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Longtime Resident Passes

By Dennis Schatzman

Los Angeles

From Editor and Publisher Magazine, the newspaper industry's bible, comes news of a most Sendel, who published the Sentinel/NNPA at discount on June 5, 1997:

“Walter, 79, the Sentinel’s closest friend and editor, died Sunday May 19, 1997.

Walter was born the third of five children to Alvin and Bernice Hardy Sr. in Somerville, Alabama, July 1, 1929. She attended Langston University after high school graduation, where she majored in business administration and worked for the newspaper he then worked for, the Sentinel, in 1951.

One year later, the couple moved to San Bernardino where they became partners of their son and daughter, Garry and Michelle. Known as “Exit” to family and friends, she was employed at high school’s principal until her retirement in 1993.

An off and on problem didn’t keep her away from church. Although she didn’t drive, she didn’t miss services sometimes serving before anyone else. “She was a wonderful grandmother, taking care of her grandchildren and making sure they came to church,” said Alexander Hardy Sr.

Her husband of thirty-two years predeceased her in death. She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Garry and Michelle Hardy; her brothers, Rayford and Charlie Sumner; her grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Civil War Leaves History at Mall

By Dennis Schatzman

Ontario

Ontario Confederate Civil War veterans and their families will bring their two-man The Great Civil War Exposition and Living History Show to the Ontario Mills Mall on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 16, 17, and 18. The battle camp will be assembled in the Hartwell lower parking lot and will feature portable tents, armed with flags, and including a reconstructed Civil War battle camp. Ontario Mills Mall is located in downtown Ontario.”

Blacks Outraged With "A Times"

By Charice Jones, a former Times reporter, said, “The Times didn’t cover the story of Black history that we don’t have to go to an American or African American university to get the real story.”

Although the passing of the cartoonist marked the loss of a significant voice in the paper, the publication vowed to continue to cover the issues that White readers might not have been interested in.

Rosalind Muhammad was a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and civil rights activist who served as the editorial page editor of the Los Angeles Sentinel from 1986 to 1997. She was the first Black woman to hold that position at a major metropolitan newspaper.

In her obituary, the paper described Muhammad as a “trailblazer” who had a “deep commitment to civil rights and social justice.”

She was a member of the NAACP and the National Association of Black Journalists and was known for her work on issues such as police brutality, race relations, and the treatment of women in the media.

Muhammad was also a frequent commentator on television and radio shows, and her writing appeared in a number of publications, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The New York Times Book Review.

In addition to her work as an editor, Muhammad was also an active member of her community, serving on the boards of several organizations and volunteering her time to help others.

Her death was mourned by many in the Black community, who praised her for her dedication to journalism and her commitment to social justice.

In memory of Rosalind Muhammad, the Los Angeles Sentinel established the Rosalind Muhammad Scholarship Fund to support rising journalists of color.

While the passing of Muhammad was a significant loss for the Los Angeles Sentinel, the paper vowed to continue to cover issues that are important to its readers and to honor Muhammad’s legacy by continuing to fight for social justice and civil rights.
LA Times Under Fire
Continued from the Front Page

The Black Voice News has not returned King's numerous calls. "That doesn't seem like too much to ask, a reformed telephone caller," said a reporter for Editor and Publisher Magazine which is publishing a story on the controversy in its May 17, 1997 edition.

Bill Pickett Rodeo Blazes Into LA
Continued from Front Page

Margo Wade or June Mouer at (310) 822-3699.

Students Ask For Postcards From Readers
My name is George Canache. I'm a fifth grade at Westside School in Payette, Idaho. I like to play football and basketball but I'm not so fond of soccer.

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

Recently,
George Canache

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

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Riverside, California 92502
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We 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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La Quinta Chamber of Commerce
Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce
The Grand Juror's Association of Riverside County
Teamster's Local No. 63
Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce
Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce
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Forad by Friends of Eagle Mountain

The Black Voice News continues on Page 3 of this edition.
The many of you who have followed my column over the years, can attest to the importance and necessity I place on "mentoring" our youth. Whether teaching health and fitness to a group of ten or tutoring an gang member, there is incredible power and personal satisfaction in building a mentor. The mission of the President's summit for America's future brought together the powerful force of four presidents, five first ladies, our general and several thousand business and community leaders to tackle one issue: How to increase involvement 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 Philadelphia. Ironically the so-called city of "Brotherly Love" has both skyrocketing poverty, drug and child abuse among its youth.

Already so-articulated critics of the effort predict fail-ure saying America's young don't have the time. A USA Today/CNN poll shows 51% of middle class Americans believe relaxation volunteers. When it comes to choosing between helping your own children with homework or driving into the inner city to merit a high risk youth, it's not tough to guess which one most parents of young middle class parents. At no time are young Black and Latino youth at greater risk. Their plight is complicated by a public with skewed perceptions. People who place caring for stocks and investments, mall and inside shopping ever-carc 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 others organ-ized of the National Effort, is convincing potential volunteers they do have the time to help out. 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 frustra-tions and ability to help a child discover and develop his or her strengths. Couch a basketball team or give clocking lesson to high risk kids. Try for a couple of months before you agree to a long term commi-tment. Mentoring a child must be taken lightly. The child's life, their feelings, their likes or dislikes. Here, taste and touch are more important than smell. What was capable of being seen and heard in youth is now the power of all. What was 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 air which was away from matter was called Intangible.

What Was capable of being perceived by the senses (except sight) was the Tangible as it was the universe emanating (begotten) by God's mind. The first form of this finesesse or "definable" reality was called Matter. What we mean by "Mind" whose offspring was Universal Matter. Between them there was a "general" idea or "upper atmosphere" next to the heavens and the earth and elastic. Much like an aura's halo of light, it was a special kind of density of density and strength and stars and planets, separating the "heavens" from the rest of the universe.

Lifestyles

Black Babies At Higher Risk For SIDS

"The 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 also caregivers, 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 seven 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Miller Partners With C.O.P.E.

Conference

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Our Bodies

Walking The Walk

Defining Matter

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

LA Black Business
Exp-A Huge Success


On Tuesday, April 29, 1997, on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the 1992 civil unrest, Operation Hope, Inc., America's first commercial investment banking organization, located in South Banking on the Future Day, L.A. Area banks and bank CEO's into inner-city communities and volunteered their time as OHI Banker-Teachers.

The grants boost the total monies raised for Passport to College to approximately $750,000. The college is committed to raising $1.5 million for Passport to College. The Weingart Foundation is a sponsor of the event.

The model effort targets each of the region's more than 11,000 5th graders, with a $136,416 grant from the Weingart Foundation for the Black community.

"We don't hire or promote by race," Cannon informed, "but we're aware that a significant portion of our business is African American. I assure you we're socially conscious of our responsibility and need to participate in the Black community in fact and in spirit."

"Operation Hope Commemorates Anniversay of Civil Unrest"

The Youth Achievement Awards Breakfast was held from 6:30am to 10:00am, at the Operations Hope Banking Center located at 5721 South Los Angeles Avenue in the City of Los Angeles, Calif. During the breakfast, 250 youth with the highest G.P.A. each received a $25 Savings Account from OHI and participating institutions. In recognition for their academic achievement, in addition, the breakfast honored the top 15 students from participating schools with the highest G.P.A. by awarding each a computer system, color monitor donated by OHI partner Freestone Investment and Loan, and software, provided by Microsoft.

"Operation Hope, Inc. and 21st Century Banker-Teacher's also joined in, hands on, to help our youth empower themselves, practiced "volunteerism with action."

"Youth Banking on the Future Day, L.A. was hosted by the Los Angeles Black Business Expo and Trade Show. Part business networking, part giant block party, the event rocked the Los Angeles Convention Center and served as an appropriate housewarming for Tom Bradley (South) Hall. It was the first time an African American organization exhibited in the hall designed by architect Robert A.M. Stern. This year's show attracted 45,000 consumers. The Expo Culture Food Court, Madd-X Productions Fashion Show, the KJLH Afrocentric Wedding and the Success Summit on Philanthropy and Volunteerism, held April 27th through the 29th in Philadelphia with President Clinton, former Governor George Bush and Colin Powell, wrapped up with volunteer Banker-Teachers committing to a new "YOUTH BANKING ON THE FUTURE" program."

"EXP-A Huge Success"
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 Emporium 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 hard 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 Hopper. I collect 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 store world of tea parties, 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’s hard but soon found her niche with kindergarten students.

The menu is simple; there is Royal Garden Tea, Royal Desert Tea, Royal Tea Special, and finally Royal Afternoon Tea. Various menus 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"

Dear Pastor,

I am writing to express my concern about a situation at our church. It seems that the current pastor is not fulfilling his role as a shepherd to the flock. I believe that he is not doing his best to guide us in the right direction.

I am aware that certain church governments have a right to form a Board to determine the direction of the church. However, I feel that it is important to discuss these matters with God before making decisions for the church. I want to ensure that the Board is following God's will for the church.

I think that you and others shouldn't have opinions but rather be led by church members.

I am not saying that you and others shouldn't have opinions but rather be led by church members.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
It's over: Jazz ends young Lakers' NBA Playoff run

Lakers fight till the end, but succumb in Game 5 to Utah in overtime, 96-93.

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 airballed 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 Stockton, Shaquille O'Neal, Jerome Kersey, Byron Scott, and rookies Bryant, Travis Knight and Derek 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 each other 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 - in 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 fellows, 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 3 Players list this year, and, also West made a great decision when he awarded him one of the riches 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 Lakers' brass needs to show some patience and look at the big picture ... they'll be rewarded with a title within a couple years - the players are already in place, they only need time together.
Celebrating Armed Forces Day

Since the dawn of the human race we have traded in men, women and children.
Only last century, these nations that profited most from slave labor outlawed the skin trade on moral grounds.
The American Civil War supposedly put an end to the American slave trade. But the buying and selling of people continued.

"Ill Gotten Gains" is set in 1649, two years after the abolition of slavery. At this time, slavery was declared an act of piracy, punishable by death in some areas of the world.
In order to capture the truth about this taboo subject, portions of the film were shot on location in Cameroun.
Twenty-four captives find themselves in the hold of the slave ship "Argon Miss" anchored off the Guinea Coast in West Africa.
The wooden planks begin to rattle, a spirit in The Wood (Eartha Kitt) manifests itself to the incarcerated men. This supernatural character is based on African folklore and is being held as hostages on the ship.

The captured men try to form their way to freedom with a bloody uprising that yields few results.
First mate Skinner (Clabe Hartley) and the Ver (Tony Tom) desperately try to maintain their fragile dominance over their human cargo.
Three wives of the local slave trader McKey, amongst them Fey (Akisua Biaja) are also being held as hostages on the ship. They decide to take matters into their own hands and to procure a farewell.
Together with Pop (D'Aundre Bonds) and the captive men, they plan an organized revolt to get off the ship once and for all.
In a film by Spans Film out in

Zhane Celebrates All The Moods of Saturday Nights

New Slave Film To Hit Big Screen

The Black Voice News Thursday, May 15, 1997
This business is conducted by: Jeff A. Busch.

STATEMENT

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Florida Party Rentals

Robert Williams

RIVERSIDE

This business is conducted by: Anthony Delfino.

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Women of Achievement Luncheon
May 30th, 1997
11:30 am
Presented by the Black Voice Foundation, Inc.

Honoring
Linda Dunn • Jean Grier • Conchita Roona

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Our youth's inspiration comes from our community. Get involved.

Our youth have goals and dreams. And they need to be inspired to succeed. Yet, every day, there are things that, if interrupt a young person's life — like teen pregnancy. Every eight minutes, another teen gives birth to another baby. And for many, their dreams and the pursuit of their goals gets placed on hold.

Help break the cycle of teen pregnancy. Take time to be with a young person. Become involved in youth groups, neighborhood recreational centers or mentoring programs.

Inspiration comes from a community — parents, teachers, others, relatives and friends. Inspiration starts with YOU.

Be a role model to our community's youth. Listen to them. Talk to them. Let them know they have special qualities. Because without your guidance, their possibilities get dimmer.

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Information: Westside Clinic Project

The Caster Group

The Caster Group has submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to the City of San Bernardino seeking approval to build a one story 24,000 sq. ft. building on the NW corner of 16th St. and Medical Center Drive. The building will be occupied by the County of San Bernardino Department of Behavioral Health.

The City had previously revoked a Development Permit issued for construction on this site. Its revocation was based in part on community concerns in the following three (3) areas:

1. Use of building relative to inpatient/outpatient clinical, and drug and alcohol counseling services.
2. Affect of the clinic's clientele on the immediate neighborhood.
3. The 24-hour C.A.T.S Program.

In addition, we have determined two other areas of concern from community comments as follows:

1. Community notification, review and input in the project.
2. Subcontracting to minority-owned firms.

The Caster Group has taken the following actions in addressing each of the above five (5) issues:

1. We have eliminated the drug and alcohol counseling unit from the proposed building uses. The drug and alcohol counseling unit (clinic) is not included in the revised C.U.P. Any future consideration of this type of usage requires a separate Conditional Use Permit (inclusive of all C.O.P. approval requirements i.e. including community input).
2. The Caster Group has contracted with a locally based (minority-owned) firm to meet with local community leaders and organizations in an attempt to communicate the true facts regarding this project. The facts will be sufficiently detailed and open for community review.
3. The Caster Group is also preparing fliers to inform the public at large of all the facts regarding the project. Detailed briefing packages will be provided to community leaders, organizations and general public requesting them.

The 24-hour C.A.T.S program refers to a residential and counseling program that is operated at various sites throughout the County. The proposed site will provide only administrative functions relating to the operation of this program. Such administrative functions include contract monitoring and off-site case management services.

Elimination of the drug and counseling unit from the building plans was done to address the issue of the clinic's clients affect on the immediate neighborhood. (Note that this project replaces two sites previously operated by the Department of Behavioral Health within close proximity to the proposed site.

The Caster Group is in the process of developing a "bank" of local (minority) subcontractors for use in soliciting bids. This solicitation and eventual award will follow the County of San Bernardino guidelines relative to provision of equal opportunities for minority/women-owned firms to participate in County Subcontractors.

The community will be notified and invited to attend meetings relative to project approval as required under the provisions of the Conditional Use Permit.

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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.


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 invites you to attend
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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 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 glorified 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.

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.
Colones Ralph and Melva Smith first shared friendship, then shared sorrow and now they are retired Colonels but their Air Force experience took place in two entirely different eras. Both have not found out how to retire. Both are very different fields and both lead a wonderful marriage. Both have Air Force experience took place in two entirely different eras. Both have not found out how to retire. Both have retired Colonels, but their marriage is wonderful. Both have lived in a Midwife and Midwife relationship. In 1965 his mother died as a result of a car accident on the way to her graduation at Loma Linda. She died of a Pulmonary Embolism. Doctors had convinced his father that their mother would be fine and should not miss his first child’s graduation. She left five children under the age of 16, and Melva with guilt that has affected her life. She was committed to the Army. They bought up part of the bargain and she had to live up to them. "For the next five years I worked without a day off to help my father raise the kids. I had to make sure they were clothed. There was no time to grieve. I indignantly blamed myself," she said. It was an accident and not even a bad accident. Her father was driving and he dosed off. He never got up over the guilty.

She worked at West Point for 2 1/2 years before going to inactive status. After completing her obligation in 1970, to the Army she worked in Chicago as an O.B. Instructor in the New York Department of Health. For two years she was a Midwife at Minneapolis General. After two years of family needs and the Army's need for a military presence, Melva returned to the military to take advantage of fulfilling her dream. This time it was the Air Force. Finally, her goal of becoming a Flight Nurse and Midwife was in view. She became the first Black nurse to graduate from the Flight Nurse program and before she could fulfill the assignment she was accepted into the Midwifery program at Andrews AFB.

Upon completion she was assigned to Omaha, Nebraska. Tired of the cold weather she and her first husband moved back to the Inland Empire. She was stationed at March AFB and was one of the first two Midwives assigned there. That lasted for five years. In 1968 she was back in South Dakota Reserve states and served as Chief Nurse of the 445th Air Force Reserve Clinic at Norton AFB. It was at that time she completed Command and Staff College and commanded through the ranks. In 1990 she retired from the Air Force Reserve but is still on staff at Daniel Freeman Hospital, Martin Luther King Medical Center, and is a Midwifery Clinical Instructor at Charles Drew University.

Ralph’s life is full of history and firsts. Both of his grandmothers worked and purchased their freedom from slavery. This headstart on freedom may be why there are so many success stories in their family. After slavery Harriet Tubman and her great grandmother were freed. They lived one block from each other in Cincinnati, Ohio. Both of their neighbors lived to be 106 and 103 respectively.

Melva was born on September 26, in no year that she had to see the children off to school. Her parents came to the U.S to Smith was born on Seventh Adventist Church was evident because from an early age she wanted to be a medical missionary. She knew financially she could never afford to become a physician. But one way she could get into medicine was to become a nurse.

Following graduation from Atlantic Union College, an Adventist school located in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, she was accepted at both Loma Linda University and UCLA. Again the religious influence won her heart and she put herself through the school loan program and needed more money to remain in school. That is when she heard about the military program that picked up her senior year," said Smith. She had enrolled, and was committed to five years of military service very shortly. In 1965 her mother died as a result of a car accident. She was not wanted by the family because they asked her to get an abortion. She refused, and they moved to New Mexico where the family was reunited, obtained legal residency and subsequently citizenship. Five more children were born. "My mother and father didn’t believe in welfare so she worked one job and he worked two jobs to make ends meet," she said. Being the oldest in the family meant she had to be the children off to school and to day care. Everyone had their jobs," she said.

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By Cheryl Brown
Black Voice News
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. 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 Blakley 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, Blakley'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 the 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, Blakley's grandfather was enterprising, he owned a rooming house on 6th and Harris, a shoe repair shop, a barbershop and a taxicab 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. Blakley'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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