Affirmative Action: What's the Benefit?

QWhite males are 33% of the population, but 80% of the House of Representatives.

By William Reed

In the world economy at its highest peak in years, African-Americans who haven't made sufficient inroads into the political and cultural mainstream during the last 30 years may be in deep trouble. To many, not most, African-Americans are unemployable if affirmative action may be said to have been a success.

There is a question of whether affirmative action continues to be an effective business practice and shared expense. At the same time, others claim that affirmative action has fostered the integration of various segments of American society whose members are fed up with the unfair treatment of others. They state that it is time to end the policy of affirmative action as we know it.

Affirmative action advocates have been told to expect a significant increase in opposition to affirmative action. Among those who are looking at the 1996 presidential primaries, affirmative action is a politically divisive issue. It is being viewed in multi-segments of American society as part of the intrusive and contentious legislation in governmen.

In the case of the multitudes of African-American men and women who have been claimed to be unemployable because of affirmative action, it must be noted that the opposition to affirmative action has not and will not continue to grow.

State-wide Panel To Participate in Affirmative Action Symposium

Without a doubt, the biggest threat to be debated over the next few months will be the proposed California Civil Rights Initiative. As you know, the plan calls for the initiative to begin the process for the General Election ballot in 1996.

In order that the community has a chance to learn more about the initiative, a number of community groups, including the Los Angeles County Bar Association, have arranged for a symposium which will bring together individuals to discuss the positive and negative aspects of this proposed legislation.

The event is scheduled to take place at the Los Angeles Conference Room, on the National Orange Show Grounds, San Bernardino, on Thursday, March 16, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. There will be a registration fee to cover the costs, which includes a light luncheon and entertainment.

Fashions For The Urban Contemporary Woman

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**Lifestyles**

**Holistic Medicine Man Can Clean Up Your Act**

**By Cheryl Brown-Bvt**

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destroying our bodies from the inside and poisoning our minds.

By Natalie Johnson

Dr. Rabii, Holistic Medicine Man who is fast changing the lives of people in Southern California. His techniques are based on traditional

practices.

Dr. Geraldine Johnson said that "I had told a police, a condition that could lead to the state of being induced, and I am not

knowing when. Then I came to Dr. Rabii, who is known for his cleansing program and I started feeling better, that was 60 lbs. ago. Now I don't eat meat, I don't eat food that is destruc-

tive to my body." Johnson receives an electric current that makes her whole body feel

to the point of energy.

Dr. Rabii cited radiation and chlorine in water and foods as other culprits. "Radiation of food increases cancer growth, and chlorine causes destruction of

cells. Chlorine kills bacteria and destroys the body. Vegetables which are grown in water, have been dehydrated (without pesticides). We are also not healthy, according to Rabii.

Rabb says, "Everyone should eat veg-

etables. Meat has five toxins. They do not go away. The toxins enter the blood and those toxins are killing the body."

Dr. Rabii is known for his cleansing system, a colon cleansing and it has been known for his success.

Healthy African-American Babies Is Goal Of New Campaign

**SACRAMENTO** - In an effort to improve the health of African-American babies, the state of California is launching a series of health-related messages on radio and in newspapers targeted at pregnant women and their families. The goal is to reduce the high rate of African-American infant death.

"It is critical that we join together statewide and focus on community efforts that provide essential support services to African-American women around the state," said First Lady Gayle Wilson.

"Focused Care brings an important message of hope to African-American women and their families, knowing that they can make a difference in their early development and future." Wilson said.

The state's overall rate of infant death among African-Americans for the years 1991-1995 was 19.4 for every 1,000 live births (highest in the country). The state had an average percent of 15.7 infants born alive weighing less than 2,500 grams, compared to 19.1 percent for all infants in California.

An important component of our program is community outreach and education," said Dr. Shawn Atlas, Black Infant Health Program coordinator. "We will continue to meet with local African-American community groups and leaders to increase their awareness of the disparity of the infant death rate between African-Americans and the general population. This will then further our extension of medical and public health care among the communities.

For help obtaining prenatal care services in Riverside County, contact the Riverside County Black Infant Health Program at 619-357-5203 or visit the BabyCal Statewide toll-free line at 1-800-808-1997.

**The Bride-Her Special Mystic Fact & Fantasy**

BY HOLLY MONEY COLLINS

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*In the early days, a man selected a bride simply captured her and dragged her away. She was not chosen for her beauty, but, for her potential as a good worker and a provider of fruits and food.*

In 1053, silver coins were placed in the bride’s shoe to appease Diana, the goddess of marriage and unmarried men. The gift allowed the bride to live longer and child.

Today, in all ages of the world, the flowers carried by the bride symbolize her love and beauty.

*Traditional wedding flow-

er have significant meanings. They include: lavender-dyedai-white and red - indicate fidelity; rose - purity; mystical - the bride and groom. The bride's bridegroom's."*

Kitty Ariya

\*\* which the woman receives the ring. The ring is the legal marriage certificate and the gift a token of love.*

"The diamond is considered a symbol of matrimony and eternal love. It's said to endow the wearer with wisdom and to protect the bride from evil spirits.*

"The diamond is also an emblem of immortality. Folklore has it that a man dies a disaster in the event of the bride's loss and joins right hands, after

ARCENTS ON WEDDINGS

**DEAR DR. LESTYER:**

"What is the immune system?"

**DEAR R.P.**

The immune system is described in medical textbooks as "a military machine." It is made up of various parts of the body's defense mechanism that work together to protect the body from disease. The immune system's main task is to recognize individual cells and to eliminate them.

There is a variety of white blood cells that constitute the immune system's recognition network that helps orga-

nize the body's defense mechanism. There are cells that form new blood in the body and tissue transplants unless

"There are killer T-cells that can mistake the body's own cells as a non-self" and attack them. This can lead to the body's own cells, tissue and organs, failure of the immune system and an autoimmune response, which can cause the body to reject its own cells.

In addition, there are killer T-cells that can, in some cases, mistakenly attack the body's own cells, which is known as another way to grow abnormally.

The immune system is a complex system that works to protect the body from disease. Once you develop an immaturity it may lead to many years which is the foundation for vaccinations.

Dr. Rabii's cleaning system, cleans the wall of the colon or does not destroy the body. After year of eating meat, the colon becomes doggled, the waste builds up inside and the toxins blood through the colon wall. This poisons the system and causes the following symptoms: Ipsum.

The system cleans out the colon and changes the way you eat. Even drug addicts have been helped by the detox program which includes an electric current. Rabii says, "If a person has made up his mind to get off of drugs, he can get off and stay off drugs.

Office Location: 7030 Wilshire Blvd. Just off 57 Freeway Los Angeles. (213) 797-8555

Dr. Rabii demonstrates a back treatment on Shawn Atlas, his secretory.

Dr. Rabii 

Alta has her eyes read by Dr. Rabii.
MARCH 9
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Island Way of the Island Valley is looking for passionate community members to volunteer their time and expertise, which will enhance programs funded by the Union Way. Volunteers Training will take place from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. For more information call (909) 487-4711.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR: Mental Health links the public to an audience adventure called "Women and Investing" on March 9th from 6:00 p.m. and March 13th at 10:00 a.m. at Fontana United Methodist Church, 146 S. Rossmore Ave. For more information call (909) 384-4006.

RIBBON CUTTING: Supervisor Jerry Rees, 8th District, and City Manager Raul Pacheco, will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Norco Campus at 9:00 a.m. on the Victor Valley Community College campus on March 9th. For more information call (909) 424-0715 ext. 223.

DEDICATION CEREMONY: The Victor Valley College’s High Desert Center for Photography will be dedicated at 10:00 a.m. on March 9th at the High Desert Center for Photography located in Victorville. For more information call (909) 245-4271 ext 1610.

MARCH 10
AUDIENCE DAY: The California Afro-American Museum (CAAM) will host an audience day where individuals with disabilities and their caregivers can attend an education seminar titled, "An Audience Day" at the new center for CAAM in Exposition Park. For more information call (323) 744-7253.

MARCH 11
FREE LITERACY WORKSHOP: The Southern California Literacy Coalition is offering a free literacy workshop on implementation plans for a Los Angeles-based arts scholars and grant makers to focus on broad issues of representation, design trends and techniques. For more information call (909) 688-4051 ext. 1273.

OPERATION SAFE PARK: Police Chief Ken Fortier and Acting Park and Recreation Director Nitisha are pleased to announce "Operation Safe Park," which will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Inn at West Hollywood with a buffet lunch and dancing to a live jazz band. For more information, please call (310) 259-7187 ext. 728.

MARCH 12
LUNcheon: The Elsinore Federation of the Republican Women will host their March luncheon at 11:00 a.m. on the 5th floor of the Redlands Federal Bank located at 7310 E. Main Street, Redlands. For more information, call (909) 887-1718.

MARCH 13
ARMS NEEDED FOR LYNCH: A graveside service will be held for John L. Lynch, 51, a United States Navy veteran who was killed in action in the Persian Gulf, at 10:00 a.m. on March 12th at Story Memorial Park, Victorville. For more information, call (909) 245-4271 ext 1610.

MARCH 14
GIRLS CONFERENCE: The first African American woman in space, Dr. Sally Ride, will be the keynote speaker at the third annual Girls Conference on March 14th at 9:00 a.m. at University of California, Riverside. For more information, call (909) 442-0647.

MARCH 16
BAY ROYAL: The Bay Royal Convertibles will present The Broadway Hotel, Scotland’s premier hotel, located in The Bay, instead of the Cappella Palace & Palazzo Lug, Turin, Italy. For more information, call (909) 787-1742.

MARCH 19
MARCH 20
GUEST LECTURE: "Women in Jazz," a mini-conference will be held at El Camino College "Women in Jazz," a mini-conference will be held at El Camino College on March 20th. For more information, call (909) 880-6511 ext. 1277.

WALK FOR LIFE: The 1995 Walk for Life, an annual fund-raising event coordinated by the Jewish Ethics Program, will take place from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Chabad Jewish Center, 1910 Pennsylvania Ave., Riverside. For more information, call (909) 683-0622.

MARCH 22
NATIONAL GIRL’S SCOUT WEEK: Ten Thousand Girl Scout Councils throughout the United States will be offering special programs and events related to national Girl Scout Week, which will be held from March 15th to March 21st. National Girl Scout Week is observed to celebrate the achievements of girls, young women and members of Girl Scouting. For more information, call (909) 683-0622.

MARCH 23
GUEST LECTURE: "AIDS and the Law," a discussion of AIDS and the law will take place at 10:00 a.m. on March 23rd at the College of Social Sciences and Administration. A panel of experts will discuss the impact of AIDS and the law on society. For more information, call (909) 880-6515.

MARCH 25
MALE CHOIR DAY: The Cal State University, Los Angeles, Men’s Chorus will celebrate their 12th Anniversary, 3:30 p.m. at 1355 W. State College Blvd., Fullerton. For more information, call (714) 859-3140.

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MARCH 26
THE BIG CONCERT: The Coachella Valley Community College will be hosting a benefit concert for the benefit of the Coachella Valley Community College on March 26th at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. For more information, call (909) 683-0622.

MARCH 27
MARRIAGE WORKSHOP: "The Art of Marriage," a workshop for couples on March 27th at 1:30 p.m. at The Life Coalition, will be held at Elsinore Community College, 1910 Pennsylvania Ave, Riverside. For more information, call (909) 787-4331.

MARCH 28
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MARCH 30
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS: The Black Voice News is sponsoring their first annual Sisters Award "Rhapsody In Art" Jazz Brunch honoring Ms. Vernelle Honeywood, renowned artist, and Ms. Stephanie Honeywood, community leader and founding partner of Black Lifespan. The event is being held on March 12, 1995 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Inn at West Hollywood with a buffet lunch and dancing to a live jazz band. For more information, please call (310) 259-7187 ext. 728.

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**WALK FOR LIFE:** The Walk for Life, an annual fund raising event organized by the Insper Estate Pro-Life Coalition, will be held at Ontario Christian High School in Ontario, 9:00 a.m.

**SAFETY COURSE:** sportsmen can obtain their hunter safety certificate in one-day, 10 hour two-part training session for new sportsmen. Chick-in time is 6:30 a.m. For more information, call (909) 886-4818.

**SYMPHONY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA:** guest soloists at St. Bernardine Symphony Chamber Orchestra and African culture, at 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles. For more information, call (310) 425-4228.

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**CITY OF RIVERSIDE:** People with AIDS will hold a free seminar, PLUS (Positive Living for Us), for people with AIDS on March 18-19, in Occidental College's Lake Elsinore Retail Outlet Center. For more information, call (909) 787-9194.

**MR. CHERRY BOMB:** If you are an artist, photographer or "Compulsory Heterosexuality and Gay and Lesbian Rights" at Pomona College, will discuss "Suburbs and Advertisement and African culture, at 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles. For more information, call (310) 425-4228.

**DANCE CONCERT:** Alexander Weisz, professor of dance at Manhorn College, will discuss "Suburbs and Advertisement and African culture, at 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles. For more information, call (310) 425-4228.

**MAJOR HINES AND FRIENDS:** George Duke, veteran bandleader, award-winning songwriter, producer, and love for music are a solid base for much of this change can be attributed to the record companies. Many of whom are saying to rap artists, "If you don't sell, you're dropped."

**MARCH 28TH:** SHEDDING LIGHT ON COMPULSORY HETEROSEXUALITY AND GAY AND LESBIAN RIGHTS" at Pomona College, will discuss "Suburbs and Advertisement and African culture, at 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles. For more information, call (310) 425-4228.

**READING OF CHRONICLES:** Richard N. Zare, professor of chemistry at Stanford University, will read from the books of Chronicles. Interested readers should reserve copies in advance. For more information, call (415) 725-3838.

**JUNKO WESTON:** exhibition of the work of Junko Weston, called ".Manifestations," at Manhorn College, will discuss "Suburbs and Advertisement and African culture, at 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles. For more information, call (310) 425-4228.

**LIBERTY HEART BEAT:** "It's got a lot of positives and negatives," said Collins, "but you can work around it. There's too many fans and they come up.

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**STRAWBERRY BLIZZARD:** Winter Blizzard.
God’s Women “ Fired Up” In Ontario

BY RUTH PEARSON

The Red Lion’s Inn in Ontario will forever be the same. On Saturday, February 25, 1995 it was the host loca-
tion for the “Day Extravaganza” of the God’s Women Conferences. This event attracted over 3,000
women of all races from as far as San Francisco, San Jose, San Diego, Los Angeles, North Caro-
lina, and New York. All came to experience a propitiously placed — to be the Word of God deliv-
ered from women who could speak and reach directly to their experiences. The event was en-
dored. Encouraging and challenging words were delivered by Helen Harris from Highland. Helen
spoke on the topic of “Jesus Loves You”, explaining how important it is to know itself the charac-
teristics of a woman and how he expresses it to her. Use of several “custom”, yet meaningful ad-
chronies made the evening one that would be
remembered by generations.

Denise Mitchell, from Las Vegas, NY, seduced exhilarating
music in her humorous presentation. Her words were made the
rock of her pastor and met with her salvation. “By a Woman’s Way.” Her dynamic expression of rhythm and
tactility brought chills and tears when she sang “Tomorrow.” She was no mean an entertainer, but a root
Minister of Music.

The services continued in the afternoon session when Dr. Rama-
nona Wood from Los Angeles spoke as “Giving to
the Roots”. The audience “oohed”, “aahed”, and “euched”, from the powerful
penetrating words Dr. Wood spoke. Many acknowledged the need to forgive others and themselves of their past history and the need to get on with life during the altar appeal. Dr. Wood really provided a group therapy session for many who attended.

It was interesting to speak with several women from San Diego who engaged the service of some of her
care had to come three or more of the 17 conferences sponsored by God’s Woman’s

ONTARIO

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Seventh Day Adventist
Fontana Junior Ave. SD
7381 Junior Ave.
Ivan Williams, Pastor
Fontana, CA
(909) 822-4349

Non-Denominational
Loveland
Chuck Singleton, Senior Pastor
16881 Baseline Avenue
Fontana, CA
(909) 968-9111

Morning Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Fellowship Church
Grand Terrace, CA
(909) 777-1688
Rev. Morris Buchanan

AMOS TEMPLE
3008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Riverside, CA 92507
(909) 683-1557

First Baptist Church
280 E. Fifth Street
Riverside, CA 92501
(909) 352-1688

Grace Bethel Baptist Church
1025 Cypress Ave.
Riverside, CA 92507
(909) 347-6677

Second Baptist Church
2911 Ninth Street
Riverside, CA 92507
(909) 684-7352

Rev. Marvin L. Brown

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7:30 p.m.
Second Baptist Church
Rev. Charles Brooks
7:30 p.m.
Grace Bethel Baptist Church
Rev. menorah, Dir.
Daylight Savings Time
“Everyone Is Welcome”
Temple To Honor "Golden Ager Of The Year"

All are invited on March 12th from 12:00 p.m. to help celebrate the Golden Age of the Year! The Golden Agers (senior) will be honoring Rev. Wilma J. Manders, the oldest active elder in the Riverside, CA church family. Moreover, the attendees on choristers and choirs will participate in the majority of the public Church programs. She reflects the moral and Christian values that she has taught to today's society. That is why we continue to believe, that Mother Strawder is truly a role model for both the young and the elderly.

The program will be held at Rose Memorial Baptist Church, 1553 W. Union St., Riverside, CA 92507. Call (909) 824-0937 for special advertising rates.
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On Saturday, March 11, 1995, the Inland Empire will present, "Portrait of a Great Achiever", a gala celebration honoring Dr. Jester Hairston.

You may remember him as Deacon from the hit television show Amen, but did you know he also starred in the trailblazing sitcom Amos & Andy as well? Dr. Hairston has written several beloved gospel songs including "Dis '01 Hammer" and "Amen." Dr. Hairston's achievements span eight decades and we will take this opportunity to say thank you.

The "Portrait of a Great Achiever" gala will celebrate Dr. Hairston's life and honor his eight decades of uplifting. An intimate dinner with Dr. Hairston's family and close friends will convene at 6:00 p.m. and requires a $30 donation. Immediately following the dinner, well-wishers are invited to the free program showcasing the talents of Dr. Isaiah Jones, a Grammy nominee and singer of such songs as "God Has Smiled On Me," "Fill My Cup" and a host of others. Also scheduled to pay tribute to Dr. Hairston's achievements are renowned gospel groups "Higher Calling Ministries," "Another Peace" and the "Inland Empire Youth." In addition, Dr. Hairston will conduct five of his original works during the gala.

Master and mistress of ceremony will be Hal Williams, former "227" and Lotus Winstock, a comedian recently seen on the HBO Comedy Hour.

The gala celebration, to be held at Ecclesia Christian Fellowship, 1314 Date Street, San Bernardino, will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. which is by invitation only. Following dinner a program showcasing the talent of "Another Peace," "Higher Calling Ministries," "Another Peace" choice from Riverside and the Inland Empire Youth will pay tribute to the accomplishments of the prolific Dr. Hairston.

Plan to take part in this historic event. For more information call Denise Stegall at (909) 873-0431.

Disneyland Does It Again!

Disneyland's latest adventure ride, The Indiana Jones Adventure, is set to open next week. It is the latest in a series of rides which has put Disneyland once again at the top of the list for "thrill-seeking" amusement park goers.

The ride, based on the movie by the same name, is set in "Fremontia" between Pirates of the Caribbean, The Swiss Family Tree house and The Jungle Ride. Although the "ride" itself takes the adventurer through the "temple" (it's a replica from the first "Indy" movie), the adventure begins once you step into line. The many winding pathways which all lead to the ride, take you deeper into a cavern lined with skulls, trap doors, and cobwebs. If you take the wrong path, or touch the wrong wall, you may find the ceiling literally start to come down on your head.

Once you're strapped into your jeep, and begin the adventure, you'll encounter a variety of traps. There are different rides in one, so you never know which one you will travel. Disney has done it again! Hold on to your hats and glasses. The Indiana Jones Adventure is a guaranteed thrill for all!
Sister Souljah Speaks Out: No Disrespect

In this time of terrible crisis in our urban centers, the cry of rage about the horrors of violence, poverty, and the breakdown of family is at all-time high. It takes a tour of hand-wringing and posturing and empty political statements. Among the chorus of opinions, one voice stands out and challenges us to speak the truth about today's relationships between Blacks and Whites, and especially between African-American men and women. Sister Souljah, the activist and hip-hop artist who fought publicly with presidential candidate Bill Clinton, speaks of a personal tragedy, a broken home, and often very sterile memory of growing up black and female in America.

No Disrespect offers a raw and truthfully honest portrait of life in the projects. Souljah is as forthcoming about her mistakes as she is about her successes to show how young Black girls can grow up with their integrity intact in a very tough world. "By exposing my experiences and the experiences of many of the people around me," Souljah writes, "I hope and pray that many Black men and women will gain an understanding of love and life, and that they will have choices to make, and solve the pain of ignorance. As she traces her life from a terrifying childhood in a Boston housing project to college years at Rutgers University to life as a committed activist, she predicts in a push others might follow out of the ghetto into healthy, productive lives. Sister Souljah is first and foremost a teacher and activist. Her early experiences

Mak es Me Wanna Holler

A Young Black Man in America

NATIONAL BESTSELLER

By Nathan McCall

This is the story of a young Black man. It is a narrative of rage and triumph, of struggle and survival, of the triumph of people against the odds. It is the story of a young Black man who ended up in prison, and who then ended up as a renowned journalist and now a bestselling author. In this vividly told autobiography, Nathan McCall brings the times and the places of his life to life as a committed journalist and historian, and shows us that the cry of rage about the horrors of violence, poverty, and the breakdown of family is at all-time high. It takes a tour of hand-wringing and posturing and empty political statements. Among the chorus of opinions, one voice stands out and challenges us to speak the truth about today's relationships between Blacks and Whites, and especially between African-American men and women.

Nathan McCall will be at Phoebe books on March 19th.

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Two years ago Connie Britton was a real estate agent in Columbia, Washington, D.C. now a successful first novel, Lovers.

"Dream Wedding Down to Earth Budget"

Starr takes on the Chicago Tribune and San Francisco Chronicle bestseller lists, and held steadily on the Ingram and Barnes & Noble wholesale lists. In addition, this novel is scheduled to be a CBS mini-series. Now, Britton's novel entitled "Sweet Revenge," has been released in paperback.

Sisters & Lovers is a contemporary work which focuses on the relationships between three African-American sisters and the issue of multi-racial men and women. While the men in Sisters & Lovers may leave a lot to be desired, Britton does charge any of unlawful dating or bad behavior, she has some positive male characters as well. In an interview with The Washington Post, Britton said, "I think I'm being realistic. The fact that this issue comes up over and over again should indicate the problem of male chauvinism."

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A brotherman: The Odyssey Of Black Men In America

This outstanding collection of writings by African-American males has been edited by Brotherman. The book is a testament to the courage of the youth to protest to professional writers. It shows black men of all persuasions. It shows that some easy answers - poverty, terrible life, lack of education - don't always apply. "The problem among us," he writes of his friends who ended up addicted, imprisoned, or dead, "are more complex than some thing we can throw jobs, recognition, social programs, or more policemen at."

In making a living McCall, like Johnson, is a real estate agent. His inventory is a story of a man who managed to overcome a legacy of violence and poverty to become a model of renewal and respected reporter and writer. Soon after its release in hardcover last year, Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America was named a Book- World national bestseller list, and Nathan McCall instantly became the voice of a generation.

In Makes Me Wanna Holler, McCall looks back on his childhood in the projects of Washington, D.C. as manag ing editor of The Washington Post. He opened a whole new world for himself and her own people. College opened a whole new world for Souljah, whose courses in African-American studies began to explain the disturbing state of affairs in her community. Yet, Souljah's own personal relationships with family, friends, and lovers, perhaps taught her most of all.

In No Disrespect, she describes coming to age sexually and intellectually through her encounters with seven unforgettable figures in her life. her mother, who teaches her the importance of reading, education, and discipline; her father, who is a loving and a true teacher; Nikki, a beautiful and intelligent young Black woman who seems to have it all; Joseph and Derek, lovers who cannot break their attachments to other women; and Chance, the man she planned to marry. Always questioning, always struggling to stay alive, Souljah learns to use the power of her intellect and her sexuality and knowledge in both wisely.

Souljah writes candidly about painful issues that are not often discussed in the Black community, challenging her readers to confront the status of the African-American man?" What is an African man?" “What is a family?" Without answers to these and other important questions about sexuality, education, history, and empowerment, Souljah asks how young Black girls and boys grow up to become strong and responsible? In No Disrespect, she offers heartfelt yet stile guidance to those searching for answers.

"Remember," Souljah writes, "no one will save us ourselves. Neither God nor White people will do so. But first we must learn to respect ourselves. That is the test we must pass, the promise we must make to each other, the challenge of all our lives." No Disrespect will deepen the public debate over jobs, housing, class and sex. It is an essential part of the dialogue that must be heard between men and women of all persuasions.
Fontana Wins First Ever 1AA CIF Title, Beats Long Beach Poly 65-57

By LELAND STEIN III
BVN Sports Editor

ANAHEIM - Fontana High, known as a football school around Southern California, can now add basketball to its sports repertoire.

"What a difference a year makes," said Benji Harter, "but I know we have a good cast, fueled by the infusion of needed time to come together."

Leahopefully charged senior Jemall Slaughter (game high 23 points) and hyperactive junior Corey Benjamin (20 points and 15 rebounds), Fontana was its first ever basketball title in the school's 40-year history.

"We just played hard and let the game come to us," said Benjamin. "Poly came out wanting to win just like we did, but we were a little more hyped than they were.

Jemall had caught some of the Steelers' games in mid-season and at the Kawoos Tournament, you probably wouldn't have expected them to do that. Although many didn't think the showtime Steelers had the right stuff to host the title, they never doubted themselves.

"I can't wait to win a title, me and my brother (Dwight)," said Jemall, "and that happened to us. It hasn't sunk in yet, but I'm sure it will when I get to sit down and think about it."

Added Coach Mike Southworth: "Those early season losses helped us put things in focus. We had to readjust, dig down and come together as a team. We lost some games in league and outside league that we probably never should have lost, but in the end it was probably a good thing we did."

The early losses were a direct result of a team that needed to come together and learn its roles. With a new cast, fueled by the infusion of the three brothers, who came from Eldorado, it took time to gel on the left side.

"New we were going to bite the whole starting team, but I know we have a good program that is real strong, interjected Benjamin. "I guess people can't write bad things about us now.

Don't worry Corey, it's all good."

The Frosters were very good against Poly, and despite their showtime reputation, Fontana implemented a workman-like performance against a determined and ready Long Beach squad.

After Poly put together two minute run that got the score within 49-47 with two minutes remaining, Benjamin "had the Jackrabbit's run" with a three point play and followed it up with a put back that gave the Steelers a healthy 34-44 lead with under two minutes remaining. They never looked back.

Poly, after getting down 16, 

Riverside North Lets One Slip Away at End in CIF 2AA Title Game Loss, 60-58

By LELAND STEIN III
BVN Sports Editor

ANAHEIM - In the 77th renewal of the California Interscholastic Federation boys' championship held at The Pond of Anaheim before 9,579 fans, one constant was evident: Riverside North was a participant in the title game.

For the fifth consecutive year North weaved its way through the playoff field to end up in the CIF 2-AA title contest against Pasadena.

The unfortunate part is North lost for the second consecutive year and the fourth time in five tries - they won in '93 at the big dance. Still the undersized Huskies, in losing to Pasadena in overtime, 66-56, displayed the heart and grit of champions.

Top-seeded North (24-3) held a six point lead with four minutes remaining in regulation, but could not hold on.

"I can't fault the effort, but this is one team I feel could have locked it up harder and got it done," said North Coach Mike Barthe. "It was a two point game like this, there are so many things you could point to that I think we have made a difference.

One obvious set of circumstances came in the last two minutes of regulation. The Huskies became engrossed by a rash of costly turnovers - six in fact - that snatched a tie from the jaws of victory. North had an advantage in the final 40 seconds to break the tie, but fate was having none of that on this day.

"I think we shouldn't have lost this game," said North guard Brian Hooks. "We built an 11 point lead in the first half and it's disappointing to lose after making so many mistakes. I feel if we could have stayed away from those mistakes, we..."

Just looking at the matchups from courtside it appears admirable that North was even able to make the game as close as it was at the conclusion. Consider Pasadena had two 6-6 /foot-6 jumping jacks (Derrick Hodgson 25 points and Gordon Scott 18), with Division I potential, plus 6-6 David Beebe to sting the middle and rebound. Add in the fact that North's toughest inside player, 6-4 Chris Claiborne, got into early foul trouble, then the seeds for trouble on the inside were planted.

Hooks in a gallant effort, scored 25 points, sealed 10 fouls and had five steals. Ray Anderson (12) and Claiborne (8 and 9 rebounds) provide ample scoring support.

"I couldn't afford to get a minute or play so aggressive as I wanted with the three fouls so early," said Claiborne. "They are a good team that was really aggressive inside. I think we still could have won if we didn't have the mental breakdowns that just killed us at the end.

It never feels good to lose in a championship game, especially if the game is one that could have went either way, but North seems to have the right perspective. "A loss is a loss and it never feels good," he said, "but in this business you can't make it personal or you will be on the edge."

Well, North was on the edge of a victory that just turned over. But, itime mends would, they will be able to be proud of their season and effort in the CIF 2-AA title chase.

HE'S JAMMIN': Fontana's Corey Benjamin goes up and over a Poly defender.

By MATT JONES

Fontana misused the edges of the lane by driving to the baseline on this first half effort to get Poly's lead down to 10.

Any chance Fontana could have went either way, but North never had a chance to pull away. They just played hard and let the game come to us," said Benjamin. "I thought we should have lost this game," said North guard Brian Hooks. "We built a 11 point lead in the first half and it's disappointing to lose after making so many mistakes. I feel if we could have stayed away from those mistakes, we..."

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Four African-American Students Receive Scholarships

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Phenix Holds Book Signings

Phenix Information Center will be hosting authors Nathan McCall,”Makes Me Wanna Holler” (March 19th), Jewel Diamond Taylor, “Success Gems” (March 23rd); and Sister Souljah, “No Disrespect” (March 25th), for book signings at their book stores, located at 379 North "E" Street, San Bernardino.

For more information, call (909) 888-5015.

CSUSB Graduate Equity Fellows (f to r): Yvonne Atkinson, Art Clark, Annette Thomas, Alfreda Cencence.

The Riverside County Office on Aging will hold its pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 18, 1995 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at 379 North "E" Street, San Bernardino. The Office on Aging will help to defray the cost of the breakfast. For more information, call (909) 222-8400.

Community Based Organizations To Target Senior Programs

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For more information, call Cal State, San Bernardino's Office of Graduate Programs at (909) 888-5015.

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On Aging and a Review Team implementation of target goals will select the 5 initiatives to be funded. Awards will be made by March 31, 1995. Allocated funds must be expended by June 30, 1995.

For an application form please call Sergio Barajas at the Riverside County Office on Aging at (909) 697-4687.

Nominations For RCC ALUMNI OF THE YEAR are being accepted through APRIL 1, 1995

Riverside Community College invites nominations for the Alumni of the Year Award for 1995. All candidates must attend Riverside Community College. At least three nominees must have distinguished himself or herself in a community business or personal community endeavor.

For Details call Riverside Community College Office Of College Relations (909) 222-8400.
Sherry has had six babies, all of whom have been born in the hospital. She has refused to let any of the doctors or nurses touch her, demanding that they keep their distance. She has also been known to throw objects at the nurses and doctors, and to yell and curse at them. Despite her best efforts, the nurses and doctors have managed to deliver all six babies safely.

Sherry is a complex woman, and her actions can be frustrating to those around her. However, there is no question that she is a dedicated mother, and that she loves her children. Despite her difficulties, she continues to try to provide for them and to protect them from the many challenges they face.