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employees of the City of Riverside have jobs with less pay and responsibility. Charges against the City of Riverside. This new lawsuit alleges various forms of intimidation, discrimination, and retaliation against African Americans. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Dunbar, a former employee, and Alfred Thompson, a current employee, by the law firm of Muller and Loveidge.

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What's Inside:
- Tyrsha Miller's family speaks out.
- Pictorial review of Women of Achievement Luncheon.

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White Woman 80, Arrested in Protest

By Cheryl Brown

Dorothy Levenson, 80, White and bent with kidney problems, was arrested along with 48 others after they shot Tyisha Miller. Yolanda King was the first woman to be arrested.

Fannie Mason

She met and married Roy Mason, Sr. on August 22, 1947. From that union three children were born, Timothy Roy, Royal and Lynn, and Roy Howard. She relocated to California in 1959. She worked as a Gray Lady Volunteer and retired as a housekeeper for the Holiday Inn.

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Muller and Loveidge's MLK Speech

I am honored to participate with you tonight at Riverside. There are many reasons for a statue of Martin Luther King. The most obvious reason, of course, is that he is the one who should be there, and it should be there. But that is not all. His image is a powerful symbol of hope and justice, a reminder of the power of nonviolence, and a call to action.

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Riverside Mayor Loveridge's MLK Speech

But the weather was cloudy and sprinkled a little rain, and it seemed to be more of a blessing than a curse. It was a fitting memorial service, with music and prayer, and it was a tribute to the man who changed the world.

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News Briefs

By Hardy Brown

Jimm Crow may be dead, but his more sophisticated form of discrimination, taxation, and voter registration remains. The state has failed to provide equal educational opportunities for African Americans.

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We Must Not Give Up

THREE VOLUME REPORT

The Black Voice News had the opportunity to review the recently released three-volume report regarding the Tyisha Miller homicide. The information contained in this report is a wealth of information and volumes of information on Miller, the coroner report and interviews with the officers from this report. From this report, one could get the impression that Miller was a criminal rather than a victim who was gunned down by some of the same people sent on her behalf. Reviewing the report, it is apparent that the Black Voice News was misled given that her office did not see the County Grand Jury in truth the police officers involved in the shooting, which could have done. District Attorney Oscar Tudj did subpoena other witnesses who were irrelevant to the shooting utilizing the County Grand Jury. The question to Governor Trajar is, why would you not call the police and the County Grand Jury?

TYISHA’S CLOTHING

It was reported that Miller was in gang clothing, nothing could be farther from the truth. Her clothing was the typical clothing most youth wear on our streets today. She had on a ‘halter’ top and baggy pants that were black in color, boots and a Pendleton shirt. Her dress gave no resemblance to the clothing most youth wear on our streets today. She was not a typical clothing most youth wear on our streets today. She was not a ‘giant’ of any kind.

GUN DID NOT FIRE

It was reported that Miller fired at the police first. Nothing could be farther from the truth and they know it. She never fired the gun she had in her car as a matter of fact the gun she would not and did not work according to the police and district attorney’s report. The officers didn’t know that she kept the scene for 20-30 minutes to get their stories straight.

We must not let this incident go unnoticed. The law on police shootings must be changed. We must not stop demonstrating until the officers are terminated. We must not give up until the police force looks like and represents the community it serves. 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Feeling Like A Leper?

Dear Dr. Levister: I have been a smoker for 20 years. My ultimate humiliation and final resolve to quit came recently while making plane connections in Chicago. I found myself jammed in a designated "smoking area" a smoky, glass enclosed room filled with back- coughing, addicted victims of this horrible habit. I felt like a modern day leper. I have tried to quit but failed. What stop-smok- ing aids would you recommend?

P.M.

Dear P.M.: Like any addiction, kicking the nicotine habit depends largely upon your will to succeed. Your resolve may be boosted by humour, health, education, family or peer pressure and a whole host of other factors; however, you will not quit until "you" are ready.

We all know why we shouldn't do it. We know it's bad for our health. But we do it anyway. Nicotine is a powerful drug and it is extremely difficult to kick. Smoking is a hard to kick addic- tion. Nicotine makes mok- ers say they want to quit, but fail to do so. They say they feel bad, but find the habit hard to resist. This is not the case. The nicotine in cigarettes is broken down and delivered into the bloodstream over a period of time. After the first few puffs, the nicotine is absorbed into the bloodstream. This is why it is so hard to kick. Once the nicotine is absorbed into the bloodstream, it begins to work its magic. It is a powerful drug and it is very difficult to kick.

Community projects that support and empower women, and who have made noteworthy contributions to the civic, economic and cultural life of Riverside County. Nominees must live or work in Riverside County and demonstrate, through career, avocation or community service, an outstanding commitment to the YWCA mission of empowering women and eliminating racism. Deadline for receipt of nominations is July 10. To obtain a nomination form, or for more information call the YWCA of Riverside County, (909) 675-9292.

Tyisha Miller's Family Speaks Out

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Out of Court

In a court of law, if they are charged. We cannot allow the police to continue investigating themselves. This is no way for them to be accepted as officers. We will not stay away and let them sweep this under their bureaucratic rugs. The blood of our daughter is on the hands of those officers, and we will not stop crying out until justice is served.

We, the people of these United States are bound to, and live by the Constitution. Police officers, on or off duty, are not exempt from this. Tyisha was young, vibrant, innocent, and loved by many. She was petite, 5 feet 4 inches tall, and weighed only 120 pounds. She had a smile that could light up a whole room, and she wore that smile every waking day of her life. She did not deserve the brutal and inhumane shack that she endured. The 12 bullets that hit her, entered from the back, and exited her body from the front. They literally blew her away, as she lay unconscious, in a locked car.

As the family of Tyisha, we cannot allow her death be in vain. On behalf of Tyisha, our family demands that her dignity be restored, and all persons responsible for her brutal and entirely death-deal and cover-up be dealt with accordingly. The eyes of the nation are on Riverside in the wake of this tragic incident, and we have waited long enough for some positive action to occur. Our cries for justice cannot go unheard any longer. We need some closure and we need it now.
Riverside's Public Operations Wins Top Design Award

Lisa Wright, Business Manager

Riverside's Public Utilities Operations Center was selected as the winner of the 1999 American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc. (ASHRAE) Technology Award in the Commercial Building Design category. Mathews Engineering

Protest Continue Over Shooting

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Riverside Poly High School.

Black Voice has found that he didn't associate with the Black students on campus and further investigation into his background is continuing.

The speakers were appalled that the officers had fired to St essen after the shooting. "That is an insult to all police officers in the United States who never shot anyone," said family spokesman Ronald Butler. He said from day one there were reports of the police officers calling her black but... while trying to wake her up. Although in the 2000 page report the store owner. Eric Conthewsion said they called her a gal. Most people believe she was intimidated. They said if not, why was the crime scene covered up so quickly? Right around two days later.

Rudy Fennell, the White Orange County minister who prayed last week returned and spoke. "I call on the police department to say you know it was evil. Take a stand with us. The monster call racism is so inflamed the police department that they shoot first and our justice system turns on the victim making her a suspect."

Many of the references in the 2000 page report refers to Miller as a suspect/victim.

Students from UCR are also coming to the forefront. Eric Taylor from the African Student Organization said, "We are only 30 years away from legalized segregation? Do you hear me?"

Loudar said he is happy the Mayor spoke out against racism but there needs to be more. Fire the officers Loudar insists. He also put the National Organization of Women and the Animal Rights people on the spot and asked, "Where are you?"

Rev. Jesse Wilson, Steering Committee Chair said, "When Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton left they thought we'd go away, but we are still here and we will be here every week until justice is done."

As the rally progressed one activist, was concerned enough but this time was more evident. The City Manager protesters and will not allow because downtown will be closed. Anyone wishing information on what will replace the downtown rally call Rev. Hoyrst, New Joy Missionary Baptist, (909) 779-0688.

Protest organizers are not giving the strategy of their next move but they do plan to take it to another level. "Dr. King used several strategies and we plan to take it to another level," said Butch.

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9:00 am

Bible Study
9:30 am

Prayer and Bible Study
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Rev. Alphonse
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By June of 1998, 20% of all inmates in California prisons were sentenced under Three Strikes. Of that group, 74% are African Americans or Latino and 81% have been sentenced for non-violent crimes

California Department of Corrections, Los Angeles Times

Richard Alan Davis was arrested, Reynolds asked Klaas to speak out in support of "Three Strikes." Klaas agreed, and Polyn became the unofficial post child for "Three Strikes." Galvanized by her brutal murder, voters channeled their anger into the fight for mandatory minimum sentencing. Fueled by talk radio hosts, Reynolds' initiative became the single most talked-about issue on the state's agenda.

But the more Klaas learned about the law, the less she liked it. Reynolds charged that Reynolds purposely misrepresented its nature, concealing the fact that "Three Strikes" impacted primarily non-violent offenders. Two months after Klaas initially spoke out in favor of "Three Strikes," he became the law's most ardent opponent, and the bereaved fathers found themselves locked in a ferocious public struggle over the merits of "one-size-fits-all" justice.
WOA Honors Women Who Make A Difference

Women who make a difference in their community by promoting racial harmony were saluted by the Black Voice Foundation, Inc. Last Friday at the annual Woman of Achievement Awards, held at the UCR Extension Center. Honored in front of a crowd of over 200 people were: Rev. Cynthia Cain, Mary Figueroa and Sue Strickland. This year's National Awardee was Dr. Ernest Wilson. Because of unforeseeable circumstances Nancy Wilson, was unable to attend, she was represented by Jurnee Smollett, 12, famous for her work on the Cosby Show, Eve's Bayou, In Our House and other performances.

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Cheryl and Hardy Brown congratulate the events Gold Sponsor, Parkside Hospital. Accepting for Parkside is Norm Martin, CEO.

Honoree Sue Strickland struts through the audience upon her introduction with her guest and husband of 42 years, Reggie Strickland.

Dr. Jim Erickson welcomes and congratulates honoree Mary Figueroa. She is escorted by Tim Burgess.

1999 Scholarship recipients: Kendall Elaine Von Clark, Heliodorus James, Zaidee Dr. Elder, Rosanne Marie Elliott.

Dr. Jim and Jan Erickson are retiring this year. They have been great supporters of the WOA program. Dr. Erickson is given a certificate for University of California Riverside sponsorship of WOA.

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Edison International formerly Southern California Edison is a silver plus sponsor. The award is received by Bill Thomas and Sheila Lee.

Actor Bill Cobbs give words of welcome and congratulations.

San Bernardino Mayor Judith Valles, last year's women of achievement honors welcomes and congratulates this year's recipients.


Jurnee Smollett accepts award for Nancy Wilson.

Rev. Wiley Burton was joined by his daughter Samantha, son-in-law Nlem (not pictured) in the awards ceremony.

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May 31, Children’s Fund will present their 7th Annual Rubber Duck race during the National Orange Show. For more information call (909) 387-4949.

June 4, The United States Department of Commerce will designate the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians as the first Native American tribe to hold an office of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service on their property. A ribbon cutting ceremony will mark this historic occasion. For more information or directions contact (909) 625-9201.

June 9, The American Society of Young Musicians will host its Seventh Annual Young Musicians Development and Support Benefit and Concert, at the House of Blues, at 6:30 p.m. For additional information, contact (ASYM) at (909) 285-9744.

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July 16-24, In a rare treat for Los Angeles audiences, Al Pacino will make his first L.A. stage appearances in the Mark Taper Forum. Pacino will appear in Eugene O’Neill’s “Hughie,” which Pacino will direct, as the fifth production in the Taper’s 33rd year at the Music Center of Los Angeles County. To purchase tickets for all Taper performances, please call (213) 629-2772.

June 18, Scheduled 7,000 feet above the desert floor, the Bear Lake boat races, prairie air and a crystal blue lake, brimming full from the winter snow run-off, and the 3rd Annual Open Sky Music Festival will take advantage of this mountain resort’s temperature climate for an afternoon of live Blues, spicy barbecue and fresh mountain breezes. The festival will begin from Noon until 6:00 p.m. For more information and schedule of performers, contact (826) 355-9201.

June 21, 1989 Snickers® US Youth Soccer Far West Regional Championship will be held in Bakersfield, Kern County Soccer Complex, 9400 Alfred Harrell Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311-1571. Admission is $8.00 for adults and children 12 and under admitted free. For more information contact (909) 866-3353 or visit any Ticketmaster outlet.

Sept. 17-19, The Monterey Jazz Festival will begin with special tributes to Duke Ellington. For information contact (213) 628-2772.

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