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## Garamendi Sounds the Alarm

**"We Must Conserve Water"**

The Black Voice News

ONTARIO

By Cheryl Brown

Without water a community cannot grow, houses cannot be built, jobs cannot expand and the economic future of San Bernardino depends on growth. If there is no water there is no growth and the economy will be badly damaged as a result. This was the premise of the Second Annual San Bernardino Water Conference held last week at the Ontario Convention Center.

"We have a problem!" declared Lt. Governor John Garamendi the keynote speaker. He was addressing the day long event that brought together key stakeholders to make clear exactly how difficult the water situation is in the region and why it is unlikely to get better. One key is industry the other key are the residents, the end users.

According to Supervisor Paul Biane, "Water drives our economy and we cannot continue to rely on imported water," while Supervisor Gary Ovitit told the audience, "today we are going to craft a water policy action plan."

Garamendi called the water situation



(l-r): Fred Williams, Ex. Director of the Baldy View Chapter of BIA, (Building Industry Association of So. Cal), Lt. Gov. John Garamendi, Fontana Councilman John Roberts, Ali Sahabi, founder Green Valley Initiative and SE Corporation, and Larry Sharp, President of Arrowhead Credit Union.

in California a crisis and said, "we don't have 15-20 years to deal with it." He explained that climate change is real. The snow packs on the mountains have all but disappeared, and the pending disaster

of a predicted earthquake with less snow will raise the Pacific Ocean and compromise the Delta and fresh water sources.

He said that people will have to conserve, lawns will have to be replaced

with natural vegetation, we will have to recycle the water that we use, the contaminated water must be cleaned up and we must reduce our carbon footprint.

Mark Dowling, Director of the

Economic Development Agency further sounded the alarm. "We take water for granted. Each person uses about 120 gal-

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## State Public Health Fines Hospitals For Medical Mistakes

Kaiser Riverside, Loma Linda, Among 18 Slapped with \$25,000 Fine

The Black Voice News

SACRAMENTO



The California Department of Health says medical errors are one of the major causes of deaths and injuries of thousands of patients every year, contributing to soaring healthcare costs.

By Chris Levister

Insisting Californians are entitled to quality patient care, California's Department of Public Health fined 18 hospitals in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties for medical mistakes. Each violation carries a \$25,000 fine.

The list state regulators released Monday reads like a 'who's who' in hospitals.

L.A. County USC Medical Center failed to assign enough nurses to a patient on suicide watch. A patient fell off an operating table during surgery at Scripps Green Hospital in San Diego.

In San Bernardino County Loma Linda University Medical Center doctors failed to ensure the health and safety of a patient when a potentially fatal overdose of a medication was administered.

Doctors at Kaiser's Riverside Hospital failed to prescribe, administer and monitor medication in accordance with the manufacturer's specification on safe use. A patient at Newport Beach Hoag Presbyterian had to undergo a second surgery to remove a surgical instrument left after surgery.

A patient died after falling out of an improperly fastened wheelchair at Los

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## Black Reporter Booted From McCain Rally

Secret Service Singles Out Sole Black; McCain Campaign Apologizes

The Black Voice News

TALLAHASSEE, FL



Reporter Stephen Price assigned to cover a John McCain rally was singled out by Secret Service and told to leave a backstage area.

By BVN Staff

The Tallahassee Democrat newspaper is asking Sen. John McCain's presidential campaign why a Black reporter assigned to cover a rally was singled out by the Secret Service and told to leave a backstage area.

Reporter Stephen Price was among four Florida capital press corps reporters behind the scenes at a Panama City rally recently when a Secret Service agent approached and asked if he was part of the national media traveling with the Arizona senator. Mr. Price said no, and the agent told him he had to leave. Mr. Price said he then pointed out that there were other state reporters in the same area, but was still told to leave. The other reporters were White.

A Panama City police officer quickly approached with his hand on his holster and asked what the problem was, Mr. Price said. At the same time, Palm Beach Post reporter Dara Kam came to Mr. Price's defense and was told she also had to leave, Mr. Price said.

The other two reporters, Alex Leary of the St. Petersburg Times and Marc Caputo of the Miami Herald, weren't removed.

Mr. Caputo, however, said that initially he also was told he had to leave the area. The McCain campaign said it asked Secret Service to look into the event. "The campaign looked into this, and found that no one from the campaign was involved," said McCain spokesman

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## Stay Tuned! Obama To Text VP Choice

Denver Gussies Up For Democratic Convention Opening

The Black Voice News

U.S.

By Chris Levister

UC Riverside student Candice Ries checks her cellphone several times a day. She's not expecting a mea cuppa from her ex-boyfriend, rather the 22-year old college junior is one of the millions of Barack Obama supporters expecting an important message this week.

The Democratic presidential nominee is close to choosing a running mate, and the first person to find out could be Ries and you.

In an e-mail to supporters, Obama's campaign manager said voters can sign up to



Voters can sign up to receive an e-mail or text message the moment Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama chooses a running mate.

receive an e-mail or text message "the moment" he makes his decision.

"No other campaign has done this before," campaign manager David Plouffe said in an e-mail. "You can be a part of this important moment."

Those who sign up will also receive other

periodic text messages including updates from the floor of the Democratic National Convention, and will be charged standard messaging rates.

People can sign up at <http://mybarackobama.com/vp> or they can text VP to 62262.

The e-mail asks supporters to pass the message to friends and family, another way for the campaign to collect information on potential voters and contributors.

Obama is well known for running a technology savvy campaign, using the Internet to build a network of 2 million volunteers and raise nearly \$340 million, as of the end of June.

The campaign's unprecedented reach extends far beyond the official website, to a variety of social networking sites that allows supporters to exchange messages with each other, and track the candidate on the cam-

aign trail.

Sites like Twitter deliver updates via text message, putting the campaign in real time near constant contact with potential voters.

Obama's announcement could be the first high profile step in an otherwise guarded process. Both Obama and likely Republican nominee John McCain have been tightlipped about who they're considering and how the selection process is going.

Meanwhile Denver known as the "Queen of the Plain States" is applying makeup and getting ready to host the Democratic National Convention. The convention starts August 25. There are signs everywhere that it's about to begin, like the "Denver 2008" banners and last-minute cleanup projects around the Pepsi sports arena downtown.

Michelle Obama and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi will be the featured first night speakers at the convention, which will also

## U.S. Minority Population Spreading Beyond Gateway Cities

Blacks Returning to the "New South"

The Black Voice News

WASHINGTON

By Chris Levister

U.S. cities coast to coast are getting blacker and browner as minorities, especially Hispanics have more babies and Blacks fed up with a lack of jobs, underperforming schools and escalating police brutality migrate from north to south.

U.S. Census Bureau figures released this week show whites are now in the minority in one in 10 U.S. counties and that Hispanics continue to spread in large numbers beyond traditional gateway cities like Los Angeles and New York into other cities, suburbs and rural areas such as St. Joseph, Mo., about an hour north of Kansas City. The Hispanic population in St. Joseph increased 21 percent from July 2006 to July 2007, the largest percentage increase in the country. Boise, Idaho, Scranton, Pa., and Madison, Wis. also attracted a mix of Hispanic immigrants as well as domestic immigrants who have left gateway cities.

The boom in Hispanic population, the majority of which comes from births rather

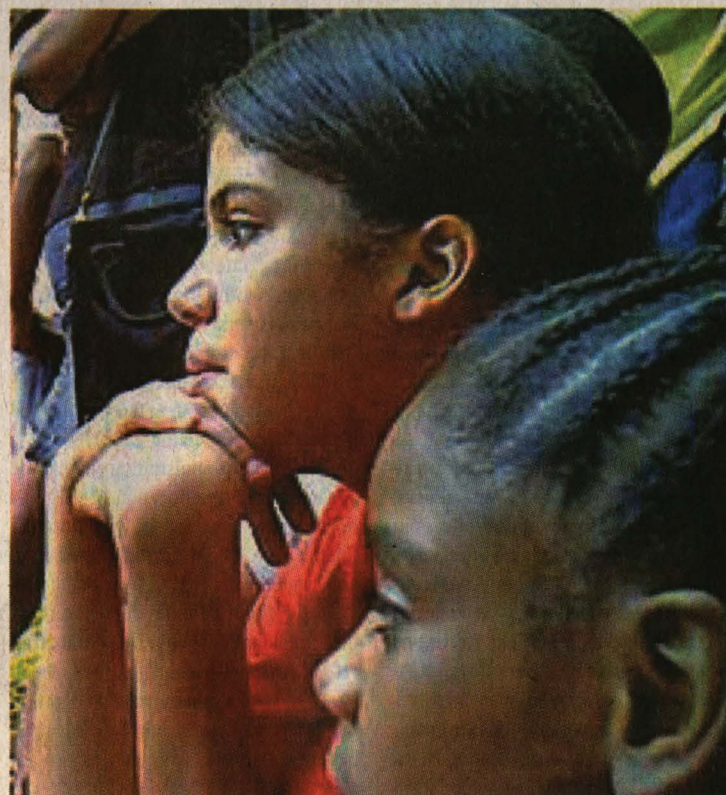
than immigration, continues to be the driving force in U.S. demographics. The Hispanic population grew in 95% of the nation's counties with an overall population greater than 10,000.

Inland Empire cities such as Rialto, Fontana, Riverside and San Bernardino remain as destinations for Hispanics leaving Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

According to Census figures San Bernardino and Riverside counties saw significant population spikes in 2006-07 and the majority of those moving in are Hispanics. From July 2006 to July 2007 the city of San Bernardino had an increase of 16%. "We're seeing explosive growth among new minorities particularly Hispanics across the country," says William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank. "At the same time, the white population is getting older and become more constrained," he said.

Whites are projected to fall below 50% of the total U.S. population by 2050. Several states including Texas, Hawaii, New Mexico and California have already reached that milestone.

Southern cities such as Birmingham, Atlanta and Charlotte, N.C. saw the nation's largest growth in Black population as many African-Americans migrate away from 'job



New U.S. Census Bureau figures show soaring Latino birthrate not immigration, is driving force in national demographics. Southern cities see Black population growth.

hungry' northern cities.

The largest numerical gain of African-Americans was in Atlanta, whose Black population rose by about 65,000 from July 2006 to July 2007. Trends show Black upper middle income families and single professionals abandoning metropolitan cities such as Los Angeles, Detroit, and New York.

"Southern charm is in again, says Daniel Gullette, an Atlanta career consultant. Blacks earning over \$75,000 are finding the pastures greener in the south when it comes to fair housing, jobs, education and career opportunities.

"A lack of job creation, draconian prison policies and attitudes that pit Blacks against Hispanic immigrants in traditional urban enclaves have worn thin," said Gullette. "Educated higher income Blacks in California and New York in particular fed up with 'justified' police brutality, underperforming segregated schools and straining race relations are saying, 'Slavery is over - we're free to move about the cabin', that means taking our consumer spending with us as well."

The Dallas Fort Worth area added 23,000 African-Americans and Charlotte, N.C. added 17,000.

In the Inland Empire and high desert

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## Norton Space and Aeronautics Academy to Open Monday

Thursday, Aug. 28  
Dorothy Inghram will be honored

The Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

By Cheryl Brown

In 1942 when Ms. Dorothy Inghram arrived at the County Schools' operated Mill School, the principal and the teacher there were shocked. She was the first Black teacher they had seen. The road to her becoming the first Black principal and the California's first Black superintendent was filled with challenges but in spite of it all, she prevailed and some of her students are the most productive adults in the community.



Principal Robert Barksdale

Mill School closed in 1968 years after it became a part of the San Bernardino Unified School District. It closed because it fell within nearby Norton Air Force Base's flight path that was deemed a danger to school

students and too noisy for them to learn.

It is so appropriate that the school be re opened by Principal Robert Barksdale, who said it is his desire to remember the work of Ms. Inghram, to honor it and to make the new Norton Space and Aeronautics Academy (NSAA) the best school in the area. It is a free public charter school open to any San Bernardino County resident.

This will be the first school chartered by San Bernardino Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Herb Fischer, and came about when San Bernardino Mayor Patrick Morris requested the school when he saw what was happening at AAE School in Hesperia, NSAA's sister school. The waiting list for AAE is at 3,000.

Barksdale said his school's vision is to create global citizens. To that effort, the students will be bilingual, bi-literate, and bicultural. "They will be able to speak, read and write and have a sense of multi-culturalism," he said. "They will learn how to gather data, what that data means, and how to analyze and record it using a computer software program. They will learn to work in teams on problem solving skills," said Barksdale.

There will be an emphasis on technology and on math and science. The school will begin with the lower grades adding three classrooms, and one grade a year. This year will be a full day kindergarten, first and second grades. By the time the students are entering the 5th grade, Mandarin

Chinese will be added to the curriculum. Students will wear uniforms and parental involvement is key.

Just as the old Mill School had a strong parent component so will the NSAA. Each family will be asked to contribute 30 hours of volunteer time per school year. And the way to accomplish the task will be flexible. The concept for the volunteer involvement is to have families be involved in their student's education not to work for the school.

At present, 220 of the 300 spaces available are filled and Mayor Morris' toddler grandchildren are already on the waiting list.

The first day of school will be on Monday, August 25 with an open house on Thursday August 28, at 10:00 A.M.

## Thanks Joe Baca for the Resolution on PLS

Back in February, Joe Baca introduced Assembly Bill H.R. 896 into Congress to bring public awareness to the neuromuscular disease known as Primary Lateral Sclerosis (PLS) and the people stricken with it like myself. Well, congress passed it with a unanimous vote and now February will also be named Primary Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month in addition to recognizing me in my fight with the disease.



Joe Baca

Like most people, I had never heard of PLS but was aware of ALS which is better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, an aggressive killer with a life expectancy of 2 to 5 years after diagnosis. PLS on the other hand is a rare neuromuscular disease characterized by progressive muscle weakness in the voluntary muscles but does not carry with it the short life span.

The first doctor who said I had ALS had not heard of PLS nor did he believe it to be a disease. My second doctor, Dr. Ronald Bailey, a neurologist in Riverside concluded after conducting several test on me that I had PLS and several years later Dr. Perry Shieh of UCLA rendered the same opinion. Thanks to the internet, I have been able to research both diseases and have found out that many of the things I have done have brought much comfort to me as I live with this condition.

I am one of the few who has never given up hope nor wavered in my faith of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I recall the story of faith by Abraham as told in the book of Hebrews chapter 11:8-19. He has done that for me by giving me the diagnosis of PLS. It is a conformation of what I believe. Abraham believed in something he had never seen or heard of but believed it would still happen any way.

So I want to thank Joe on behalf of my family, friends and the people who are mis-diagnosed with other related diseases like ALS causing many to give up hope and succumb to fear and high anxiety. The passage of this bill will generate awareness and attract researching funds toward finding a cure. Let me also say that when you have a supportive family, friends, community and so many people of various faiths praying for you it is hard not to find the strength to carry on. Even yesterday a pastor from Zimbabwe, Lemmy Sikena stopped by the office to pray with and for me. My friend, Jack Brown, CEO of Stater Bros. Market came out on a cold day in February just to wish me well. I can not begin to count the number of blessings I have received from the silent prayers you have prayed every day for me. So I want to thank all of you for your support and to Joe Baca for his thoughtfulness in doing this act of kindness.

## US: We Must Change Direction

I cannot understand for the life of me why we, as the public, are not in an uproar over the way the Bush Administration has manipulated this false gas crisis to benefit the stock holders and his oil producing friends. They deliberately drove the prices high only to now reduce them to acceptable levels but still higher than before. It was also done to get the public to agree to give the oil companies greater access to off shore drilling without environmental restrictions. This old trick of getting the public is as old as man. The government got the public involved to kill Jesus. They got the public involved to have Moses agree to give people divorces. They got the public involved to petition God to give them a king to rule over them. Karl Rove and the conservative Christians got the public together to give us King George Bush. In all those instances the people later regretted what they did.

Let us come together in November to elect a leader that will govern for the people and not a select group of people. Over the past eight years, the rich have gotten richer while the poor have gotten poorer and the middle class has gotten into food lines, lost homes, lost healthcare, lost businesses, paid higher education bills, been poisoned by eating food not inspected from other countries, given their children toys that go un-inspected for safety, and received no help when natural disasters have happened in our community.

Yes this November let "we the people" elect someone who will look out for all the people. We must not get sidetracked in our thinking that a president will prevent people from having sex out of wedlock, getting pregnant, having abortions, or telling people who to marry. While all of these things are good for us to try and rid our society of it will not put one good loaf of bread on your table. It will not educate one child. It will not provide security for your family. It will not provide healthcare for you or your loved ones. It will not prevent greedy oil companies from gouging the public by a non-caring publicly elected president. It will not create one job. It will not put one more member in your church nor convert a non-believer to believe in Christ. It will not conclude a war that we should not have started in the first place.

To continue traveling down the same road we have traveled for the past eight years will only continue to give us the same results.

## What Every Black Christian Should Know

By Rev. Barbara Reynolds  
NNPA Religion Columnist

Imagine cruising along the centuries old Nile river shaded by lush date palm trees, stopping to check out a Nubian elementary school, then later trotting along on camels among the Giza pyramids and stopping to gaze at the memorial to Hatshepsut, the first and only female Pharaoh. Along the way, travelers from many parts of the world hailed our all African-American touring group with the greeting, "Obama."

Then after leaving Egypt, our tour group headed to the Holy Land. First stop was with the Black Hebrews, African-Americans who have built an oasis in the Negev Desert. We were baptized in the River Jordan, the site where John the Baptist baptized Jesus, prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, visited Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus.

Ironically it is under Arab control and we were ordered not to bring Bibles nor Christian symbols inside. Then we walked along the Via Dolorosa, which winds along narrow streets of Jerusalem's Old City to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of Jesus' burial and Resurrection.

That is what I did this summer.

My experience, along with hundreds of others

over a span of two decades, came about through the heroic efforts of Dr. Cain Hope Felder, professor of New Testament and Literature and editor of the Journal of Religious Thought at the Howard University School of Divinity in Washington DC.

Here is a man who has distinguished himself as a stellar scholar. Among his extensive post graduate degrees is a Ph.D. and a Master of Philosophy degree in Biblical languages from Columbia University in New York.

His books are many. Troubling Biblical Waters has been translated into more than 20 different languages and his True to Our Native Land is the first African-American commentary on the New Testament.

My favorite is his scholarly contributions compiled in the Original African Heritage Bible. That was earth-shaking. With scholarship and depth, Felder helped shatter the myths and destroy the lies that White missionaries saved the heathen Blacks. Until I studied under Felder, I had mistakenly thought the Bible was all about Whites, an impression that soon dramatically changed.

Felder's work showed how the Bible is a drama of the history of salvation where the Black presence is monumental: the creation of the first Adam from the dirt of the ground in the Garden of Eden, located in Africa, to the reser-

ting of the world after the flood through Noah's three Black sons, to the incarnation of Jesus of Nazareth, who by any stretch of the imagination was not blond-haired nor blue-eyed.

His work opened our eyes to how Blacks contributed greatly to the spread of Christianity. Blacks were prominent in the Upper Room in Jerusalem where Christianity was inaugurated through the Holy Spirit; one of the first Christian converts was a Black man from Ethiopia. Blacks were early martyrs during the Roman Empire and Black men like St. Augustine, the Father of Theology, wrote foundational works upon which Christianity was built.

It was Felder's research that helped stop the nonsense that the Roman Catholic Church would name the first Black church after the death of Pope John Paul II, when in fact there had been three Black popes before the fifth century.

Felder could have stopped at being a scholar, but he went so much further. He has organized scores of tours to Africa where in places like Egypt, we saw how many of the facial features of the Pharaohs have been defaced to obscure the fact that their broad noses and lips show without a doubt they were Black and so much unlike the portrait Hollywood has presented.

This was among the many incidents that underscored the depth that Europeans have stooped to obscure the rich cultural history of Blacks.

Many people like myself are no longer as culturally blinded by European propaganda because of the efforts of Felder, who leads an international movement of discovery through the Biblical Institute of Social Change (BISC).

With the sudden passing of Bernie Mac and Issac Hayes, I thought maybe time should not go by without calling attention to how much the 65-year-old pastoral professor gives of himself. He has been battling prostate cancer. On this tour, he was not feeling well and soon after we returned to Washington he was back in Howard University Hospital, where he is reportedly recuperating nicely.

During his hospitalization, he worried about mounting bills that threaten his beloved institution.

Felder has inaugurated a national treasure that has re-written history, connected Blacks to their culture and spiritual past. He should not have to worry.

Send him flowers while he can still smell them. Funds for his institution would be better, however. Donations to keep BISC going can go to Howard University School of Divinity, 1400 Shepherd Street, NE., Suite 264, Washington DC, 20017.

## Taking a Second Look at Bi-racial 'Black' Leaders

By George E Curry  
NNPA Columnist

*If you had a choice of color  
Which one would you choose my brothers  
If there was no day or night  
Which would you prefer to be right.*

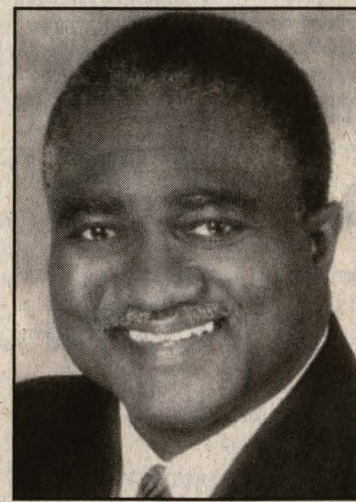
-Curtis Mayfield, "Choice of Colors"

While Barack Obama was pondering whether to seek his party's nomination for president, there was another development already taking place in the Black community. More than any time in memory, there has been a growth in the number of people of biracial parentage assuming leadership roles in largely Black cities and organizations. They include Newark Mayor Cory A. Booker, Washington, D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty and NAACP President/CEO Benjamin Jealous. The lieutenant governor of Maryland, Anthony G. Brown, is also bi-racial.

As with so many things in the African-American community, the issue of color is a complicated one.

From the days slave masters forced themselves on Black women, there have been bi-racial children, some taking on the color of their mother and others looking as white as any White man. Even today, more than nearly 400 years later, some Blacks can still pass for White.

Complicating matters within the community, however, is the mixed signals Blacks have historically sent on color. In many social gatherings, a premium was placed on what was then called light-bright-and-damned-near-White. Some social clubs required potential members to pass the paper bag test - if you were darker than a paper bag, you



George Curry

couldn't join.

But all of that changed - or, at least was challenged - during the Black Power Movement of the late 1960s. Black was in, White was out. No more White dolls, no more European beauty standards, no more self-hate. We were taught to love ourselves. Of course, the Black Pride Movement never took full hold in our community - after trying an Afro, James Brown even went back to his scary curl - but it represented a significant step in the right direction.

*Now some of us would rather cuss and make a fuss  
Than to bring about a little trust  
But we shall overcome our beliefs someday*

*If you'll only listen to what I have to say.*

With remnants of the live-and-let-live spirit of the 1960s still in place, color isn't any less complicated today. Clarence Thomas, a dark-skinned man, is more hostile to civil rights than any of the White conservatives on the U.S. Supreme Court. Yet, Walter White - who, by all appearances, looked White - was an ardent civil rights activist with the NAACP, serving as executive secretary from 1931-1955.

Derrick Bell, a law professor at New York University, reads nothing special into the increasing number of bi-racial leaders.

"It shows that interracial unions are on the rise," he explained. "Obviously a number of young Whites, male and female, are looking beyond race in choosing whom they wish to marry."

Until the U.S. Supreme Court struck down anti-miscegenation laws in 1967 (Loving v. Virginia), interracial marriages were illegal in 16 states. According to the Census Bureau, the number of interracial marriages increased from less than 1 percent in 1970 to slightly more than 5 percent in 2000.

And not all products of these unions accept others' definition of them. Consider this exchange between Michelle Martin, host of NPR's "Tell Me More," and Ben Jealous.

MARTIN: One other interesting thing about you is that you are also biracial as is Barack Obama, as is the lieutenant governor of Maryland, as is the mayor of Washington.

JEALOUS: Can I, can I make a small correction there?

MARTIN: Of course.

JEALOUS: I'm Black, you know the only thing that we have, you know, the only definition that's out there on the books if you will, are state laws, and my family is from Virginia. When I was born... the law said... if you were at least 1/32nd of African descent, you were Black, end of story. White was an exclusive definition; Black was an inclusive definition...

The real issue, says Luke Harris, a professor at Vassar College, is not what people call Jealous - whose father is White and mother is Black - but how those in that group relate to the Black community.

"Biracial folk have always played significant leadership roles in the Black community. We need only think of Frederick Douglass," Harris said. "Whether their increased participation in their roles signals something good or bad depends on the ways in which they relate to the Black community. Do they see themselves as full-fledged members of our community? Do they offer a politics that genuinely reflect the interests of our community? These are the sorts of questions that will have to be asked."

*I said now people must prove to the people  
A better day is coming for you and for me  
With just a little bit more education  
And love for our nation  
Would make a better society.*

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## African-Americans and HIV: Are We Still Paying Attention?

By Marc H. Morial  
NNPA Columnist

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released a report showing that new HIV infections are 40 percent higher than previously estimated, with the majority of new infections occurring among African-Americans.

African-Americans make up only 13 percent of the population, yet account for 45 percent of all new HIV infections. The CDC report begs the question: As the face of AIDS in America has turned increasingly Black, have our federal government and many of our fellow citizens simply stopped paying attention?

About 600,000 African-Americans are now HIV positive and as many as 30,000 are infected each year. According to an analysis by the Black Aids Institute, despite extraordinary improvements in HIV treatment, AIDS remains the leading cause of death among Black women aged 25-34, and the second leading cause of death among Black men aged 35-44. Blacks make up 70 percent of new HIV cases among teenagers and 65 percent of HIV-infected newborns.

At a time when the actions of our federal government and others are resulting in fewer deaths and greater access to affordable antiretroviral drugs in places like Namibia and Cambodia, more Black Americans are living with AIDS than the infected populations in Botswana, Ethiopia, Guyana, Haiti, Namibia, Rwanda or Vietnam.

In fact, according to the Black AIDS Institute, if Black America were a country, it would rank 16th in the world in the number of people living with HIV.

The Bush Administration should be applauded for its allocation of \$50 billion in new emergency AIDS funding for the global fight against the disease, but I agree with NBLCA president and CEO C. Virginia Fields' contention that the president's focus on combating HIV/AIDS overseas has not been matched with a commitment to fighting the epidemic here at home. We need better and more targeted prevention efforts.

We must also do more to promote needle exchange programs, improve testing in prisons and deal with issues like poverty, homelessness and drug

abuse which are known incubators for the disease. But government can't do this job alone. We also however, must do more in our own communities to change behaviors and end the stigma and homophobia that keep us from reaching out to those in greatest need.

The CDC report should be a wakeup call to Washington and to every American. We can and we must reduce this trend.

The National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (NBLCA) has

called for an emergency Congressional hearing on the implications of the CDC report. The group has also called on the presidential candidates to develop a national AIDS strategy and to make fighting the epidemic in Black America, a high priority. The National Urban League stands with groups like the Black AIDS Institute and the Congressional Black Caucus, in issuing a national call to action. We must do more to protect our communities from this national epidemic.

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## Competitive Benefits to Employees Green Lighted

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SACRAMENTO

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently signed into law a measure that will give counties the authority to offer a more competitive benefit to employees that manage monies on behalf of retirement plan members, said Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter (D-Rialto), who carried the bill with bipartisan support through the legislative process.

Assembly Bill 1963 will enable investment staff to defer a portion of incentive compensation until retirement, said Timothy B. Barrett, CFA, Executive Director/Chief Investment Officer of San Bernardino Employees' Retirement Association. "The ability to attract and retain qualified staff is paramount to any organization's success."

Currently, counties that operate under The County Employees Law of 1936, have the authority to disburse performance-based bonuses only in the year they are earned, which may subject investment employees to substantial tax penalties.

## The new doctoral program will be the third of its kind in the United States

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

UC Riverside will become only the third university in the nation to offer a Ph.D. in ethnic studies when the doctoral program launches in fall 2009. The Department of Ethnic

Studies will begin accepting applications for the Ph.D. program on Sept. 1.

The program will allow students to focus on one or more of three distinct areas of specialization: theories of race and power, cultural politics and production, and the state, law and social transformation.

"Given the increased diversity of the state population there in a growing need and demand in both the private and public sector for researchers and policy experts who

can address pressing social problems and contemporary issues surrounding race, ethnicity, and democracy not only in the Inland region but in California and the nation at large," said Alfredo Mirandé, chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies.

The comprehensive Ph.D. program will prepare students to work for public agencies and educational institutions or the private sector as applied researchers and policy experts, or to pursue careers in academia as researchers and university

professors, he said.

The Department of Ethnic Studies has 12 permanent faculty and is conducting a national search for an additional senior tenure professor in the area of critical race studies and theory. Faculty areas of research and teaching cover a range of topics, including Native American, African American, Asian American, and Chicana/Latina literature and culture; black culture and performance; Chicano/a politics and social movements; Native American

history and culture; history of black education; education, law and policy; law, race, class, and culture; Asian Americans and culture; Chicano history, music and popular culture; immigration history, law and policy; African American history; anthropology; Chicana feminism; and critical prison studies and critical race studies.

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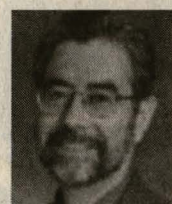
## CSU Sacramento Hosts Statewide Conference on First Year Student Experience

### Ethnic Studies Professor Says Research Will Help Students of Color

The Black Voice News

SACRAMENTO

Sacramento State's First Year Program's Office is set to convene the 2008 First Year Experience Regional Conference Tuesday,



Dr. David Leon

August 26, 8am-4pm in the University Union. The hallmark event will bring together faculty, staff, students, and administrators

statewide to share strategies and showcase best practices in the fight to insure student success. That fight has particular importance to students of color, according to Dr. David

Leon, Chair of the Ethnic Studies Department.

"Research shows that many students of color have a higher attrition rate, but it appears that students involved in an intensive first year program are more likely to be successful in their second year," said Dr. Leon. "Ethnic Studies is participating to share our success with our freshman seminar course (Ethnic Studies 21) and to learn from experts around the state."

Indeed Sacramento State is the

first campus to host a learning community conference in Northern California, a conference built upon the work of the California Learning Communities Consortium (CLCC). In addition to statewide faculty, staff and department directors, renowned speaker Dr. Betsy Barefoot, the Co-

Director for the Policy Center on the First Year of College, will speak. In addition to Dr. Barefoot's speech participants can engage in over 31 workshops on issues of technology, assessment, student engagement, diversity, freshman seminar pedagogy, and student excellence.

## Arthritis Foundation to Honor Motown Legend

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

The Arthritis Foundation-Inland Empire will host its annual fundraising gala, "the 2008 Taste of the Towns" on Sunday, October 5th from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Riverside Convention Center on the outside plaza area, 3443 Orange St. in historic downtown Riverside, Calif. This year's event promises to be a very memorable celebration, honoring the profession of Rheumatology. An elite guest list including medical professionals, executive board members, sponsors and other special guests are some of who will be in attendance for this unforgettable afternoon of the finest cuisine, wine, and live enter-

tainment — all for a worthy cause.

This year, the Arthritis Foundation-Inland Empire, under the direction of Executive Director Catherine Grinnan, will be paying tribute to the late Melvin Franklin of the Grammy-award winning legendary Temptations (Godfather of Arthritis Foundation Committee member Natasha Ferguson). Franklin died in 1995 as a result of complications from Rheumatoid Arthritis. Special musical guests will be doing a "Sounds of Motown" musical tribute. In addition, attendees will have a rare opportunity to witness local Riverside artist Greg Adamson paint live to music. The finished art piece will be auctioned live at the event.

An estimated 4.3 million

Americans suffer from this debilitating disease, which is a chronic inflammatory disease of the joints (it affects adults and children). The 2008 Taste of the Towns is the Inland Empire's premier food and wine tast-

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**MCCAIN**

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Brian Rogers. Secret Service spokesman Eric Zahren said two other Florida reporters were removed along with Mr. Price and any other reporters who weren't with the national press should have been removed

as well. At all campaign events, national and local press are separated for logistical reasons.

"Race played absolutely no role in any actions taken by our employees or anybody else in this case," Mr. Zahren said. Mr. Price said he could think of no other reason why he was approached other than his race. He said he had to show his media credentials to get into the area and that he was there for several

minutes before being removed. The newspaper said last week that McCain spokesman Brian Rogers extended a personal apology to Price. "I accept the apology," Price said. "I definitely wish I was never singled out." The newspaper said Rogers told them that the McCain campaign had no control over the Secret Service detail.

**CENSUS**

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regions, Victorville and Moreno Valley were among the few cities registering Black popu-

lation growth. Moreno Valley, the Riverside county bedroom enclave saw a 13% increase in Black population between 2006-07.

"The way things are shaping up, said Gullette. I think you're going to see a continued migration to more progressive southern

cities. In what has been a largely white Republican stronghold for decades, look for a political renaissance of Black and Hispanic Democrats. The welcome mat is out - again."

**WATER**

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lons of water per day and we have no concept of a water shortage." He concluded by giving the example of the recent run up in the price of oil that has set our economy in a tailspin. "We have to raise consciousness. It will shift (our usage) as it did with oil," he stated. Unfortunately he indicated by the time residents understand the problem rates will have increased substantially.

"Once the water situation in the region is understood, we can begin moving all industries and residents towards common-sense solutions to ensure our future water supply," said Ali Sahabi, SE Corporation, Corona, and founder of the Green Valley Initiative. "The alarm has been sounded," he said. Sahabi hosted Garamendi's early morning reception.

The rest of the day was filled with laying the groundwork for the issue, as experts, business leaders and politicians are convinced of the importance of the issue of water in the Inland Empire.

Nearly 1000 people attended the event hosted by Senator Bob Dutton, Supervisors Biane and Ovitv, Ontario Mayor Paul Leon, and the Building Industry Association, Baldy View Chapter.



Lynn Lee, Safety Quad Chair, Kaiser Hospital and Lt. Gov. John Garamendi.

**HOSPITAL**

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Alamitos Medical Center. Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Torrance inaccurately labeled tissue specimen that led to unnecessary surgery for one patient and delayed another's treatment.

"Ensuring all Californians receive quality patient care is our top priority," said

Kathleen Billingsley, Deputy Director of the Center for Health Care Quality at the California Department of Public Health. "We will continue to work with California hospitals to ensure our shared goal of excellence in patient care."

The CDPH action is part of a nationwide crackdown aimed at dealing with the growing medical error problem. Healthcare costs in the U.S. have continued to rise steadily since the 1980s.

Medical errors are one of the major causes of death and injuries of thousands of patients every year, contributing to soaring healthcare costs.

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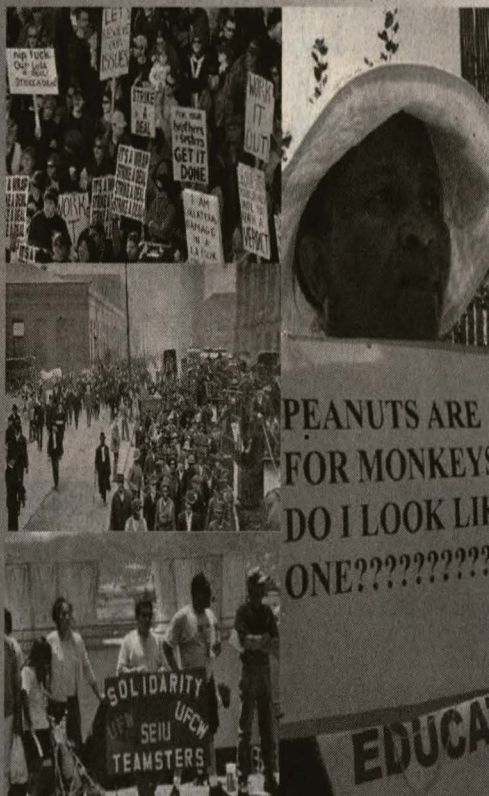
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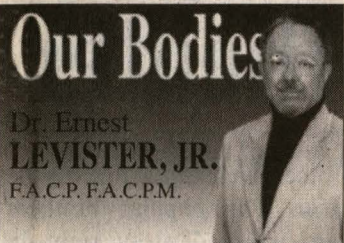
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Turns out Airborne, was sued for false advertising and settled for \$23 million last week. The complaint argued, among other things, that Airborne purposely deceived a whole class of honest hard working people into believing that taking the medicine at the first sign of sniffles would stop the common cold bacteria dead in its tracks.

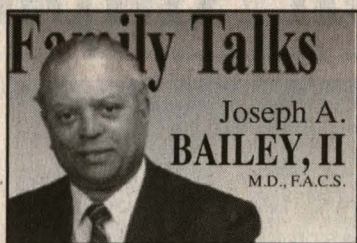
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So what is Airborne's fate? Polls suggest people still believe in the power of a placebo. Which implies Airborne's false advertising will probably be ignored or quickly forgotten, the school teacher will go back to teaching runny nose kids in the California schools and we'll keep guzzling the good tasting fake cold remedy.



Putting a chaotic subject in order begins an understanding of interrelationships within that subject. The meanings inside the word "Black" are in great chaos. For example, the statement that "All Blacks look alike" generates meanings to Whites that are quite different from those of Blacks; or, the phrase: "The Black Experience" is quite different for different classes of Blacks. The purpose of the following discussion is to show an approach for dealing with such

## "Lumper/Splitter" Classification Of "Black"

chaos. If one gathers many of the almost infinite number of words pertaining to the word "black," then it will be clear that such wide spread applications of the meanings of the word "black" makes it an *Umbrella Term* (i.e. various meanings are under one term's canopy) and each meaning can be classified variously. General categories related to 'black' include the Spiritual Realm; the Neutral Realm; the Negative Realm; and the Destructive Realm. Inside the Negative and Destructive Realms are several subcategories. One subcategory reflects the ideas, character and behaviors Europeans have as part of their tradition. For example, European ideas of death and mourning are symbolized by black. In figurative use 'black' has traditionally implied foreboding, evil, or melancholy. In addition, several Oriental nations use "black" as a badge of servitude, slavery, and low birth. A second

subcategory reflects the ideas, character and behaviors Europeans possess as part of their tradition but have, for the most part, been projected on to Black people. A third is the derogatory meanings designed specifically for Black people. A fourth is the subcategory where demeaning terms are used by certain Black people on themselves as a result of their brainwashing by Europeans.

Two useful approaches to specifically classifying "Black" (or any complex subject) are called "Lumpers" (to simply get the gist of the topic so as to move out of confusion) and "Splitters" (which is about Precision Thinking). To elaborate, let us use the Thinker's Scale (a Positive and Negative Scale separated by a Zero). On the Positive scale are meanings related to things of Worth and of the Spiritual. At the Zero position are meanings simply descriptive of what something is. On the negative scale are varied

meanings that start with 'mild' negatives and progress toward 'extreme' destructive meanings--and with increasing degrees of putrid atmospheres associated with them. The **Splitter Approach** deals with "Black" by denotation or connotation or both; by good, bad, and neutral (e.g. as a color) denotations and connotations; and by placing on all planes of existence the meanings of Black on the metaphorical ladder extending from the earth world to the heavens.

By contrast, the **Lumper Approach** is a "rule of thumb" process for those desiring a general idea about a subject and that will allow them to use easy to understand information. A fun example is illustrated by dividing the gathered meanings of "Black" into the "Shirt and Tie" (or formal) words (usually good meanings) and the "T-Shirt" (informal and usually rude meanings) words. Just as the masses prefer informal to

formal dress, so it is that informal speech is predominant--and this is how "Black" is used by Whites who are insensitive to what is significant to Black People or who do not care or who deliberately try to cause harm. Of course, in between the "Shirt and Tie" and the "T-Shirt" categories is a tremendously big third category of **Misfits**. Whereas Lumpers simply disregard Misfits, Splitters find them to be of great significance because any one item inside the Misfit category might be the beginning of a new category or the link that ties a process together. Misfit examples are meanings of Black that symbolize such things as the unknown, the shadow of something, the mysteries of your subconscious mind, or esoteric realms of deep planes.

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## What I Told My Teenage Daughters About Dating Part 1 of 2



Many parents are uneasy talking to their teen about dating. However that was not my experience as a widower and single father with four daughters during the 1980s and 90s while residing in Los Angeles. Fortunately, my three of my daughters

made it through high school and college without much distraction. However, my oldest daughter had a legal abortion while a high school senior, which was over and done with before I even heard about it. This caused me to become more strict and attentive to her three younger sisters. With the oldest, I was a little loose because I wanted to be a cool dad. At twelve or thirteen she was allowed to have boys over.

By the age of 14-years-old, I allowed her to date. By the time she was fifteen, she was the victim of a date rape. This taught be a lesson. I began to restrict her dating, which resulted in her sneaking out to date. Ultimately, she had an early pregnancy and

received a non-parental consent abortion through the public health department. Eventually, she finished high, experienced two years of college and is a productive 36-year-old single woman today.

My younger daughters, who are from four to seven years younger than their oldest sister, received a different set of dating guidelines from me. None of my three younger daughters had the difficulties of their big sister. They all finished college with a Master's Degree. The youngest is married with two children and the other two are single professional women with no children.

I told my younger daughters that dating

should be reserved until they were at least finished high school. The reason for this logic is because dating is a precursor to pre-marital sex at most and the flirtation with temptation at the least. The purpose of going to high school is to become educated. Dating is a distraction from your educational objective. When many teenager daughters become interested in dating, they did so with group dating. That is to say a group of friends went out together. These type dates are safer and not focused on personal intimate relationships. When girls become obsessed with personal dating they spend as much or more time in the mirror and worries over hair and make-up as they do

on their academics. This is a major distraction.

The only boys that were allowed to visit my younger three girls through the week were for academic study groups. I insisted on seeing the boys report cards and/or weekly progress report to make sure that he was a good student academically and could benefit my daughter by working with the study group. Sometimes I would quiz the boys on certain subjects to test their intelligence and seriousness regarding school. When academic impostors were detected they were asked to leave my house.

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This past weekend I had a chance to spend some one on one time with my mother (who happens to also be my Chief Operating Officer for my company). We went on a "mother/daughter"

weekend to Carlsbad and stayed at a Spa Resort to reflect and review where we are as a company and to discuss some next steps regarding the business.

While "relaxing" (because of course it is difficult to turn off from work when you run an event management company) we decided to take a quick drive over to the Four Seasons Resort Aviara North San Diego to see what kind of venue it would be possibly for an event. The property had all of the amenities you could imagine a top hotel would. While sitting out on the Veranda sipping a nice cool drink, we saw a wedding coordina-

tor setting up for a garden wedding over looking the Pacific Ocean.

As my mother and I sat there watching everything they were doing, she leaned over to me and said "I have a problem with formal events being held out on the grass." As I pondered her comments, I asked her why? She said because for a formal affair women wear expensive high heel shoes that will get messed up from the grass (and by the way it totally destroys the grass too!).

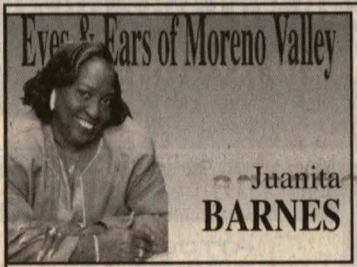
Our conversation made me think about several events coming up that are held outside on "the grass." Yes, it's true

that women often mess up their fancy or pretty shoes when walking on the grass, but sometimes there's not a better venue than a rose garden or a view over looking the ocean and feeling the sunshine on your body and the wind in your face. At the end of the day living in beautiful sunny California, it's hard not to take an event whether it's a wedding, or a garden soiree white linen affair outdoors! I recommend if you know you're going to be outside and you don't want to mess up your shoes...take a pair of flats that you can change into. I would love to hear from you and learn what you think about formal verses casual events held

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# 2008 Teen Choice Awards at Gibson Amphitheater

The Black Voice News

LOS ANGELES

By Lea Michelle Cash

Nearly ten years ago, FOX television developed a way to reach out to teens across America using the entertainment industry. The ultimate beach party where nominees are selected in movie, music, sport, and television arenas by teenagers was an immediate success. The move presented a special television evening for the teen market, and the celebrities that are honored are awarded real surfboards sporting the Teen Choice Award logo. Instead of walking down a red carpet, the celebrities walk down a carpet that's blue.

Recently on Sunday August 4, the 2008 Teen Choice Awards at the Gibson Amphitheater in Los Angeles, was taped, and aired the following Monday. The show was hosted by Disney's mega sensation, 15-year old Miley Cyrus—A.K.A. Hannah Montana. Since the Gibson Amphitheater is located at the Universal Studios empire, there were trams rolling by full of teenagers hoping to gain a glimpse of their favorite celebrities.

Most times, the excited teens saw no one, and then again, at an unexpected moment, sometimes they did. One of those moments occurred for the screaming fans when the Jonas

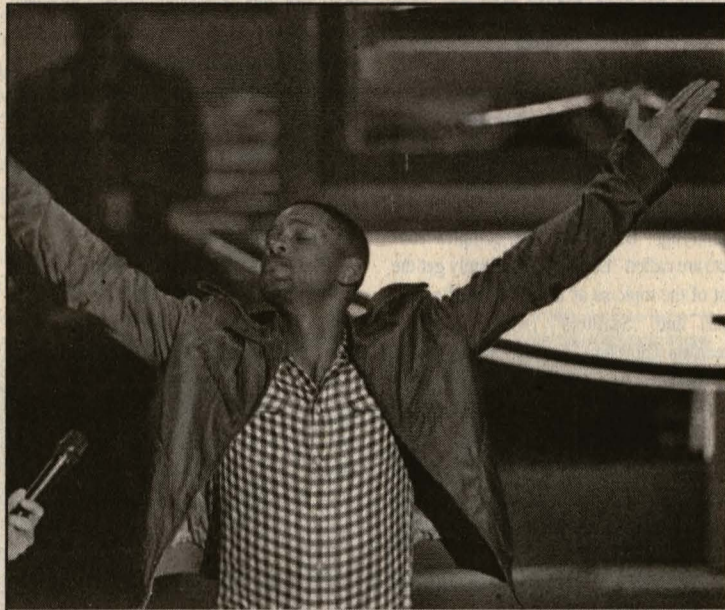


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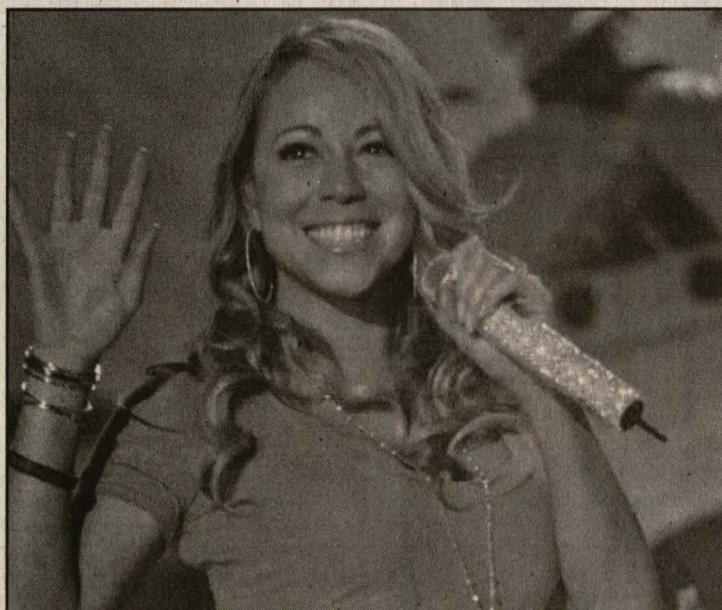


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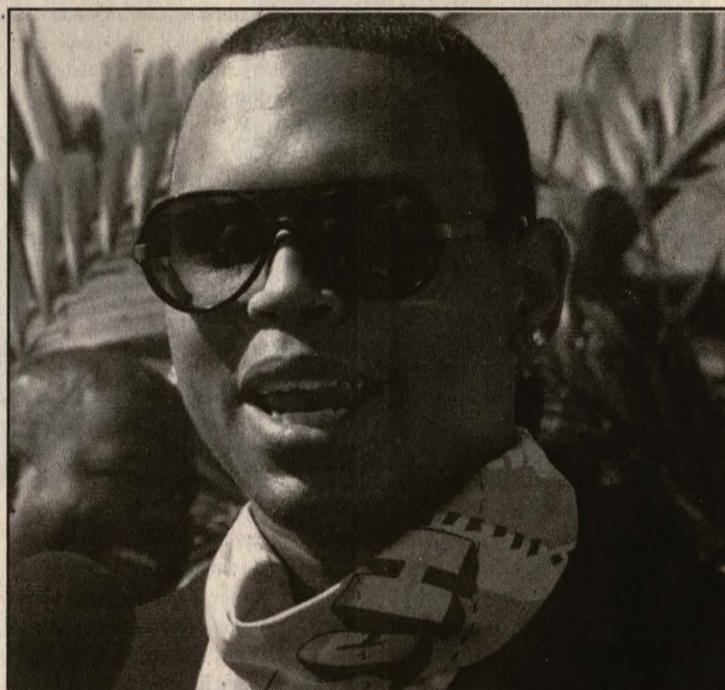


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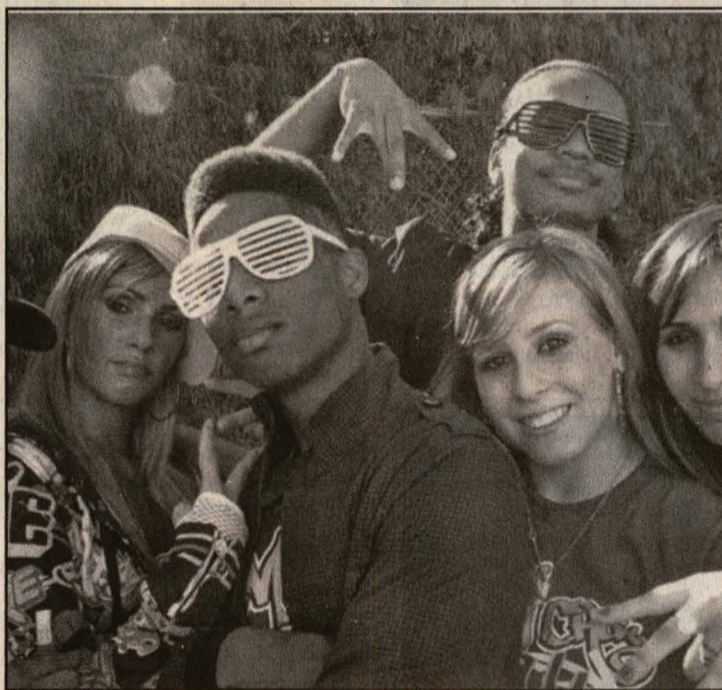


Photo by Lea Cash Dance group M&M Troupe.

Brothers were trying to cross the street. The popular brothers were whisked away right in front of their tram. The incident produced screams, screams and more screams until they finally disappeared. Then there were sightings of Chris Brown, LL Cool J, Hayden Panettiere, David Archuleta, Cheetah Girls, Fergie, Jo Jo, Selena Gomez, Jordin Sparks, and high school musical teen heartthrob, Zac Efron.

This year's hottest achievement winners included Will Smith. His movie "Hancock" won Choice Summer Movie: Action/Adventure. He also won for Choice Movie: Horror/Thriller for "I Am Legend". Both American Idol winners David Archuleta and David Cook won the coveted surfboard trophies. Cook for Choice Male Reality/Variety Star and Archuleta for Choice Most Fanatic Fans. Chris Brown won for Choice Music Artist, R&B, David Beckham won for Choice Male Athlete and Adam Sandler won for Choice Comedian along with a host of other winners.

The highlight of the evening was Mariah Carey performing her new single and a dance battle between Miley Cyrus and her best friend Mandy Jiroux's M & M Troupe and ACDC, the dance crew featuring Jon M. Chu and Adam Sevani of Step Up 2: The Streets. LL Cool J performed also and rocked the house.

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# Jones Success Excites Black Swimmers Across America



The Black Voice News  
BEIJING, CHINA

By Leland Stein, III

I received an email from Diane Perkins, an acknowledged swim mom, a couple days ago singing the praises of USA swimmer, Cullen Jones.

She said she and about 11 other friends sat glued to the television in anticipation of the men's 4 X 100-meter freestyle relay race.

It was an extremely close and competitive race at Beijing's spectacular Water Cube National Aquatics Center. I had no fingernails left sitting at poolside during the historic swim.

It took a gut-it-out world record performance by the United States men's team to claim the gold medal.

It was an amazing team effort, led by anchor-leg Jason Lezak. He overtook France's Alain Bernard winning by the slimmest of margins - 0.08 seconds. Lezak's leg would have shattered the world record for the 100m freestyle, which Bernard set at 47.50 in March. The U.S. team's time of 3:08.24 paled 3.99 seconds off the world standard.

Olympic superstar Michael Phelps led off the relay, Garrett Weber-Gale and Cullen Jones rounded out the American quartet. France took the silver medal with a 3:08.32, while Australia won the bronze with a 3:09.91.

No doubt it was a great victory for record-setting Phelps and USA Swimming, but for the minority swimming communities throughout America Jones' leg was the highlight.

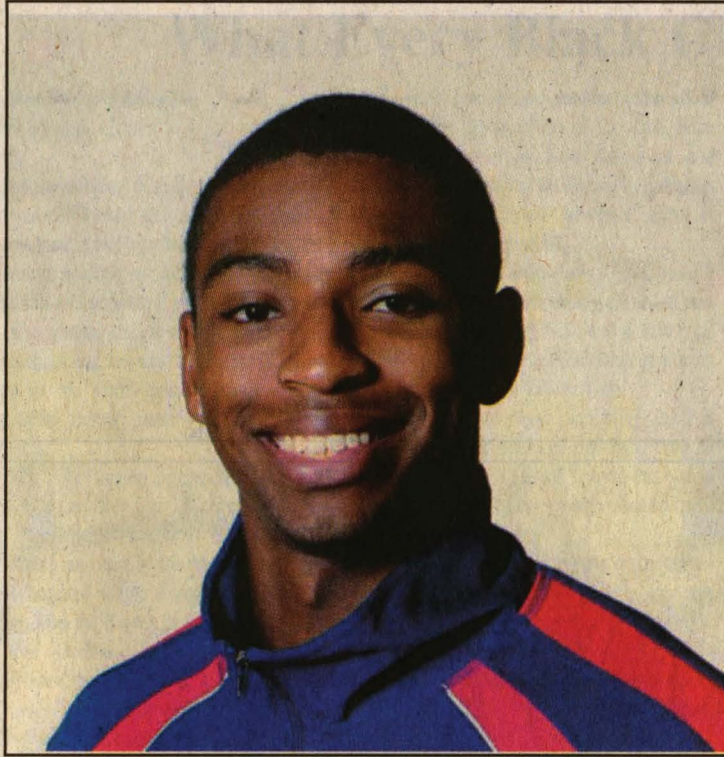
"It was so refreshing to see Cullen standing on the swim block representing African-American swimmers and the USA," Perkins said. "While winning is always welcomed, just seeing him doing his 100 freestyle at the Olympics was awesome. The

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Cullen Jones

Detroit a couple years ago (2006) to raise awareness about swimming within the local community. We had over 100 kids and the clinic was well received. There are people in Detroit that are committed to the sport."

Jones and Correia co-hosted the clinic at Adams/Butzel Recreation Complex in Detroit - one among the many they have hosted throughout the United States.

During the session, Jones and Correia spent part of their time in the water working with the kids to teach them about water safety and awareness. They shared their experiences as minorities in the sport of swimming during a special keynote speech.

The 6-foot-5, Jones, a Bronx native, in a preliminary heat at the United States Olympic trials, established an American record in the 50 freestyle.

He was timed in 21.59, eclipsing Gary Hall Jr.'s eight-year-old record by .17 seconds.

However in both the 50' and 100' freestyle finals Jones, 24, finished third, thus missing an opportunity to swim individual events. Instead of sulking, he put his energy into the relay.

Jones, who started swimming when he was 8-years-old, says he is committed to dispelling the notion that African-Americans cannot excel at swimming.

He knows another four years seems like an eternity right now, but he has dedicated himself to the sport and the effort required to compete at the highest level. In his

training regiment he swims 8,000 meters/yards per day, 5-6 hours a day, and 6 days a week.

Since he burst onto the international scene with a 10th-place world ranking in the 50 freestyle in 2005, Jones has promoted water safety in cities to minority youth.

Jones would rather teach minorities to swim than preach about what it takes to make an Olympic team. "I'm not trying to get the next Michael Phelps," he noted. "I'm not trying to get someone to fill my shoes."

He pledged to keep coming to urban cities and sharing his knowledge.

In a sport where African-American are few and far between, Jones says he knows he stands out.

Jones says he studies Tiger Woods for clues on how to be a positive influence. I'd like to try to model how he speaks, how he carries himself," he said. "He's such an ambassador to the African-American community."

The North Carolina State English major is excited about his gold medal and he's dedicated to getting more.

Sports Editor Leland Stein can be heard on WGPR radio (107.5) every Sunday from 11 p.m. to midnight. He can be reached at lestein3@aol.com.

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The 4-day conference will convene at the Riverside Convention Center. This is the 23rd session of the Annual Conference and the second time it has convened in Riverside. Its theme is, "From Good to Great - The Jesus Challenge: Building leaders for Today and Tomorrow."

The 9th Episcopal District encompasses the Western United States and it includes the states of: Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. During the annual conference, elected delegates meet to deliberate and vote on resolutions and matters affecting the church and to receive the pastoral and ministerial appointments made by Bishop Williamson, Sr. to their respective churches.

Host Pastor, Rev. Andujo of Amos Temple CME Church, Riverside is proud to welcome the delegates to Riverside, many of whom have never been here before. He notes that it is a historical event for both Riverside and the local church, and he states that he invited the delegates here, because he was confident that during their stay their experience in Riverside would be lasting and a memorable one.

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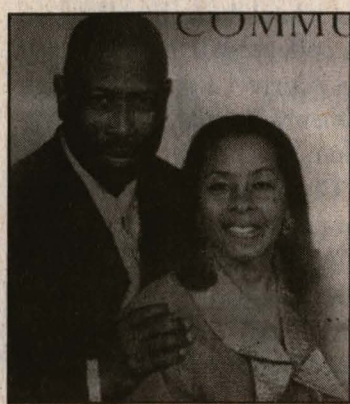
The Black Voice News

**POMONA**

New Direction Community Church, the headquarters for the California Southern Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, is set to move to a 45,000 completely renovated square foot facility; nearly four times larger than its previous facility.

The first service is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 7. Services are now being conducted through Aug. 31 at the Shilo Hilltop Suites, Pomona, California at 3101 W. Temple Avenue, with Sunday School at 8:15 a.m. and the Worship Service at 10 a.m.

The Church of God in Christ is America's largest Pentecostal group with membership estimates exceeding six million. In 2006 Bishop Raymond E. Watts was inducted into the College of Bishops, and consecrated as the Jurisdictional Prelate of California Southern Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. As the prelate, Bishop Watts leads this personal growth



**Bishop Raymond E. & Anita Watts**

empowering church family, whose motto is "We care about our community...and we care about you."

In 1966 the Pomona church, then known as New Gethsemane, was founded with the motto "Ready to serve." In 1980 Pastor Watts, a life-long member of the Church of God in Christ was installed as its leader, now having served nearly 30 years.

In 2006, New Gethsemane changed its name to New Direction Community

Church, with now Bishop Watts continuing as its Senior Pastor. Bishop Watts is CEO of Pomona Ministry of Economics Inc., a nonprofit corporation involved in a myriad of community service endeavors having ranged from job training programs to most recently working with the City of Pomona Housing Department in fulfilling its Lead Education Awareness and Control project in association with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Over time, the church grew and flourished, and its 14,000 square foot facility seemed ready to burst at the seams. Said Church Administrator Elder Amos Young Sr., "Our sanctuary will have seating for nearly one-thousand guests. "We'll even house a child care center available 5 days a week."

"Beginning in September 2008, Inland Empire Bible College will open its doors with more than 25 land classrooms and over 260 online classes to aid in developing the Body of Christ for the end time move of God," said Dr. Clara Burrell, co-director of the soon coming campus." The programs

will be offered at an accelerated pace and will include more than 20 certificate programs and all degree programs in Biblical Studies and Theology.

Tuition will be more than reasonable." Church leaders feel this expansion is a major step for New Direction, providing even greater opportunities to

serve not only its growing membership but the community as a whole.

## Cross Word Christian Presents "Emerge" Aug. 30th

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**RIVERSIDE**

Cross Word Christian Church presents "Emerge!" 2008 Wellness Expo on Saturday, August 30, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The focus is Healthy Families Build Strong Communities. In today's society, health risks are increasing at an alarming rate. Many of the health challenges people face on a daily basis can be better regulated and controlled by a change in lifestyle. Making healthier choices, incorporating regular physical activity, reducing stress, as well as educating ourselves and our families on the overall health and wellness of mind, body, and spirit is key to living a healthier and more productive life.



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Information will be available on a variety of topics, including: health coverage, exercise, nutrition, food preparation, safety, and much more along with an opportunity to donate blood with the Riverside and San Bernardino County Blood Bank.

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The event will be held at Cross Word Christian Church, 14950

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Prior to the wellness expo, on Saturday, August 23rd at 5:45 p.m., all roads will lead to Cross Word Christian as Rev. Lacy Sykes, Jr. host pastor will present Hallelujah Gospel's male Chorus Summer Fest. Great male chorus's from the Los Angeles and Inland empire areas will be featured with over ten church choirs participating. Special guests will include recording artist Christian Edition Men's Chorus, Church Rocking, Ruthie Shepherd and the Rev. Dennis Morgan Brown. This event is free to the public. For more information contact (909) 770-4288, Deacon Chris White.

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**Order of Services**

Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship Service 10:30 am  
Miracle Monday Prayer 10:00 am  
Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Prayer 6:30 pm

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• Bible Study (Wed.) 7:00PM  
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**Weekly schedule of events**

Sunday 9:30 Hour of Power  
11:00 Worship Hour

Wednesday 7:30 Noon day Prayer  
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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Church 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.

**BIBLE STUDY**  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

**Rev. John Cager**

**BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH**  
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Sunday Church School 9:00 AM  
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM  
Thursday Bible Study 10:00 AM

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(909) 874-5851 - Church  
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**Weekly Service**

**SATURDAY**  
Fellowship, Prayer & Bible Study 9:30 am  
Praise Service & Divine Worship 11:00 am  
Youth Service 5:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
Feeding Program 5:00 pm  
Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm

**Rev. Robert Edwards**

**The Centre We Don't Do Church We Do Ministry**

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**Services**

Sunday 8:00am Hour of Power  
Sunday 10:30am Worship/Celebration  
Tuesday 7:00pm Bible Study  
Thursday 11:00am Bible Study

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**1672 Palm Ave., Highland, CA 92346**  
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**Good News Community Church**  
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178 Iowa Ave.  
Riverside, CA 92507  
**951.683.2916**

**Weekly Services**

Morning Worship 11:30 am  
Bible Study (Tues.) 7:00 pm  
Choir Rehearsal (Thurs.) 7:00 pm

**Pastor & Mrs. Levonzo Gray, Sr.**

# Mt. Zion To Offer Parent/Student Readiness Training

*The Black Voice News*  
ONTARIO

As the 2008-2009 school year approaches, on Saturday, August 30, Mt. Zion Baptist Church will offer four free parent/student readiness training workshops to parents/caretakers and students grades 1 through sophomore

year in college. These workshops are designed to help parents and children understand the impact of an authentic collaboration between family and school. They are also a way of getting parents involved and becoming aware of their role in their child's education as well as getting children more

involved in their own education. The Parents and Caretaker Student Advocacy workshop will be conducted by Carolyn Tillman from San Bernardino County Schools. A Spanish interpreter will be on hand for this workshop; the Virtual Pre-Kindergarten workshop for Parents and Caretakers of Pre-

Kindergarten children will be conducted by Francis Johnson of Mt. Zion Christian School; the Student Survival workshop for first through sixth graders will be conducted by Mt. Zion's Children's Department staff; and the Student AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) workshop for students in mid-

dle school through sophomore in college will be conducted by Alpercy Bennett, Jr. and Jamey Barnett, both of Mt. Zion. Childcare will be provided for pre-school students. All workshops will be running concurrently from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. Registration begins at

9:00a.m. Mt. Zion is located at 224 W. California Street in Ontario. For more information or to pre-register for the workshop that fits your category, please call (909) 983-2411, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30a.m. and 5:00p.m.

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SUNDAY SERVICE: **3:00pm**  
BIBLE STUDY (Wed. Evening): **6:00pm**

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John 7:38

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Classes 8:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Church (Available) 10:00 a.m.  
Tues. Bible Studies 10:00 a.m.  
Thurs. Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.

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**Sunday Worship Services**  
Contemporary Worship 7:45 am  
Traditional Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am

**Weekday Opportunities**  
Women's Bible Study - Mon. 7:00 pm  
Men's Bible Study - Mon. 7:00 pm  
Mid-week Bible Study - Wed. 12 noon  
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Tuesday 7:00 pm - Men's Ministry  
Wednesday 7:00 pm - Bible Study  
6:30 pm - Youth Ministry (2nd & 4th Wed)  
Saturday 9:00 am - Women's Ministry (2nd Sat)

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Discovery Classes 9:30 a.m.  
Youth & Young Adults classes 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Church 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.  
Child Care available at all services  
\*ABL interpretation at 9:30 & 11:30 services

**Wednesday Services**  
Youth Ministry 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
Worship Services  
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**Children's Ministry**  
Sunday 8:30am & 11:00am

**Youth Ministry**  
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**Young Adult Bible Study**  
Tuesday 7:00pm

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