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Koinonia '07 Features T.D. Jakes LIFE COGIC Breaks Ground on 28 Acres

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RIVERSIDE

By Lynette Parker

The three fish that swim around in the massive fish tank in Rev. Ron Gibson's office have more than enough space since a power outage caused the death of their fellow fish. The same can't be said for the congregation of Life Church of God in Christ.

In the 20 years since Gibson founded the church with nine members, the congregation has grown to 4,500 - with enough money to buy several buildings, start building another church, begin a school, start a transitional living center for troubled youth and host a multi-denominational conference that attracts more than 25,000 people from across the country.

This year's conference, called Koinonia (the Greek word meaning fellowship in the spirit), will be held Aug. 1-5 at the Riverside Convention Center.

"The Koinonia Conference was introduced to provide a gathering for like-minded people from all over the world, from different races, creeds, and backgrounds to come together in unity in an atmosphere of praise

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CLOSING ESCROW -- Pastor Ron Gibson looks out over the 28 acres where Life COGIC will build an elementary school, 5,000 seat church, Home Depot and Starbucks to be constructed by 2010.

Photo by Regina Brown Wilson

IE's Lois Carson to Receive the 2007 LBJ Human Services Award

Award given to individuals dedicated to community service

The Black Voice News

WASHINGTON, DC

Lois Carson, Executive Director of the Community Action Partnership of Riverside County in Riverside, California, has received the 2007 Lyndon Baines Johnson Human Services Award from the national Community Action Partnership in honor of her efforts helping low-income families change their lives. She will be officially recognized during the Community Action Partnership 2007's Annual Convention in San Diego, August 28-31.

As Riverside County's Executive Director, a position she has held since 1980, Carson is charged with leading local efforts to fight poverty. The CAA focuses on education and wealth building, advocacy, community organizing, and capacity building. Key initiatives and programs include Individual Development Accounts, the Earned Income Tax Credit, Project L.E.A.D. (Linking Education, Advocacy, and Development), pre-apprenticeship workplace mentoring, energy assistance, and disaster preparedness.

Under Carson's guidance, the agency has taken an aggressive and bold approach to ending poverty in Riverside County in 30 years by adopting a Community Declaration. This document calls for economic opportunity and hope for all in Riverside County, thereby creating "Bliss County" - Riverside County without poverty.

Tim Donnellan, Community Action

Partnership Board Chair, praised Carson for her vision, her leadership, and great optimism locally, statewide, and nationally. "Lois Carson sets a standard in our network," he said. "She lives the Community Action Promise and through her actions, creates a model for a productive, learning organization."

Carson's dedication to fighting poverty led to Riverside County being the first public Community Action Agency selected by the Community Action Partnership as the 2005 Award for Excellence winner in recognition of the CAA's outstanding leadership and anti-poverty programs. She also chaired the Advisory Committee resulting in California Senate Bill 1376, which will ensure fairness and equity in Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) allocations.

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Lois Carson

Plan Brings Together Unlikely Allies Bloomington Rialto Negotiating Land Buy Back

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BLOOMINGTON

By Chris Levister

Bloomington's near 45-year quest to become a city may not be dead after all. The Bloomington Incorporation Commission (BIC), a group of residents pushing to turn a 6-1/2 square mile area into a city said they are negotiating with the city of Rialto to buy back a 165-acre site recently annexed to the city. The site owned by developer Young Homes is at the center of a tug-of-war over

land the Bloomington group wants as part of its city.

In February, the Rialto City Council granted Young Homes permission to build 726 homes, parks, tot-lots and equestrian trails on the site located north of El Rivino Road on both sides of Cactus Avenue.

Cityhood proponents failed to stop the annexation after they could not meet a Feb. 28 Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) deadline to submit application materials and fees for a basic feasibility study, falling \$80,000 short of the \$109,000

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Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter (D-Rialto) (1-r) Craig Byus, Dean UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences and J.W. Vines Medical Society Vice President Richard Kotomori attend a legislative forum on health disparities at the Riverside Mission Inn.

Riverside Luncheon Draws State and Local Leaders UCR Medical School Could Play Key Role In Eliminating Health Disparities

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

By Chris Levister

The real impact of health disparities nationally is 886,000 more African Americans died between 1991 and 2000 than would have died had equal health care been available, according to David M. Carlisle, M.D., PhD, director of the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. He insists the devastating impact of racial and ethnic health disparities has been around for decades if not centuries.

Dr. Carlisle told a Riverside forum of more than 100 state and local leaders, elected officials and representatives from the public and private health sector that poor and unequal health care tops the nation's agenda thanks to the barrage of

compelling data now framing the debate over reform.

"We all knew there were disparities we didn't have the data to affirm their presence, now that the data are present and there's no denying that people needlessly lose their lives in the U.S. and in California because they can't get the health care they need."

He says similar statistics hold true of Latinos and certain Asian sub groups. Dr. Carlisle says people of color in California consistently face higher rates of sickness and death than whites. There is a risk that the prevalence of disparities may increase in California as the population becomes even more multicultural. By the year 2040, it is expected that two out of three Californians will be people of color.

Carlisle said generally the diseases and injuries that affect the population as a whole, affect low income and minority populations more, with people experienc-

ing multiple negative health conditions.

He says state and national data reinforces Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's comprehensive plan to reform California's broken healthcare system and strengthens the need for a medical school at UC Riverside.

"The research based institution planned for UC Riverside is seen as a catalyst for changing the way the state looks at providing access to underrepresented populations."

By producing a diverse workforce and providing critical research data we are better able to develop strategy aimed at mitigating disparities in health for all Californians," said Carlisle.

The event, Disparities in Healthcare: Policy Options hosted by the James Wesley Vines Medical Society focused on framing the problem and developing poli-

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Former NFL Standout Helps Provide Scholarships for Inland Empire Youth

Ex Rams and Raiders Running Back Greg Bell Plays in Golf Tournament to Raise Money for East Rialto Kiwanis Club Scholarship Fund.

The Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

By Jelani Lindsey

Escalating tuition costs are making it more and more difficult for Inland Empire youth to attend colleges and universities. For years, the Kiwanis Club of East Rialto has awarded scholarships to deserving Inland Empire youth to finan-

cially assist these students in their pursuit of a higher education. On Friday, July 13th, the Kiwanis Club of East Rialto put on a Celebrity Golf Tournament at the Sierra Lakes Golf Club in Fontana to fundraise for their scholarship program. The event was hosted by former Buffalo Bills, Los Angeles Rams, and Los Angeles Raiders running back Greg Bell.

Bell has long been committed to improving the lives of youth in society. So after Rialto City Clerk and East Rialto Kiwanis Club member Barbara McGee explained to Bell the purpose of

the Celebrity Golf Tournament, Bell graciously agreed to host the event. Bell states, "If you're doing something positive with kids, you generally will get Greg Bell." Not only did Bell agree to host the event, he recruited some of his former NFL colleagues to play in the Celebrity Golf Tournament. Former NFL players Reggie Doss, Ron Brown, Willie (Flipper) Anderson, Leroy Irvin, Reggie Berry, Grady Richardson, and Rick Ellis played in the Celebrity Golf Tournament along with Bell.

Some may consider Brown's background atypical for a former NFL Player.

Bell grew up in Columbus, Ohio. He did not start playing football until he reached the 10th grade. In two short years, Bell's play on the football field earned him a football scholarship to the University of Notre Dame. Bell excelled on the field and in the classroom at Notre Dame. After graduating early from Notre Dame, Bell started law school at Notre Dame to maintain his eligibility to play football. For financial reasons, Bell decided to forgo his second and third years in law school after the Buffalo Bills selected him with the 26th pick in the 1st Round of the 1984 NFL Draft.

Bell was named to the Pro-Bowl after his first season with the Bills.

In 1987, Bell was traded to the Los Angeles Rams. He was awarded the NFL Comeback Player of the Year Award 1988. In the same year, Bell lost a close friend to a DUI driving accident, and that tragedy propelled him into community service work. He became a prominent spokesperson against drunk driving and created a program called Athletes Against Drunk Driving. He went on to start another organization called Athletes For Life (AFL) which has been in existence for over 17 years.

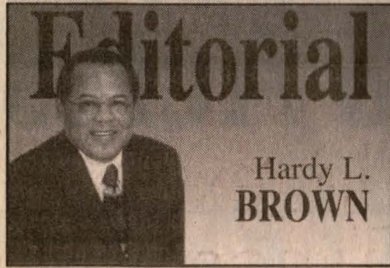
The organization mentors youth and teaches them life skills. Bell ended his NFL career with the Los Angeles Raiders and he's lived in Southern California since then.

While in Los Angeles, Bell completed an MBA program that he began in Buffalo. Following his retirement from the NFL, Bell served as Vice President of Player Personnel for NFL Europe. Currently, Bell has his own financial management company which he aptly named Greg Bell Enterprises. Bell credits his educational attainment for the

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The Curtain Rises On The IE Stage

In some of our Inland Empire cities people are trying out for parts on the political stage. Some people will be trying to take the lead part away and make themselves a star while the lead character will try for



Hardy L. BROWN

one more curtain call. In Riverside the characters have already been selected for the next round of audience approvals.

In Ward 1 vying to take the lead away from Dom Betro who has played the lead role for the past four years is Mike Garner. Dom was able to command 44.7% of the voters' approval compared to 32.3% for Mike Garner out of a field of four that competed in June.

In Ward 3 we saw challenger William "Rusty" Bailey garner 49.1% of the votes as compared to 44.2% for incumbent Art Gage who has played the lead over the past four years. Apparently the voters don't like the performance of Gage because out of a field of three Gage came in a weak second. He knows the role of a city council member, yet he has not convinced the voters he can deliver the lines.

Out of a field of five in Ward 5, where the lead character did not seek re-election, Chris MacArthur leads the way with 41% voter approval with Donna "Doty" Michalka coming in second with 30.2 % of the votes. We know there will be a new person in this position but which one will it be?

In Ward 7 we see Steve Adams trying to keep his lead role with a poor showing of just 34% approval rating from the voters out of a field of five seeking his position. Former mayor Teresa "Terry" Frizzel came in second with 25.9% of the votes. With both of them being former city councilmembers the fact that they were only able to garner just over 50% of the votes means the voters are not that excited over their past performance as public officials.

Nevertheless, voters now have their work cut out for them by contacting each candidate to listen to them rehearse for the part before they vote in November. Also the Riverside citizens will get to vote on two measures that will appear on the ballot. One of the measures will amend the charter to impose monetary fines for trains and other vehicles blocking railroad crossings that delay fire engines, police cars and ambulances responding to emergency calls. The other measure would reduce the number of crowing roosters allowed on a lot to seven in residential agricultural zones.

Jim Penman's Muppet Show

The late Jim Henson was barley recognizable in public because he was always in the background creating muppets with his hand guiding their mouths and movements. I guess some of you are saying who is Jim Henson? However, if I mention Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear or a host of other puppet names you would say "oh, that Jim Henson." Jim was the creator of these famous puppets or muppets as we know them. For the sake of this editorial on the previous city council meeting in San Bernardino I witnessed this scenario: I saw City Attorney Jim Penman as Jim Henson, council members Neil Derry as Kermit the Frog, Wendy McCammack as Miss Piggy, Chas Kelly in the role of Fozzie Bear, and Joseph Arias, an attorney who contracts with the city for legal matters, played Uncle Deadly. Now Uncle Deadly only appears on the show intermittently which is why councilmember Esther Estrada wanted to know why Arias was there, when she asked, "Who sent for you?"

According to the Muppet Show website Kermit is the main character, Miss Piggy is a glamorous diva pig in dual pursuit of stardom. Fozzie Bear is a stand up comic and unofficial second in command behind Kermit. Down in a supporting role is Uncle Deadly better known as the "phantom of the Muppet Show" a sinister character who lurks around the theatre and appears occasionally. Penman wrote a script that had Kermit the Frog put forth a motion on the agenda which states, "That the Mayor and Common Council direct police, fire, code enforcement and other pertinent city departments to assist the City Attorney's Office by participating in team inspections of parolee housing facilities to gather evidence to be used by the City Attorney for prosecutions and other actions under his authority." Penman had also written Kermit the Frog a lengthy memo with all the justification and questions to pursuit with Uncle Deadly. The underlying thing about this request was to give authority and power over these departments which now report to the mayor and city manager over to the city attorney. His justification for the request is this is supposed to give the departments "prosecutorial immunity" from lawsuits if something was to go wrong with these inspection sweeps where parolees live. Now the mayor, who is a retired judge, was presiding over the meeting with four other council members quickly caught on to the script written by Penman. Mr. Kermit the Frog opened agenda item 33 with a written statement which included some legal words he could not pronounce and then he called up Uncle Deadly to help make his point. Now once Uncle Deadly had made well rehearsed statements to what seemed to be pre rehearsed questions, the mayor said "I have some questions of you Uncle Deadly," you are a smart intelligent lawyer was the implication put forth by the tone of the mayor's questions.

I cannot recall the questions but Uncle Deadly was very clear in his answers to the mayor. Each time the mayor would ask Uncle Deadly a question Uncle Deadly said "you are correct mayor." Then Mr. Penman seeing that his script was being torn apart before his very eyes, based on Uncle Deadly responses to the mayor, decided to jump into the script. The mayor cited several recent court cases that spelled out the limitation of "prosecutorial immunity" to Mr. Penman which left Penman stumbling for words to express himself. By this time Kermit the Frog was silent and slumping in his chair. Miss Piggy and Fozzie Bear even came over to console him before the defeat. Miss Piggy still weighed in with comments and so did Fozzie Bear who had a prepared statement. This of course primed the other councilmember's to pipe up and say with their vote "we are against this City Attorney's take over at city hall" as they ripped the cover off of the muppets and saw Penman. The mayor said several times this is playing election politics with this request of which Penman denied.

Because Penman cannot place items on the agenda nor vote or veto any actions of the council, he resorts to the use of muppets in this case Kermit the Frog played by Neil Derry, Miss Piggy played by Wendy McCammack and Fozzie Bear played by Chas Kelly speaking in favor of the motion and Uncle Deadly also called "Phantom of the Muppet Show" played by attorney Joseph Arias, who has a contract with the city for legal matters. In his case the council needs to revisit his contract because he did not display himself as a competent lawyer to me. If you wish to watch a rerun of the play/meeting call Channel Three for show times in San Bernardino. The motion failed 4 to 3.

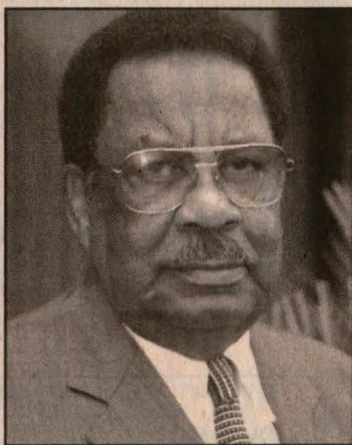
A Serious and Dangerous Shortage of Healthcare Workers

By Les Kimber, President
West Coast Black Publishers Association

Not long ago, I visited an elderly friend who had been hospitalized following a stroke. I watched his medical team come and go. There were a large number of them, starting with his doctors and nurses. But also there were a laboratory technician, a respiratory therapist, a dietitian, a physical therapist and finally a speech therapist. While the caregivers were kind and efficient, not one of them looked like him or me and none were able to put him at ease.

I was more than a little irritated that none of the people caring for him were African American. Why, I wondered, were there no African Americans in vital jobs that are critical to our community's health and, moreover, provided good salaries and incredible self-fulfillment? I looked for an answer.

Here's what I learned: California



Les Kimber

is facing a serious and dangerous shortage of personnel in every health care field. In fact, from 2000 to 2010, more than half of the 30 fastest growing jobs in the U.S. are expected to be in allied health. One reason is that health care workers, like the rest of us, are aging and many are retiring. Few people, it seems, are taking their place.

Opinion

This creates a tremendous opportunity for people of color to enter a profession that promises a myriad of opportunities to find work in a well-paying field that also provides great self-esteem. So why are so few African Americans entering these jobs? Particularly when there are so many African Americans who need good jobs. Perhaps we don't know there is an urgent need for health care personnel. Or perhaps we assume that these jobs require years of expensive education to achieve. Yet some 200 allied health care professions require only a two-year degree or a vocational certificate of training.

We need to fill health care positions now. Not simply because we need jobs. But we also need to be there for patients like my elderly friend who would feel much better if someone on his health care team looked like him. Also, studies indicate that health care providers of color frequently practice in their

own communities, thus increasing access and quality of care in those communities.

When the "Make It In Scrubs" campaign asked me if the West Coast Black Publishers Association (WCBPA) would partner with the campaign, I immediately said yes. As WCBPA president, I know it is critical that we tell our readers about the shortage of health care workers to care for us and our aging parents. Equally important, we need to encourage African Americans to investigate the health care field and its many opportunities for employment.

The "Make It In Scrubs" campaign is part of Diversity in Health Professions Public Education Campaign. The campaign is funded by a grant from The California Wellness Foundation. To access a one-stop resource on careers in the health care field, financial aid information and profiles on people who are in the field, visit www.MakeltInScrubs.com.

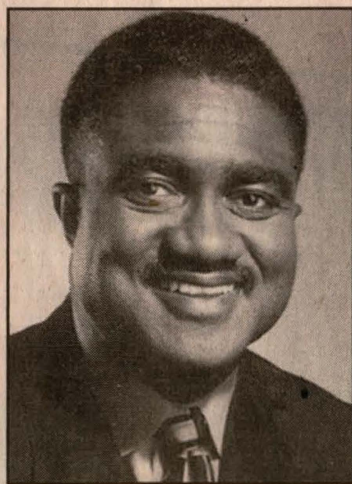
Clarence Thomas: a Lost Cause – Part I

By. George E Curry
NNPA Columnist

Clarence Thomas is such a lost soul that when adverse, race-sensitive 5-4 Supreme Court rulings are issued, everyone knows that he has already voted with the conservative majority before the votes are officially announced. Knowing how Thomas is going to vote on a case involving race is as reliable as predicting who is going to be on the next cover of "O" magazine.

Still, Thomas' opinions are worth reading from time to time if for no other reason than to look at how he seeks to justify the unjustifiable. The court's recent decisions limiting the use of race in pupil assignments in the Seattle and Louisville school districts lifts yet another curtain on Thomas' delusional thinking. If you think that's a harsh assessment, consider this gem from the court's lone Black member: "... My view of the Constitution is Justice Harlan's view in Plessy: 'Our Constitution is color-blind, and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens'...And my view was the rallying cry for the lawyers who litigated Brown."

Let's take each comment in reverse order. First, Thurgood Marshall, the first – and some would argue, the only – African-American to sit on the court, would turn over in his grave at the suggestion that he and Clarence Thomas were fighting for the same issues. They are polar



George Curry

opposites. Both Thomas and Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. pretend to be acting in the best tradition of the Brown decision when they ruled against the two school systems that implemented race-conscious student assignment policies.

Roberts wrote for the majority, "Before Brown, schoolchildren were told where they could and could not go to school based on the color of their skin. The school districts in these cases have not carried the heavy burden of demonstrating that we should allow this once again—even for very different reasons."

Justice John Paul Stevens, referring to segregated schools prior to Brown, wrote in his dissent, "The Chief Justice fails to note that it was only Black schoolchildren who were so ordered; indeed, the history books do not tell stories of white children

struggling to attend Black schools. In this and other ways, the Chief Justice rewrites the history of one of this Court's most important decisions."

Misrepresentation is not limited to the Brown decisions of 1954 and 1955. In falsely claiming to be acting in the tradition of Justice Harlan, Thomas and his compatriots like to cite his purported belief in a "color-blind" constitution. Like many other things, conservatives take the quote out of context.

In 1896, in Plessy v. Ferguson, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a Louisiana law requiring separate railway cars for Blacks and Whites. In his dissent, this is what Harlan said:

"The white race deems itself to be the dominant race in this country. And so it is in prestige, in achievements, in education, in wealth and in power. So, I doubt not, it will continue to be for all time if it remains true to its great heritage and holds fast to the principles of constitutional liberty. But in view of the Constitution, in the eye of the law, there is in this country no superior, dominant, ruling class of citizens. There is no caste here. Our Constitution is color-blind, and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens. In respect of civil rights, all citizens are equal before the law. The humblest is the peer of the most powerful. The law regards man as man, and takes no account of his surroundings or of his color when his civil rights as guaranteed by the supreme law of the land are involved."

Harlan was seeking to expand constitutional protection, not limit it. The Brown decision overturned Plessy as the court's majority unanimously adopted what had been Harlan's minority view.

In his opinion, a shameless Clarence Thomas tried to compare justices who backed the Seattle and Louisville school districts to arch-segregationists who opposed Brown.

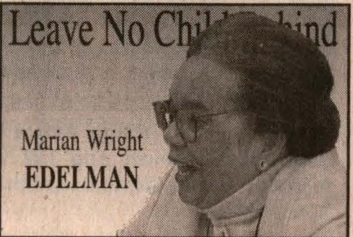
"The segregationists in Brown embraced the arguments the Court endorsed in Plessy," he wrote. "Though Brown decisively rejected those arguments, today's dissent replicates them to a distressing extent....The dissent argues that 'weight [must be given] to a local school board's knowledge, expertise, and concerns, and with equal vigor, the segregationists argued deference to local authorities."

"...The dissent argues that today's decision 'threatens to substitute for personal calm a disruptive round of race-related litigation' and claims that today's decision 'risks serious harm to the law and for the Nation.' The segregationists also relied upon the likely practical consequences of ending the state-imposed system of racial separation... And foreshadowing today's dissent, the segregationists most heavily relied upon judicial precedent." Thomas declared, "What was wrong in 1954 cannot be right today."

And what's wrong today is wrong forever.

(Next week: Thomas' Strange View of Integration.)

The U. S. Supreme Court's Wrong Turn on Racial Equality



Marian Wright EDELMAN

The July 28th U.S. Supreme Court decision to strike down voluntary school integration plans in Louisville, Kentucky, and Seattle, Washington, will erode gains in racial equality won through landmark court cases and the struggle by Americans of all races in the Civil Rights Movement.

The action by the conservative five justice majority assaults both the spirit and intent of the Warren Court's 1954 Brown v. Board of Education desegregation ruling, which had a domino effect of undoing legally sanctioned racial apartheid in all aspects of American life. It is sadly ironic that this recent ruling came within days of the anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Although lower courts had upheld both Louisville's and Seattle's voluntary plans, which achieved diversity using race as one of the criteria for school placement, the High Court ruled both plans unconstitutional.

Chief Justice John Roberts, joined by Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, said boards of education cannot take the race of an individual student into account to help foster racial integration of schools.

Writing for the majority, Roberts stated, "To achieve a system of determining admission to public schools on a non-racial basis is to stop assigning students on a racial basis." The practical implication of Robert's reasoning is that if Americans were only "colorblind" in implementing social, economic and political policies, the problem of racial bias would go away. This is naive at best. As a society, we are not at the point where we can rely on individuals to make colorblind decisions on a range of matters.

Justice Stephen Breyer was right in his dissent to call this ruling a radical step away from settled law. Writing on behalf of himself and Justices John Paul Stevens, David Souter and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Justice Breyer asserted that race-conscious considerations can be valuable tools in "eradicating earlier school segregation, bringing about integration or preventing retrogression."

The ruling is not a total disaster. Although he joined the majority in overturning the Louisville and Seattle plans, Justice Kennedy distanced himself somewhat from Roberts with a separate opinion in which he argued that "avoiding racial isolation" and "addressing the problem of de facto re-segregation in schooling" were compelling state interests and that a school district could constitutionally pursue them "as long as it did so through programs that were sufficiently narrowly tailored." Kennedy also said that it was "profoundly mistaken to read the Constitution as requiring that state and local school authorities must accept the status quo of racial isolation in schools."

In sum, the Court's decision in the University of Michigan Law School case was affirmed.

The Court's ruling will now throw many school districts and local communities into confusion, stripping many of the tools used for decades to implement voluntary antidiscrimination measures. It also will open the door to re-litigation of other established integration plans.

The legacy of 250 years of slavery and a century of segregation laws did not end very long ago. We simply have not come far enough that we can dispense with any remedies to end discrimination. In America, where nearly all of us are descended from people who came to these shores from other lands, many in desperation and many in chains, laws that protect minorities are as vital as our founding principles, however poorly honored in practice. Racial, ethnic and cultural diversity are essential elements of our national character as is the equal protection of the law guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment—a more solid bedrock of America's quest for justice for all.

The idea that we no longer have to take affirmative measures to preserve civil rights is no more valid than the idea that we no longer have to take strong measures to uphold the First Amendment or any of our liberties. There have been numerous challenges to our rights of free speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom of the press over the last 200 years. Just as those fundamental, charter freedoms require preservation, so do the protections of racial equality arising from the Fourteenth Amendment, the Brown decision and the Civil Rights Acts.

America's strength is in its rich mosaic of peoples. Think of the many men and women of color who have con-

tributed so significantly to our society. Imagine baseball without Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella. Consider Johns Hopkins Surgeon Dr. Benjamin S. Carson; Yahoo online network founder Jerry Yang; Manny Diaz, Mayor of Miami; Vietnam War Memorial architect and designer Maya Lin; astronaut Dr. Ellen Ochoa; and golf champion Tiger Woods.

Would we have benefited from their many contributions if the doors of racial

opportunity had been closed? Who will be excluded if these doors begin to shut again?

I am appalled that Chief Justice Roberts suggested his ruling was faithful to the heritage of Brown. Roberts got it wrong. Brown was crafted to eliminate racial separation. The Roberts court overturned school integration plans that sought to achieve racial diversity in the classroom.

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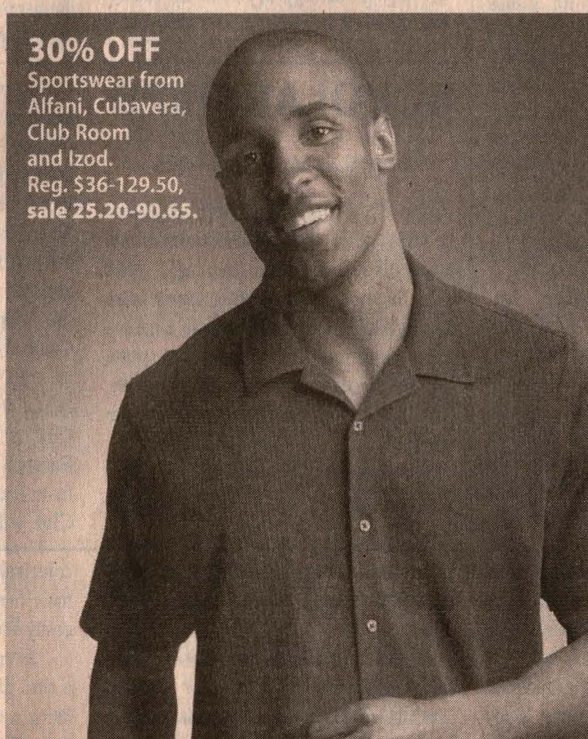
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Grassroots Supporters Open Office in SB

By Chris Levister

UCLA student Amanda Morris, 23, braved two and a half hours of traffic to get here.

Pomona Mayor Norma J. Torres showed up with her family. Daniel Flores brought his nine year old son Reuben. San Bernardino City Council hopeful Carolyn Tillman was on hand for the excitement.

On a scorching Tuesday afternoon a rainbow of Barack Obama supporters gathered at a grand-opening reception in the offices of Californians for Obama. It didn't matter that Mr. Obama wasn't in attendance or for that matter any of his staff. Save a few brochures, donation envelopes and other campaign rhetoric stacked on a welcoming table, the offices were bare bones.

"It's all about Obama. Look around it's the excitement. That's why were here," said Emmett Cash III, chairman and coordinator for Californians for Obama – a grass roots organization of supporters not directly tied to the Illinois senator's official campaign.

"If the grassroots group Californians for Schwarzenegger can elect the governor of California just think what we can do for Obama," said Cash.

Perhaps more than any other campaign the Obama campaign is getting a free pass to independent volunteer groups like Californians for Obama that have popped up to help

put the senator in the White House.

These groups have turned out big crowds at rallies and helped Obama catapult his campaign war chest a numbing \$32 million in just three months mostly from small donations to his Internet site. The question is whether this enthusiasm among small dedicated groups can translate into votes come primary day and beyond.

"We want to take all this energy, national momentum and online support to a new level," says Cash. "It's been said, 'so goes California, so goes the nation'."

What brings the organization to San Bernardino? "Great potential," says Cash.

Local business owner Collin James Lowe agrees. The potential for turning out the votes here is greatly underestimated.

"Traditionally presidential candidates and their campaigns hit the big cities, L.A. Oakland, San Francisco, but if you look around we're sitting in the middle of the fastest growing region in the nation. San Bernardino is no longer the stepchild of Los Angeles. It's the new frontier for votes," said Cash.

Votes, Democratic candidate Sen. Hilary Rodham Clinton of New York hopes to cash in on as plans are underway to open a satellite office in the Inland Empire. Independent grassroots supporters for Republican presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani's are eying the region. Mitt Romney's campaign is also considering an office in the area according to spokes-

woman Sarah Pompel.

Obama supporters hope the San Bernardino office will serve as a rallying point, an opportunity to reach out to Inland Empire supporters. In October the

group plans to conduct a statewide training for volunteers and campaign personnel at the San Bernardino office.

CARSON

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national and state levels, Carson has served as board president of both the national Community Action Partnership and the California/Nevada Community Action Partnership. She was one of the designers of the Community Action Partnership's Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP) program, a professional executive development strategy for community leaders, and served on the Steering Committee for the

Community Action Partnership's National Symposium on Poverty and Economic Security.

Carson is also chair of the statewide Disaster Planning Committee for the California State Department of Community Services and Development, and has served on the US Department of Health and Human Services' Monitoring and Assessment and Information Systems Task Forces.

She holds a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees, and is a "Distinguished Alumnus" of California State University, San Bernardino and the University of California, Riverside.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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variety of employment opportunities that he's had after football. "Education has always been the key (for me)," Bell explains. Instead of viewing sports as an end in itself, Bell sees sports as a means to an education. Bell believes that sports can keep youth, especially Black youth, "focused, going to school, and off the streets."

Through his AFL organization, Bell will be putting on a Junior Players

Development Football Camp for boys and girls ages 11-14 in Santa Barbara County. The camp begins on July 30th and ends Aug 4th. Bell believes the week-long camp, which is modeled after NFL Teams' Training Camps, will teach the youth skills that will benefit them on and off the football field. A portion of the funds raised during Friday's Celebrity Golf Tournament will be used to send Rialto youth to Bell's football camp. John Silva, Coordinator of the City of Rialto's Junior All American Football Program, will select the youth from Rialto that the East Rialto Kiwanis Club will sponsor to go to the camp.

BLOOMINGTON

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they needed.

BIC president Eric Davenport told members of the Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) last week, the organization met twice with Rialto officials and is drafting a proposal to buy back the Young Homes site and contract with the city for services.

"We plan to ask Rialto to release the Bloomington site from its sphere of influence. If they agree to that, we will cross our biggest political hurdle."

Under the plan Bloomington would buy back the land and pay Rialto over a period of several years using property tax revenues from the Young Homes project. Residents would contract with Rialto for road work, policing, fire, code enforcement, lighting and sewer.

Davenport called the plan a win-win with a silver lining. That silver lining is Young Homes chairman and CEO Reggie King seen by many cityhood proponents as a foe.

King has offered to pay the remaining \$80,000 in study fees if Bloomington activists come to an agreement with Rialto.

"Some folks in Bloomington are upset over the annexation of land into Rialto. They won't like it," said King "I see my role as a facilitator. Judging from the deep divisions heard here tonight I don't think any of us have enough information to know whether a city would be really good or not in the final analysis."

King says paying for a feasibility study will enhance his site development plans and bring clarity to an issue overshadowed by emotions, fear, mistrust, misleading and incomplete data.

"For Rialto/Bloomington to elevate itself they have to attract investment capital and the investment community is not going to go where there is uncertainty. They need to know the real tax implications and how best to use the land," said King.

"He could have easily kicked us to the curb instead Mr. King has emerged as a voice of reason," said Davenport. He said King quietly worked to bring the opposing sides to the negotiating table. "He believes some part of Bloomington needs to be preserved in its rural atmosphere. He wants what's best for his former hometown – Bloomington."

Davenport says he came up with the buy back plan after residents and area business leaders called on BIC to continue its pursuit

of cityhood during a packed town hall meeting held recently at Bloomington High School.

"I asked residents 'do you want us to continue'. The place erupted into a sustained 'yes' the response was a resounding call to keep going," Davenport said.

To win cityhood, state law requires that residents show community support and a tax base to fund government services. But Bloomington supporters struggled last year to gather 1,782 valid signatures on an incorporation petition. And a preliminary study by LAFCO in February 2006 concluded that the city would run a \$1.4 million deficit from the moment of incorporation.

Bloomington has tried and failed to incorporate seven times since 1963. Residents began the latest incorporation effort more than two years ago, frustrated over seeing rural and agricultural land disappear and their community squeezed by neighboring Rialto and Fontana.

Davenport says Rialto could use revenue it receives from Bloomington to mitigate the estimated one million dollar upfront investment in public infrastructure required for the Young Homes project.

"This opens the door for Rialto to get money from Bloomington while allowing the

community to keep its land." He said some of those funds could go toward solving Rialto's costly water-contamination problem.

"Everybody involved would benefit from a clear direction, whether that means formulating a community plan or self determination. I'm willing to step to the line to help inform the discussion," said King

He urged Bloomington to actively pursue the development of a trail system, which he believes would offer a layer of protection against future annexation attempts of the equestrian friendly hamlet dotted with large lots, horse ranches, chicken farms and nurseries.

Many Bloomington homeowners say they worry about paying higher taxes and losing their community's equestrian heritage. Others resent the divisions caused by the pursuit of cityhood. Without a quorum MAC board members postponed what is largely an advisory vote on Bloomington's latest plan.

As for the next chapter, Mayor Grace Vargas says Rialto is open to negotiations.

With Reggie King nudging the process, Bloomington's dream of incorporation could go from clinically dead to confirmation that they are more than just pockets of desire.

HEALTHCARE

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cies to address unequal care among people of color.

Vines president Dr. A.J. Rogers said the stage is set for the Inland region to play an even greater leadership role in improving health for all and, in particular for those most at risk for poor health outcomes.

"Far too often African-Americans in particular become unnecessarily ill or injured from preventable conditions. Without effective medical treatment, these problems are then exacerbated and cause greater suffering, disability and premature death," said Rogers.

Kiki Nocella, Vice Provost of Health Affairs at UCR who served as mistress of ceremonies told listeners the university is forging ahead with plans for a medical school modeled after the successful UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences.

"The medical school would provide a pipeline for educating, training and producing 'a diverse and distinguished physician work force' with a special emphasis on the medically underserved," Nocella said. UCR officials have long cited the region's projected physician shortfall of 53 percent or 1,140 physicians by 2015 in their proposal.

Guest speaker John Matsui, PhD. program director for UC Berkley's highly lauded Biology Scholars Program blasted an academic community he characterized as remains largely resistant to embracing diversity.

"Millions of dollars spent on diversity efforts and over 40 years of failing minority students in the sciences, here we are at a luncheon scratching our heads," said

Matsui. "Most academic faculty and administrators across the state are still using the same insane excuse. 'It's them not us'." We know why many minority students fail. They come to Berkley with lower scores. Many are forced to work part or even full time. They come from failing public schools that offer fewer advanced placement courses. On campus they face limitations to study groups, role models and peer groups. When they fail and drop out we blame the student."

Matsui said, "Life happens sometimes it's beyond their control. Yet many of us refuse to accept anything other than the standard policies on expectation. What's wrong with this picture?"

"If in faculty career promotions and tenure decisions significant weight were given to a professor or an administrator's success in diversifying the pool for medical, dental and graduate schools. If it meant delaying or denying a full professorship, behaviors would change in a very big hurry. What else would make them hop?"

Matsui said African American and Hispanic who participated in the Berkley program graduated with a biology degree at the same rate (60 percent) as Asian and white students who were not in the program and at twice the rate (24 percent) of minority students who did not participate in the program.

Vines Medical Society vice president Dr. Richard Kotomori said the challenge can-and must-be met with a sustained commitment of will, resources and local, state and national cooperation to eliminating unequal care.

"We cannot wait any longer. Changes have to happen on all levels including legislative, academic, professional and personal levels."



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More Blacks Donating Organs

In 1982, world renowned transplant surgeon Dr. Clive Callender and his colleagues sat down to look at African-American organ donation statistics, and they were grim.

While African-Americans represented about 12 percent of the U.S. population, they represented only about 3 percent of the organ donors.

Undaunted, Dr. Callender and his team at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington D.C. spent the next two decades going into the African-American community church by church, health fair by health fair, persuading African-Americans to sign organ donor cards.

Over and over, they heard the same reasons, including that African-Americans wouldn't sign donor cards because they didn't trust the U.S. medical system.

People in the community recalled Tuskegee's ghosts, the Tuskegee experiments, when doctors in Alabama withheld treatment from poor African-American men with syphilis from 1932 to 1972.

Doctors in other cities including California followed their lead. And they soon started seeing results. In 1982, nationally there were eight organ donors per million African Americans. But by 2002, there were 41 organ donors per million African-Americans, according to Dr. Callender's National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program. By 2005 that number had increased to 53 per million.

Every day 15 African-Americans die waiting for an organ transplant. Blacks – a group nearly twice as likely as whites to suffer from diabetes and hypertension make up nearly one third of those on the organ transplant waiting list.

Thanks in large part to Dr. Callender's grass roots 'a matter of life and death' campaign many more Blacks are donating their organs – choosing instead to remember the Tuskegee experiment while moving forward to help their own. This is a good thing!

Eyes & Ears of Moreno Valley



Juanita BARNES

A GOOD DEED IS NEVER LOST: "Happiness is the only good: the time to be happy is now, and the way to be happy is make others so," wrote Ingersoll, which gives us a good guideline to gathering love. Where is love? How do we gather and keep love? Where there are grudges and hatred, and one seeks for revenge there cannot be love. Where there is no forgiveness and festering of bad feelings, there is no love. The only way to be rid of those feelings is to wipe the slate clean, and do as the Savior did. He forgave His enemies and those who sought His life.

HELLO MORENO VALLEY

"THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN MORENO VALLEY SECTION" WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR SECOND ANNUAL BAR- B - QUE Saturday, July 21, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The contact number is (951) 247-8193, (951) 242-6852 or (951) 485-4736. Rib Dinners \$10.00, Chicken Dinners \$ 8.00, Link Dinners \$5.00 and Combination Plates \$ 10.00. This is a fundraiser for the Section, they wish to thank you in advance for your support.

This past weekend I was invited to celebrate and honor two great young women at the NCNW's "Achievement Award Celebration" Dr. Reginna L. Criswell, and Dr. Tiffany E. Hill. Many gave their well wishes for

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Awareness, Lifestyle Change Can Stop Blacks From Dying Young



Phyllis Clark

By Afolabi Otiko

Phyllis Clark's journey from high fashion model to health crusader started with a personal tragedy. After she lost her mother to cancer, at age 47, she channeled her energy into raising awareness about cancer and other health issues in the African American community.

"I think it's a tragedy in this day and age that many Black people are dying from diseases that could be prevented or treated by early detection, awareness and healthy living," Clark said.

Clark is founder of the Healthy Heritage Wellness Conference (www.healthyheritagemovement.com) which offers speakers, information booths and interactive sessions aimed at improving the overall health and well being of the African American community. The next conference is at California Baptist University, located at 8432 Magnolia, Riverside, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., July 28.

"The conference focuses on the major health and wellness issues in the African American community such as cancer, heart disease and organ failure," said Clark, who is also corporate partners and events manager for the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

"Many of the diseases that African Americans suffer from are lifestyle related," Clark said. "If we change our behavior, and change the behavior of the next generation, we can prevent



many of these life-shortening health problems. The goal of this conference is to provide African Americans with the tools to make better lifestyles choices."

The conference also discusses emotional health issues, which are often not discussed in the Black community. "Emotional illness is something we, African Americans, simply don't talk about," Clark said. "Mental health advocates are finding there are many emotional health issues in the African American home such as substance abuse and depression. These issues can have a domino effect by causing health problems like organ failure and social problems like the inability to maintain a steady job or relationship."

Clark has been campaigning for improved health awareness in the Black community for 20 years since she lost her mother to colon cancer. She even managed to incorporate health awareness into her previous job as a personal shopper for Nordstrom. She created a part-

nership between Nordstrom and Loma Linda University Cancer Institute called "Making the Most of Me," to honor breast cancer survivors and help improve their self image. Clark was later promoted to regional coordinator of the Breast Cancer Awareness program for six Nordstrom stores in Orange County.

Her work with the Healthy Heritage Wellness Conference has gained her much recognition in the Inland Empire and the state of California. Clark was recently honored with the American Cancer Society California Division's Harold P. Freeman Outreach Award. The award recognizes exemplary achievement in bringing cancer awareness activities to diverse and medically underserved populations.

"I'm trying to do whatever I can to eliminate cancer. Being honored by the American Cancer Society confirms I am doing something right and touching lives," Clark said.

One of the local healthcare

workers who has been touched by Clark's work is Jeannette St. Hill, assistant director of nursing at Four-D College in Colton. St. Hill says that the Healthy Heritage Wellness Conference is a great source of information for her nursing students. Hill brought more than 30 students to last year's conference.

"We try to attend anything health wise that lets our students get involved," St. Hill said. "If students go out and see there are opportunities for health services in the community, it will help make them more aware. They can tell more people about the services that are available."

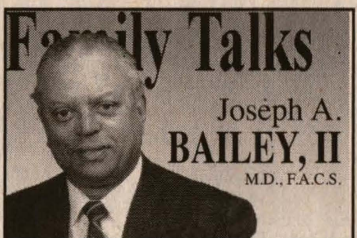
St. Hill said awareness is key to battling many of the health problems, which are common in the Inland Empire. Some of these diseases include diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. According to a San Bernardino County Department of Health report, African Americans in San Bernardino County die 13 years younger than whites. Many African American lives are shortened by illness such as

diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, HIV/AIDS and cancer.

St. Hill said Four-D College encourages students to treat patients holistically, making them aware that one illness is related to the body as a whole. St. Hill said the eating habits of many Black families contribute to their poor health.

"Some ethnic groups have a high carbohydrate diet which sets themselves up for diabetes," St. Hill said. High carb diets are common in low-income families because food staples like potatoes and white bread are often cheaper than more healthy food. Also some cultures have dietary tastes, such as rice and yams, which are high in carbohydrates. St. Hill said that the large number of single parents families in the African-American community can lead to stress in mothers and fathers who are trying to shoulder the burden of child rearing alone.

Patterns Inside Poetry And Prose



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What constitutes patterns inside poetry and prose is the depiction of pre-logical thought structures of different powers--like primordial images, patterns, and situations which evoke startling similar feelings in both reader and author. This originated in the Sacred Myth of Ancient Africans. From studying the heavenly bodies, they thought the "Big Three" -- Hieroglyphs, a fixed point in the universe, and all real things being represented by a number -- interacted and functionally integrated to form basic "blueprint" shapes and pat-

terns. "Blueprints" based on Realism (concrete images without speculation or philosophical nuances) were useful for constructing temples (Eliade, The Sacred p25); for temple decorative paintings on wood or metal; for Afterlife guides on or in coffins, stelae, statues, tomb walls, and other monumental objects (Bunson, Egypt p143); and for Poetry and Prose. **African Nature Archetypes** were represented as emblems of the lion, the eagle, the snake, the hare, the tortoise, the spider, the whale, the vulture the laurel and olive branches, the rose, the lily, and the paradisaal garden. **African Theme Patterns** include the initiation, the passage from innocence to experience, arduous quest or search, the pursuit of vengeance, the overcoming of difficult tasks, the descent into the underworld, the symbolic fertility rites, and the

redemptive rituals.

In the Western world, Patterns (defined as that from which a copy, in its minutest particulars, is to be made) common to Poetry and Prose are largely attributable to Carl Jung's work on the Collective Unconscious in general and his idea of archetype--"arche" (original, primitive) plus "type" (form) in particular. After studying African works on the Collective Unconscious; then changing its spiritual direction into secular realms; and then proposing that primordial symbols common to all humans were present in dreams and myths, Jung called these symbols "Essence-Ideals" -- archetypes of the unconscious. This was so influential that its context was generally adopted by literary critics and thereafter spread into several individualized and fused patterns throughout the Western world.

Hence, the present most fundamental **Facts of Human Existence** said to be archetypal theme patterns are birth, growing up, love, family and tribal life, dying, the magician, the feud, slavery, struggles between children and parents, and fraternal rivalry. Certain **Character or Personality Patterns** include the blood brother, wise grandparent, generous thief, duplicitous clergyman, the prostitute with a heart of gold, the rebel, the Don Juan (womanizer), the all-conquering hero, the braggadocio, the country bumpkin, the local boy who makes good, the self-made man/woman, the hunted man, the stren, the witch and "femme fatale", the villain, the traitor, the snob, the social climber, the guilt-ridden in search of expiation, the damsel in distress, the underdog, the person more sinned against than sinning, and the state of

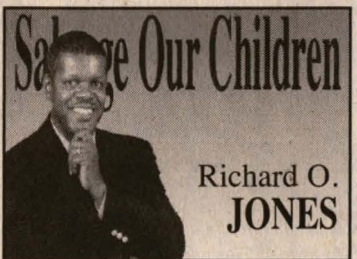
"pre-Fall" innocence.

Literary Archetypes--the remote ancestors rather than the immediate parent of some literary work-- are considered primordial images (also called dominants, imagos, mythological images, and behavior patterns), characters, or patterns of circumstances that recur throughout literature in all cultures and in all times. The anima, animus, and the shadow are the main types. Others are the earth mother, the hero, unity, magic, power, death and rebirth--i.e. those reflecting the natural cycle of seasons, sages, rebirth, demons, wild men, the elder wise men, the Creation Myth, the fall from Paradise, the Virgin Birth, the Sphinx, Hercules, Sun, conflict, and Prometheus.

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Prison inmates can brighten their fate by turning their incarceration into a sabbatical

The first thing convicts must accept is that society doesn't owe them anything. In most cases, society is better off with them



Richard O. JONES

being incarcerated because there's one less criminal on the streets. And when they all released, many in society will remain suspicious of them because they have proven to be dishonest and untrustworthy and are expected to behave even worse because there are now ex-convicts. For the most part, without going into a lot of boring statistics, most prisoners have less than a high school education, most

are repeat offenders. History has shown that unless a prisoner makes up his or her mind to change their lifestyle, they will continue to be a thorn in the side of society. For this reason, people don't want known felons as neighbors or employees. Prisoners can't blame society for being paranoid. A bad reputation is overcome by a continued pattern of a good and improved behavior. Prisoners can hope and pray that society trusts them but it is foolish to depend on that such forgiveness without physical evidence of change, which is not evident in words.

It is an uneasy feeling for an ex-convict to put his or her prison past on an employment application and that feeling is compounded with visible tattoos. As a job applicant, the ex-con has severely handicapped his or her prospects. And usually after a few disap-

pointments they resort to crime or drugs. However, such disappointments can be greatly decreased if inmates would begin to study to increase their academic level while incarcerated. Perhaps he or she can acquire or develop a skill that would enable them to become self-employed. Many skills can be learned through correspondence courses. Instead of having family members and friends send in packages of unproductive items such as edibles, cosmetics, radios, TVs, musical CDs, and street clothes, inmates should ask for academic material. Perhaps a person could master one foreign language per year by using CDs and tapes. Imagine the expanded opportunities of a job applicant at a major airport or hotel that is bilingual or trilingual. Prison gives a person time to advance their horizons and sometimes a person's negative

past is the key to their bright future.

The best resource to curb gang violence and crime is to use ex-gang members and ex-criminals as counselors. Every middle school and high school in America needs of youth counselors knowledgeable in street-life, whether they admit it or not. Inmates could earn a GED then study Criminology and/or Psychology while in prison and eventually qualify to earn a Bachelor's degree in less than four years. Then when he or she is released there will be opportunities based on their reform and past experience. The field of crime prevention always has a need for reformed convicts as public speakers. A well-read self-reformed inmate could become a highly paid independent public speaker with a focus on crime prevention. A convict could study journalism

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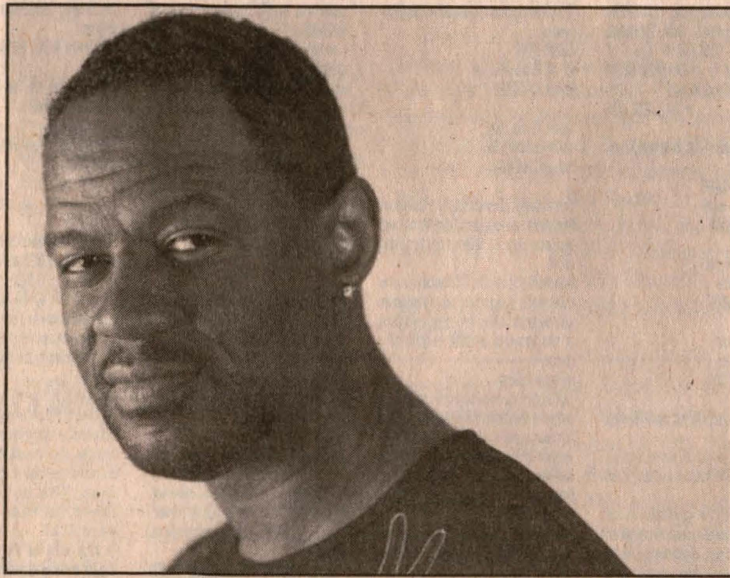
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2007 Jazzfest West To Feature Erykah Badu & Brian McKnight



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Omega Events is proud to announce the lineup for the 12th Annual JazzFest West, formerly the Old Pasadena JazzFest, slated for July 21 & 22. The lineup will feature three hip, urban vocalists... Erykah Badu, Brian McKnight & KEM... as well as many jazz festival favorites including Stanley Clarke, Euge Groove and The Average White Band, amongst others.

The new home of the festival is Bonelli Park in San Dimas, a tree-lined venue that is adjacent to Raging Waters and Puddingstone Lake. After eleven years in the Pasadena area, Omega Events moved the festival to Bonelli Park in an effort to seek more room for the festival's growth.

The 12th Annual JAZZFEST WEST, formerly the Old Pasadena JazzFest will be held on July 21 & 22, 2007 Hours: 10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Bonelli Park in San Dimas, located at the intersection of the 10 & 57 freeways (approximately 20 minutes from Disneyland and 30 minutes from

downtown Los Angeles). Street address: 120 Via Verde Park Road, San Dimas, CA, 91773.

On Saturday, July 21, JazzFest West will close the show with an artist that has never performed at the festival. This Mystery Headliner has sold millions of records, received Grammy nominations, and is always at the top of the "wish lists" of jazz fans. Contractually, Omega Events is forbidden from announcing the

artist until the gates open on July 21.

An international food court will feature an eclectic array of menu items. Additionally, many original artists and vendors will be displaying their work at the Vendor Village. To beat the July heat, Cool Zones will be situated throughout the grounds with misting systems & shade structures. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Pasadena

Kiwanis Club, a local nonprofit organization that supports youth group activities.

TICKETS: General admission tickets are \$45 per day or \$75 for a two-day pass. VIP tickets (\$85 per day) and Gold Tickets (\$165 per day) offer various amenities and reserved seats. Tickets can be purchased at OmegaEvents.com, the OE Box Office (949-360-7800), all Wahoos Fish Tacos and all Ticketmaster locations.

Eyes & Ears of Moreno Valley

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the young ladies. Bishop Craig W. Johnson spoke words of encouragement and wisdom to them.

A GENERAL MEETING FOR MORENO VALLEY'S "COMMUNITY OF PROMISE" is meeting July 23, 2007 at the Moreno Valley Conference and Community Center, 14075 Frederick Street. The program's vision is to inspire and motivate youth to achieve their full potential. For information call (951) 529-4904.

A Blood Drive sponsored by the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties will be held at Papa Johns Pizza beginning at 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 2007. Papa Johns is located at 12254 Perris Blvd., Moreno Valley. Donors will receive a t-shirt and a slice of pizza while supplies last. For information visit their website at www.bbs-brc.org or contact them at (800) 879-4484.

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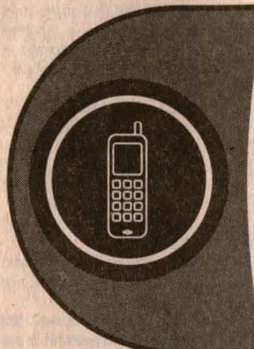
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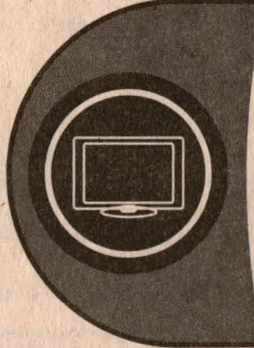
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Gifted 'Good Times' Star-Stanis Now Author



BerNadette Stanis (L) is joined by fan Diane Foster

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Jack Madre shares a moment with BerNadette Stanis

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MASHANTUCKET, CT

By Earl Heath
Staff Writer

It's been some time now since many of us tuned in to the seventies sitcom "Good Times". Bern Nadette Stanis, known as Thelma on the hit show, gave us many laughs. She portrayed a positive image of a young Black woman on television.

Stanis personified Black beauty of the seventies. She was

widely praised for helping overcome African-American stereotypes in America.

The Black Voice News joined the talented star, who has authored the book "Situations 101", at the Storyteller Bookstore located at the Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut.

She spoke of her "Good Times" cast member, John Amos. "He was great," said Stanis. "He taught us a lot."

On the legendary Esther Rolle - "She was wonderful. She was a

mother figure in real life. Everyone on the show loved her."

Ralph Carter (Michael) was nicknamed the "militant midget" on the show. "He grew up similarly to his character. He spent over 10 years living in Africa."

Stanis, who attended the Julliard School in New York, used her talent to create the book which addresses a variety of relationship concerns felt by today's women. Before you go complaining of one sidedness I will tell you, this is more than a

book just for women. While sharing a few moments with this gifted woman at a book signing, I personally witnessed male after male that came to purchase the book seeking her autograph.

"When I wrote it I thought that women would just be the ones to buy the book," said Stanis. "I found that men buy it, love it and email me and tell me how they enjoyed it."

A big topic that people discuss is abuse and not always physical and not always by men. Both sexes have a tendency to go back

to the person that dishes out the abuse.

"You're like addicted to a person when there no good for you. I've found many people have a self-esteem issue. A lot of times it's about a person being toxic for you, people keep going back to that bad person."

The book does contain humor. You will find a situation related to you or a friend.

Stanis has fans from her television life as well as the book. "I specifically came for the signing," said Scott Catton of

Boston. "It was probably my favorite sitcom from the 70's era. It was a comedy that incorporated drama. It (Good Times) crossed cultural lines and just wasn't a Black situational comedy. It's a rare big occasion."

Stanis travels around the country with her beautiful mother, Eula. The Julliard grad makes about seventy speaking engagements a year.

For more update on Stanis, who now makes her home in Southern California, go to www.thelmaofgoodtimes.com



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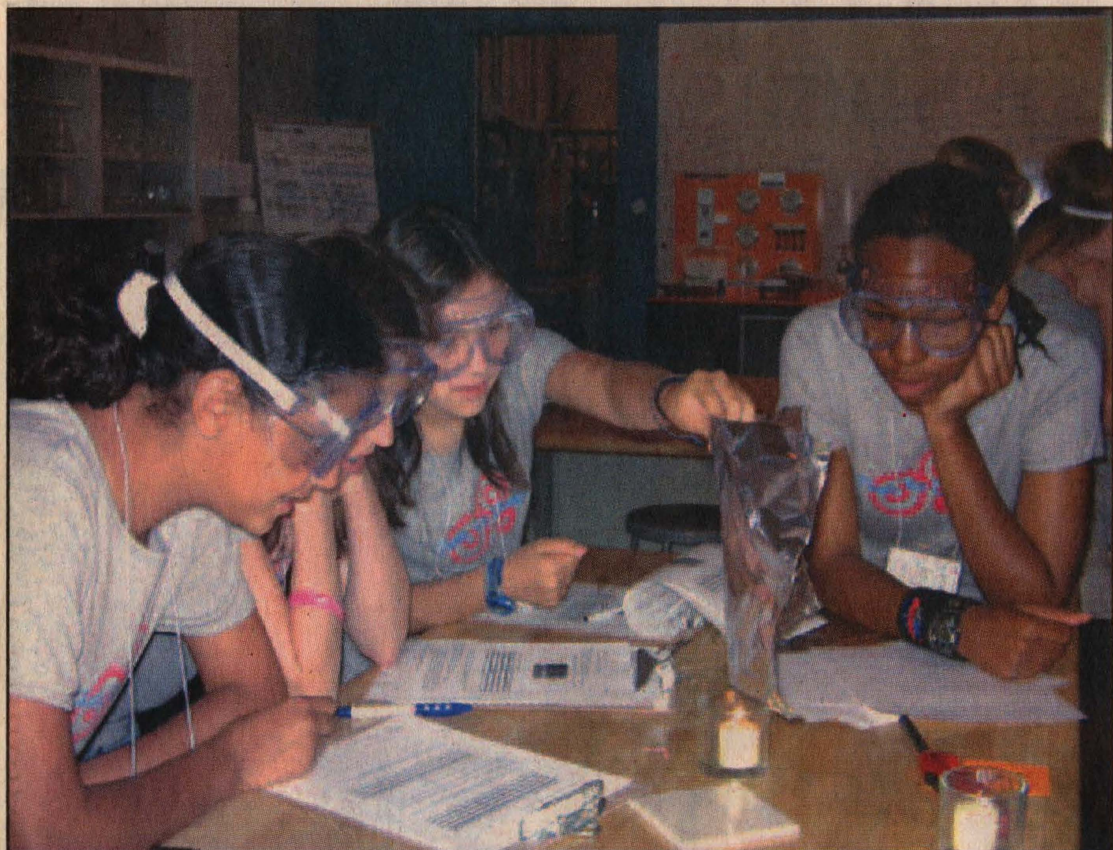
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“Minds for Design” Offers Summer Learning at UC Riverside's Bourns College of Engineering



Girls enjoy coming up with new inventions at “Minds for Design.”

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The Bourns College of Engineering and Girl Scouts of San Geronimo Council are offering a two-week summer day camp and a one week resident camp in July and August designed to introduce girls to the world of engineering.

Both camps are open to girls ages 11 through 17 and both include a trip to see the behind the scene action at Disney's California Adventure to see how physics apply to amusement park rides and how to prepare for a job as a ride designer.

The “Minds for Design” day camp lasts from Monday through Friday, July 30 to August 10. It is open to girls ages 11 through 16. Registration fees are \$125 per person. You do not have to be a Girl Scout to participate. Financial aid is also available to those who qualify. Also, the program is offering 10

scholarships to daughters of staff and faculty at UC Riverside.

The “Engineer IT Girls” resident camp lasts from July 22 to July 27, 2007. It is open to girls ages 12 through 17. Registration fees are \$375 per person. You do not have to be a Girl Scout to participate. Financial aid is also available to those who qualify.

Participants learn how the process of engineering works by conceptualizing and creating projects of their own design. Through hands-on activities, field trips to engineering firms, guest speakers, and professional mentoring, the girls have an opportunity to learn first-hand what it would be like to work in the field of engineering.

The goal of the program is to increase the number of women engineering science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields, said Sharon Walker, an assistant professor of Engineering at UC Riverside and one of the mentors in

the program.

“Minds for Design and Engineer IT Girls provide an inspirational environment,” Walker said. “Mentors guide the girls through hands-on, inquiry based activities. The girls feel free to take risks, ask questions and learn by trial and error.”

The program is designed to increase their knowledge of science and engineering and strengthen critical thinking skills. By the program's end the girls “think like an engineer” and become inspired to continue taking math and science courses and potentially pursue careers in STEM fields. All activities take place in lab, classroom, and residence halls UC Riverside.

Summer 2007 Program Dates

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Growing Up in the Age of the HPV Vaccine

By Dr. Gonzalo Garretón

When patients ask me if their daughters should get the HPV vaccine, I commend them. Most parents would rather not think about their child's sexuality – understandably. But those who are asking these questions are on the right track.

The HPV vaccine is the first vaccine known to prevent a cancer. It's relatively new, so many of my patients have questions about whether to give their children the vaccine. Doctors have long known that cancer of the cervix was more common among women who were sexually active, but they didn't know why. Eventually, scientists discovered that cervical cancer was being triggered by a virus – the human papillomavirus (HPV). Doctors then began testing patients for HPV during annual pap smear check-ups – because cervical cancer is highly treatable if caught early and potentially fatal if not.

HPV is a sexually transmitted virus. A New Jersey university study found that about 26 percent of women leaving high school were HPV-positive, but that number increased to 60 percent for women graduating college. HPV is the leading cause of genital warts and cervical cancer, which was once the most common cause of death for women in the United States.

Cervical cancer is still a serious concern today, especially for women of color. The American Cancer Society predicts that there will be more than 11,000 new cases of cervical cancer this year. Latinas have the highest incidence of cervical cancer in the United States, according to the National Cancer Institute, and experts say Latinas and African American women are twice as likely to die from cervical cancer as white women. Cancer is the leading cause of death for Asian Americans, and cervical cancer rates are highest among Vietnamese American women. Factors that cause these

trends include lack of health insurance, language barriers and limited information on the prevention of HPV. The key to reversing these trends is getting regular pap smear tests to detect the presence of HPV as early as possible – and now the vaccine that can prevent women from contracting HPV in the first place.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the HPV vaccine last year. The vaccine protects 90 percent of women against four types of the human papillomavirus (HPV). Doctors recommend that girls 11 to 12 years old get the vaccine, a series of three shots taken over six months, and it's also been approved for women up to age 26 if they didn't get the shots when they were younger.

This vaccine gives your daughter the opportunity to prevent cervical cancer. Some parents worry that giving their child the vaccine condones or promotes sexual activity. Maybe your daughter will never be exposed to the virus. But if she is, and she's had the vaccine, she'll be better protected against cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer is preventable and curable if detected early, but can be fatal if undetected. We have our children vaccinated against many viruses, such as chicken pox, measles and other sexually transmitted viruses like hepatitis C. Vaccines give us immunity against the causes of the disease. So ask your doctor about the HPV vaccine.

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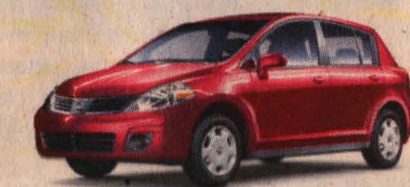
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Savior Jesus Christ," according to the church's Web site.

"Sunday morning is the most racist, segregated day of the week," said Gibson, who along with his wife, LaVette Gibson will host the event. "Blacks go to Black churches, whites go to white churches, but yet we call ourselves children of God, yet we celebrate among ourselves."

"The color line has been washed away by the blood of Jesus," he said. "As long as the Devil has us divided, he has us defeated."

It's that message of togetherness in Christ that Gibson has been successful in attracting Christians from across the country to the five-day event, which last year featured Kirk Franklin.

Attendance at this year's twelfth annual conference is expected to reach 20,000, Gibson said. Besides speakers such as Bishop T.D. Jakes, Bishop Noel Jones, Bishop Paul Norton, Pastor Marvin Sapp and evangelist Susie C. Owens, the conference also features a teen ministry session and a jazz concert.

Deitrick Haddon, will headline the Youth Explosion part of the conference, called R.I.O.T., "Righteous Invasion of Truth." He has become known for his style of music that merges elements of soul, hip-hop and funk into Gospel music. The unique "Jazzn in the City Jazz Concert," held at noon Aug. 4, features some of the genre's top performers; Kirk Whalum, Doc Powell, Tim Bowman, Ron Brown, and more.

Registration for the conference runs up to about \$200, but tickets can be purchased separately for individual events. Gibson acknowledges the price may be steep for some, but he says the expenses of hosting such a mammoth event can be exponential.

REV. GIBSON

Church members and employees of Life Church say many don't mind paying the price to attend the conference. They believe Gibson's vision, outgoing personality and the ability to relate Christianity to real life situations make him attractive to Christians who understand that being a Christian does not mean being perfect.

"I attribute the growth of the church to Ron's leadership style," said Dennis Morgan, communications director for Life Church. "We have lots of young people and he has the ability to make the word apply to youth. Most people say he keeps it real."

If there's one thing Gibson knows is real life. At 52 years old, Gibson says he has survived a life of poverty, drug dealing and excessive drug use, all through the power of Jesus Christ.

Born in South Central Los Angeles in housing projects that have since been replaced by Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital, Gibson said he witnessed the violence bearing down on his neighborhood, even touching his own family when his father was injured in a shooting. He and his five sisters and brother were brought up in the church. He escaped serious violence and entered the military where he became a military police officer. While the structure was there while enlisted, when he got out he had to return to his neighborhood.

Facing the possibility of becoming a police officer in a neighborhood known for the Black Panthers and other Black activists, Gibson decided against pursuing that career. Instead, he joined a gang, began dealing drugs and eventually "became his best customer," he said. For years he toiled in the depths of darkness, hospitalized several times for drug overdoses and living on Skid Row. His faith

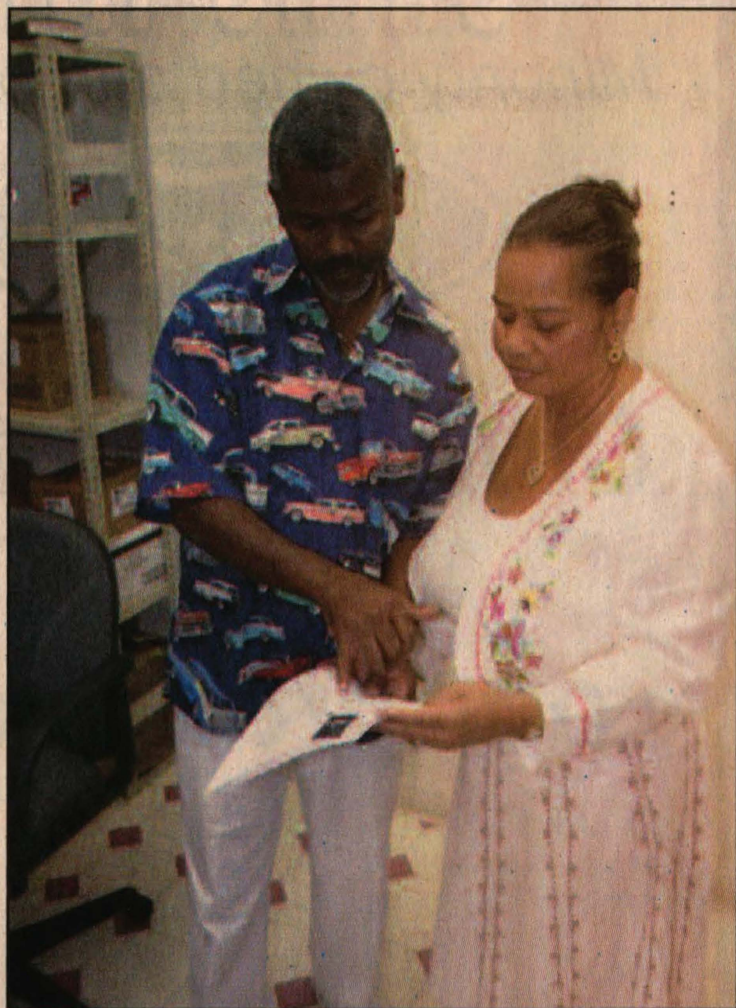


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Pastor Ron Gibson and First Lady LaVette Gibson review final details of Koinonia and the new construction.

wavered - especially when his father left his family for another woman.

"How can you think Jesus is real?" he remembers asking his mother after his father left.

Gibson would learn very soon how real Jesus was, he said. After one particular night of heavily partying and drug use that sent him walking down the middle of the street. Gibson said he felt as if he had hit rock bottom, no way out, nowhere to turn. At that moment he heard his mother's voice.

"She always said that when you feel there is no way out, call on Jesus," he said. "I did just that, I called on Jesus."

At that moment a friend who had been at the party with him came out of the house and took him to his house, Gibson said. At the home, Gibson's revelation continued.

"I felt like God had taken me out of my body so that I could see what I had become," he said. "I asked Jesus to save me on that day, Aug. 10."

Gibson showed up at his mother's house at 2 a.m. and told her he was ready to follow Jesus. His mother saw the change immediately he said. After that, Gibson enrolled in college and began his spiritual awakening with God as his leader. He had to share his message, "God is real," he was living proof. His devotion to God and the desire to help others find the light eventually led him to ministry.

That continues today, not only with his church and the vast amount of faith-based programs, but with his outreach to the community, including a program for young males who most certainly could end up like him in his youth.

REAL LIFE

The church's Real Life residential program is designed for males 12-18 years who have been a part of juvenile hall. In the two years since its inception, at least seven teens have gone thorough the program, though not all are successful.

"Some just can't deal with the structure," said Alex Guidry, principal of the K-6th school the church operates. "Some come in and don't give it a chance."

The program is not as rigid as juvenile hall, but there are rules the teens must follow. Their stay begins with a 30-day observation period where they have no visitors, Guidry said. They earn levels of privileges based on their behavior. They have a family room, complete with a Plasma TV and many more freedoms than they would not have in Juvenile Hall.

"We try to provide as normal as possible a family setting," Guidry said.

There are counseling sessions, free time and a faith-based curriculum, however the teens are not forced to attend Life Church, but they are invited, he said. Guidry estimates that four teens have successfully gone thorough the four-month program. He recalls one particular troubled youth who was asked, "where do



Photo by Regina Brown Wilson
Pastor Ron Gibson, LaVette Gibson, Roy Bennett, B. McCargo, Dennis Morgan, Cecilia Bennett, Alonzo Somerville, make-up LIFE's administrative staff.

you think you will be in five years?" His reply: "I'll either be dead or in prison."

It's that stark reality that keeps program leaders searching for youth to fill the program's beds, hoping to save even one. At times the choice is to attend Real Life or return to Juvenile Hall. The church works with the Riverside County Probation department to identify youth who may benefit from the program. A similar program is being considered for at-risk girls, Guidry said.

THE FUTURE

Though many initiatives are in the works at Life Church the

biggest undertaking is construction of a new church, equipped to handle the church's massive growth, four Sunday services, missionary initiatives and the televising of the worship services. The new church will be across the street from the current facility and is part of a major development of 1,200 homes, a Home Dept and several other retail developments. The church also will feature a 24-hour prayer tower where all are welcome to come pray at any hour. Morgan estimates move-in will be in 2010.

For now, Gibson focuses on his current ministry and study-

ing the word of God. His office, an eclectic featuring a wall of books that include works on Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Catholicism, and Buddhism, because Gibson said he believes a pastor should have an understanding of all faiths. Besides the many faith-based books, there are also books on physical geology, the art of conversation and an introduction to mathematical analysis.

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Pictured L-R: Wren Brown, Event Coordinator; Brenda Hudson, Marketing Director, Broadway Federal Bank; Eddie Levert, Author; Lyah Beth LeFlore, Co-Author; James Fugate, Co-Owner EsoWon Books

Broadway Federal Bank Hosts Eddie Levert Booksigning

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LOS ANGELES

Broadway Financial Corporation ("Company") (NASDAQ Small-Cap: BYFC), the holding company of Broadway Federal Bank, f.s.b. ("Bank" or "Broadway"), hosted a book signing for Eddie Levert to discuss his biography "I Got Your Back" Father and Son Keep it Real About Love, Fatherhood and Friendship written with his late son, Gerald Levert and Lyah Beth LeFlore.

"Broadway is committed to supporting local businesses, and we are happy to sponsor the venue for EsoWon Books and have the book signing at the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center in Los Angeles," Stated Paul C. Hudson, Chief Executive Officer. "The book delivers a great message about the intimate details of their life. It is our inspiring book for men in the music industry and fathers across the nation."

Broadway Federal Bank, celebrating its 60th anniversary, is a community-oriented savings bank, which primarily originates residen-

tial and commercial mortgage loans in the greater Los Angeles area. The Bank operates four full service branches, three in the city of Los Angeles, and one in the nearby city of Inglewood, California. Shareholders, analysts and others

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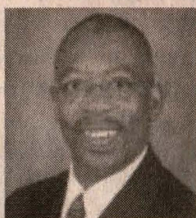
Supervisor Josie Gonzales Endorses Rikke Van Johnson

Councilman Rikke Van Johnson has gained the endorsement of San Bernardino County Supervisor Josie Gonzales.

"The residents of the 6th Ward can count on Rikke Van Johnson and the commitment he has made to work hard to improve the quality of life for his constituents. I am proud to endorse Councilman Johnson in his bid for re-election," said Supervisor Gonzales.

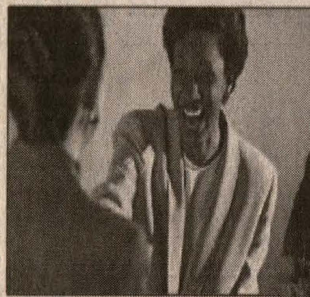
"I am excited to have the endorsement of the Supervisor. It will be a pleasure to continue working with her for another four years to strengthen our communities and the City of San Bernardino," said Johnson.

As a 43 year resident of the City of San Bernardino, Rikke Van Johnson is retired from the United States Postal Service after 27 years of service. Councilman Johnson was elected to the City Council in November 2003 and was sworn in to represent the residents of the Sixth Ward of the City of San Bernardino on March 1, 2004. His term expires in March 2008. He currently serves on the Ways & Means Committee, the Redevelopment Committee, the Police Ad Hoc Committee, the I-215 Ad Hoc Committee, the Budget Advisory Ad Hoc Committee and serves as an alternate on the San Bernardino Regional Water Resources Authority. He has also served on the Legislative Review Committee.



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HUD Announces Creation Of New Lending Division

New office will scrutinize mortgage lending practices

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WASHINGTON

In order to ensure equality in today's lending and overall housing market environment, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) announced today that it is creating a new Fair Lending Division that will review mortgage lending practices throughout the nation. HUD has hired a senior-level economist and has advertised to hire five fair lending specialists to enhance its capacity to investigate allegations of mortgage lending discrimination.

"We have launched a record number of investigations this year and have recently announced several major fair lending settlements," said Kim Kendrick, HUD's Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. "But in today's

lending environment, where consumers sometimes become victims of discriminatory practices, we have to do more to educate and protect potential homeowners and enforce the law."

Specifically, the new Fair Lending Division will investigate discrimination complaints against lenders who have allegedly violated the Fair Housing Act by refusing to make mortgage loans, refusing to provide the same information regarding loans, or imposing different terms or conditions for granting a loan, such as factors based on the race or national origin of the borrower. The division will also conduct investigations where lending patterns or other information suggests discrimination by a lender, but no individual has come forward to file a complaint. In addition, the division will conduct HUD's fair lending oversight of the Government-Sponsored Enterprises, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, to ensure their underwriting policies and practices comply with fair lending laws.

"Lending cases are complex and require extensive resources to review and

compare mountains of loan data," explained Kendrick. "The addition of this Fair Lending Division will allow the Department to enhance the quality and speed at which the Department conducts lending investigations."

HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and its partners in the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) investigate approximately 10,300 housing discrimination complaints annually. Six percent of the complaints HUD

receives and five percent of the complaints FHAP agencies receive allege lending discrimination.

People who believe they are the victims of housing discrimination or need additional information should contact HUD by calling 1-800-669-

9777 (voice), 800-927-9275 (TTY), or logging onto www.hud.gov/fairhousing. To apply for one of the fair-lending specialist positions, log on to www.hud.gov/fairhousing, then go to "Working with HUD" and click on "HUD Jobs."

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The Art of the Start: Getting Back to Basics



When I get deep into the day to day of my business operations, it becomes easy to lose focus of the big picture. I had a great conversation with a seasoned veteran of the dot com days and he shared with me the basic concept of Chaos Theory. The basic idea is that if you extract yourself away from the details, you begin to see patterns not previously apparent. This prompted me to revisit a book that helped me understand the basic elements of starting anything: The Art of the Start by Guy Kawasaki. Here, I will revisit the essentials:

1. Make Meaning

In our case, we saw meaning when the creator of ThemBid.com, Isaac Saldana, pondered the problem of finding someone to repair his washing machine. He asked, "Wouldn't it be cool if I could just go online and post my request and have businesses bid? Then use a community rating to make a value based decision." From this, our team saw the vision of creating a situation where consumers could find the best value without wast-

ing valuable time searching, while simultaneously allowing businesses to have an easy means of connecting to their customers without the need for big advertising expenditures.

Remember, anything you do must have a powerful meaning to back it up.

2. Make Mantra

Instead of using a drawn out mission statement that nobody will read, a small memorable statement is needed that will keep everyone in the organization focused on the meaning. In our case we chose: "Stop Searching, Make Them Bid." Admittedly, this is actually too long... but its a start.

3. Get Going

It's easy to get stuck in the specification phase. You can spend months, if not years defining all the details. Instead, adopt a fast, iterative process and get the product or service out to the stakeholders as soon as you can. The folks at 37 Signals have some good thoughts on that process. You can read their book online free. It is focused more on technology oriented companies, but the ideas are applicable to any modern business.

With ThemBid.com, we iterate quickly and often while engaging both our internal team and our users. As a result, our service continues to evolve around our users needs; howev-

er, we always keep our meaning and mantra in mind. Sometimes, this means saying no to certain features. That may well be the most difficult discipline to master, the art of no.

4. Define Your Business Model

It is essential to figure out early on how you will generate revenue. You must understand your market and competitors in order to provide a compelling reason on how your service and/or product will create a sustainable business model.

ThemBid.com has several business models that change as we continue to understand our market. We have commissioned University and professional help to assist in discovering and understanding our market. Through our own research, we found a significant market, and based on that fact we continued with the project. Sometimes, that investigation reveals that it may be time to start something else.

5. Weave a MAT (Milestones, Assumptions, and Tasks)

Milestones

We all know the importance of goal setting. A goal is a vision with a deadline. Make sure each milestone has a deadline and people responsible. We use a system called Trac to help manage our milestones.

Assumptions

It is important to define and

review the assumptions that go into your business model. When the assumptions change you must quickly adjust. This is another advantage to the agile business, the ability to maneuver quickly when needed.

Tasks

There will be in most cases an overwhelming amount of things to get done. Instead of keeping all of that information in your head, be sure to make a list of all of the required tasks to get your organization going. Then prioritize, add deadlines and delegate. Remember to apply the Pareto Principle. You may want to also review a system called Getting Things Done.

Well, what are you waiting for? Get started...

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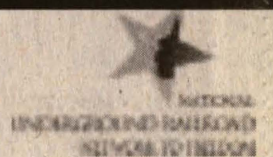
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Pastor Charlyn Singleton is married to Pastor Chuck Singleton of Loveland Church in Ontario, Ca. She is the mother

of Chuck, Chris, Corey and Cary, and two spiritual daughters, LaShon and Donna Michelle.

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RIVERSIDE

Amos Temple CME Church will be worshipping this Sunday, July 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in their new sanctuary located at 17925 Iris Avenue, Riverside, CA 92508. A dedication service for the new edifice will take place in the Fall of 2007.

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Rev. Levert H. Johnson was assigned to develop Riverside CME.

Twenty-nine years later, the church was officially named Amos Temple in honor of Presiding Bishop, The Right Rev. Walter H. Amos and a cornerstone

was laid in 1963.

Pastor Julio Andujo now serves as pastor of Amos Temple. See their ad on page B-6.

Amos Temple Holds Service in New Building

Second Baptist Hosts Youth Fellowship

Second Baptist Church Of Riverside will host The Valley District Youth Fellowship on Sunday, July 29, 2007 beginning at 5:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be R. Darnell Dyson, Pastor of Greater Faith Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California. Guest Churches: Ajalon Baptist Church of Palm Springs, Pastor, CW Parker, Moderator; Second Baptist Church of Indio, Pastor Ricky Williams; First Baptist Church of Banning, T.L. Thomas; First Baptist Church of Palm Springs, Pastor Cromer; Park Avenue Baptist of Riverside, Pastor Larry Campbell, and many more. All are welcome to worship with us.

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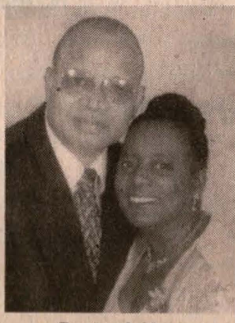
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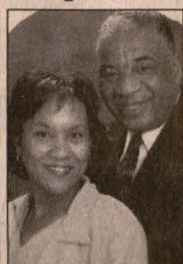
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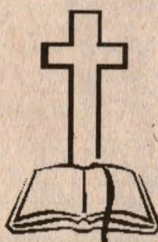
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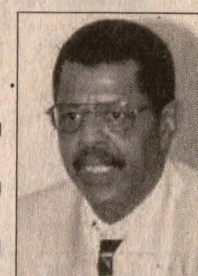
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Religion

The Black Voice News

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Thursday, July 19, 2007

GWC Celebrates Pastor Charlyn Singleton For 25 Years

Family, Friends And Officials Honor The Mighty Woman Of God

The Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO



Charlyn Singleton

Hallelujah Anyhow..."No matter what, I WILL praise God" states Pastor Charlyn M. Singleton, First Lady of Loveland Church and President of God's Woman Conferences (GWC); thus the reason 25th year celebration is in order.

Every year, for 25 years, women from around the world meet for a week in the desert to seek God and hear His voice. And for 25 years, Pastor Singleton has dedicated her life's ministry empowering women



Mom Brewington

and young ladies to have faith, keep going and not to stop through excellence, beauty and sophistication. An example of class, style, dress and speech, over 5000 women look up to and aspire to be the above the bar level Pastor Singleton possesses.

The year 1981 marked the beginning of GWC with 125 women attendance. However, through prayer and "Hallelujah Anyhow" moments, this mother ship of all conferences has grown to

over 5000 attendees!

Today, the desert triumphantly awaits the celebration of GWC'S 25th Anniversary at the exquisite JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort Spa in Palm Desert August 1-4th. Over 5000 women, friends, officials and speakers will partake in an overdue "Thank-You" to Pastor Charlyn Singleton.

Friday, August 3rd, offers a special night of celebration and awards to Pastor Singleton. Afterwards she will give her sermon and a VIP Reception will follow. Speakers for this entire week of celebration are Pastor Chuck Singleton, Reverend Jackie McCullough, Mom Brewington, Beatrice Gardiner, and T.D. Jakes. Songstresses are Judy Jacobs and Pastor Ron Cooley and the S.O.U.L.S. Ministry Praise Team.

Simultaneously, GWC celebrates the God's "Young" Woman Conferences where youth 13 and over experience an atmosphere to have fun, learn about themselves, hear other teens and their issues, but most importantly meet and greet the Lord! Friday, August 3 is "Friday Night Live" and is opened to all teenagers. It consists of Hip Hop, Krump, Steppers, Dance Teams and more.

Pastor Charlyn Singleton is a nationally recognized Bible teacher known for her in-depth

Bible teaching and unique ability to bring the scriptures to life. She has a life time ministry of

preaching and teaching the Word of God in churches, conferences, See GWC, Page B-5

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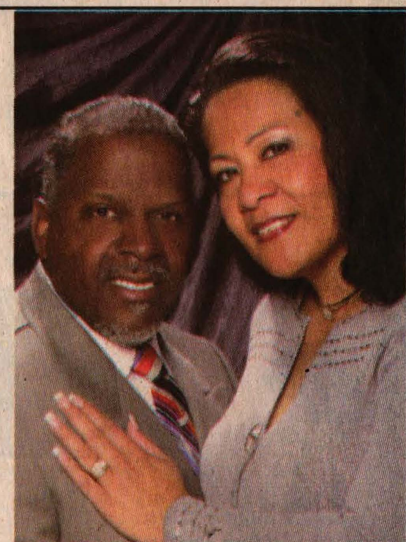
Sunday Services

Early Morning Worship	7:30 am
Sunday School	9:00 am
Mid-Morning Worship	10:15 am
Nursery Open	10:15 am

Wednesday Services

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