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A Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you today. The recent events in our community have left me deeply concerned for the safety and well-being of our citizens.

As a resident of our town, I have always been proud of the way we come together to support one another. I have seen firsthand how the people in our community rally around those in need, whether it's during natural disasters or personal crises.

However, recent incidents have raised questions about how we can continue to thrive as a community. The tension and discord seem to be growing, and it is clear that we need to find a way to come together and address these issues.

I urge all of us to take a moment to reflect on our actions and words. We must remember that our community is built on the foundation of respect, kindness, and understanding.

Let us work together to create a safer, more inclusive environment for all. Together, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Riverside Loses A Beloved Native Son, McCoy Williams

By Lita Pezant

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

Born in Riverside, CA on February 3, 1936, the oldest son of Trivel Williams and his wife Emma McCoy, he attended Riverside area schools, and graduated from Riverside Poly High School, having been a star athlete and captain of the school’s track 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 college, he started his career as a counselor for Riverside 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. He and Nora also cared for dozens of children in their home, and also 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 1968, 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.

Educator Waudier Rucker-Hughes served as the OIC Executive Director for many years and stated, “McCoy was one of the synthesists, he was at the forefront of addressing the Continued on Page B-5

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-appreciated effort to correct a 54-year-old error. “Coy” is scheduled to be inducted into the Riverside Sports Hall of Fame at the annual Banquet this May. Left to right: Gary Taylor, Vice President of the Riverside Sports Hall of Fame; McCoy Williams; Nick Tavaglione, Rob Saldarriaga, former coach at North High School.

Photo by Jon Gaede...
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Alavado said that the 12-year-old girl, having kicked back into the 40-year-old, got up from the floor and climbed up to her perch. The girl then turned to look at her own reflection and then turned back toward the officer, who appeared even more prominent as he stepped into the line of sight. She made a breakthrough, the officer fired once and then followed up with four more shots.

The following day, Governor Schwarzenegger called for a 20% increase in the state’s budget to address the state’s fiscal crisis. He also announced plans to increase the state’s sales tax by 1% to fund education and healthcare initiatives. The governor’s proposals were met with mixed reactions from state legislators, who debated the merits of the plan and the potential impact on the state’s economy.

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Bloomington High School “Unity Day Celebration” is slated for Thursday, March 6, 2008.

This event is for Bloomington Schools students to come together and celebrate diversity. It is an opportunity for students to learn how to work in collaboration with others from different cultures and backgrounds.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. with a rally in the gymnasium, followed by a series of workshops and activities throughout the school day. The event will conclude with a group photo at 2:45 p.m. in the gymnasium.

All students are encouraged to participate and come together for this important day. It is an opportunity to learn from one another and celebrate the diversity of our community.

For more information, please contact the organizing committee at 503-505-5555.
Daniels wins U.S. premier African-American scholar/athlete award.

The Black Voice News

By Leland Stein III

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 demagogues and negatives that engulf this country.

However, while we try to gain control of our environments, 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 Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

The event was a black-tie affair that honored the top African-American male athlete in the United States.

This year's "Elite Five" were Matthew Daniels of Atlanta, Georgia (4.0 GPA), Covington DeBoskie of Chicago, Arizona (4.1 GPA), Brandon Posey of Cincinnati, Ohio, (4.0 GPA), Terry Grant of Seton Hall, New Jersey (3.6 GPA) and DeVier Posey of Cincinnati, Ohio (3.4 GPA).

All five are All-Americans and each has signed their national letters of football to play for the following teams:

Notre Dame University - Brandon Posey
Ohio State University - DeVier Posey
Michigan State University - Terry Grant
Seton Hall University - DeVier Posey
Cincinnati Bearcats - Terry Grant

When the awards are presented to the individual athletes, it is as much a recognition of the families as it is for the athletes themselves.

Many parents are extremely proud of their sons — more so than any individual coach or team.

The keynote speaker was comedian-radio personality Lamon·t King (a.k.a. Lazee) because all my classmates are known as "special people," said Daniels.

"I don't feel special, I know there were people all around the country that had to com-

It's not a noteworthy achievement to be in the "Elite Five" Watkins Class of 2008. They join a family of men dedicated to sports, academic excellence, community service and the presentation of the Black male as a symbol of all that is good, the best in their interactions with humanity.

Prior Watkins Award winners have lived up to the Alliance's mission. All emphasized achievement in every field of human endeavor.

Since Robert Tate won the first award (he's now with the NFL), the Watkins Family; the "Elite Five" Watkins Class of 2008. They join a family of African-American males. It's an accomplishment.

"It's so wonderful to be here in the Final Five. I was looking back at the organization online, I was very interested in its purpose and mission. I'm just happy to get selected 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 around and meeting all the other Watkins Family members, I'm so glad I'm now in the family.

"We're trying to highlight African-American males. It's an important mission," said Dr. Alexander L. Garnett, 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.

Concorded 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.

"Women are looking online, for more information.

Leland Stein is former Sports Editor for The Black News. He is currently a sports writer for The Michigan Chronicle.

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Your skin should be damp. Apply it into the skin.

Your body dry but don't dry your skin thoroughly with a creamy, rinsable cleaning lotion or it's pigment may become lighter. This condition is caused by the cracked skin can lead to more serious problems such as infection. Dr. David Eisenberg, professor of medicine and public health and director of the University of California's Integrative Medicine Program, said a healthy skin is the base of a healthy body.

The epidermis is the outer water-proof, protective layer. The dermis is the layer below it, containing blood vessels, nerves and nerve endings. The dermis is thicker than the epidermis, and it contains sweat glands, hair follicles, and the sites where your skin and deeper tissues connect. When you use money your young woman can learn about business and, in some cases, especially with African-American women, the family is the most important place to learn about business. The family is the most important group to always stay involved. All of this is summarized in the text:

"The Customer is always right!"
This year’s honorees are: Zelma Ballard, first African American woman to graduate from UCR, was recognized for her dedication and volunteerism to the community, most notably for the reorganization of the Sickle Cell Organization, which has served as the catalyst to incorporate other diseases that plague the community, such as HIV. She is a member of the Black Voice News.

Riverside and Belinda Taylor. Each receiving honors received the prestigious “LOVE YOU” trophy, which symbolizes the sentiments of RAAHS as it continues to pass on the acknowledgement and documentation of African American contributions in the Inland Empire.

Zelma Ballard, first African American woman to graduate from UCR, was recognized for her dedication and volunteerism to the community, most notably for the reorganization of the Sickle Cell Organization, which has served as the catalyst to incorporate other diseases that plague the community, such as HIV. She is a member of the Metropolitan Museum Associates, NAACP. Life member of the UCR Alumni Board of Directors and many others. Leon Carpineto is a provider in the insurance industry in San Bernardino, Redlands and Riverside. He trained many of the early agents in this area and was the first African American to start his own insurance agency in the Inland Empire. His volunteer activities included Redlands Boys Club and the American Cancer Society.

C. Clarence Mackey, widely known in 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 Summer Junior Olympics in 1972. The Mackey family owned a produce farm on Rubidoux Blvd for 52 years where he was able to donate contributions of produce to the Rubidoux High Booster Club. Ralph Rivers, a self-motivated community advocate and kind humanization has a passion for talking to people. He is very active in his church and as an ordained minister, is Pastor of Christian Education. Among the many positions he holds and has held are: President, Elmore Peace, Academy Association, founding member, and 2nd president of the Inland Empire African American Chamber of Commerce. Belinda Taylor’s career path took her into law enforcement for twenty-two years with the Los Angeles and Riverside County Sheriff’s departments. She is a dedicated and hardworking individual and spends countless hours volunteering with the Inland Valley Hospice. She has volunteered as a Court Ordered Supervised Visitation Monitor for over 11 years and has held membership and offices in numerous organizations including Martin Luther King H.S. Theater Booster Club and American Cancer Society Volunteers.

In his brief remarks, Mayor Ron Loveridge stated that this event was about stories... stories about the significance of the presence of African Americans in the Inland Empire. Dr. Alan Parks, as he introduced all of those who received this award referenced: “The Black Church in Riverside” (Black Voice News, Feb. 21, 2008) and further stated that these are the types of things RAAHS aims to record, document and preserve. Videotaped (DVD) of this historic event are available by calling (951) 784-7125 or (951) 682 5062.
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.

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Young and old paradegoers enjoyed the Moreno Valley parade.
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McClory was part of the city's Equal A w ay of doing things that gar­ nered him respect from politicians and others in the community. He has been inducted into the Riverside High School Swimming Wall of Fame.

McCoy was part of the city's leadership team, along with Robert Grier and George Barnett, for being one of the first cities to open a Black-owned swimming pool.

McCoy's true love was swimming. Back in 1954, while captain of the Riverside Poly High School swim team, McCoy won First Place in the 50-yard free-style during CIF westside swim meet compe­ tition. For some unexplained rea­ son, McCoy received a "paper medal" and a letter stating that he would receive his medal later.

Earlier this month, on February 24, 2008, 54 years after his champi­ onship win, McCoy finally received a CIF First Place medal, due in part to the efforts of life- long friends Dell Roberts and Dutti Anderson. To commemor­ ate this special honor conferred 54 years after his championship efforts, prominent Riverside busi­ nesswoman and Riverside Sports Hall of Fame President Nick Tavaglione, accompanied by Dell Roberts, the former coach at North High School, and Gary Tykay, the Hall of Fame membership chair, to McCoy's home to actually place the coveted medal in McCoy's hands.

According to family members, it was an "untimely and inter­ esting moment" that McCoy cherished. Mr. Tavaglione also handed McCoy his own Hall of Fame medal, assuring McCoy that he could keep it until after McCoy received his own engraved induc­tion medal at the Hall of Fame annual banquet scheduled for May of this year. According to Vice President Suzanne Ashley, "We are thrilled that he was able to receive his medal after so many years of wanting and imagining it and we're proud to part in this receiving his honor."

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By the end of the month, the city hopes to open a memorial honoring McCoy's achievements, as well as other prominent Black athletes who have made contributions to the city of Riverside.
The kids were young, (kindergarten through 5th grade), and their assignment was demanding, but for their annual 'Black History Month Dramatic Presentation Contest' each child climbed onstage before an audience of judges, teachers, and parents to portray the life and important contributions of the person they honored.

Celebrated in this way were: Alex Haley; Malcolm X; Ruby Bridges; Angela Davis; Maya Angelou; Mahalia Jackson; Eddie Dee Smith; Malcolm X; Ruby Bridges; August Savage; Venus & Serena Williams; Ralph Bunche; Mary McLeod; Coretta Scott King; Booker T. Washington; and others.

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Amaya Jones