Karen Bass Makes United States History as the first African American Woman to be named to the Assembly of the State of California

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Black Voice News

Karen Bass: First Black Woman Elected to the Committee of the Assembly of California's Assembly.

The Black Voice News

By Chris Lester

Karen Bass, who represents Los Angeles in the California Assembly, became the first black woman to be elected to the state's legislature.

Karen Bass was born and raised in Los Angeles. She attended and graduated from Compton Community College, where she studied political science and history.

She was first elected to the Assembly in 1996, and has been re-elected four times since then.

Karen Bass is a member of the California Legislative Black Caucus and serves on several key committees, including the Budget Committee and the Appropriations Committee.

She is known for her work on issues such as education, healthcare, and housing.

Karen Bass has been a strong advocate for black women and girls, and has been instrumental in passing legislation that addresses their needs.

She has also been a vocal advocate for criminal justice reform and has worked to reduce the state's prison population.

Karen Bass is a progressive Democrat who has been a leader in the effort to pass meaningful legislation to address the needs of the state's most vulnerable populations.

She is a strong voice for working families and has been a key ally in the fight for a fair minimum wage and improved healthcare.

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Race Alone Is Never A Good Reason To Seek Public Office

It was reported a couple of weeks ago that San Bernardino City Councilman Wally Greenhill had been found dead in his home in the city of Ontario. It is believed that he had fallen from a second-story window and that he had been suffering from serious medical problems. The investigation into his death is ongoing.

Wally Greenhill was a long-time city councilman who had served over 20 years in the position. He was known for his strong stance on law and order and for his commitment to the city's senior citizens. He had been involved in various community service organizations and had been an advocate for the elderly.

Wally Greenhill was a respected member of the community and will be missed by many. His legacy will live on through his dedication to public service and his commitment to making sure that the elderly were well taken care of.

The city of Ontario has expressed its condolences to the family and friends of Wally Greenhill. The city council has also called for a moment of silence during its next meeting in honor of Mr. Greenhill.

Letter to the Editor

“Close up on Black people”

I was pleased to join King Middle School in March to help start a partnership between the school and the San Bernardino Police Department's Gang Task Force. The partnership was designed to help reduce gang activity in the area and to provide a safer environment for students.

As a police officer, I have seen firsthand the devastating impact that gangs have on our communities. I have seen the pain and suffering that they cause to innocent people, especially children. I know that we must do everything in our power to keep our children safe and to prevent them from being drawn into the world of gangs.

I also know that we must engage with our youth and work to understand their world. We must listen to them and work to understand their perspectives. We must also work to build relationships with them and to provide them with the support they need to stay on the right path.

I am proud to be part of this partnership and I look forward to working with King Middle School and the San Bernardino Police Department to make a difference in our community.

Barbara Brown
District Supervisor
Riverside Loses A Beloved Native Son, McCoy Williams

Williams: Community Activist and Recent Inductee into the Riverside Scouts Hall of Fame

By Lita Pezant

McCoy Williams, a lifelong Riverside native, died at home last Sunday, March 2, 2008, after suffering a long illness. Mr. Williams was 72.

Born in Riverside, CA on February 3, 1936, the oldest son of Tinsel Williams and his wife Bernice McCoy, he attended Riverside area schools, and graduated from Riverside Poly High School, having been a star athlete and captain of the school's sports team.

McCoy married his high school sweetheart, Nora Bryant, in 1957, and the couple raised and nurtured five children.

McCoy earned a Bachelor's Degree from California Baptist College (now Cal Baptist University), and found an early affinity and career path for helping people, particularly youth.

After completing his career as a counselor for Riverside County Juvenile Hall and then became a probation officer. He went on to serve 10 years as the Director of Housing Services for the University of California, Riverside, from the late 60's through the 1970's.

During that time he was well known for enhancing student's living environments, and gave special attention to married students and their unique family housing needs. Referred to often as "Coy", he was well known and respected both on campus and in the general community for his compassion and support for students, and his tact and diplomacy during political charged times.

McCoy and his wife Nora, befriended many students. Many of them have continued to stay in contact with the Williams family and involve them in their lives and the lives of their children throughout the years. Mr. and Nora also cared for dozens of children in their home, and served as foster parents for many years. After leaving the University, McCoy worked as a State of California parole agent, retiring in 1994 after suffering a stroke. Never one to quit, he fought back and recovered almost completely from the effects of the stroke.

Always active in the community, Mr. Williams also ran for Riverside City Council in 1986, was a life member of the Riverside branch of the NAACP, and was active in various health organizations. Known as a person who could talk to people on both sides of an issue to help to find solutions, McCoy was a founding member of the Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) in Riverside, along with DeVaughn Armstrong, and worked closely with the national OIC leader Rev. Leon Sullivan to strengthen the job training and education organization.

Photo by Jon Gaede

First PLACE: McCoy Williams is shown here after receiving his First Place CIF medal, earned in 1954, from Nick Tavaglione on February 6, 2008, in a much-anticipated effort to earn a 54-year-old CIF record. "Coy" is scheduled to be inducted into the Riverside Scouts Hall of Fame. McCoy Williams, Nick Tavaglione, Rob Stalder, former coach at North High School.

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Riverside Scout Troop of Principals of Faith Christian Center in the Riverside Community

Inland Empire

With all types of activities planned for the spring and summer, The Boy Scouts of America have begun ramping up the minds and horizons of local boys with activities throughout the Inland Empire.

The Boy Scouts Troop of Principals of Faith Christian Center in Pomona recently held a Pasadena Derby Car Race. The Proceeds of the Faith Christian Center are the second church to form a troop within the Scouting program.

In traditional Scouting programs, parents pay for such expenses as registration, uniforms, camping trips, and equipment. The Scouting program targets families who, for the most part, are unable to provide any financial support. Scouting has an obligation to serve all youth regardless of their socio-economic situation. During our service to youth, we are most concerned with our ability to reach the lower income and "at-risk" members of our communities.

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I want to give a special shout out to Katherine Wiltch who has worked for PBS for a couple of years and has been dedicated to the "art" of managing the layout of Registration Feels. Ms. Wiltch takes her duties seriously and at the point it feels necessary to share them. It is wonderful to know that we can be there to help make each client's events run smoothly. Here are some suggestions:

- Make sure you print the point card for all listing information to keep the needed height.

More tips are printed in the back of the magazine and I am very much looking forward to them.

You can find out more at that site. I can't be there in person but I will be following along with you as I think of the best ways to do a great job. Thanks to Ms. Wiltch for keeping up as well as to assist the clients in finding their

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Assembly Member Walter Jortner, Junior, the featured speaker at Bloomington High School's "Unity Day Celebration" is Friday, March 20th, 2009. a list of the other clients. Both students were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Galleria At Tyler Preparing For New Freeway Marquee Sign

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Daniels wins U.S. premier African-American scholar/athlete award.

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For too often the mood in America focuses on all that is wrong with our country, its people and its communities. That focus has its merits and it is necessary to arrest the demons and negatives that engulf this country.

However, while we try to gain control of our environment, we should also take a step back and acknowledge those that are doing the right thing — especially our youth.

That is exactly the mission of the National Alliance of African American Athletes (Alliance or NAAA).

Last week the NAAA held its annual Watkins Award at the InterContinental Hotel in Los Angeles. The event was a black-tie affair that honored the top five African-American male college athletes in the United States.

This year’s “Elite Five” were Matthew Daniels of Atlanta, Georgia (4.25 GPA), Kenneth Page of Ohio (3.4 GPA), Covaughn Matthew Daniels of Atlanta, Georgia (4.0 GPA), Ronald Rhoden of the New York Giants (3.8 GPA) and Lamon King (a.k.a. Lazee) of the National Letters to play football in college. Posey at Ohio State, Page at Clemson, Deloskoe at California, Moore at Michigan and Daniels at Duke.

Since the first award in 1991, it has evolved into a truly special undertaking. The applicants complete a comprehensive packet that includes an essay, four letters of recommendation, official transcripts, athletic awards, extra-curriculum activities and community service. From 100 to 1000 applicants, a national wide selection committee narrows the field to the final five or four young men.

Emerging from this year’s “Elite Five” Watkins Class of 2008 in the 16th annual winner was All-American safety Posey.

“I can’t believe I won this award,” an elated Daniels said. “I don’t feel special, because all my classmates and I have worked hard to achieve our goals.”

Daniels received the big trophy, all are considered winners and each will receive an award, ring, and a transcript award, along with a scholarship to four-year institutions.

The keynote speaker was sports columnist William Rhoden of the New York Times and co-emcees were actress Claudette Little and comedian-radio personality Lamont King (a.k.a. LaZee King). Each in the Class of 2008 were extremely happy they went through the time-consuming application process.

“When I got the information about the award I was happy,” said Moore, an All-American. “Because I was looking for something that had academics as its focus. I said I have to do this.”

Noted Page, an outstanding scholar, said he is just a few of the young men to be in “The Final Five.”

Explained Posey, the top receiver in the nation: “When I first got the packet I felt like it was just another set of papers I had to fill out. My mom said, ‘Boy you better get this done.’ After coming here and meeting all the other Watkins Family members, I’m so glad I’m now in the family.”

Said Deloskoe, one of the top running backs in the nation: “I’m so happy to be here in the Final Five. I was scared at first but got over the nervousness.”

The following is a list of the Watkins Family:

2007: Joseph Barkdale - 3.5 GPA, LSU; Andrew Davis - 4.0 GPA, Oregon; Brandon Stephens - 3.7 GPA, Texas; Trent Treadway - 4.1 GPA, Georgia; Charles White - 3.9 GPA, Georgia; Bryant Bowang - 4.0 GPA, Ohio State.

2006: Terry Grant - 3.4 GPA, Alabama; Gerald McCoy - 3.5 GPA, Oklahoma; Myron Rolle - 4.0 GPA, Florida State; Ronnie Brown - 3.9 GPA, Auburn.

2005: Robert Kibble - 3.7 GPA, UCLA; Mohamed Massaquoi - 3.8 GPA, Georgia; Dwayne Bowe - 3.9 GPA, LSU; Vincent Ogbeche - 3.6 GPA, Duke; Ekow Udefo - 4.0 GPA, Stanford.

2004: Douglas Dorsett - 3.8 GPA, Michigan; Ted Ginn, Jr. - 3.6 GPA, NFL Dolphins; Daryl Richardson - 4.0 GPA, Georgia; Darius Walker - 4.0 GPA, NFL Texas.

2003: Sam Chang - 3.9 GPA, Northwestern; Emeka Nwachukwu - 4.0 GPA, Stanford; Jason Evans - 3.8 GPA, Stanford; Aaron Henderson - 3.9 GPA, Northern California; Jonathan Hubbard - 3.7 GPA, Stanford.

2002: Justin Blalock - 3.6 GPA, NFL Falcons; Jamal Cornetel - 4.0 GPA, NFL Bills; Marcus Jackson - 4.0 GPA, Georgia; Marcus McCutchon - 4.0 GPA, Stanford.

2001: Michael Craven - 4.0 GPA, Stanford; Lorenzo Alexander - 3.9 GPA, NFL Redskins; Maurice Hall - 4.0 GPA, Ohio State; J.R. Lemon - 3.8 GPA, NFL Raiders.

2000: Marcus Houston - 3.9 GPA, Colorado; Adam Boone - 4.0 GPA, Minnesota; Dominique Sims - 4.0 GPA, Minnesota; Brandon Rayson - 3.8 GPA, Michigan.

1999: Deoye Toles - 4.0 GPA, NFL Giants; Charles Mann - 4.0 GPA, NFL Panthers; Luke Powell - 4.0 GPA, NFL Cardinals.

1998: Ronald Curry - 3.8 GPA, NFL Raiders; Jason Capel - 3.7 GPA, North Carolina; Duke McKamey - 4.0 GPA, San Jose State.

1997: Grant Rice - 3.8 GPA, NFL Raiders; LaVone Arrington - 3.8 GPA, NFL; Shane Battier - 3.7 GPA, NBA Rockets.


The award was initiated in 1992 to promote academic excellence among young African-American males. It was named after an unsung football coach from Harrisburg, Pa., who worked miracles with Black inner-city males, giving hope and direction to at-risk kids heading to cancer in 1989.

"We want to change how African-American athletes are viewed," said Pennsally Alliance Executive Director. “We’re trying to highlight these athletes and present them in a positive light. These are good people and we’re rewarding them for being good servants to their communities.

Wrote Dr. Alexander L. Gubbin, a professor of accounting at James Madison University and selection committee co-chair: “These young men are outstanding and knock down all the stereotypes of what a Black athlete is.”

Concurred Reggie Grant, selection committee co-chair. “It’s an awesome thing seeing all these young men’s achievement in the classroom, and on the fields of play.”

The Watkins Family is sponsored by The Black News. For more information, Leland Stein is former Sports Director for The Black News. He is currently a sports writer for The Michigan Chronicle.

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ATV Linked to Serious Injuries

In 2008, the Toyota Ants-Accident Foundation issued its third Watkins Family List. The ATV list includes the deaths of three high school athletes in three years. In 2007, Ants-Accident Foundation was involved in Toyota’s “Safe at Home” campaign, which included broken bones, crushed and punctured organs, severed laces and crushed bodies. If you are a loved one suffered serious injury or death as result of ATV illness accidents, then our loved one himself or herself or loved ones may be eligible. Ants-Accident Foundation may be able to help. Monies will be used to help fund safety programs in schools and communities.

For more information or to make a donation, please visit the website www.ants-accident.com.
Dry Skin - Yes It Is

Dear Nutrition: I have very dry, itchy skin. What...
On the Sunday afternoon of March 2, 2008, the Riverside African American Historical Society, Inc. (RAAHS) held its 10th Annual Pace Setters/Unsung Hero’s reception. The event was attended by the community and selected by a committee of members who made significant contributions and had positive impacts on the lives of those in the community. The reception honored the following individuals:

- Zella Ballard, first African American woman to graduate from college in the Inland Empire. She is the founder of Ballard’s Boys Club and the American Cancer Society.
- Leon Carrigan, a pioneer in the insurance industry in San Bernardino, Colton, and Riverside. He founded the Watts Summer Junior Olympics in 1972. The Carrigan family owns a produce farm on one year, and he is the first African American to start his own insurance agency in the Inland Empire. His volunteer activities included Ballard Boys Club and the American Cancer Society.
- Clarence C. Mackey, widely known as Coach Mackey, is a community advocate and youth mentor. He was coach and recreation director at Jordan High School in Los Angeles for forty-one years. He founded the Watts Family Business Association in 1960 and has served as the catalyst to the Inland Empire. His volunteer activities included the Inland Empire African American Community Association.
- Hugh Layton and Jeanette Ward, a community advocate and youth mentor. She was coach and recreation director at Jordan High School in Los Angeles for forty-one years. She founded the Watts Family Business Association in 1960 and has served as the catalyst to the Inland Empire. His volunteer activities included the Inland Empire African American Community Association.
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Moreno Valley Celebrates Black History Month

The weather was cloudy and cool, and may have discouraged some from going to the Moreno Valley Black History Parade, 3-1-08, but others came early to set out seats or blankets along the parade route.

Parade participants included parade Grand Marshall, Dell Roberts; Michelle Park, Member, State Board of Equalization; the Mayor Pro Tem of Moreno Valley, and Judge Fields. Always a family event, the Black History Parade features local church, school, youth and other community groups often involving parents with their children and their friends. Some will be participating in the parade, but others may be pushing a stroller or carrying a child while walking along the sidelines accompanying their group.

This year's M V event began at Moreno Valley High School and continued at the Moreno Valley mall with an afternoon of programs, awarding of prizes, and time to visit food and other vendors and community service organizations, and of course - time to visit with friends and family.

Young and old parade-goers enjoyed the Moreno Valley parade.
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The following person(s) is (are) the name in violation of the rights of another.

I declare that all the information herein, LLP, 3055 India St., San Diego, California, is true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.

Lany Ward, County Clerk

You have 30 Calendar Days after the publication of this notice to file a written petition with the court clerk for a fee waiver form.

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