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LA Times Under Fire

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At the University of Arkansas. King of the Congress of Racial Equality of California has called Shelby Coffey, III, editor of the Times, and asked for a meeting to discuss the concerns of the Black community, "just like we used to do in the old days." Coffey has not returned King's numerous calls. "That doesn't seem like too much to ask, a returned telephone call," noted a reporter for Editor and Publisher Magazine which is publishing a story on the controversy in its May 17, 1997 edition.

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Margo Wade or June Moor at (310) 822-3699

The Los Angeles Equestrian Center is located at 480 Riverside Drive, Burbank (near Griffith Park). Keep Reading The Black Voice News to Enter the Coloring Contest and Other Surprises & Win Ticots to the Bill Pickett Invitational Races

Students Ask For Postcards From Readers

My name is George Canacho. I'm a fifth grade at Westside School in Payette, Idaho. I like to play football and basketball but I'm not good at tennis. Our class is writing letters to the editors of the newspapers all across America. We are asking that our letters be printed in your paper.

We would like your readers to send us picture postcards of your beautiful state. We think this is a great way to learn about our country.

I chose Riverside, California because I think about learning about the orange tree that came from Brazil would be interesting.

Sincerely,

George Canacho

My name is Markis Williams. I'm a fifth grade at Westside School in Payette, Idaho. I love fruit and dogs but I'm not too fond of vegetables.

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Markis Williams

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c/o Westside School
609 North 5th Street
Payette, Idaho 53661

Letters to the Editor

The Black Voice News would like to hear your comments regarding the views expressed in our editorial columns. Please send your letters or comments to:

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LA Proudly Support Eagle Mountain!

A fter four months of comprehensive review and consideration, the five member Riverside County Planning Commission recently voted 4-1 to recommend approval of Eagle Mountain to the Board of Supervisors.

We wholeheartedly support the commission's action and agree that Riverside County needs the proposed Eagle Mountain Landfill & Recycling Center. As the public process continues, we urge Riverside County residents to become informed and join us in supporting this environmentally superior project.

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In Peace and Harmony

From "Back To Sleep" campaign, with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Clinton Administration, is expanding to reach not only parents and health professionals but grandparents, baby-sitters, and day care workers as well. A convenient source of SIDS information for parents and others in the Gerber Products Company, which plans to print helpful tips on the backs of three million Gerber rice cereal boxes beginning in June 1997. The Gerber Products Company will also include the message in mailings to 2.7 million parents of newborns. In addition, a recorded message about SIDS is currently playing on the Gerber toll-free information number (1-800-4-Gerber), urging parents to place their babies on their backs to sleep and to talk to their doctors for more information on infant sleep position. The message is playing on the Gerber toll-free information number: 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Family Talks

Defining Matter

We were believed to be made by this Quineasway, Etherial substance, or Ether. Despite starting the scientific world and preserving every part of all universal space, the ether could not be measured for it had no boundaries. Furthermore, it expanded indefinitely and was so vague in content as to be "Untouchable" by the 5 senses. The ether which was air away from matter was called Intangible.

What was capable of being perceived by the senses (except sight) was the Tangible or as close to the ether. Being "touchable," the word tangible had 4 applications. First, as Mental Tangible Concepts -- semi-physical/sensory mind experiences that come from computer and mental ideas, second. Mental Tangible concepts are the material things of like kind, as when a child expands an idea of his dog and other dogs to a Generic dog. Second, Tangible Taste referred to a transformation from a physical sensation to a mind impression of likes or dislikes. Here, taste resulted from food touching the tongue and palate would be a "Physical Tangible". The concept of "taste" is not widely accepted by the 7 senses. However, the air which was away from matter was called Intangible.

What do wonderful, marvelous, magnificent, and explanations of mental pictures, concepts, and abstractions have in common? Answer: all are explained by ancient thought about air. The similarity to our universe was emanating (being) or existing out of God's mind. The first form of this "idea" or "definition" was an absolute. It was considered the "upper atmosphere" next to the heavens and was intangible and elastic. Much like an aura's aura of light, it was a special kind of deficiency of density and strength. Space and planets, separating the "heavens" from the rest of the universe.

Back to Sleep

The many of you who have followed my columns over the years, can attest to the importance and impact I place on "mentoring" our youth. Whether teaching health and fitness to a group of teens or tutoring a gang member, there is incredible power and personal satisfaction in being a mentor. The message of the President's summit for America's future brought together the powerful force of four presidents, four first ladies, and several thousand business and community leaders to tackle one issue: How to increase mentoring with the emphasis on helping youth. Supporters from Oprah Winfrey to Shell Oil, Bank of America, and Visa Supermarkets have pledged support and money to the ambitious efforts kicked off in Pennsylvania. Ironically the so-called city of "Brotherly Love" has both skyrocketing poverty, dog and child abuse among its youth. Already so-arrested chair critics of the effort predict fail-safe sayings America's youth are not worth the time. A USA Today/CNN poll shows 31% of middle class Americans are reluctant volunteers. When it comes to choosing between helping our own children with homework or driving into the inner city to mentor a high risk youth, it's not tough to guess which option most parents or middle class parents. At no time are young Black and Latino youth at greater risk. Their plight is complicated by a public with skewed priorities. People who place caring for stocks and investments, mail and internet shopping over caring for even their own children.

In essence: we cannot wait for someone else to save our youth. Among the challenges facing retired Army General Colin Powell and other organ- nizers of the National Effort, is convincing potential volunteers that you do have the time to help. One way is to be a mentor. Powell stresses, "you don't have to be perfect, just willing." A mentor has two important qualities: willingness to listen and to stand by their child through joys and frustrations and ability to help a child discover and develop his or her strengths. Coach a basketball team or give cooking lessons to high risk teens. Try for a couple of months before you agree to a long term commitment. Mentoring a child takes time that may be taken lightly. The child's relationship with a mentor will be a long one. We should not think that mentoring is for the more ambitious or that the opportunity is not open to all people that are interested in their community.

Dr. Levant invites reader mail concerning their child or a family and is anxious to answer individual letters. Your letter will be incorporated into the columns as space permits. You may direct your letters to Dr. Levant in care of The Voice News, P.O. Box 1584, Riverside, CA 92502.

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"In the interest of economic development, the fact that your companies do business with city county and state government is a requirement that you at least demonstrate a willingness to do business with the Black community."

Morgan Conner

Senior Auto Dealer

In a statement, Black vendors are encouraged to participate in more businesses and services that support Black communities. The emphasis is on demonstrating a willingness to do business with Black businesses.

On Tuesday, April 29, 1997, on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the 1992 civil unrest, Operation HOPE, Inc., America's first nonprofit investment banking organization, housed in South Banking on the Future Day, L.A., with 180 top bankers and bank CEOs from into inner-city communities, volunteered their time as OBI Volunteer-Teachers.

The grant boost the total to $136,416, awarded a $136,416 grant from the Los Angeles County Community Foundation to support the Passport to College program. The program is designed to increase college-going rate for Black students.

The Growth of a Business


Inland Empire Investment Advisors

Weingart Foundation is a supporter of non-profit agencies and charitable organizations serving Southern California children and youth.

LA Black Business

Operation Hope Commemorates

Anniversary of Civil Unrest

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Royal Tea Comes To Riverside's Mission Inn District

By Cheryl Brown

Azeb Andom has seen her dream come true. Recently, she opened the Royal Tea Room and boutique located in the Old Main Street Emperor across the street from the famous Mission Inn in Riverside. As an indication of her increasing success, on Mother's Day she had a full house all day. Another indication of success is how tired she is every day. It is not nearly as easy as when she had a classroom of kindergarten students.

Her boutique is also a success and many unique items are available. "I got into this business because I was a Tea Hugger," I collected anything related to tea, anything, trinkets, recipes, pictures. I would go to Orange county from place to place just to have tea. Now, I'm so busy I don't have time for my hobby," she said.

She doesn't have time to slow down in the hectic world of tea, but believes when customers come to the room she has to give 100 percent. Andom advises anyone wishing to come to call first; however, reservations are not required. Andom's love of tea comes from her native country Ethiopia. The British left their mark on the country. After coming to America she attended several colleges and graduated with a Master's Degree in education from Andrews University located in Michigan. She began teaching. It was then that she opened the boutique and studies.

The menu is simple, there is Royal Garden Tea, Royal Desert Tea, Royal Tea Special, and finally Royal Afternoon Tea. Various meals include various teas and she is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 am to 4:00 pm. Royal Tea Room is closed Saturday but open by special arrangements Sundays and Mondays. She has prepared to have the finest of parties for children or adults. A tea party for a wedding or baby shower is a unique experience. Andom suggests her guests arrive at least one and a half hours to have the full tea and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere. "I'm tired but I am overjoyed with the reception I have received. If you have never had a real tea experience you should try one," she said. You can reach the Royal Tea Room at (909) 369-5867. Andom is married and has two daughters.
"My Pastor Was Wrong"

Certain church governments are not a Board or the result of the decision of the Pastor. If that is the case, it is difficult to determine whether the Board or the Pastor is getting the direction from the church. In either case, if your Pastor is the Shepherd of the flock, he has been given the authority to make decisions for God's church. Can you imagine a sheep tending the shepherd, "I think we should go in this direction?" That is not to say you and others shouldn't have opinions but there is a right way to approach matters. True, your pastor is a man. I would hope, however, that he spends time in prayer before he makes a decision. Do not question your pastor if you do not, or you do not quality to challenge him. If you disagree with your pastor, pray for him. Do not criticize him in public or out of church. You will be a part of Satan if you do 2(2 Timothy 2:22-23). Just because you "know" a few people that agreed with you does not mean you were right. The Bible says "The blind will lead the blind, and they will both fall into ditch." (Matthew 15:14). Pray, pray, pray. Believing that God will be done in your church.

Visit a church of your choice, Tell them you saw it in The Black Voice News

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By Mary Anderson

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Riverside, CA 92501
(909) 686-5436

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It's over: Jazz ends young Lakers' NBA Playoff run

By LELAND STEIN III
BVN Sports Editor
INGLEWOOD - Now what? Where do the Lakers go from here?

Soon the answers to those questions will present themselves, as Vice President Jerry West and his confidants begin to dissect this season and formulate their plans for the upcoming season. This process occurs every year, but its come a little earlier than what everyone had hoped for.

The Lakers' season was brought to a screeching halt in Salt Lake City, Utah when the Jazz outlasted the Lakers in a Game 5 overtime thriller - and for the Lakers a heart breaker - 96-93.

The game ended with many questioning why 18-year-old rookie Kobe Bryant was burdened with the task of taking the game winning shot in regulation and in overtime - he air balled both attempts.

The question that must be asked is why didn't Van Exel take the last shots? After all, he was one of the few Lakers that was having a quality game. He scored 26 points on 9 of 17 shooting, including two three-pointers.

Van Exel made his displeasure of coach Del Harris' decision to turn to Bryant in the clutch known. He even made hints that he or Harris will have to "part ways" and he's ready to "move on" if that's the hand dealt him.

Surely Van Exel's comments were out of frustration in losing a heart breaker to the Jazz. I think the team should stay in tact just as it is. The Lakers have one of the youngest teams in the league. They pasted together newcomers Robert Horry, Shawn Kemp, Shaquille O'Neal, Jerome Kersey, Byron Scott, and rookies Bryant, Travis Knight and Derk Fisher, into a fine unit that gave hints it could compete with any team in the league.

But, the seasoned Jazz, behind Karl Malone, John Stockton, Jeff Hornacek and Byron Russell, exposed the Lakers as a team that hasn't yet learned to the level needed to beat a veteran team like Utah.

If the Lakers can stay the course and keep in tact the fine nucleus that West has assembled, it will be worth the wait.

The Detroit Pistons and Chicago Bulls are notable examples of teams that took a number of years to burst through to the title. And, we all know the championships achieved - two for the Pistons and four for the Bulls - is a result of the patience the ownership of the two teams displayed.

To get rid of Van Exel would be a serious mistake. He's one of the fearless players in the league and has an unique knack of coming up with the big shot even when he may have been experiencing a bad game. Van Exel's quickness and ball handling would be hard to replace.

Bryant's test of character will be tested this off-season as he has to live with the knowledge he lost his shooting touch at crunch time. But, based upon the young man's heart and fortitude, he'll dig deeper and produce an even better season next year.

And, of course, the big fella, Shaq, who was shelved for a couple months due to a serious knee injury, and only returned a couple games before the playoffs, will also be back with even more motivation, just to show everyone he's worthy of the NBA selecting him to the top 50 Players list this year, and, also West made a great decision when he awarded him one of the richest contracts in the league.

Before Shaq's injury the Lakers had the best record in the Western Division. A real analysis will reveal a team the saw Shaq and Horry return just before the Playoffs and coach Harris never fully exploit or exhibit confidence in his reserves.

Even in the series with Utah Harris didn't use Rooks against Malone or Fisher to help dog Stockton from end line to end line. The bench that helped the Lakers stay afloat during the injury jinx, became a afterthought during the Utah series.

Now what? The Laker's brass needs to show some patience and look at the big picture - they'll be rewarded with a ride within a couple years - the players are already in place, they only need time together.

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Salute to Armed Forces Day

Recognizing Military HEROES

May 15, 1997
Due to the rigid pattern of racial segregation that prevailed in the United States during World War II, 966 Black military aviators were trained at an isolated U.S. Army Air Corps training complex near Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, and at Tuskegee Institute. Four hundred fifty Black fighter pilots under the command of Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., provided fighter escort to bombing missions over strategic targets in Europe.

Four Black squadrons, the 99th, the 100th, the 301st and the 302nd were designated as the 332nd fighter group. They destroyed 409 enemy aircraft and sank an enemy destroyer. They: destroyed rail traffic, coast watching surveillance stations and hundreds of vehicles on strafing missions. Sixty-six of the pilots were killed in combat and thirty-two were shot down and captured as prisoners of war.


They were called the "Schwarte Vogelmenschen" (Black Airmen) by the Germans who both feared and respected them. White American bomber crews reverently referred to them as the Black Red Tail Angels because of the identifying red paint on their tail assemblies and because of their reputation for not losing bombers to enemy fighters as they got the chance to leave the United States because of the surrender of Germany and Japan in 1945.

For every Black pilot there were ten other Black men and women on ground support duty. Many of these men and women remained in military service and helped to spearhead the integration of the Armed Forces of the United States. Their success and achievement is evidenced by three of them being elevated to Flag Rank: The late General Daniel "Chappie" James, our nation's first Black Four Star General, Lt. General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., USAF, retired, and Maj. General Lucius Theus, USAF, retired.

Major achievements are attributable to many of those who returned to civilian life and earned positions of leadership and respect as business men, religious leaders, lawyers, doctors, bankers, educators and as political leaders.

Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (TAI) Inland Empire Chapter
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"A Reception, Honoring The Tuskegee Airmen"
Saturday, May 31, 1997
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Charles M. Bussey has retired from the army and now lives in the Inland Empire. We recognize his accomplishments as a dedicated soldier.

Captain Charles M. Bussey A Portrait of Courage

Born in Bakersfield, California, on April 23, 1921, by the age of 21, Bussey joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. After flight training at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama, Bussey’s service included command of the 521st Topographic Aviation Company; during the Vietnam War he trained helicopter crews.

Lieutenant Colonel Bussey flew military aircraft for 24 years - fighters, medium bombers, transports, reconnaissance planes, and helicopters. His decorations include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation Medal, and the Department of the Army is currently reviewing its records for possible awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor. He retired from the Army in 1966.

Charles Ledbetter A Tuskegee Airman

By Melvin Tapp

War is hell, war is glory. As history has shown, so the present is shaped. Many have seen the horrors of life survived to see better days.

Charles William Ledbetter has seen life and has lived through the horrors of war, and has gloried in life’s endeavors. His is a testimony of perseverance. From the testimony of battle as a 30 year war veteran as part of the now famous Tuskegee Flyers to the compassionate teacher of the handicapped, to a civic leader championing the cause of a better education for our children. Ironically, he has seen and lived life on life’s terms, but is constantly fighting to have our children realize a brighter future by refusing to repeat mistakes of the past.

Mr. Ledbetter related that we Americans must look back sometimes to see where we are heading. “In 1941, I went to the army, which was segregated. In 1944, I was sent to gunnery school and aircraft engineer school at Fort Myers, Florida. I was assigned to the group known as the Tuskegee Flyers as an enlisted man shortly thereafter at Selfridge Field, MI, which is just outside Detroit,” related Ledbetter. After a few weeks the Flyers, including Ledbetter, were moved to Kentucky for further training and onto Lockburn, OH.

“In those days, we had White commanders and the rest of the enlisted ranks, from the First Sergeant on down were Blacks. Our commander was Benjamin O. Davis who was quite liberal in his thinking and very fair with us. Actually, we generally disciplined ourselves as we had pride in ourselves and would not allow anyone inside the group to mess up, and we protected ourselves from outside disrupters.”

Ledbetter was a gunnery engineer for eight years with the Tuskegee Flyers and was a part of several missions during World War II.

Additionally, Ledbetter was a boxer and fought his way to the middleweight championship. “I was pretty good,” he stated, “and I admired Sugar Ray Robinson, but I never met him inside the ring.”

Even though the military services were segregated at the time, all enlisted men and officers were encouraged to further their education. “It was a way to keep us out of the bars and honky-tonk seven days a week, and the classes were integrated. I started in an Ohio State University extension and went on to a University of California Berkeley extension at the various military bases that I was assigned to.”

The Army Aircorp which included the Tuskegee Flyers had been converted to the U.S. Air Force by that time, and Ledbetter was now a sergeant in the Air Force where he completed his education and received a secondary teaching credential from Chapman College where he specialized in teaching the handicapped. He is now retired.

Brown's Books
Salutes Armed Forces Day

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Recognizing Our Heroes Page 3

Military Day Celebration at St. Paul A.M.E.

Those men and women who fought and died for this country to make it what it is, signifies what Armed Forces Day is all about. In remembering and recognizing military personnel, each year, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church holds a Military Day celebration.

“We have so many retirees at St. Paul,” states Rev. Brooks, Senior Pastor and retired U.S. Air Force T/Sgt. “it’s a good idea to set aside a day to honor them,” he adds.

This year’s, Military Day is being coordinated by Willie Moses, a Steward at the church. All retired military personnel take an active role in planning the festivities of the day in remembrance of not only active duty, but retired military personnel and acknowledging the services they rendered to this Country.

Military day will be held May 25th, 1997 at the 8:00 a.m. service at St. Paul A.M.E. Church located at 1355 W. 21st Street, San Bernardino. For further information, contact the church office at (909) 887-1718.

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Colo nels Ralph and Melva Smith faced unique challenges as a couple in various stages of their lives. Both were midwives by profession, and their marriage was a wonderful experience. They have not found it easy to retire, however. Both have been active in their chosen careers for many years, and they have faced financial challenges along the way. They have been committed to each other and their families, and they have been willing to acknowledge the difficulties that came with their careers. They have worked hard to make ends meet, and they have been committed to their careers until they were ready to retire. Both have been a part of the military, and they have faced the challenges of being away from home. They have been able to take pride in their work, and they have been able to make a difference in the lives of others. They have been able to retire, and they have been able to enjoy their time together. They have been able to do so with a sense of satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment.
AFROTC Opens Eyes: Community Finds Another Way For Student’s Success

By Cheryl Brown
Black Voice News

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training (AFROTC) is making a difference in the lives of many young people, especially those who do not have the means to obtain an education in any other way. The eyes of those who had never attended a such a briefing were opened to great possibilities. Officer after officer gave their testimony recently at a well attended luncheon hosted by Cal State San Bernardino and organized by Dr. Thomas M. Rivera, the college’s representative. The purpose of the luncheon was to disseminate information about the college scholarship opportunities in the Air Force. It is their mission to educate and train qualified college either undergraduates or graduates who are interested in becoming Air Force officers.

If a parent can not afford to send their son or daughter to school this is an excellent opportunity to get an education, give something back to your country and in the process have a very fulfilling life, expressed 2nd. Lt. Clemente Lara, who will be leaving the area for a tour of duty in San Antonio, Texas. He told of his experience in a small town located in New Mexico, where student’s aspirations were not very high because of the income status of the parents. His good grades and great SAT scores gave him a shot at the Air Force Academy, which he took and has never regretted. Sgt Romeo Obongen, who stirred interest in the College of the Air Force spoke of the College that is located around the world. "It will give you the first two years necessary for a four year institution," he said. "You can go to any school you desire. The historically Black colleges have a program for anyone that offers more benefits than even some of the others. All races are encouraged so that these campuses can become more racially balanced, indicated Lara.

Captain Nippy Betz, Regional Director of Admissions, came all the way from San Diego, where he is stationed. He spoke of how he will retire soon with 20 years in and will receive $1,500 per month for the rest of his life plus other military benefits. "I am so pleased I made the decision to join up. It has made a difference in my life. If you know of students who want an exciting career they should see a recruiter. It will make a positive difference in theirs" he said.

Captain Janet Andreport, was presented with an outstanding service award for her recruiting work.

"I like what I heard," said Michael Townsend, Administrative Assistant for Assemblyman Joe Baca. "I am impressed with what the AFROTC has to offer," said student advocate/activist Gil Navarro of Riverside. Their sentiments were echoed by everyone who attended. It was like their eyes were opened to a new desert that wasn’t even fattening and it was good for you.


Friendships Last Through Military Service and War

Four Friends Keep Monthly Dates

By Cheryl Brown
Black Voice News

Rev. B. Wilmer Inghram, Carl Clemons, Jack Hill and Benton "P.K." Blakely are natives of the Inland Empire. All fought in WWII. They all grew up together and have remained friends after returning from the War. Hill, Inghram and Blakely were enlisted in the Army. Clemons was enlisted in the Navy.

Before going to the military, they worked at Sante Fe and upon their return they all went back to work there, except for Inghram who went on to school. He had been called into the ministry. During a transition when the diesel replaced steam engines, Sante Fe was laying off workers so the trio decided to go to work at Norton AFB. Hill and Clemons retired from Norton after 30 years, but Blakely moved on to become the District Manager of the Golden State Mutual Insurance Company and subsequently held many other jobs.

"We had been attending a lot of funerals and decided as former soldiers and friends we should see each other for more than the sorrowful times," said Clemons. Now once a month they get together and trade stories about people and places. "We hardly talk about our military service on those monthly outings," said Inghram. Talking about the way they were treated during the war is a painful memory. That pain resurfaced when Blacks as a whole were left out of the 50 year celebration of the end of WWII last year. But they can talk to each other about the history of the community.

"We are pioneers in this community. Our history dates back to before the 1920's," said Inghram.

Carl Clemons’ house was the first home built on the Westside in the late 20's. He still lives in the same house. The Clemons' ran a sweet shop that was owned by Mr. Carlton, Blakely's grandfather across the street from St. Paul A.M.E. Church on 6th and Harris. Although his mother had a teaching credential and his father was an automobile mechanic they could not find work in their fields when they moved to California. No Black teachers and no Black mechanics were hired in San Bernardino.

Mr. Carlton, Blakely's grandfather was enterprising, he owned a rooming house on 6th and Harris, a shoe repair shop, a barbershop and a taxi cab service. Ed Blakely, P.K.'s brother, ran a filling station located at 6th and I Streets. It was a time when gas was 12 cents and when it went up to 14 cents people complained.

Jack Hill's family lived on the corner of 9th and Perris. His mother, Sister Poole had one of the most beautiful yards in San Bernardino. She used to rent rooms to students who were going to San Bernardino Valley College.

The Inghram family history has been well documented. They founded St. Paul AME church, have a school named after the area's first Black physician, Howard Inghram, M.D. and a city library after Dorothy Inghram. California's first Black school Superintendent. P.K. Blakely's mother was Dr. Inghram's first medical assistant. Inghram's father, Ben was a chef, he worked in establishments where Blacks were not allowed to go in much less order a meal from. Rev. Inghram, "Billy" loved trains and since he lived near the tracks he spent a lot of his time near them and talking with the hobos who rode them. His mother Leticia worked at Harris Company. The lives of these four pioneers have paralleled. Hill is the only Baptist of the group, he attends New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. St. Paul serves as the family church for the other three.

At that time 6th and 7th and Harris was the center of Black Christian life in San Bernardino. Both St. Paul AME and New Hope Missionary Baptist Churches were located there. Conversely 8th and Perris was the center of the Black party life in the city. The Masonic Hall was located there. It housed the Black social life. The Barber Shop, a bar, pool tables and card tables and the dance floor located on the second floor, were located there.

All four have been married to the same wives for around 50 years with the exception of Rev. Inghram who was widowed after 31 years. He and his second wife Jeanice have been married for nearly 20 years.

Blakley and Clemons are retired. Inghram still pastors Bethel AME Barstow where he has been for 37 years. This week he published his fourth work entitled, From The Garden To Babel, an account of Blacks in the Bible. Hill still runs his exclusive catering business not far from where he grew up.
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