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## The Life of Willie Ruth Kelly Celebrated

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SAN BERNARDINO



Ruth Kelly

Friends and family of Mrs. Willie Ruth Kelly's gathered to celebrate her life last week. Family and friends reminisced about the meaning and accomplishments of her life and her pastor Larry Campbell said that she made it easy for him to eulogize, both by the life she lived and also because she prepared her own service. He thanked her for Psalms 90:10 as he preached than time is filled with swift transitions. Her dash (from birth until death) he said was filled with productivity. She was a faithful, active member of St. Paul A.M.E. and touched so many lives.

Mrs. Kelly passed away after a long illness on February 28. She was born in Greenwood, Mississippi to Henry and Delphia Cross, she received her education in Greenwood, was married to Simuel Kelly and moved to Indianapolis where she lived and had her daughter for 30 years.

In 1971 she moved to California, Riverside and then San Bernardino. She was employed by California State University until she retired in 1982.

Her Christ centered life began early in life when as a child she was baptized in Greenwood. God blessed her with a beautiful operatic voice and she used it to his glory all of her life.

She became a member of St. Paul AME Church under the late Rev. Albert Carter, fulfilling her passion working for the Lord. She was a Sunday School Teacher for the senior high school students, a member of the Steward Board, the Matrons, Celestial Choir and the Bereavement Committee. For many years when she greeted the visitors they always felt genuinely welcomed. Always pleasant, without an unkind word from her lips she read her Bible and had devotion both morning and night.

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## Kelli Blakely Remembered for Being Caring & Loving



Kelli Blakely

Personality, passion, family, friends and love of God wrapped up the sentiments of the life of Kelli Monique Blakely during a celebration of her life attended by hundreds on February 29, 2008. She was only 29 when she passed away of an illness on February 21, 2008. The love of and for Blakely was a constant theme throughout her service. Family church members, friends, and her Pastor Joshua Beckley, of Ecclesia Christian Church said she was a joy. From the family, the church and Cal State University speakers spoke about her congeniality, her bubbly personality and her zest for life. Her mother, Gertrude, agreed this was the essence of her only daughter, she also spoke to thank the nurses at Kaiser, the many church members who were helping in this time of bereavement.

Kelli was born October 5, 1978 to Benton "Larry" and Gertrude Blakely. She attended Henry Elementary and Frisbee Jr. High School, graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1996 and California State University, graduating in 2001. She developed the family trait of a strong work ethic and un-measurable

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## Obama Wins Mississippi, Deflects More Racist Comments

The Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

By Chris Levister

Sen. Barack Obama coasted to victory and picked up five more delegates than Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton in Mississippi's Democratic primary Tuesday.

Obama won 19 delegates and Clinton 14. He won roughly 90 percent of the Black vote, but only one third of the white vote, extending a pattern that carried him to victory in earlier primaries in South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana.

The Illinois senator padded his overall delegate lead, in the last contest before the delegate rich April 22 primary in Pennsylvania. Mississippi had 33 national convention delegates at stake.

Obama's win was sizable enough to erase most if not all of Clinton's 11-delegate gain from last week, when she won three primaries. But Clinton was able to hold down Obama's delegate gains by winning one of the state's four congressional

districts. Obama carried the other three.

Overall, Obama had 1,598 delegates, including separately chosen party and elected officials known as superdelegates. Clinton had 1,487. It takes 2,025 delegates to secure the Democratic nomination at the

"If Obama was a white man, he would not be in this position. And if he was a woman (of any color) he would not be in this position. He happens to be very lucky to be who he is, and the country is caught up in the concept," Ferraro said in an inter-

**"If Obama was a White man, he would not be in this position..."**

Geraldine Ferraro, 1984 Dem. VP Candidate

party's national convention this summer.

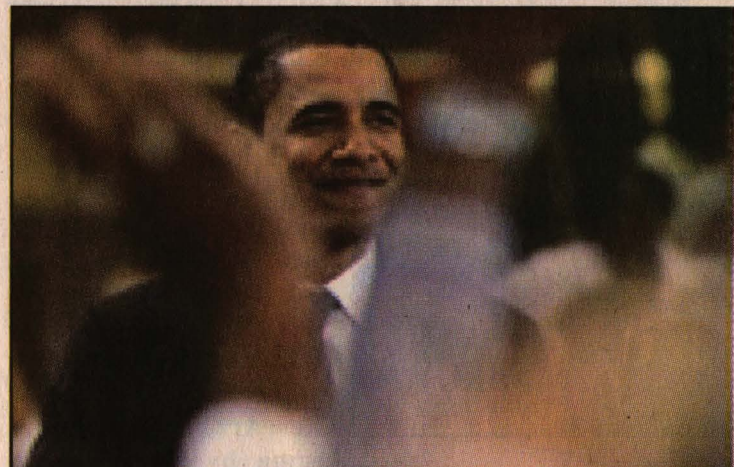
On the Republican side, Sen. John McCain clinched the nomination last week.

Earlier in the day Obama's campaign denounced comments by Geraldine Ferraro, a Clinton fundraiser and 1984 Democratic vice presidential candidate, that Obama only got this far because he is Black.

view with the Daily Breeze, a Torrance, California newspaper.

Clinton expressed disappointment with Ferraro's comments, saying, "It's regrettable that any of our supporters - on both sides, because we both have this experience - say things that kind of veer off into the personal."

Obama called Ferraro's remarks "patently absurd and said he would support



Senator Barack Obama D-Illinois speaks to students at the University of Mississippi.

Clinton if she won the nomination."

The candidates wasted no time moving on from Hattiesburg, Mississippi to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where the primary in six weeks is expected to be what Gov. Ed Rendell called "a horse race to the

finish."

In February Rendell, a Clinton supporter, was quoted as saying, "whites in Pennsylvania are unlikely to vote for a Black candidate."

LAWMAKERS TOUR RIALTO SCHOOL FACING LAYOFFS AND HIRING FREEZES

## Democrats Seek Tax Hikes To Close Budget Gap

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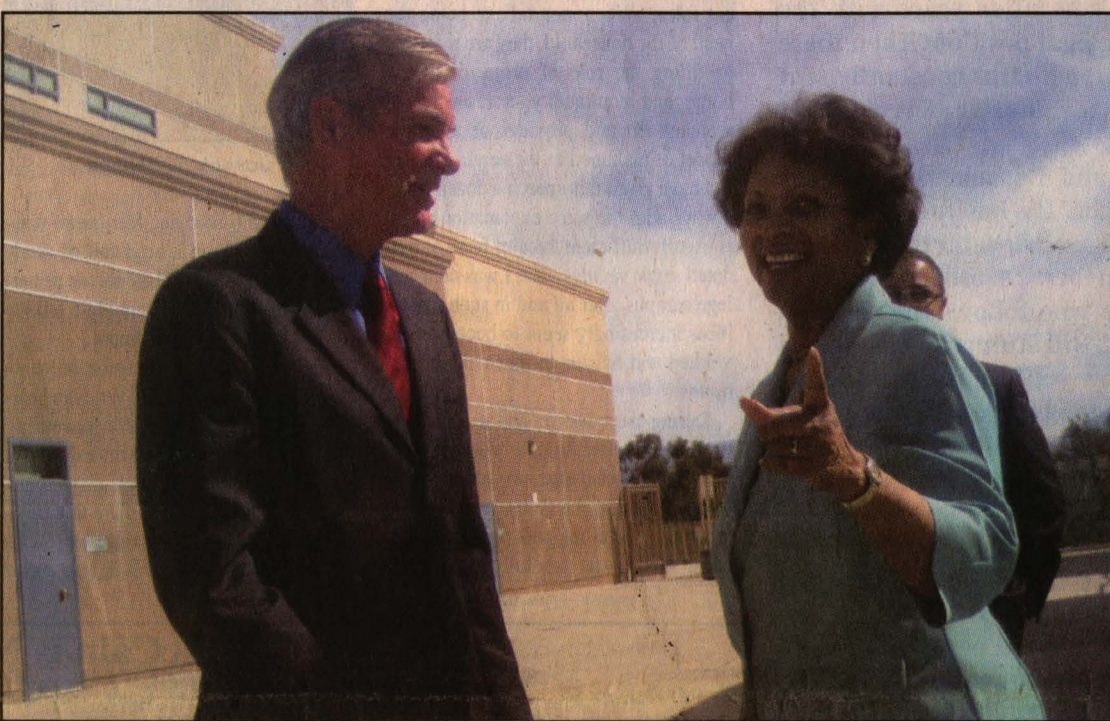
By Chris Levister

At a time when California is swimming in red ink and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is promising no tax hikes - Democrat State Sen. Tom Torlakson D-Antioch, and Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter D-Rialto are going against the tide by proposing tax hikes to close the hole in the education budget.

Torlakson and Carter said at the high school named for Carter that if Schwarzenegger's proposed cuts are enacted state Senate Democrats will make a "revenue restoration" proposal to the budget in June.

The lawmakers are mulling over a plan to cut corporate tax loopholes, revive the so-called car tax and replenish the state's coffers to levels not seen since 2003. That's when California collected \$11 billion in taxes.

Torlakson, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee who oversees spending legislation in all areas,



State Sen. Tom Torlakson, left and Assemblywoman Wilmer Carter tour the state-of-the-art career technical center at the high school named for Carter.

including education said the \$506 million in education cuts which legislators approved in a mid-year budget adjustment will impact children in the state for years to come.

"These cuts are aimed at our children. They will last a lifetime. They won't heal. We're not going to leave one stone unturned," said Torlakson as the group toured Carter High School's state-of-the-art media center. He said funding for the center which specializes in performing arts and vocational arts could be hindered if the cuts are enacted.

Joined by Herb Fischer, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools and Edna Davis-Herring, Rialto Unified School District Superintendent, Assemblywoman Carter said she is anticipating legislative resistance from Republican leaders who have already rejected efforts to restore the car tax.

While most Democrats oppose any general tax increase, Carter said she believes California should do what

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## Riverside County Temporary Workers' Program Under Fire

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

By Mary Shelton

Over 40 people representing different community and labor organizations gathered at the steps of the Riverside County Administrative Headquarters in Riverside to hold a rally in support of the decision of over 1,000 of the county's temporary employees to form a union.

Employees from the county's Temporary Assignment Pool addressed the crowd about their frustrations over the county's refusal to act on key recommendations

included in a report released by the county grand jury in 2003-2004. They believed that unionizing would help them form a collective voice in collective bargaining and in addressing other labor issues in the workplace.

Employees and representatives from different organizations including the SEIU Local 721, the Riverside NAACP, the University of California, Riverside Filipino Student Association and the Society of Professional Hispanic Engineers then took elevators up to the Human Resources Administrative offices on the seventh floor where they were met in the

corridor by Human Resources Director Ron Komers.

TAP employee Tamika Kelly then handed Komers the stacks of cards that were filled out and signed by the employees who expressed the decision to unionize and to work with the SEIU Local 721.

"I understand there's 20," Komers joked. But there were many more cards than

that. Several of those employees who had filled out cards explained at the earlier rally why they had done so.

Billie Renee Crawford who works in that building as a level III office assistant said that many people enter into the program hoping that it will lead to permanent jobs. However, TAP employees were paid 5.5% less than permanent employees and

received no medical benefits and no paid holidays.

"As a TAP employee, we want to have a vote in some of these programs," Crawford said.

Kelly, who also works as an office assistant said that she had taken a job through the TAP program because she thought it

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## House Report Predicts \$10.8 Billion Hit for Medi-Cal

The Black Voice News

LOS ANGELES

The second half of a one-two punch to Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid program, was delivered this week in the form of a congressional report estimating federal cutbacks will further reduce physician reimbursement payments to states for indigent care.

Coming on the heels of the first punch - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's pro-

posal to cut Medi-Cal payments to health care providers by 10% because of the state's budget shortfall - the House committee estimates proposed changes to federal Medicaid guidelines would reduce payments to states by nearly \$50 billion over five years. California would get \$10.8 billion less over five years, the largest hit by far among the 39 states included in the report.

While lawmakers in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. hash out details of

Medi-Cal funding, emergency health care related bills are making their way through the state legislature.

Sen. Gloria Negrete McLeod (D-Chino) has introduced a bill (SB 1332) to establish the Medi-Cal Managed Care Pilot Program. Under the measure, the Department of Health Care Services would be charged with ensuring that low income seniors and people with disabili-

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## FIRE IN HIS BELLY, LOVE IN HIS HEART Doctor Facing Cuts in Medi-Cal Payments Uses Inspiration to Lift Patients

The Black Voice News

WASHINGTON, DC

By Chris Levister

Iheanacho Emeruwa pressed the large protruding tummy of pregnant 20-year-old Dana Vongettrost then stared at the results of her glucose/sugar test.

"Dana you have diabetes. Do you know what diabetes can do to your unborn child?" (No!) "Diabetes left unchecked puts you and your baby at great risk." (I didn't know that.) Emeruwa uses ultra sound equipment to measure her baby's vital signs. "Sounds good, but we've got to get your sugar levels down fast." (I'll do whatever you say, doctor.) "I'm sending you to 'Sweet Success.'" (What's that?) "It's a program to help you get your diabetes under control. Can you start today?" (Uh {pause} yes I guess so.) "Let's get moving - I want you to have a healthy baby - you hear?"

The Riverside woman climbs off the examination table but Emeruwa is not finished. "How do you plan to support your baby?" (No answer.) "Do you have a job?" (I work off and on.) "Do you have your high school diploma?" (No, I quit in the 12 grade. I got into drugs and stuff.) "I want you to go back to school and get your diploma, do it for your baby, you hear?" (Yes sir.) "Is that a prom-



Dr. Iheanacho Emeruwa explains the risks of diabetes during pregnancy to patient Dana Vongettrost of Riverside.

ise?" Dana's eyes welled up. (I really need to straighten out my life doctor.) "Do you have Medi-Cal?" (Yes but it expires today.) "Not to worry - nothing is impossible."

"Regardless of a patient's ability to pay they want someone who listens to them, shows compassion and takes time to explain the diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment options, but it's getting more difficult everyday," says Emeruwa whose Aspen Medical Group sees an average of 250 women and children a day. Sixty percent of them depend on Medi-Cal, California's health safety-net to

6.5 million low income pregnant women, children, parents, elderly and disabled.

For Dana, Dr. Emeruwa is more than just peace of mind: He's a lifeline, part mentor, part coach, all around hand-holder and advocate at the increasingly tumultuous intersection of family and healthcare public policy.

Sitting in one of his four Inland medical clinics, Emeruwa ponders Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's latest proposal to cut Medi-Cal payments to health providers by 10

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## Clinton Remarks About Obama are Troubling

I have been troubled by Former President Bill and Senator Hillary Clinton's "presumptuous" offer to Senator Barack Obama to serve as vice-president during her presidency. Her assumption is that she would be more electable by the public at large and become the nation's first female president. While we would be ecstatic to have

Barack as vice president, all of this is totally ignoring the fact that he is clearly the Democratic frontrunner in the race.

After listening to the Clintons, I had a chance to talk to my dear friend Rev. Art Forbes when he came by the office to

pray with me. As we reminisced about our days at Kaiser Permanente, the Clintons behavior became crystal clear to me. Art reminded me of something that happened to him, as well as to other African-Americans we worked with at the time who were extremely prepared and experienced, but who were not given certain management positions because of racial politics. When Art returned from a Kaiser sponsored meeting in Washington DC, he found his reporting manager had been changed. He was now being told to train his new boss so that he can become president of Kaiser. The same was true for other Black employees like Sandra Cox, an attorney, who after years with the organization was denied the top legal position. Then there was Richard Webster, a manager, who was constantly sent new assistant administrators to mentor. He never did get the top spot.

In the race between Hillary and Barack, he has more elected years experience than her. He has more popular votes than her. He has more pledged delegates than her. He even has won more states than her. In other words, by every count one would measure who follows the election, he is in the lead. So Hillary and Bill stump in Mississippi and say to the Black voters I know you like Barack and me so you can get a chance to vote for both of us by electing me and I pick Barack as my vice president. Thanks to Barack for saying "no thank you", "I'm running for president win or lose."

Just a week ago Hillary commented that she and John McCain are the only ones left in the race who have the qualifications to be president. Then after she offered the vice presidency to Barack someone asked her how he could be her vice president since one must meet the qualifications to be president. Then her staff said he can qualify by the election in November. When I heard that I thought of the Holiday Inn commercials where people stay overnight and become surgeons, mechanics, airplane pilots, you name it. In their mind, I guess they will let Barack stay in a Holiday Inn Express one night to qualify him for president.

With Barack winning another primary this week in an overwhelming landslide, I hope both Hillary and former president Bill Clinton, change their campaign rhetoric, or at least acknowledge that Barack is actually the frontrunner in the race for president.

## Mr. Jacquet: San Bernardino Loses Another Gentle Giant

I lost another close friend and political mentor this past week in the person of Mr. Joseph Jacquet, also known as the "Godfather of 20th Street" in San Bernardino. It was his son Joe Jr. who introduced me to my wife Cheryl back in 1961 and I later got to know him as a family man and servant of the community. He had many talents, and was an electrician and all around handyman, and loved to teach the youth his trade. Of course I migrated to the political work he did in the community and attended the many political coffees held in his home. If you wanted the support of the 20th Street influencers you had to come to Jacquet, as people called him. During his prime he cultivated the other political junkies in the neighborhood: Dr. Henry and Belva Holder, Willie Garrett, James Ford, Bill and Barbara Nettles, Robert "Bob" Parker, Jean Mosley, Juanita Scott, John Hobbs, Mr. Hutchinson, Don Hammond, and me (at that time I was considered the kid of the group). Candidates who sought Jacquet's support would make the trek to the Westside and sit in his living room with his neighbors included: Congressman George Brown, Senator Ruben Ayala, Mayor Bob Holcomb, Councilmembers John Hobbs, Dan Frazier, Betty Dean Anderson, City Attorney Jim Penman, Assemblymembers Terry Goggins, John Quimby and countless school board candidates, not to mention his support for me on every campaign in which I sought office. He would then follow-up on election day to see who went to the polls and who did not.

Jacquet also loved his neighborhood. After his disability, he would walk the neighborhood between 3 and 4 in the morning to make sure we were safe. No one told him to do it and most did not know he was doing it. When gangs took over the city park on Muscott Street, it was Jacquet who called a meeting with the men and said let us use the park and take it back. It was the same Jacquet who called a similar meeting and got us to meet with the Hells Angels on 19th Street to teach them how to be good neighbors. His message was clear to them, "you don't have to move just respect us."

Yes, I learned a lot of my local politics from this gentle giant of a man. I will miss him.

## Six Black Perspectives on the Obama Campaign

By A. Peter Bailey  
NNPA Columnist

There are basically six Black perspectives on Senator Barack Obama's campaign to be the Democratic Party's candidate for president of the United States in the 2008 election.

One is those Black folks who sincerely believe that a voting public that has elected only one White Catholic as president in its entire history and that has never elected a Jewish president or even had a serious Jewish candidate for the position, is going to elect a Black man as president in 2008. This group includes many young Blacks who have rarely experienced overt racism and

who are often totally unaware of Jesse Jackson's 1984 run in the Democratic primaries.

A second perspective is held by those Blacks who support Obama because of what they consider his campaign's symbolic value to be. "Whether he wins or loses," they insist, "his campaign is very important symbolically, especially for young Black people."

Next are those Black folks, probably the largest group, who support Obama mainly or even solely because he is Black. "The fact that he is a Black man running against a White person is enough for me," is their bottom line position.

Another perspective, usually held

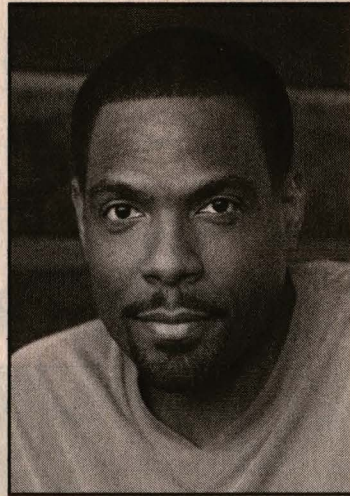
by Black senior citizens who have vivid memories of the brutality of White supremacist terrorists against Blacks whom they considered too ambitious or "uppity," is that though they support Obama emotionally, they don't want him to be elected because of a strong fear of his being assassinated.

Then there are those happen-to-be Blacks who won't support Obama because he is Black. This type basically believe that Whites always were, are now and always will be in charge. They have completely accommodated themselves to this belief and have no use for Blacks who challenge it even as non-threateningly as Obama does.

Finally, a current small group of

Black folks want Obama to be the Democratic candidate because he's the perfect one - not too dark, Harvard-educated, not too threatening - to prove their point that voters in this country will not elect a Black man as president in the foreseeable future. Once that is demonstrated such people may see the necessity of organizing a sophisticated, solutions-oriented, Black-led political movement not tied to the Democrats or the Republicans. Thus it will be in a position to negotiate with either on any given issue deemed important in promoting and protecting Black economic, political and cultural interests.

## The Argument Truly Came as a Surprise



Joseph C. Phillips

times and anti-woman. Her friend wonderfully coiffed in a head full of sandy blond dread locks -- (Fashion as protest or simply fashion? I couldn't tell.) -- sucked her teeth in agreement.

It is not only the confusion of youth that was the source of her Venetian hearing, it is the confusion of a movement. Women's Studies departments have prepared the minds of bright young women into mush by convincing them that traditional child centered marriage represents a source of oppression. It is also a per-

fect example of how movements are seldom one size fits all; just as the realities of race have attended a difference between conservatism and Black conservatism; those same realities produced a distinction between feminism and Black feminism. Women's liberation in the Black community was never about freeing Black women from their men. Black women looked to the movement to enable them to work in a closer partnership with their men on a more equal footing. Conversely, middle class white women bored with privilege were, among other things, protesting the oppression of tradition. The rejection of tradition in the form of divorce and single motherhood has alas not been a boom to American Culture.

Perhaps in a few years, my feminist friend will be of a different mind. I have known many women that began as revolutionaries only to become a true feminist after giving birth. When they look into the eyes of their children, their priorities change. They are still every bit the dynamic women they had been before. Now they also recognize that to raise children, to hold a family together and to grow a marriage is ennobling and of value. The idea of men at the head of the household is no longer threatening

because they now understand that men have a vital role to play in the rearing of children. Having a man at the head of her household does not relegate her to second class citizenship in the marriage community; it makes her an equal partner. She understands that when her man assumes that role he is committing himself wholeheartedly to their marriage and to her as companion, husband and lover. It means that he will provide the example of a strong and loving man to their children by being loving and supportive to them, that he will provide the example of a faithful man by being faithful with her, and that he will provide the example of a hard working man by being hard working with her.

It is only in a world of feminism gone mad that young women find a man standing on a stage suggesting to other men that we lead by example a cause for alarm.

Joseph C. Phillips is the author of "He Talk Like A White Boy" available wherever books are sold.

## McCain is Not An Option

By Bill Fletcher Jr.  
NNPA Columnist

In large part because of the inflammatory tactics of the Hillary Clinton campaign, along with the polarizing of the alleged debate within the Democratic Party between Senators Clinton and Obama, suggestions have begun to circulate within Black America to the effect that should Sen. Obama not get the nomination, there should be a vote for McCain.

Such a vote, it is proposed, can either be explicit, i.e., pushing the button for him, or implicit, i.e., not voting. Either step would be a disaster.

It is critical that we are clear as to who Senator McCain is and who he is not. He is a former prisoner of war who, during the Vietnam War, withstood very harsh conditions and returned home safely. There is no taking that away from him and his courage is to be applauded. But courage is only one part of what makes a person a good and capable leader. The other part revolves around what ideas and programs they propose to advance. On that score, Senator McCain comes up short.

There are five areas where it is clear that Senator McCain would not only be unhelpful as President of the United States, but would be a disaster. Not in order of importance, these include:

- People of Color: Senator McCain, simply put, does not have people of color on the radar screen. He has no track record of being an advocate for racial justice.

- Iraq: Senator McCain has continued to support Bush's illegal war and occupation of Iraq. He has focused on the 'troop surge' which he believes to have been successful, and has gone as far as to suggest that the USA should be prepared to remain in Iraq for another 100 years. In a related point, this is also the same person who smiles and sings a 'cute' song about bombing Iran.

- Torture: Reversing himself, Senator McCain has become a bit ambivalent (to be diplomatic about it) about torture, moving away from his one-time adamant position against the use of torture. His original position was based on his claims of having been tortured in Vietnamese prisons during the Vietnam War. It is unclear what changed that he would alter his original views.

- Social Security: Reversing himself, Senator McCain has now adopted Bush's widely repudiated position that social security be privatized. The privatization of social security, introduced in Chile after the 1973 US-backed coup against President Allende, proved to be a disaster for the people of Chile but a boom for the Chilean rich. Senator McCain originally stood against privati-

zation, but something happened to alter his views.

- Working people: In addition to displaying no interest in supporting the right of workers to join or form labor unions free of employer interference, Senator McCain has voted against the increase in the Federal minimum wage. He further supported an effort that would make it possible for states to opt out of future Federal minimum wage increases. McCain is additionally a strong proponent of free trade and regularly cautions against anything that would get in the way of corporate-led globalization.

Senator McCain, in this sense, is no option for us. His attitude toward international affairs represents a continuation of Bush's disastrous policies and his views on domestic affairs are not much better. In fact, his relative silence and oblique references to the economy are fair indications that he has not a clue as to how to address the looming economic crisis.

For these reasons, suggestions that we

'punish' the Democrats if Senator Obama does not receive the nomination by voting for Senator McCain make little sense. The deeper challenge derives from the fact that the internal organization within Black America has weakened and, therefore, we are less in a position to advance candidates and platforms that represent the core of the concerns of Black America, i.e., the concerns that speak to the overwhelming majority of Black Americans who are working people.

In November 2008, McCain cannot be an option unless one is looking forward to a period of endless war and misery at home. I don't know about you but the boot is already pressing too hard on my neck for more of the same.

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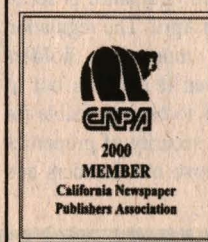
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KELLY

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She was an avid sports fan and one of her number one sports figures was Al Jury, an adopted son and a referee who holds 5 Super Bowl rings. He said he had to rise to

speak about her life and how she affected him.

Mrs. Kelly traveled extensively with her daughter Bettye and many others in the Ebony Travel Club all over the world on 10 major cruises.

She leaves to cherish her memory, faithful daughter Bettye Jean Taylor, cousins Paul Beatty (Pamela), of San Bernardino,

CA Robert Beatty of Indianapolis, IN, nephew Charles Miller (Barbara) Riverside, CA and many other relatives. One unique thing that was done at this service was that Bettye invited all of the close family friends to sit with her and the biological family, half the church was filled with these very close friends.

CUTS

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ever is necessary to close the education gap.

"Our schools are facing layoffs and hiring freezes. How does that look to our new teachers and our students?" said Carter.

Throughout the San Bernardino Valley, school districts have been reporting grim statistics in response to the governor's proposed cuts. In

February Rialto Unified became the first school district statewide to put more than 300 teachers and other support personnel on notice that they may not have a job next year.

"There's no fat left to cut," said Davis-Herring. "We are short in Rialto 17 administrators in comparison to the county and the state ratios per student."

Torlakson, a strong supporter of career technical education for high schools said students who use 21st Century digital technology, wireless communications and other high-tech devices can do better in school and pre-

pare to compete in the global economy.

The county's Regional Occupational Program serves 16 districts and maintains 120 certified courses including auto repair and computer science approved by the Department of Education, the most of any ROP program in the state.

"This technology can provide teachers and administrators with powerful tools to improve the education experience for all students," said Sen. Torlakson, a longtime public school teacher and coach.

BLAKELY

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dedication.

She was a member of the Youth Ministry and the Choir, as well as a teacher for the children's ministry. She had previously worked for Head Start and the Worker's Compensation office however, she was employed by the County of San Bernardino as an Employment Service Specialist for the Redlands ESP Office during her final months.

For recreation she loved camping and fishing, as well as watching and playing sports. She played on the Rialto Girl's Softball teams. She was opinionated and

very politically astute. Outspoken and loving she even put personality into her famous German chocolate or Lemon Jelly-O cakes that she made on special requests.

Music was very much a part of her life. She had a wide range; from country to hip hop to gospel and everything in-between she enjoyed a good song. She loved shopping, playing board games and being with her family.

While in college she would come at home as often as possible and never missed a family gathering. This was evident as so many family members echoed the same sentiment.

She had a love for people and especially young children but outside her family she had a few close friends in a group they call

Ladies in Motion.

As a tribute to her life State Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod adjourned the Senate in her memory.

Left to cherish her memory is mother, Gertrude, brother Benton Larry Blakely, II wife Colette; grandmother Eliza Thorn; aunts Toni Scott, Helen Thorn Ward, Deloris Petty, Hattie Black, Elizabeth Macon; uncles, Roger Scott, Tommy Black, George Ward, Stanley Macon; nephews, Montague Graves and Benton L.J. Blakely III, Nathaniel Henly; cousins, Jeremi Scott, Robin Scott, Tara Ward, Tiffany Black, Daneyl Harris, godmother Gwendolyn Heard, goddaughter Aniah Robinson, god sister Courtney Downs and a host of other relatives and friends.

FORECLOSE

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ing a special meeting on the impact of foreclosure. "Even if the lights are on, when we see a broken window or fence, that sends up a red flag - 'abandoned'.

The ordinance requires lenders to register the property as "in possession" at a fee of \$70 per year. Lenders would be charged \$100 per day for failing to register the property or failing to post the property as bank owned; \$500 for un-maintained swimming pools and stagnant water; \$250 for allowing the lawns to die or if graffiti, litter or weeds are not removed. And up to \$1,000 for vandalism such as utility (copper) theft. The fines could mount to \$100,000.

Regional housing officials, code enforcement officers and realtors at a Victorville conference on the foreclo-

sure issue claimed that the buying and selling of high-interest mortgages by some of the nation's largest banks had devastated city neighborhoods and wrecked the high desert real estate market.

Some housing officials compared the impact of the mortgage practices to the harm caused by drug dealing and prostitution and said the motive is the same: profits

Cities throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties are facing skyrocketing foreclosure-related costs, including 24-hour security and police and fire protection for abandoned homes.

Murrieta is not the only city taking action against lenders. Last week Cleveland, an epicenter of the nation's foreclosure crisis sued 21 banks and claimed their subprime lending practices created a public nuisance that hurt property values and city tax collections.

In February Baltimore sued Wells Fargo, alleging the bank intentionally sold high interest mortgages more to blacks than whites in violation of federal law. The Baltimore suit alleged that Wells Fargo targeted black neighborhoods for high risk and unfairly priced loans.

Wells Fargo spokesman John Gallagher said Friday the bank does not comment on pending litigation.

Spoils from the housing crisis come at a time when California is already grappling with a \$16 billion budget shortfall, and local governments are threatening layoffs and juggling funds to avoid raising taxes and fees for essential services.

A report commissioned last November by the U.S. Conference of Mayors projected that 361 metropolitan areas would take an economic hit of \$166 billion in 2008 because of the rise in foreclosures.

INSPIRATION

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percent because of California's budget shortfall. He says if enacted the cuts will drive more doctors to stop accepting Medi-Cal patients.

"We're being pushed to the brink. Where does a pregnant woman with diabetes in the hands of an OBGYN get access to specialized care? Lucky for Dana I can treat her diabetes and deliver her baby."

When he does, Emeruwa who is board certified in internal medicine and obstetrics/gynecology will be reimbursed roughly \$1050, 50 percent less than what private insurance pays for childbirth. Medi-Cal pays \$55 for maternity follow up versus the \$175.00 paid by private insurers. "At the end of the day we're forced to do more with less."

Despite dwindling reimbursements, an economy tipping into recession and an explosion of mother-only families, Emeruwa talks about medicine with the enthusiasm of a man who loves what he does for a living.

"I absolutely love what I do. I'd do it for food and shelter if I had to. I have a single unifying philosophy: Combine the most successful and current techniques available with an unsurpassed level of caring and understanding."

He does so with the help of his wife Magdalen, a chemical engineer, who serves as administrator and 45 employees including six MD's and three physician's assistants.

"It pains me to see the exploding number of homeless, jobless, un-educated and disenfranchised mothers with children. Looking at these young pregnant women reminds me of the hardships my mother faced with little or no education and 7 children. Thankfully my parents believed people could rise up and succeed. They insisted that each of us get a good education. Today all seven of us have college and or advanced degrees."

That background Emeruwa says gave him an appreciation for valuing people as people - "no matter where they are or what their station is in life - the human potential is such that nothing is impossible. Everyone can be something different tomorrow."

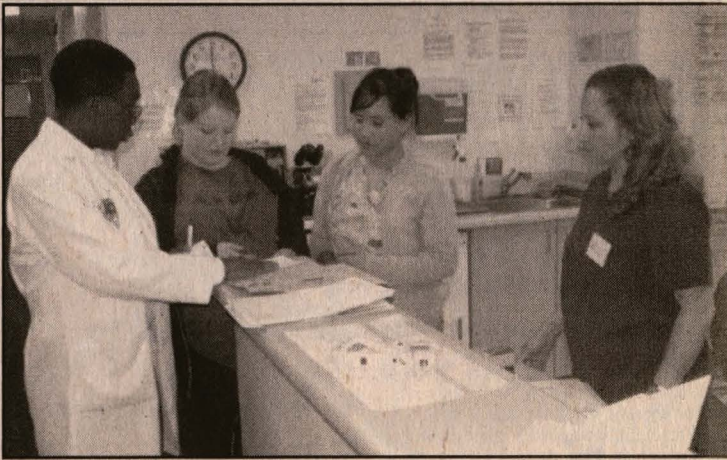
MEDI-CAL

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ties have full access to health care services.

Measure AB54 by Assembly member Mervyn Dymally (D-Compton) would require health plans and insurers to provide coverage for acupuncture under a group plan or policy. The bill is before the Senate Health Committee.

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Iheanacho Emeruwa discusses diabetes treatment with pregnant patient Dana Vongettrost, assistants Veronica Munoz and Cruz Rivera, look on. Emeruwa says cuts to Medi-Cal will drive more doctors to stop accepting low-income patients.

Emeruwa had wanted to be an accountant, managing wealth for important people, "but growing up dirt poor with seven siblings in northern Nigeria, took care of that," he laughs.

His father had a sixth grade education but he loved to read. His mother was a typical woman of hard times with one year of education. "They encouraged us to read everything we could get our hands on," recalls Emeruwa.

"We were very poor but we had books and loving parents who saw education as a way to unlock the shackles of poverty. The ravages of the 60's military rule and civil war in his native Nigeria moved Emeruwa to become a doctor.

"Too many people were being killed everyday. I wanted to learn how to help them so I wouldn't have to witness so much suffering and death again," he says. In 1974 Emeruwa emigrated to America where he earned a bachelors degree, summa cum laude in chemistry from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in three years and an MD with honors from Howard University.

But it was the spoils of humanity behind the bars of Baltimore's gritty city jail that led Dr. Emeruwa to the trenches of medicine as a lifeline for the poor, uneducated and disenfranchised.

"I saw the good, the bad and the ugly," he grins. I saw the suffering and death from violence and treatable disease, pain and recklessness through the eyes of inmates without a life compass, low income children growing up without a future. Entire communities full of women for whom the concepts of babies and marriage seemed radically unconnected. Still nothing brings Emeruwa more joy than delivering a new baby into the world.

"The look on the mother's face always glows with the deepest kind of gratitude. It's such a beautiful sight. I truly believe that only God can save a life but a doctor can intervene at the right time to help."

Emeruwa has become something of a folk hero to thousands of Inland women and their children, no less for his own story of triumph over adversity than for the compassion he brings to his craft.

"In this world of unequal things and irregularities what is a doctor's measure of success - wealth over compassion, policy over a finder of human power and human excellence?" Emeruwa asks One measure might be - his three college-age sons are following in his footsteps.

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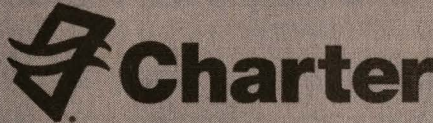
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Here are some ideas for using this new tool:

- Send reminders to yourself or your staff for the day, week, month or year.
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- Create all your happy birthday emails one year in advance.
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- Pick out four pieces of information of great value to someone and send them out once a week.

There is one big downside to this method. Since Thunderbird operates on your local computer, the computer must be turned on at the time the email is to be sent.

There is a web based solution available that allows you to send predefined e-mails called TimeCave <<http://www.timecave.com/>>; however, it does not interface with Gmail.



Over the past year I've had the opportunity to work with Mary Ann Mitchell



*Pastor Creflo Dollar once said: "Most believers don't understand the true meaning of love because they have only experienced human love and not God's 'agape' love. Human love is the exact opposite of agape love; it is emotional and conditional. It always wants to be pleased. You can say that you love everybody, but if someone offends you in some way like cutting you off in traffic or not letting your child participate in a school program, your conditional human love will kick in."*

and an organization that is very near and dear to her heart – the National Black Business Council (NBBC). NBBC formed a group called the "African American Supplier Engagement Collaboration." This Collaborative includes the NBBC, the California Black Chamber of Commerce (CBCC), and the Black Business Association (BBA). Their goal is to increase the number of African American businesses serving as qualified suppliers with major utilities and telecommunications companies.

#### HELLO MORENO VALLEY!

Moreno Valley celebrated Black History Month with Mr. Dell Roberts as the grand marshal for this year's parade. What an honor to have Mr. Roberts and his lovely wife Carmen in our beautiful city. In addition to the Roberts, so many others made the celebration a great success. As we are ending this year's celebration, let us not forget to live our heritage all year long. We have some very large shoes to fill and very broad shoulders to stand on. Let us not forget the next large affair coming to Moreno Valley, The Ebony Fashion Show, being held at the Moreno Valley Conference Center on April 4, 2008. Tickets are going fast, so please hurry and get your tickets. Regular tickets are \$40.00, VIP tickets which includes entrance into the reception is \$55.00. For

On Tuesday, March 18th at 10:00am the Collaborative will hold a press conference at the California African American Museum (600 Sate Drive, LA). This event will announce a large grant that will be provided by Verizon to NBBC. The grant will serve to help the groups overall goal to increase the number of African American businesses doing business with these corporations.

We encourage everyone to come out to learn more about what is going on and how you can possibly benefit from this

project. The following speakers will be on hand to share and answer questions.

- Tim McCallion, West Region, Verizon
- Mary Ann Mitchell, Chairperson, National Black Business Council
- Earl "Skip" Cooper, President & CEO, Black Business Association
- Aubry Stone, President & CEO, California Black Chamber of Commerce
- Timothy Simon,

and yet looks great with a great mind. I salute her and hope to meet her in person one day.

One of my former classmates from Pennsylvania sent this e-mail to me: Subject: Passing On Good Information. Need Any Pancake Syrup!!! This is the first African American vendor at one of these stores. CEO/Founder, Michele Hoskins of Michele Foods recently became the first African American vendor with Costco. She was on The Oprah Winfrey Show and spoke of her story of rising from welfare to faring well. She is asking all people regardless of color, to support her by going to Costco and purchasing a bottle or two of her pancake syrup. Her website is <http://www.michelefoods.com/>

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Thursday, March 13, 2008

## Our Bodies

Dr. Ernest  
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## African-Americans And Glaucoma

Dear Dr. Levister: My doctor recently told me I am in the early stages of glaucoma. What can you tell me about this eye problem? C.B.

Glaucoma is a very misunderstood disease of the eye. There is no cure. It affects people of all ages and ethnicities. While glaucoma symptoms vary among black populations in different international regions, glaucoma clearly affects those of African heritage more.

The first step is to see a board certified ophthalmologist, a medical doctor who specializes in eye care.

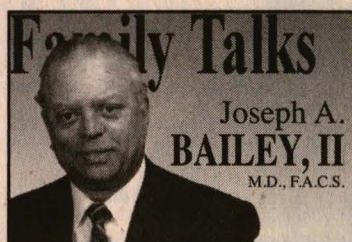
Glaucoma is usually painless and occurs about five times more often in African-Americans, and blindness from glaucoma is about six times more common. Most people do not go blind. In addition to this higher frequency, glaucoma often occurs earlier in life in African-Americans—on average, about 10 years earlier than in other ethnic populations.

The reasons for the higher rate of glaucoma and subsequent blindness among African-Americans are still unknown. However, researchers are becoming more and more certain that African-Americans are genetically more likely to be susceptible to glaucoma, making early detection and treatment all the more important.

A number of medications are currently in use to treat glaucoma. Typically a daily routine of eye drops are intended to reduce elevated intraocular pressure and prevent damage to the optic nerve. Your doctor may prescribe eye drops to help maintain the pressure in your eye at a healthy level. This is an important part of the treatment routine.

Note, however, that treatments cannot be generalized. Each patient, regardless of race, should continue to be evaluated on the individual state of his or her disease, with a target pressure and treatment plan unique to each patient. Surgery for glaucoma is rare.

Although much still needs to be learned about why African-Americans are more at risk for glaucoma, one thing is certain. Early diagnosis and treatment is key in preventing vision loss from glaucoma. The Glaucoma Research Foundation recommends that African-Americans get a thorough check for glaucoma every one to two years after age 35. For more information on finding an eye doctor or getting an eye exam, please contact the Glaucoma Research Foundation at [www.glaucoma.org](http://www.glaucoma.org).



In the 1940s my Dad published a magazine entitled "New Vistas" which told of the good things people did for people rather than the bad things people did to people. The copies he sent me to sell sold out quickly among my all-Black newspaper customers. Unfortunately, he ran out of money after six months. This happens to many Black businesses. Struggling Black Americans have never been taught how to deal with money or to start or to run a business. Many are in

the bad habit of thinking in terms of getting rich quick; or failing to look past the now from a lack of foresight and forethought. Reasoning does not work well for those whose minds are of an untrained Right brain thinking nature and with an undisciplined Left brain. Thus, many fail from a lack of a sound philosophy of life, reserves, self-reliance, a cultivated humanity, knowing how to work in sixth gear, courage, keeping your word, time management, knowing who you are, a superior education and training; and the "9Ps" related to what is required—Perfecting personal character; Purpose; Planes of existence; Planning; Preparation; Practice; Performance to reach the goal; Platform work of ones purpose; and Post-action judgments of each of the above.

Ideally, to help youth prepare, successful Black business owners or entrepreneurs

would show them the "ropes" (i.e. explain the details). Unfortunately, since there is segregation inside the Black "Fragmented We" community, many needy Blacks are suspicious of Blacks who try to help. While ostracizing "Nerds," the needy are ignored by Elite Black (who have European values and do not want to associate with struggling Blacks). For ambitious Black youth there are people and means available to help get them to their destination. But it takes tedious work to find the right people and the right information. Half of ones daily allotment of time is designated to spending on humanity—e.g. in preparation to get oneself in good order; in learning about dealing with people; and in dealing with people. *Self-preparation* also embraces proper physical, mental, and spiritual development. To these ends, art, music, and good literature elevate the spirit and

enable one to be more receptive to the more difficult and lofty aspects of self-development. One of those aspects is rediscovering ones Real Self (and therefore Truth and Reality) while shedding ones False Self (with all its delusions, distortions, and fantasies).

The Ancient African Law of Vibratory Response says that energy of a specific vibration frequency responds to and attracts energies of a corresponding frequency—i.e. **your experiences are determined by the type of energy you put into the world you create.** People create the habit of living inside an Emotional World where there is unending mental conflict—worry, anger, revenge, envy. These bad habits attract like-minded anti-harmony people into ones life so that everybody reinforces what everybody else is doing—and that is either bad or

"about nothing." These habits are sure to cause one to fail in the Euro-American marketplace. By contrast, being too sociable may help you get into a good position but will prevent you from gaining the knowledge and achievements necessary to survive and thrive in that position. Unless you are a leader who can bring people together to get a job done, you have no ability to change society and little ability to alter your external environment. But, you have all the power to change the contents of your mind and the condition of your spirit (Bailey, Selfhood Mastery). In short, you only have control over you.

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## Preparation For The Marketplace

### An Urban Legend that Binds Us: The word "Picnic"

acts of lynching African-Americans. The word "picnic" is rooted from the whole theme of "Pick A Nigger." This is where individuals would "pic" a Black person to lynch and make this into a family gathering. There would be music and a "picnic." ("Nic" being the white acronym for "nigger.") Scenes of this were depicted in the movie "Rosewood."

We should choose to use the word "barbecue" or "outing" instead of the word "picnic." Please forward this e-mail to your family and friends and let's educate our people.

My response was, "No thank you." I don't wish to misinform my friends and family with the likes of another vicious Internet hoax. Many Black people are too quick to believe negative rumors; therefore, I refuse to contribute to national ignorance. These type of hoaxes only serve to make Black people look stupid and by no means is an advancement in education. It is too easy to go to the library and research the origin of words in dictionaries and/or encyclopedias to believe and spread every bit or garbage that comes

through cyberspace. I have heard the same thing many times but never seen the word "picnic" used as a reference to lynch Blacks in any book of history, not even in the "Slaves Narratives." It seems to me that as many slaves and ex-slaves and descendants of slaves who have written published books and papers and/or published newspapers during the era when lynching Blacks was commonplace there is no mention of that reference or connection. Ida B. Wells, Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, The Crisis Magazine by the NAACP, Before the Mayflower by Leroy Bennett Jr., Soul of Black Folks, by W.E.B. DuBois, not even in the books by Black Muslims such as The Honorable Elijah Mohammed... nothing.

According to my extensive research long exhausted in and around the Los Angeles and Riverside Public Libraries, I found that the word picnic can only be traced to its French origin in the 17 century, which have nothing to do with the lynching of Negroes. In America since the 1800s the word

only referred to outdoor cooking, which usually includes barbeque and family fun.

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## Tomás Rivera Conference Honors Painter, Poet

The Black Voice News

### RIVERSIDE

Acclaimed painter Alfredo Arreguín and author Lauro Flores will receive lifetime achievement awards at the 21st annual Tomás Rivera Conference on Thursday, April 24, at the University of California, Riverside.

The theme of the annual conference, which honors the memory of UCR Chancellor Tomás Rivera, is "América Viva" ("America Live"). The event will begin at noon in the University Theatre and continue until 3 p.m.

Highlighting the conference will be the presentation of a Lifetime Achievement Award in the Visual Arts to Arreguín and the Lifetime Achievement Award in Chicano Literature to Flores.

"Art is the momentum of life, the drum in your step, the melody of an inspired poem, the new set of coordinates that reveal the pathway to an uncharted universe," said Juan Felipe Herrera, Tomás Rivera Chair in creative writing and conference organizer. "Tomás Rivera, with his life, poems and stories, set us in motion. With this conference, we will reach new heights for the benefit of our students and communities at large."

New this year is a poetry contest for Inland area college and high school students. Poems must relate to Arreguín's artwork. The contest deadline is April 11.

Prizes of \$250, \$150 and \$100 will be awarded to winners in separate college and high school competitions. Winners must attend the conference to receive their awards. Entry details are available online.

Arreguín's paintings are part of the permanent collections of the National Museum of American Art and the National Portrait Gallery. The government of Mexico has honored him with the OHTLI Award, the highest recognition given by the Mexican government to individuals whose work promotes Mexican culture abroad. In 1988 he won a commission to design the Washington state Centennial poster and also designed the White House Easter egg. He represented the United States in 1979 at the 11th International Festival of Painting at Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, where he won the Palm of the People Award.

Flores, a professor of Chicano and Latin American literatures and cultures at the University of Washington, is the author of "The Floating Borderlands," which was a 1999 American Book Award winner; "Alfredo Arreguín: Patterns of Dreams and Nature," a 2002 Kiriya Pacific Rim Prize notable book; and an edition of Luis Pérez's "El Coyote/The Rebel." He is a past Ford Foundation fellow and has been a visiting professor at Stanford University and UCLA. While at the University of Washington he has

served as director of the Center for Chicano Studies, chair of the Department of Latin American Studies and special assistant to the provost. He chairs the Department of American Ethnic Studies.

UCR's Taiko Ensemble will perform with special appearances by the Rev. Tom Kurai, director of the Taiko Center of Los Angeles and a lecturer in the UCR Department of Music; music professor and ethnomusicologist Deborah Wong, who is a member of the Satori Daiko performing group at the Taiko Center of Los Angeles; renowned saxophonist Francis Wong, whose specialty is Asian American jazz; and Tim Hernandez, a poet and performer who will present a eulogy for the late Chicano poet Raúl Salinas, who died in February 2008.

Tomás Rivera, for whom the conference is named, was a Chicano poet, educator, and UCR's chancellor from 1979 to 1984. He was the first Hispanic chancellor in the UC system, and also, at 43, the youngest person ever appointed to lead a UC campus. He died in 1984 after a heart attack.

The conference is sponsored by the UCR Tomás Rivera Endowment/Department of Creative Writing, Riverside Public Library, UCR Chicano Student Programs and the Riverside City College Office of Academic Support.

implement to improve the program. These reforms ranged from the county honoring its hiring freeze, to an audit being conducted on the program because there never had been one done. Regarding the audit, the grand jury had recommended that an independent managerial audit firm be contracted to perform it and that the audit should examine issues including the county's employee turnover rate, the high incidence of temporary employee unemployment insurance claims and whether the use of temporary employees in particular assignments was necessary.

Several other recommendations addressed the allegations of nepotism in hiring after it was discovered during the investigation that several relatives of permanent employees assigned to the TAP program may have received preferential treatment during the hiring process.

The report addressed this issue by recommending that all applicants disclose the names and assignments of any relatives that were employed by the county and that TAP permanent employees not review or make decisions involving applications submitted by their relatives.

The county provided a written response to the grand jury report in early 2004.

The county supported several findings in the grand jury report but had disagreed with others either partially or in their

entirety including those addressing the alleged nepotism in the hiring process. The county also disagreed that the fears of retaliation expressed by some employees being interviewed by the grand jury as part of its investigation were founded.

The county did agree to implement some of the recommendations made in the grand jury report including the conducting of a financial audit of the TAP program, which it stated would be done within the next three weeks. But it declined to implement other suggested reforms of the TAP program, leaving many TAP employees believing that the county had lost control of it.

Employees at the rally said that the issues raised in the grand jury report on the TAP program have never been addressed by the county. They hoped that among achieving other goals, the unionization of the temporary employees would help ensure that the day would come when these issues were finally addressed.

"What do we want, a better Riverside", was one of the chants shouted during the rally by both county employees and community organization leaders. What happens next as the county processes the applications filed by its workers for unionization remains to be seen in upcoming weeks and months.

## REPORT

Continued from Front Page

the TAP program because she thought it was a way to "get her foot in the door". But what she discovered instead was that TAP employees were doing the same work as their permanent counterparts but without the benefits attached. There was also no process for enabling TAP employees to move into permanent positions and often no training given to them.

Jessica Lopez, another TAP employee, said that now the temporary office employees would be standing up as one voice. "Today is a very important day," Lopez said.

Paul Rasso, a member of the community coalition, told the audience that if they ever needed his help, "I will be there for you." He was excited to hear that the TAP workers had decided to come forward and take a stand.

"Unionization is alive," Rasso said as those in attendance applauded and cheered.

Nearly five years ago, the county grand jury did an investigation of the TAP program and issued a report which included nine recommendations for the county to

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# Darcell: Smooth Lyrics and Sound that Soothe the Soul

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

By Jose Corea

If music lovers ever needed to find music that inspires feelings of being loved and valued, then they have found it in singer/songwriter, Darcell. For two years, this artist has been singing his way through the streets of Los Angeles. A native from Texas, he has been selling records without any support from label, and persevering through rejection, even spending nine months living out of his car. Now his turn has come with the release of his debut CD set to be released May 2008.

Darcell's music is inspired by the smooth, sensitive and urban

sounds of

Babyface and Stevie Wonder, and the soulfully passionate messages of Marvin Gaye. However, his biggest inspiration is the woman that taught him how to play the piano and subsequently sparked his first interest in being a musician, his grandmother. For the self taught guitarist, music definitely runs in Darcell's blood. His grandmother sang and played piano, and as a child Darcell sang as part of his family's gospel ensemble, "The Sunlights".

Despite all the trials Darcell has faced to come this far, he describes the music in this album as having a lighthearted tone; he focuses on creating soothing melodies and positive lyrics, the

experience of listening to one of his songs is like being gently relaxed onto a comfortable couch and whispered "you are loved." "I want to make people feel beautiful and valued, when they listen to this album my desire is for them to be relaxed and forget about all the worries they have for 45 minutes," says Darcell. He describes the messages in his lyrics not as bringing attention to the problems that many people face in their lives, instead singing messages that inspire people to be better by giving solutions to problems."

The first single, Let's Make Love (Angela's Melody), is now available at [myspace.com/darcelltheartist](http://myspace.com/darcelltheartist). It is a simple and mellow song. It's

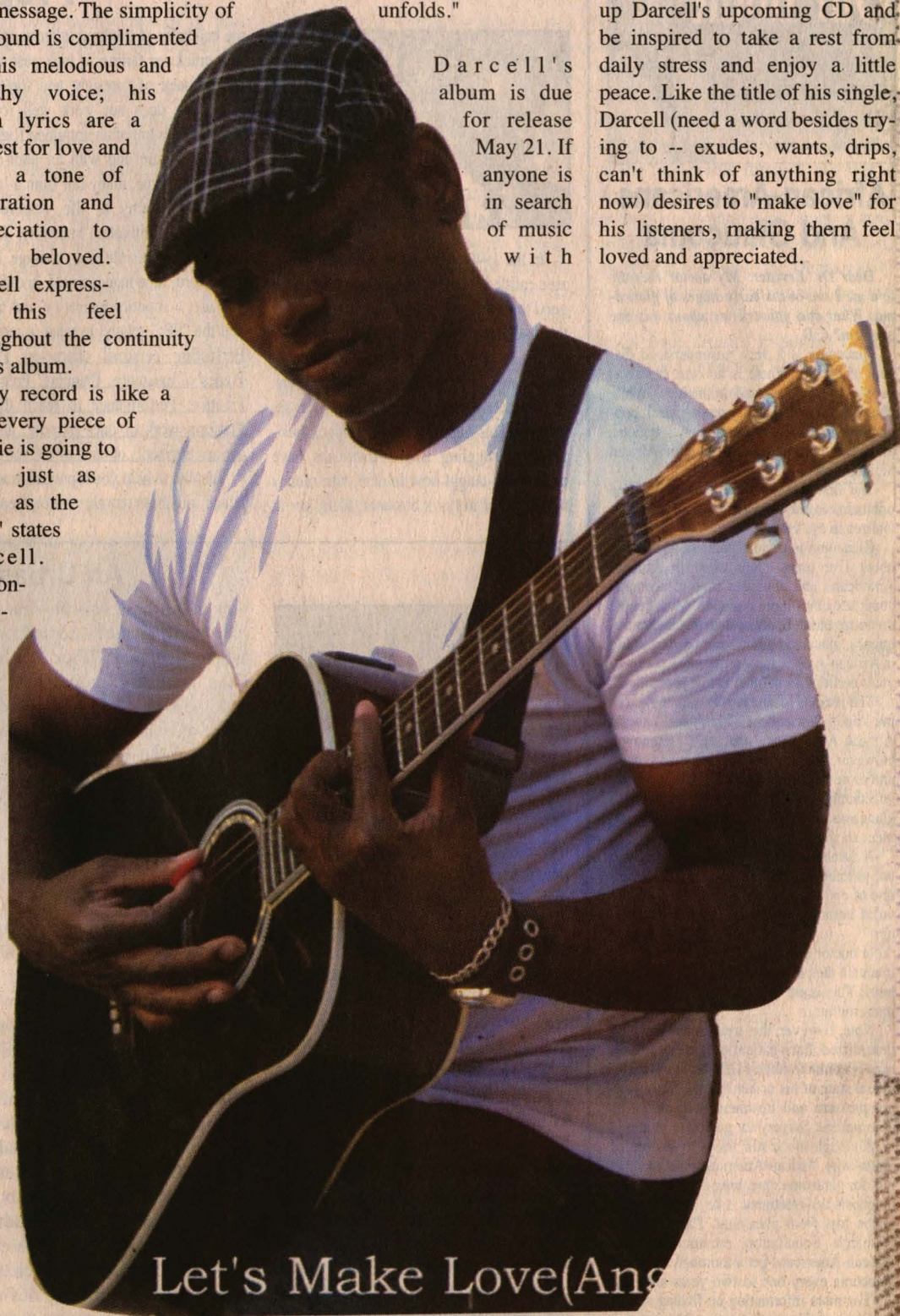
just Darcell, his guitar, and his lyrics. One man, one instrument, one message. The simplicity of his sound is complimented by his melodious and breathy voice; his clean lyrics are a request for love and have a tone of admiration and appreciation to his beloved. Darcell expresses this feel throughout the continuity of his album.

"My record is like a pie, every piece of the pie is going to taste just as good as the first," states Darcell. He continues: "the

songs take you on a journey, unfolding as the song unfolds."

Darcell's album is due for release May 21. If anyone is in search of music with

relaxing melodies and optimistically soothing lyrics, then pick up Darcell's upcoming CD and be inspired to take a rest from daily stress and enjoy a little peace. Like the title of his single, Darcell (need a word besides trying to -- exudes, wants, drips, can't think of anything right now) desires to "make love" for his listeners, making them feel loved and appreciated.



Let's Make Love (Angela's Melody)

## Djimon Hounsou: Never Backing Down

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

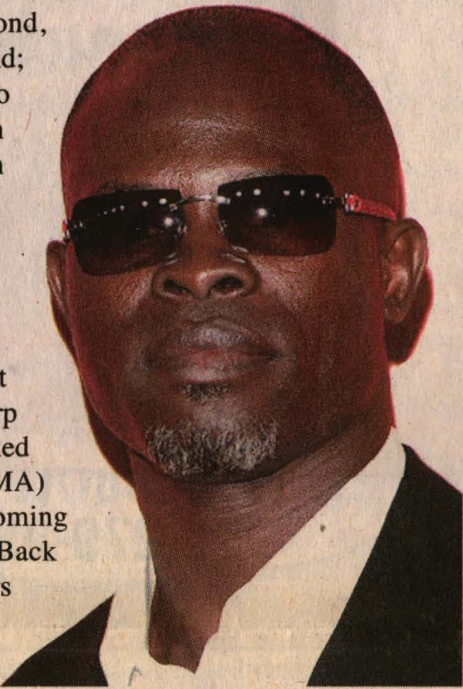
By Marci Casillas

You may recognize him from Blood Diamond, Amistad, or The Island; either way there is no doubt that the African native, Djimon Hounsou has made a name for himself in Hollywood. This two-time Academy Award nominee is taking on a new facet in his career as a sharp and demanding Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) mentor in the upcoming movie "Never Back Down" with co-stars Sean Faris and Cam Gigandet.

Set against the action-packed world of Mixed Martial Arts, Never Back Down is the story of Jake Tyler, played by Sean Faris, who is the new tough kid in town with a troubled past. Pushed into a fight by bully Ryan McCarthy (Cam Gigandet), Jake takes an interest in the fast growing combination of boxing, Judo, Brazilian Jiu-jitsu and many more. Trained under the wing of the MMA mentor Jean Roqua, played by Djimon Hounsou, Jake must learn the patience, discipline and reason within him to succeed; a decision which will define who he is.

Djimon Hounsou's character, Jean Roqua, is a talented MMA teacher who whips Faris' character, Jake into shape. But Jake wasn't the only one getting a workout, all three stars of the movie spent weeks with stunt choreographer, Damon Caro. Hounsou trained one-on-one with two-time light heavyweight champion Erik Paulson, learning leg locks, dive rolls, kicks, clinching, takedowns and throws.

Hounsou's long standing background in Kung Fu and boxing, diet of vegetables and fish and work-out regimen



stairs, running and cardio vascular helped him prepare for the grueling months of physical training for the movie.

MMA is a growing phenomenon, a new form of fighting whose combination of wrestling, kicks, judo and Brazilian jujitsu makes it irresistible to watch. This MMA aspect of "Never Back Down" is what attracted Hounsou to the script. "Mostly it had to do with the love of the sport, the sport was what I knew and what I have [known] for many years and I also have a background in Kung Fu and boxing myself, so it was good." He was happy to take on a new role, so different than anything he's done before. He believes that there is always a "constant struggle to redefine yourself through the work you do," and when reading a script he always asks himself "What am I gaining out of this project?"

Djimon Hounsou is a Benin born actor, dancer and model. He lived in Benin, Africa until his immigration to Paris

at the age of thirteen. Soon after dropping out of college, he was discovered by fashion designer Thierry Mugler, and was made as a model which led to small roles on television shows like Beverly Hills 90210 and ER. His first on-screen performance was in Janet Jackson's video "Love Will Never Do (Without You)". Later, he would receive a Golden Globe Award Nomination for his powerful role as the revolt leading Cinque, in Steven Spielberg's film, "Amistad."

Even with his Academy Award Nominated roles in, "In America" and "Blood Diamond," he still knows the challenge of an African native trying to make his way through Hollywood. "Once you're accepted [in Hollywood] you still have to prove your existence." He believes that there will always be challenges to be faced in this blockbuster community "in a sense that I have a skin tone, and that skin tone is not of the hour." But once the director has said cut, it's the "mental toughness" and "spiritual attribute as a result" from the film that he benefits from most.

Apart from "Never Back Down," Djimon Hounsou just finished filming the upcoming film "Push" in Hong Kong with co-stars Chris Evans and Dakota Fanning. He is also in the talks about a comic book series that is to be made into a movie. "Never Back Down" is set to release on March 14th.

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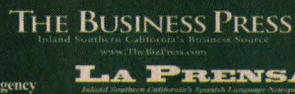
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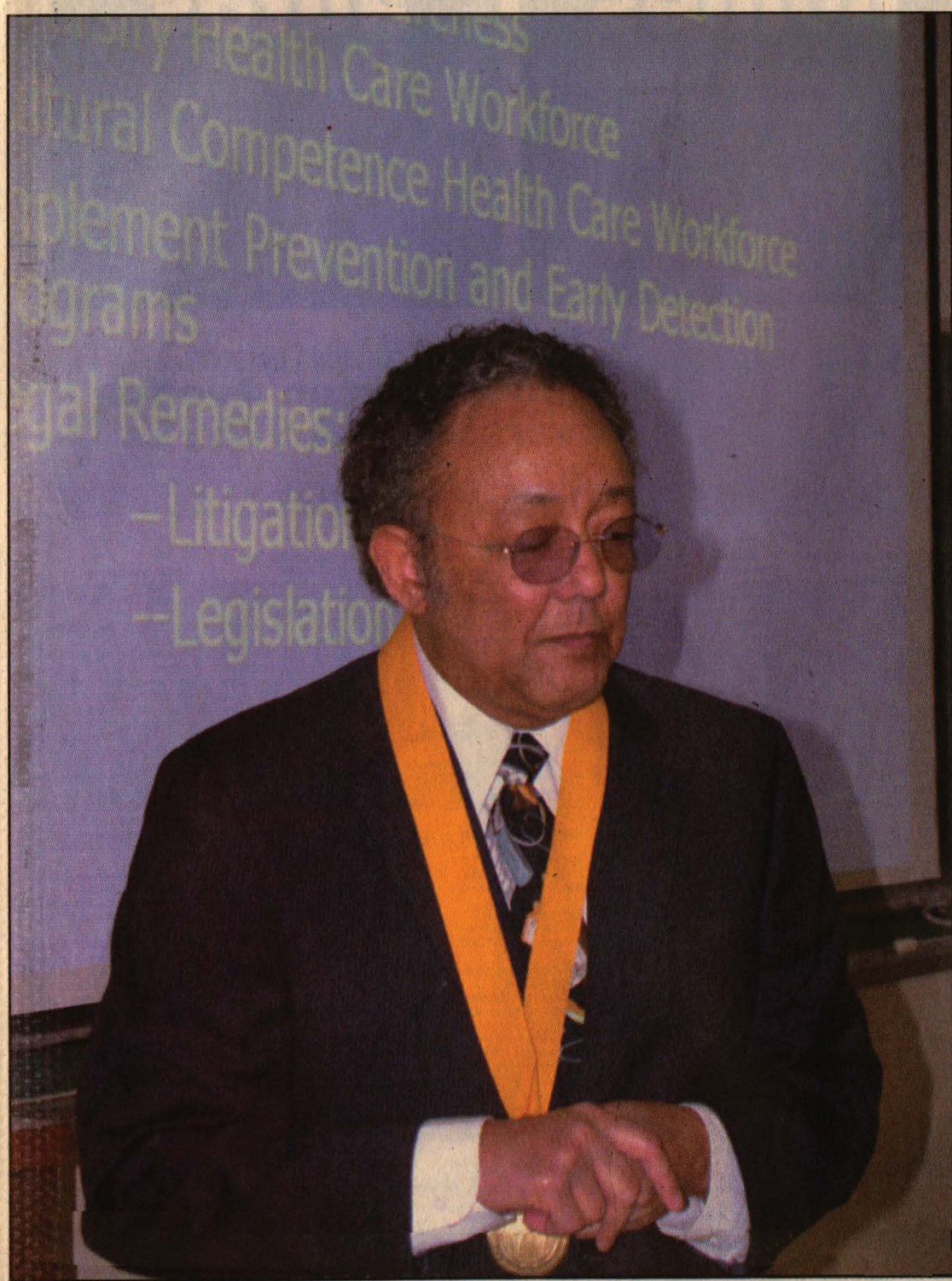
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# Moreno Valley Celebrates Black History Month



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The Black Voice News

## RIVERSIDE

By Jose Corea &amp; Lee Ragin, Jr.

It is known within the Black community that disparities and differential treatment range from education, employment, gov-

ernmental issues and healthcare. In a series of symposia scheduled at the University of California, Riverside by Dr. Carolyn Murray, healthcare was the focus of Black Voice News columnist Ernest C. Levister, Jr., M.D. F.A.C.P.,

F.A.C.P.M., as he spoke on the topic, "Impacting Health Care Disparities A Case for Diversity: University of California Riverside."

According to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development,



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A crowd of over 100 students, community members, and educators packed the UCR Olmsted Hall.

health disparities nationally are 886,000. More Blacks died between 1991 and 2000 than would have if equal healthcare had been afforded to them.

Locally, Inland Southern California - the counties of Riverside, San Bernardino and Imperial - face a growing shortfall of physicians. As of 2002, the diverse and rapidly growing region had one of the lowest ratios of generalist physicians per 100,000 population in the state, at less than 60.

This disparity is due partly to the shortfall of training afforded minority students within the medical profession, which is why the James Wesley Vines Medical Society desires to "level the playing field."

The Vines Society, a component of the National Medical Association began a grassroots movement to increase public awareness, frame the healthcare dispar-

ity problem, and develop policies to address the unequal care among minorities.

They (Vines) noted striking irregularities in the UC system's program of education, in particular, UCR's seven-year bio-medical science program.

They called for an investigation that uncovered that UCR's program with its "mandated failure", not only impacted the under-represented, discouraging science and health careers, but impacted all students, families and the community.

It was also discovered that in a 20-year history, UCR's bio-medical program had one African American and twelve Latino students that finished the program.

"This problem was ignored by officials. They didn't see it as a problem," stated Levister.

He continued: "The 2003 action by the California Legislature closing down the first 3 years of the UC Riverside Haider UCLA Bio-Medical Science program represents the first time in the UC system's 135 year history that the state ordered the restructuring of an UC academic program without the consent, advice, or vote of the University Academic Senate."

"This grassroots effort by the Vines Medical Society, a component of the NMA, led to the radical restructuring of the UC Riverside Haider UCLA Bio Medical Science program which cleared the way for UCR to create a four year medical school."

"The Vines continues to work with UCR and believes in the philosophy that those who do not learn from the past are condemned to repeat it."

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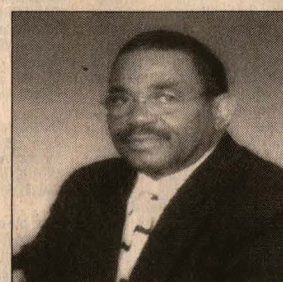
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
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Riverside County  
5225 Canyon Crest Dr. 71-415  
Riverside, CA 92507

Annette Faye Hickman  
15615 Turnberry St.  
Moreno Valley, CA 92555

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s/ Annette Faye Hickman  
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s/ Paul L. Chapman

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**XTREME IMPRESSIONS**  
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Moreno Valley, CA 92555  
Riverside County

Spencer Wayne Moore, Jr.  
12338 Brewster Dr.  
Moreno Valley, CA 92555

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s/ Spencer W. Moore, Jr.  
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## The Black Voice News



# Decently and In Order Ministry will host the 8th Annual Pastors Breakfast

The Black Voice News

RUBIDOUX

By Ashley A. Jones

Decently and In Order Ministry will host its 8th Annual Inland Empire Pastors Breakfast at the National Orange Show Events Center on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 9:00am.

The keynote speaker of this event will be Pastor Diego Mesa from Abundant Living Family

Church of Rancho Cucamonga. ALFC was founded in 1994 by Pastor Diego and Cindy Mesa, the church currently resides at its recently completed location in Rancho Cucamonga, which consists of 5,000 members. Pastor Diego is dedicated to promoting and participating in programs that support children, youth, and families. He also supports programs in personal evangelism and outreach.

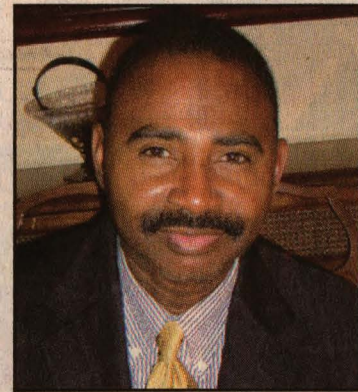
Decently and In Order

Ministry was founded by Evangelist Jerry Musgrove and his wife Dr. Robbin Huff. This ministry in January of 1999. This ministry is devoted to ministering to the needs of men through fellowship, teaching, and evangelism. Decently and In Order Ministry strives to promote unity within the body of Christ and assistance in the development of strong male leadership.

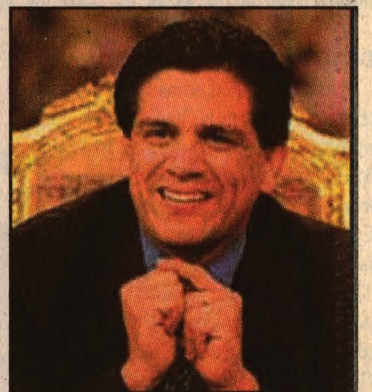
Evangelist Musgrove is dedi-

cated to uniting the body of Christ regardless of culture, background, or differences. "The focus has always been unity within the Body of Christ, that is the focus of the breakfast. It's about developing relationships with other pastors, and our relationship with Christ," said Evangelist Musgrove.

"Paul states in 1 Corinthians 12:13-14 that all believers are




File Photo  
Evangelist Jerry Musgrove



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Pastor Diego

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## St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church



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Wed: 6:30 pm - Youth Ministry (2nd & 4th Wed)  
7:00 pm - Bible Study - Series - "Master Life, The Disciple's Cross"  
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