Riverside Youth to be Showcased at Inauguration

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This is an unprecedented effort to celebrate both the diversity and unity of California at the Governor-elect Gray Davis inaugural events. Organizers invited one specific organization to represent each of the 58 counties.

The Pechaga Native Youth Council, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is one of 58 groups invited to participate in the planned inaugural events, such as the Inaugural Ball and Ceremonies on January 4.

The executive director of the Indian Ocean Council for Gray Davis, voiced his enthusiasm about the group's participation. "I marvel at the incredible diversity and talent behind this group. They represent the future of our state. Their shared commitment to the values Gray Davis stands for makes it very special for all of us and a memory of lifetime for them," Anderson said.

Black group or participant will receive five tickets to the Inaugural Gala and the Rock & Roll Ball at Cal Expo.

The Democratic Central Committee Chair in each county either selected or nominated the most representative organization for their own community, which is then a list of local criteria.

"I'm excited that every county will be represented on stage at the Inauguration Ball and at the Security Council on January 19. In this way, every Californian can feel part of this event. We hope these young people will be our ambassadors to take some of us back to their own communities," Anderson said.

Kathleen Brown Heads Angelides Transition Team

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TREASUREN - Elect Philip Angelides named 19 prominent African American leaders to his transition team to ensure continued diversity. The members are drawn from across the state to represent legislative, law enforcement, and public service.

The committee, which will advise the Treasurer-Elect and the new Administration on the transition, includes:

Kathleen Brown, President, California State Conference of the NAACP, Los Angeles.

"I am excited about making a difference for California with the new State Treasurer," said Angelides in announcing his transition committee.

Local Ministers Say “No” to Impeachment

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Judge Higginbotham Dies at 70

Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., who often spoke of himself as a "survivor of segregation," died Monday at age 70.

"A Leon Higginbotham was a fighter for social justice and pursued an extraordinary career as a lawyer, jurist, law professor, college teacher, and social activist, precisely because he refused to accept the boundaries legal and of facto racism sought to impose on American Americans," said Hugh B. Price, President of the National Urban League. NAACP President & CEO Kwame Mfune Dikgang Macanda. "The world has lost one of the finest, most preeminent jurists of our time. His work is a reflection of both his deep passion for civil rights and his legacy of pursuing justice and equality for all Americans."

In a determined to determine working-class parents in Trenton, New Jersey, Judge Higginbotham's" "in the year 1948, at a time when most white colleges and universities were distinctly "separate territory" for African American students. During a 1996 commencement address at Wesleyan University, Judge Higginbotham stated, "I will make two requests of you. They are that you not forget those whose mothers, who being invisible to most people, and that you always try to hear the pleas of these people, who, despite their pain and suffering, have become voiceless and forgotten.

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Black Farmers Mull Over Government Settlement Offer

Hundreds of Black farmers and their families met in Durham, N.C., Selma, Ala., and Pine Bluff, Ark., last month. They came to Durham because the U.S. Department of Justice's latest settlement proposal in Piggly, et al v. USDA, is a historic moment that is just a step in the right direction, but many of them have been forced off their land by discrimination and violence.

The $75 million suit, which involves 4,000 Black farmers, is scheduled to go to trial on Feb. 18, 1999, if no settlement is reached.

To be eligible, you have to be a Black farmer, have farmed between 1898-1937, have applied for USDA benefits, get legal advice to help determine which group they should support. Those in Group A only have to demonstrate that they were operated by the USDA. Verification could be as minimal as a friend or relative confirming the action in an affidavit. Plaintiffs in this category would receive $30,000; have their USDA suits forgiven, and be given 25 percent of the debt forgiveness to pay off outstanding taxes.

Those farmers who choose Group B must have more significant records and documentation. This category is for those who feel their damage goes beyond $85,000. They would go before Michael Lewis, (the present court appointed mediator) in a "unit trial day trial." If they win their case, damages, but nothing if they lose.

Despite the lawyers' enthusiasm for the proposal many participants at the gatherings were skeptical about it.

"Why should we have to risk getting nothing out of a land that USDA has allowed them to discriminated against us?" James Beverly asked in Durham.

"Why should we do this if there's no hope of getting anything?” said Georgia farmer who was at the Durham meeting. "The offer is pretty we may, take the reconstruction... the T.S. of Negro legislation had come to that stage, it would be a derangement of the Negroes, which has been the natural ascending year for those years of the past. The effort to put an inferior over a superior race is a crime. It is against human nature to support such a policy which has been witnessed on records that have been publicized."

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2 Convicted of Murder Evidence Questionable

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Letter to the Editor

No Justice, No Peace

The high expectations held for the 2 new and 1 reelected board member may live up to the expectations of MOVC and the MVUSD teachers union, but for the rest of us it is simply a game of politics and politics of Moreno Valley as seen in the November 26th newspaper, Gary Baugh illustrated his ignorance and bias for Bernadette Burks by his comments about not following the Board bylaw which provides for the rotation of the President position. Even before being sworn into their respective offices all 3 members of the MOVC stated in agreement to not follow this Board bylaw and thus to not allow Burks, who is not a part of their political machine, to be the President of the Board. That same article of November 26th summer it up well, "Also in agreement with Baugh and Ashe, Darlene Dolan reaffirmed their positions." This affirmed position of November 26, 1998, was discussed publicly when Gary Baugh states in another December 10th newspaper article, "We believe Baugh and support his comments. We feel she wouldn’t be the right person to conduct our meetings as President." Well now, what person do you accept as your representative? Not an independent, twice elected by grass roots Black woman who has been on this school board for 6 years? The only school board member to be elected out of the 3 groups for the betterment of the students and support of any special interest groups. Not the senior school board member and the only sitting up there member who has received an invite for the Black board member sitting up there. What are you afraid of? With your comfortable questions you hold the ballot vote. MOVC, the group so very interested in the business of Moreno Valley Unified School District; (Not Val Verde Unified, however) must understand that the politics of exclusion and omission as illustrated in the December 8th board meeting brought mud’s MVUSD’s image and the image of our city. The politics of exclusion always do. And, shame on you Alex Cardelaria for following the easy way and going along to get along.

Apparently, when this MOVC clique speak of board unity, mutual respect and professionalism such access do not pertain to Trustee Bernadette Burks. This is not only an injustice to her but to Congresswoman Maxine Waters, "No Justice, No Peace." Marcia Amato

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couldn’t have been a better time for the get out of debt movement.

Sam Taylor, executive director for the Black Farmers Association, means a great deal to the Black community and seeing any settlement which include housing, health insurance, or any provision which those in the class action to voice their opinions about the settlement.

Black farmers will receive $1.7 billion in the settlement terms, while the banks are expected to pay $1.7 billion more. The settlement includes a provision that the banks must agree to comply with the Fair Housing Act of 1989.

The settlement terms are being negotiated between the banks and the American Farmers Union, which represents about 40,000 black farmers. The settlement is expected to be announced later this week.

Long story short, Kenny, get serious about what you believe in and take a stand against injustice and oppression. You have done enough to make a difference. You have the power to change the world, so let’s start by changing ourselves.

Joseph A. Bailey, M.D.

Family Talks

Indian stereotypes

"Indian" itself. When Columbus discovered the New World in 1492, at the Caribbean island of Hispanola, he called the native inhabitants of the Americas "Indians". The term was used to refer to the indigenous populations of the Americas, as well as to their descendants.

The term "Indian" was initially used to refer to the native inhabitants of the Americas, as well as to their descendants. It was derived from the Latin word "indii" and was first used in the 15th century to refer to the native inhabitants of the Americas.

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Evelyn C. Langston, J.D., M.D.

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I appreciate your interest in writing about cancer. It is an important topic, and I believe that raising awareness and understanding about the disease can help improve outcomes for those affected. Your story is a powerful one, and I hope it can help others who are going through similar experiences.

Sincerely,

Evelyn C. Langston, J.D., M.D.
V.P. Gore Honors Riverside All-America City

The National Civic League is a 104-year-old national non-profit organization headquartered in Denver focusing on issues of good government and community development. The League grants several awards per year. The All-America City Award is the oldest and most respected civic designation.

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Norco wins third title under coach Campbell, with a 42-21 victory over Rancho Verde.

By LELAND STEIN III
Black Voice News Sports Editor

MORENO VALLEY - A living breathing oxymoron! The past and the bad. That was the end result of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) football playoffs, which concluded this past weekend.

All over Southern California, wide-eyed youth were hoping to put the exclamation point on the games - the championship contests - that were to be the pinnacle of all their high school careers. After years of sweat, dirt in their faces, bruised bodies, mud altering conditioning drills, the finality for the young football warriors were their elevation to the championship games in their respective divisions.

Nowhere was this played out any better than at Moreno Valley High, where Rancho Verde took to the field in a CIF Division 5 championship game.

Blue filled one side of the stadium and red filled the other. When the final whistle has signaled the end of the contest, the Rancho Verde Mustangs were the ones feeling blue from red eyes filled with tears.

As usual there were winners and losers. Heartbreak and joyous tastes will become sweeter and they will reflect with fond memories about making it to the title game.

The title game between Norco and Rancho Verde pitted two programs, which were completely opposite in championship game experience. Norco (11-3) was competing in a Riverside County-record fifth title game and with its 42-21 victory over Rancho Verde (11-3), the Cougars also set a county record with its third championship.

As is the case in big games, unsung heroes always step to the forefront. For Norco Lee Burghgraef’s touchdown catches of 17- and 42-yard catches and Scott Hallis’ 10-yarder were balls in the Mustangs' coffin. Couple their effort with the solid play of quarterback Chuck Chastain, who threw for 356 yards and four touchdowns, as well the play of all-purpose back Kurt Siebert, who rushed for 90 yards and caught four passes for another 43 yards. Siebert also scored Norco’s first touchdown on a 10-yard pass from Chastain.

The good is the fantastic turnaround Norco completed to win the CIF title. The bad is that now we have to sit here with a bittersweet taste in its mouth, no matter that Rancho Verde just completed the best season in its young history. As time goes forward the bitterness will become sweeter and they will reflect with fond memories about making it to the title game.

"We didn’t finish what we came here for," Strosnider lamented, "It’s hard to be too mad when you look at how far we’ve come."
Brown's Christmas Gift to Riverside

By William J. Myllars

At first glance, Oscar Brown Jr. doesn't stand out among the crowd. But don't be deceived by the eminently passing years or the string of ugly fashions. But Brown's performance, supported by the accompaniment of the Riverside Philharmonic Symphony, is as authentic as a painting by Fragonard. The Connecticut-based celebration held at the Municipal Auditorium in Riverside was well-attended. Brown, who is known for his smooth, soulful voice, had a boatload of hits to work with.

In this, his first C.D., "Then And Now," Brown's music is a perfect blend of jazz, soul, and gospel. His voice, which had been compared to that of Ray Charles, Nat "King" Cole, and B.B. King, is once again a work of art.

But Brown's music is not just about entertainment. He is a singer who cares about his audience. He is a spokesman for the underprivileged, the poor, and the downtrodden. He sings about the struggles of everyday people, and his music is always positive and uplifting.

Brown's message is clear: "The way we think and feel about ourselves is the way we live our lives. If we change our minds, we can change our lives."

As a musician, Brown has always been ahead of his time. He was one of the first to use the bop and the blues in his music, and he was a pioneer in the use of electronic instruments. He was also one of the first to use the concept of the "solo" in his music, and he was a master of the "solo".

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But Brown's music is not just about entertainment. It is a music that speaks to the heart, and it is a music that speaks to the soul. It is a music that is relevant to the 21st century, and it is a music that will be enjoyed for generations to come.
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