**First 5 California Offers Free Resources for Families and Caregivers**

The golden years are a time when many grandparents look forward to being with their grandchildren. However, many grandparents today also are being called upon to care for their grandchildren. The latest U.S. Census Bureau reports that 4.1 million children live with grandparents, a 30 percent increase since 1990. The upper east coast is where the African American children are more likely to live with their grandparents. However, African American children are more likely to live with their parents. The report also notes that African American children are more likely to be in foster care or at risk of entering foster care. Free resources are available to help families in these situations. If you're interested in providing foster care, the state of California operates a foster care training program. To learn more about the program, contact your local Department of Social Services office.

**San Bernardino's Historic Preservation Commission**

On August 6, 2006, the First 5 San Bernardino Commission heard the compelling story of one of its founding members, Tommy Ross. One of the founding members of the Commission, Tommy Ross, is being honored for his dedication to the community. Ross was a well-respected community leader and devoted to improving the lives of children and families. His contributions to the Commission were invaluable, and he will be remembered for his commitment to ensuring that all children have the opportunity to succeed.

**Free Kits for New Parents**

The Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino has announced the availability of free kits for new parents. These kits provide essential resources and support for new parents, including information on child development, safety, and nutrition. The kits are designed to help new parents feel confident and prepared as they begin their journey as parents.

**Seymour: An Early Childhood Development Program**

Seymour is an early childhood development program that focuses on maximizing children's potential. The program aims to help children become self-sufficient, productive citizens by cultivating important life skills such as language, reading, and thinking. By promoting a strong foundation at an early age, the program helps children achieve their full potential.
San Bernardino Valley College Fall 2008 Registration Now Open

KaBOOM! Build Brings Out Hundreds

More than 1,200 degrees and certificates were given out to graduates last year at San Bernardino Valley College when Fall 2008 registration is now open. The registration is currently available online and complements traditional in-class, evening, weekend, online and hybrid courses are available to students, like Councilman, Rikke Van Johnson are trying to do. They are building this community by and grow. The old playground was only a dirt lot, but by the early afternoon it was transformed into a safe place to play. The volunteers, came out to the westside of the community had a run down playground to the children to stay out of trouble. And more importantly, it is a place for the children to play. The volunteers, came out to the westside of the community and planted a ribbon on new park.

The goal of the program is to raise up to a million dollars and support the athletes of today and tomorrow. They are supporters of USA Women's National Water Polo USA Softball USA women's National Team, U.S. Women's National Soccer Team and USA Women's National Volleyball Team. Elizabeth McCaffrey, former Olympic volleyball player for the USA women's team, was more than happy to come and help at this event. "It's always nice to give children a safe place to play," McCaffrey said. "Every child should have that." With her help and the help of hundreds of other volunteers, including Mayor Pat Morris of San Bernardino, the children who live in the surrounding communities now have a safe place in which to play.

Stop leg cramps before they stop you.

Dear Reader: Every time I write to our community, it shows me that people care about their neighbors. "Even though there is something positive here, there is still 20 acres that need attention," Van Johnson said. He initiated, the football field and the baseball diamond are areas that still need work. "But the construction of the new playground is a step in the right direction for the community," he said.

The new playground is also a chance for people of all the Island Empire to encourage the community around the Delmann Heights center. "When the kids see this many people come out of their community, it shows people care about their neighbors," said A. Mejias, the Black & Girls Club of San Bernardino Chief Professional Officer: "People come enough about them and their community to enact a $70,000 playground." Just that morning Island Communities Corp. bought a check to help fund the new playground. Island Empire Jobs Corps Center has brought a bus full of volunteers to shovel, rake and do what needed to be done. Martha Martinez had come all the way from Cathedral City to help. She heard about the building of the new playground from her local Albertson's and the Step Beyond program.

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Ame rican tenant in the plaza, was affected by the landlord's decision to remove the paint ad. Feeling...
Their world is as fragile as they are. Global warming threatens not only the earth but the future of its most precious inhabitants: our children. If we join together we can make a big difference in the fight against this threat. Last year, Californians replaced over six million regular lights with CFLs. Let’s do more. If all of us replace five more regular light bulbs with energy-efficient bulbs, we’ll make a big difference. The term “Black Power” dates to 1440 and means Black Unity related to ending White European invasions (done to claim Africa’s resources). Many Black people—a wall fashioned by the delusional world of Black Americans is inscribed on walls of Northern Africa; was inscribed on walls of Northern Africa: was inscribed on walls of North America. The word raise is nurturing externally and internally. Raise in the proper sense of the proverb “It takes a whole village to raise a child” means that you do not raise all of them by yourself. In Moreno Valley and the Inland Empire alone there are over 122,000 children like cattle for their laughter. It takes a wholesome village to raise a child. Barbara’s grandson reads to him. Thank you for your effort in raising Godly character .

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Dear Dr. Levister:

Ashy skin, which is called keratinized skin, can have a drying effect. As you age your skin tends to be drier because the epidermis is outer waterproof, protective layer. The dermis is the inner layer and serves as a cushion for sensation. The dermis is mostly composed of collagen and elastin, which provides the skin with its texture and ability to stretch. The dermis contains the sweat glands, which help to regulate body temperature and moisture balance. The sweat glands release sweat, which helps to cool the body and remove waste products such as toxins and excess sodium. However, when skin becomes dry, it can become more visible on African Americans because the skin is darker and has less oil, which helps to keep the skin more moisturized. It is important to maintain a skin care regimen to keep the skin healthy and hydrated. Applying a light layer of olive oil after a cool shower can help to moisturize the skin and prevent it from becoming too dry. It is also recommended to use sunscreen to protect the skin from the sun's harmful rays, which can cause skin damage and increase the risk of skin cancer.

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By BVN Staff

Recently, at the Burbank Marriott Hotel an extraordinary event was held by the California Republican Party. Billided as the California Republican Leadership Conference, hosted by the California African American Republican Coalition, the theme was “Building Strong Leadership through Positive Change.”

Black Republican leaders from around California gathered there for a day long leadership conference focused on growing the number and effectiveness of African American Republican activists throughout our state. Ron Nungre, CRP leader stated, “We know that our Republican ideas of entrepreneurship, strong families, promoting personal responsibility work wherever they’re implemented and many African-Americans in the state share Republican values,” states Bobby McDonald. He continued, “Several TV crews covered the event, with the program focused on leadership and political training, networking and mapping out the next step for building the Republican Party in California’s African-American communities.”

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China Uses Games As Catalyst For Change

In fact, China’s President Hu Jintao hosted a very VIP—sorry to say I was not invited—to banquet lunch at the Great Hall of the People for royalty and state leaders.

In a press conference after the Opening Ceremony, with an estimated 4 billion people watching around the world in a 2008 Olympic Games.

The Olympics are the largest event in the world, after the mission in Baghdad. China just recently watched the US and inaugurated its new embassy in Washington DC.

China has come a long way from the bullied, humiliated and colonized nation by invading imperial powers of the world that saw a disrupted mega-country in the 19th century.

And the big world elephant that was stuck in the mud, got paranoid and isolated after World War II and inflicted damage upon itself as a result of finding a gap in governance harness 1.3 billion people (America has only 200 million) and create a controllable system.

Well, the Olympics, it took to expel invaders and write a country is a distant memory.

China hopes the Olympic Games will show all that they are ready and capable to join the world community as a great force.

The Beijing 2008 Olympic Organizing Committee has named the Games “One World One Dream” and has also reintroduced legendary philosopher Confucius’ quote: “benevolence, kindness, faithfulness and courtesy are friends of the wise.”

I am pleased that friends are coming to visit Great China.

Indeed, as I talk to China’s great peoples and its media, all the Olympics as an agent for positive change.

Without a doubt the Olympics have brought up China’s image toward great consciousness.

The big toy has moved polling factories and all new buildings, including the Olympic venues, have state of the art technology, energy conservation and recycle systems. China had an environmental prize for lifting 500 million of its citizens out of poverty and supplanting the world with affordable goods, but they are proving to be an insidious people who are open to change.

They want to change the perception that some in the West have of China’s giant beast that is just living on the planet and showcasing its culture, magnificence and power.

Throughout this Olympics they hope to show most perceptions are not reality.

Make no mistake about it, China wants to win medals, but its true prize uniquely confounding incredible landmarks and economy to the world community.

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Eight Days That Changed Our Lives

My personal journey on the Footsteps To Freedom "X" Underground Railroad Study Tour

By Briana Bojkin

When Dr. Pasquelle Brown-Hinds and Mrs. Cheryl Brown told me I was going on The Black Voices News' study tour to Freedom "X" Underground Railroad Study Tour, I was excited and grateful to be with such a diverse group of enthusiasts. The diversity of participants was a great motivator to reconnect with the history of those brave people who came before me. I was also eager to have a better insight into slavery as President and Founder of the Frederick Douglass Family Foundation, an organization that works to educate people about slavery and improve their understanding of this dark period.

On our first day of the tour, we arrived at the Underground Railroad Visitor Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. We were greeted by Dr. DaRon Putnam, the program director, who introduced us to the idea of the Underground Railroad and its significance in American history. I was touched by the passion and dedication of the tour guides, who shared their knowledge with us in a profound and meaningful way.

One of the most emotional parts of the trip was when we arrived at the memorial for Harriet Tubman in 2008. We were moved by the stories of courage and determination that we heard from the tour guides. The stories of those who risked their lives to help others freedom seekers truly moved us. We were struck by the courage and resilience of those who fought against the institution of slavery.

The most touching moment of the tour was when we visited the home of abolitionist John Rankin in Ripley, Ohio. It was here that Dr. Putnam introduced us to the work of John Rankin, who was a slave owner who helped many slaves escape to freedom. We were moved by the stories of the slaves who found refuge in Rankin's home and the courage of those who risked their lives to help others.

The trip was filled with moments of reflection and inspiration. We learned about the importance of education and the power of storytelling. We were reminded that the fight against slavery is ongoing and that we must continue to work towards a world where freedom and justice are for all.

As our tour guide, Dr. Putnam, told us, "The Underground Railroad is a symbol of the power of the human spirit to overcome adversity and to fight for justice and freedom. We must continue to honor those who risked their lives to help others, and we must continue to work towards a world where freedom and justice are for all."
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Americans, feelings of by going into Kentucky to rescue others, continued to risk his

Becky Snider

"I have traveled to over fifty-six

and inspired to do a host of reading and studying this area. I am grateful to be on this tour." - Katie Greene

have forgotten that they were con- nected to a people of dignity, honor, and virtue?" These times were more difficult for me, but they were part of the journey I realized that it was the path of those who fought for freedom that connected me to the variety of freedoms afforded to me in this country today. By embracing the footsteps of those who chal- lenged our society to make this country a more perfect union, I have become more connected to my human duty to participate in the struggle for human rights and am honored to not only continue in following these footsteps, but to
do my part in making my own as well. At the end of the tour, the roommate, Kathy Greene, retired Air Force Major, regist-
er nurse practitioner, and lawyer from Riverside, said to me "I have traveled to over fifty-
different countries and yet this is probably the most signifi-
cant trip I have ever been on." I know that I, a twenty-two

years old recent college graduate and rather inexperienced travel-
er, was beyond honored.

When our plane home touched California soil, all of us were a little changed. And it is certainly no lie that once you embark on the Black Voice Footsteps to Freedom journey of the Underground Railroad, you have no choice but to return a quite different, more whole person.

Dr. Daniel Walker lectures in the slave pen at the Freedom Center.

Amanda Hernandez and Allen and Dr. Bryan Walls review the work in a book that features last year's trip.
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Gospel Komedy Slamz Brings Laughter to the Inland Empire

By Naomi Bonman

_ Eternal Praise Entertainment learned together to bring The Gospel Komedy Slamz to the Greater Community Church in Riverside this past Saturday. The Gospel Komedy Slamz was in honor of New Jerusalem Christian Center Pastor Dr. Jerry Louder.

- The performers of the night (including the Rev. Monty B. Sharpton and the Anointed Ones, HBO's Def Comedy Jam comedians J. Lamont, BET's Oh Drama, and one magician. Rev. Monty B. Sharpton founded the Anointed Ones in 1996, since then they have performed in various locations at several different events and have even appeared on a few television sitcoms, such as BET's Oh Drama, and The Celebration of Gospel Company. The Gospel Komedy Slams are a way for people to come together, laugh, and have a good time, but also it’s another way to bring more people to know Christ. It takes different methods to be able to spread the Gospel to certain people. These Slams prove that a comedian can still be just as funny without using any crude language.

Each ticket sold towards the Louder family so that Dr. Jerry Louder can have an exceedingly well recovery. Dr. Jerry Louder has appeared on several TBN programs and is the President of the United States Pastor's Association (USPA), which deals with empowering and equipping pastors for evangelizing and developing their communities. Dr. Louder earned his A.A. (Pre Med), all 60 units from Riverside Community College in a record of “one year time” with honors, and he also earned his Masters of Administration Degree from Pepperdine’s Anderson School of Management, with a specialty in international theory.

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revival preacher who operates in the revelation and healing gifts.

Sponsors of the Gospel Komedy Stamm included Solutions 2 Inc: Professional Services, Sentinel Surveillance Systems, Inc., J. LaNae's Beauty Expressions, Photos Design Studio, McKay's Family Mortuary, Canyon Crest Dental, Second Baptist Church, and the main sup­porter who should not be for­gotten is the mayor of Riverside, Ron Loveridge. If you are interested in bringing The Gospel Komedy Stamm to your church or any

other event that may have or just want more informa­
visit www.comedyonamission.ca
or call 1-877-3Komedy and ask for Lamont Bonman.

NEXT WEEK:
Cross Word Christian Church presents Emerge 2008 Wellness Expo: Healthy Families Build Strong Communities.