prevailed**

By Cheryl Brown

Sparks flew at the Community Hospital of San Bernardino's last annual meeting. The last meeting as it was held this year as officials said they would not allow themselves off the corporate board, which was designed to involve the community.

"We never want to see the patients. That's how you make the most money."

— Bruce Saiger

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- "The report card reveals that the U.S. receives a grade of "C" to "C-" overall in the areas of quality of education, equality and other factors of women in the workplace, providing access to affordable health care, helping poor people, and protecting the environment."
- Almost two-thirds of those polled (63%) say that the poor are not treated fairly in their community today. In society overall, Americans also say that racial and ethnic groups receive routine mistreatment: the data show that about 50% of blacks, 64% of whites, 56% of Hispanics, 66% of Native Americans, 55% of Asians, and 56% of Native Hawaiians have been mistreated.
- Americans also feel that the following are treated very fairly: the elderly (95%), the disabled (59%), the poor (82%), the elderly (93%), the disabled (53%), the poor (89%), the elderly (98%), the disabled (61%), and the poor (81%).
- Although 70% of African-Americans, 76% of Hispanics, 66% of Native Americans, and 61% of Native Hawaiians say they suffer routine discrimination, 97% of Asians, 89% of whites, and 86% of Native Hawaiians say they do not.
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**Dr. Holmes Retires at End of Term**

Dr. Dale S. Holmes, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, announced that he will not be a candidate for the superintendent in the May election. After serving 12 years, Dale Holmes will retire at the end of his current term of office which is January 1999. Dr. Holmes has served three four- year terms as county superintendent and has been known as a leader in the education field.

Holmes began his education career as an elementary teacher in Orange County's Los Alamitos School District where he was named Teacher of the Year. It was after being named Teacher of the Year that he was named Teacher of the Year at his current position.

School that he moved to the Riverside County Superintendent of School's staff as Director of Instruction and then Assistant Superintendent. He was elected to the county superintendent in 1986, assuming office in January 1987. In announcing his retirement from public education a Leadership Team Meeting, Dr. Holmes shared that it had been his personal retirement plan for a number of years.

Dr. Holmes said that he had enjoyed coming to work every day and looks forward to working on a number of "more personal" projects. Holmes, among many others, is credited with helping form a statewide team to assist district schools in staying fiscally solvent and establishing an agency group to lobby for federal dollars for public education in California. Most recently, he was instrumental in obtaining over $5 million in state technology money to wire every school in this county by computer to the internet.

Students were visibly touched by Dr. Holmes' announcement and the faith he placed in them to continue his tradition of quality. Dr. Holmes is planning to work with students at the San Bernardino Unified School District. Dr. Dale S. Holmes

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Dear Editor,

Regarding the article about Community Hospital in The Black Voice News, I'm writing to make sure our readers are aware of the many ways we support the hospital.

Newark's $15 million expansion project is a prime example of our commitment to supporting the healthcare needs of our community. We have a proven track record of providing compassionate, high-quality care to residents of all backgrounds.

As a member of the hospital's Board of Trustees, I can assure our readers that we are committed to ensuring the hospital has the resources it needs to provide excellent care.

Thank you for your continued support of our hospital.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
Chairwoman, Board of Trustees
Community Hospital

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Sparks Fly, Fights and Anger Abound But CHW Prevails

From Contended Page

As the sun set over the valley and San Bernardino, the hospital's CEO, Dr. Bolivar, was feeling the pressure. He had just received another warning from the hospital's board about the need for cost-cutting measures.

"We need to make some tough decisions," he told his staff. "We can't continue to lose money at this rate."

The hospital was in financial crisis, and the board was demanding immediate action. Dr. Bolivar knew the hospital needed to find a way to balance its budget or face the possibility of closure.

"But we can't just cut services," he argued. "We have a responsibility to our patients."

"We understand," replied one of the board members. "But we also have a responsibility to our shareholders and our employees."

Dr. Bolivar felt a sense of frustration. "We need to think outside the box," he said. "Maybe we should consider partnerships with other hospitals or healthcare providers."
Dear Dr. Levister:

I am a 69-year-old, married woman who is going through menopause. A friend of mine said I probably will have to take hormones to make up for what I am missing. What does this mean? Is it harmful?

L.M.

Dear L.M.:

In recent years much of the discussion on hor­monal replacement therapy (HRT) has focused on hot flashes and bone maintenance. In 1996, however, researchers reported that estrogen affects almost every organ. Despite a few exceptions, there now is little doubt that estrogen replacement therapy is beneficial for most women.

The Vorhees Health Cohort Study, consists of more than 50,000 women who have been followed for 16 years. Researchers found a marked decrease in the risk for major coronary artery disease among women taking combined hor­monal replacement therapy compared with those not taking hormones. Once women dis­continued the therapy the protective effects faded, but the risk was still very low. This is a 7-year follow-up study.

According to the American Heart Association, individuals on hormone therapy are at risk for the following:

1. Increasing signs and symptoms

2. Decreasing bone density

3. Decreasing muscle mass and strength

4. Increasing risk for cardiovascular disease

5. Increasing risk for breast cancer

6. Increasing risk for uterine cancer

The benefits of hormone therapy are well established. However, there are potential risks and side effects. Therefore, it is important for women to discuss this option with their healthcare provider.

Sincerely,
Donna E., M.D.
San Bernardino County's 5th Annual Procurement Opportunities Conference was hosted by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. The conference was to bring together all public and private agencies throughout San Bernardino county to stimulate economic growth of all local and small business programs. The Small Advocate Award acknowledged organizations for promoting the San Bernardino Small Business Program to the San Bernardino County. Recipients included Charles Fantory of the Inland Empire Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Duke Hill of San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce, Kent Hard of the National Association of Women in Construction, and John Hakel of the Associate General Contractors.

At Southern California Edison, we have made a commitment to economic and business development, education and job training. In the last five years, we have contributed over $50 million to programs and organizations that make a difference in the communities we serve.

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We're electric when we help companies stay in the Los Angeles area, returning over 100,000 jobs. Companies like King Sizz, a Christian publishing and merchandise company.

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

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

How to Make that Holiday Wreath

Wreaths aren't just being hung from front doors anymore. Julie McCann-Mulligan, the creative director of FLOWERS, has created a Christmas table wreath that makes a colorful centerpiece. It is full of fresh flowers such as spray roses, statice, and caspia, and seasonal accents. Looking for more creative holiday ideas? 1-800-FLOWERS has a "How To" Department, 1600 Stewart Ave., Westbury, NY 11590, or call 1-800-FLOWERS.
Promise Keepers - Watch as well as Pray

by Jesse Jackson, Jr.

In Part I, I argued that the Gospel must be the centerpiece of our political experience, that we must begin by telling the truth about the way in which we use our politics to further our economic development and to discourage participation in the political system. I have argued that the Promise Keepers have a spiritual message which just needs to be translated into the governmental message of the religious and political right. This message is devoid of the economic content to address the lingering effects of racism, sexism and discrimination. In Part II, I will show how the "spiritual crusade against crime" may actually be a subtle political effort to increase the number of African Americans in a Republican-led conservative political movement.

How will the Promise Keepers race initiative be converted into a moral crusade? The most important announcement that Coach McCartney made during his address at the DC rally was to indicate that over the coming months Promise Keepers will conduct 18 sports stadium and 19 sports arena rallies. How is that different from past rallies? In the past they were charged $500 to attend. The rallies of the future will be free. Who do they think they are fooling? Obviously, poorer Black and Latino men will be there. It is the White middle class men that have already been deceived.

Reverend Jesse Jackson eloquently warned us of the only economic development going on in urban America today is the building of new jails and sports stadiums. Virtually all of the old and the new stadiums and arenas are very accessible to the Black and Latino communities - and the Promise Keepers rallies will be free.

Religiously, the male-filled jails of 1.6 million people (overwhelmingly Black and Latino) and the male-filled failure and sin. That is the Promise Keepers' message and it is transmitted in the gut and every minority person. Politically, the jails represent economic failure and political indifference. Promise Keepers can get off of that hook by just telling the people they are not involved in politics. So they will never have to address the failure.

But just in the visual image of a rallies men waging Bible on the National Mall had a huge moral purpose, so too in a highly integrated audience of Black, Brown and White men rallying and praying together in these sports stadiums and arenas. The image of men fighting spiritually, among other things, for racial reconciliation will be visually and subliminally turn these rallies into monads against racism. The rallies, of course, will be devoid of any economic context - unless it is confessed to volunteerism, the private sector or free market forces - and will appear to be devoid of politics.

Politically, I believe this is one of the reasons Coach McCartney is willing to include "racial reconciliation" in their platform, but not "gender equality." So suspect that their polls and surveys are telling them that the particular religious market that they are not involving is in a biblically-based patriarchal and hierarchal family structure so that they can continue to build a strong family man, the woman will follow. From any aspect from reality, it has been the IMAGE of a system that has cut into their moral authority and forced the lack of involvement of people in college. Only a conservative political movement can say: "We are angry, you are not." Then there was Rev. Pat Robertson and Ralph Reed's Christian Coalition. Now here is Coach Bill McCartney's Promise Keepers, with the American Christian Chairman of the Board, Bishop Phillip E. Forte. A religiously-based appeal to racial reconciliation, alongside the appeal for men to be men, including African American and Latino men - to take more responsibility, get commended to their wives and children, and integrate themselves together in their local communities.

The Freeman and Graves Family

is to protect the interests of the rich. At the same time, it will undermine the ability of the whole society - which necessarily includes the government agency - to attack the current economic system. Promise Keepers has been politically sidestepping economic factors of racism and sin, and as a result, deny a redress and fulfillment of minority economic needs.

The main thrust of this slick public relations campaign designed to say to a general political audience (that specifically not in close or clear political terms that would inevitably turn away religiously-based African American, Latino and many White conservatives) that we are Bible-based. Christian men, concerned about family, moral values and racial reconciliation. As the political analyst in the media so easily and mindlessly pointed, "What could be wrong with that, and who can be against it?" In other words, Promise Keepers are nice people and politically safe. A major public relations coup. And, of course, millions of participants in the Promise Keepers rallies are nice people, but they are also largely politically naive and innocent. The same cannot necessarily be said of their leadership. Coach McCartney has been politically sidestepping active in anti-gay and anti-choice campaigns. Many others in their leadership have similar records of conservative activism and political anti-activity. This is really the third wave of the religiously-based conservative political movement. First, there was Rev. Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority. Then there was Rev. Pat Robertson and Ralph Reed's Christian Coalition. Now here is Coach Bill McCartney's Promise Keepers, with the American Christian Chairman of the Board, Bishop Phillip E. Forte.

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church — combined with a religious conviction about the sin of racism, abortion, homosexuality and pornography, is the perfect non-political political stick and religion approach to the Black and Latino communities.

Some may ask, what is this analysis all about? It still won’t affect even the half of Black or Latino voters to vote for Republicans. They don’t need half. Additionally, the answer of the racist “Willy Horton” tactic for George Bush’s presidential campaign in 1988 — which incidentally was Ralph Reed’s idol and mentor — said that:  

Republican Party could just STRATEGICALLY about 50 to 70 percent of the Black and Latino Republican vote. It can be done. Additionally, they may not need to affect the Black and Latino Republican vote. A spiritual appeal may merely designate enthusiasm for a Democratic turnout and vote. If Christ is the true answer to our real problems then government solutions pale by comparison. This is an especially appealing message to those who have been exploited and standing in.

city of Industry: Are you a single Christian person and sick and tired of "Finding Mr. or Mrs. Wrong"? Well, Marriage, Christian Singles has just the thing for you to start off the new year right.

Marriage, Christian Singles will present their Fourth Annual Gala Dinner/ Dance affair, February 13, 1998 at the Industry Hills Sheraton.

The Promise Keepers’ spiritual message, precisely because it appears devoid of politics, essentially could have this double-edged political effect, which would be the desired result of every Republican political strategist.

Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., is a second term congressman from the Second Congressional District of Illinois who serves on the House Banking & Financial Services and the Small Business Committee, and has a Master of Arts Degree in Theology from the Chicago Theological Seminary.
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Chino beats North, wins first CIF title

by LELAND STEIN III

GLENDORA, Dec. 12 - In the sports game there is an axiom or universally rec­ognized truth that if you make mistake, you’ll usually defeat yourself. 

Well, at the Citrus College in the California Interscholastic Federation Division IV title game, Riverside John W. North and Chino squared off for the right to be called the best, but mistakes ended up defining the outcome.

A turnover here . . . a dropped pass there . . . an interception . . . and just a more determined team, earned Chino a 19-7 win over Riverside North.

"In a game like this, mistakes are a direct result of North’s defense," said a jubilant Harris.

"We played as one unit and executed our defensive schemes," said a jubilant Harris.

"We used our intelligence," said a jubilant Harris.

"We got beat by a team that knew what they were doing," said North’s defensive line coach.

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"They were surprise by our team speed," said North’s defensive line coach.

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Yvette Michele: Not Just Another Flash in the Pan

Given the number of female vocalists on the R&B charts these days, new female artists could very easily get lost in the shuffle. Having already paid the price for success, however, Yvette Michele will have no such troubles. The New York DJ who was a national sensation in 1995 with "Everyday & Everynight" (her debut single from Funkmaster Flex Presents The Mix Tape), heard this, she ran into Flex, who was on a pay phone.

"I'm Not Feeling You," she sang. "I mean, I don't have a lot of time for you. I'm sick with nerves, sick to my stomach that day, but I got through it." She says of recording her first single.

The success of her first two songs has now propelled Yvette to record her album in a similar fashion. No record artist likes to rush, but "I'm Not Feeling You" required such demand for Yvette's album, all part of a plan agreed upon that there was no time to waste.

My Dream is a collection of party tunes, mid-tempo ballads produced by Funkmaster Flex and R&B legends Pat Life, Yvette wrote and co-wrote 8 of the 13 tracks, along with Felicia Adams and Ivory. "I really didn't have a hard time feeling the music," says of her production style. "Neither will the general public, if previous singles are any indication. Compliments to "Everyday & Everynight" are the new party anthem: "The Way I Feel.""

"Let's Stay Together" and the current single "Crazy." Yvette was able to write songs to the variety of tracks, which range from hip-hop to traditional R&B. The album also autobiographical: "It talks about love in the '90s. Everything that I sing has to be about something I would say..."

In spite of her early success, Yvette is bound to face comparisons to other current R&B stars and would be di...".

"I'm funkier now. My music is diverse...and besides, these tracks are meaningful enough for everyone to get into. I'm not just trying to please the masses. My choices in music are more fun than a box of chocolates when I first started out. Indeed if there is such a thing as a typical hip-hop/R&B artist, Yvette Michele is not one of them. These days Yvette has very little spare time, but when she does, she enjoys reading science fiction, role-playing, and working out. "I'm a real person...every Friday night I would go to 'The Right Stuff'," she says, laughing.

Ever creative, Yvette also writes poetry, and may one day share her spoken words with the rest of the world. But for now, it is her Dream that she shares with us!

Some of the Games we're Playing...
- High Stakes Bingo
- Live Poker
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Get Lucky
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SAN MANUEL
From Black Voice News...

"Do women have to let God in order to hold on to their man?" That's the question posed by author Monique Jewell Anderson in her book, Pass Creecy who will make a special appearance at Debbie D's located at 13353 Perris Blvd., E-412, Moreno Valley, California.

In this autobiographical novel, Anderson wrestles with this and many other issues. She testifies about her life as a divorced single parent. She describes the love she shares with her "Mr. Right" but unfortunately encounters several Mr. Wrong."

She will appear at Debbie D's at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact (909) 242-3351.

Dr. Maulana Karenga: Creator of Kwanzaa Comes to San Bernardino

Dr. Maulana Karenga, creator of the holiday Kwanzaa will be visiting Phoenix Information Center African American Literature and Entertainment, 381 North "E" Street, "Street Science," will testify about her life as a divorced single parent. She describes the love she shares with her "Mr. Right" but unfortunately encounters several Mr. Wrong."

She will appear at Debbie D's at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact (909) 383-3239.

San Bernardino

Inland Empire Kwanzaa Committee, will be hosting a Kwanzaa Workshop. For more information, contact (909) 383-3239.
Banning's Anthropol Hosts Marla Gibbs

By Cheryl Brown

Marla Gibbs was the guest speaker at the Anthropol Women's 29th Annual Benefit dinner held recently in Banning, California. After an introduction by Banning Mayor John Hunt, Gibbs gave a speech at times making the crowd laugh and at other times saddened by the realization of the situation Black people are in.

Gibbs said we must have more of a sense of community. "We must help each other," she further stated. "We have to put morals back into our lives. It's not how you win or lose. I don't care how you win," she said.

Gibbs gave solutions to issues to save our community:
1. There is no reason for hunger.
2. Learn how to put the right foods together and stop mixing carbohydrates and proteins in the gardens.
3. People need employment. Her suggestion, have churches set up hot lines so they can hire people. We need to collectively educate on our needs not on our problems.
4. Peer teaching. Bring to older students to tutor the younger ones. She focused on the after school tutorial programs.
5. Above all, communicate with the students. "Give him/her a treat and he/she won't come to the realization that learning and above all, achievement Matters."
6. Bring up your children to have respect for their elders. We must recreate the neighborhood and be able to go back to where you grew up so our children will feel connected.

The outstanding award went to Blanche Teague who also warmed up the crowd with a short talk on students. "Give him/her a treat and he/she won't come to the realization of the situation Black people are in."

Mayor John Hunt and wife with Marla Gibbs

Patricia Henderson and Blanche Trague with Marla Gibbs

Ruby Walker with Marla Gibbs

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- Greg Jones, Regional VP
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- John Mack, CEO, National Urban League