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WOA Luncheon Set June 9th Marla Gibbs National Honoree to be Honored

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

On Friday, June 9, 2000, the Black Voice Foundation, Inc., will recognize women who have made exceptional contributions to the community and whose work advances racial harmony in the Inland Empire at its annual Women of Achievement Luncheon.

This year's honorees will be Dorella Anderson, Executive Director of Community Settlement; Mildred Thomas, retired educator for Riverside Unified School District, and Morongo Tribal Chairwoman Mary Ann Andreas. This year's National Woman of Achievement Award will be given to Actress Marla Gibbs.

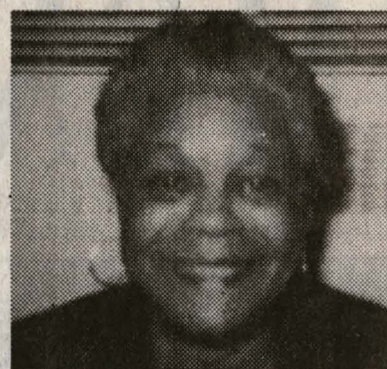
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Mildred Thomas



Dorella Anderson



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South African President Visits U.S.

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SAN BERNARDINO



Governor Gray Davis and South African President Thabo Mbeki

Continuing California's commitment to support a democratic South Africa, Governor Gray Davis met with South Africa President Thabo Mbeki to discuss ways California and South Africa can pursue growth opportunities and expand economic development for both economies. Governor Davis views California as a partner with South Africa and expressed his desire to establish a strong economic base for the benefit of Californians and South Africans.

Later in his visit, President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton welcomed President Mbeki and his wife Zanele Mbeki to the White House for a state visit.

After the East Room arrival ceremony, President Clinton and President Mbeki met in the Oval office and Cabinet room. In the meetings, the two leaders discussed the joint cooperation of the United States and Africa in fighting both poverty and AIDS. They also covered other subjects including Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, and the situation in the Congo.

Suspect Arrested in Attempt Kidnap

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

Last week, an adult male attempted to kidnap a nine-year-old boy from the campus of Fremont Elementary School. The school is located at 1925 North Orange Street in the City of Riverside. The incident occurred at about 2:30 p.m., when classes ended. The suspect was standing outside the boy's restroom and grabbed the student by the shirt as he walked out of the bathroom. The boy managed to wrestle free from the man's grip and ran away. The man chased the student for a short distance and then left the school on foot. Officers responded to the school but were unable to locate the suspect.

This past Friday, the suspect was observed in the area of the school and detained by Riverside Police. The victim confirmed that he was the same person who had attempted to abduct him two days earlier. The man was transported to the Robert Presley Detention Center and booked for attempt kidnaping. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with additional information is asked to call Sgt. Crawford at (909) 320-8053.

Police Chief's Granddaughter Shot to Death

The Black Voice News

LOS ANGELES

AP

The granddaughter of Police Chief Bernard Parks was shot to death in a restaurant parking lot by gunman who was apparently aiming for her friend, authorities said.

Lori Gonzalez, 20, was shot several times by a man who walked up and opened fire on the car in the driveway of a Popeye's chicken restaurant in south Los Angeles at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, Lt. Horace Frank said.

No arrests had been made Monday night. Police said they had no information about a

DA's Office, Judge & Freeway Prayer Warriors...The Beat Goes On

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

By Mary Shelton

During the early morning hours of May 30, the United States Constitution once again appeared as a criminal defendant at the Hall of Justice. Standing in its place, were 11 protesters who are being prosecuted by the District Attorney's office for praying for justice on the 91 freeway. In, opposition, sat the attorney for the people, and her thick binder, which read "freeway protesters" on its spine. As the seats allotted for defendants and their relatives were filled to capacity, we stood in a single row at the back of the room, and waited. It proved to be a long morning, of standing and waiting, watching the cast of Courtroom 22 go about its daily business. But, the time did not pass without some fireworks.

Every morning, hundreds of people are funneled into this courtroom, which processes misdemeanor and infraction cases. Many of the defendants arrive

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Black Officer "Not Guilty" Can't Get Job Back

The Black Voice News

WASHINGTON

Reprinted from Westside Gazette Newspaper

By Jimmie Davis, Jr.

Zimbalist Chalk was fired from the Hollywood police department, and indicted on several counts of receiving or attempting to receive extra benefits.

After everything was said and done it only took the jury 14 minutes to deliberate and to find Chalk not guilty of unlawful compensation, a statue originally designed

for prosecuting officials accused of bribery.

"I didn't lose this case because of God's will," said Chalk during an interview at his OpaLocka office where he presently works as a human resource officer. "I give God the praise for all of this."

Chalk's nightmare began in 1995 when he pulled over Marni Kagan for speeding. What he didn't realize at the moment was that he had met her several months ago at the Nail Hut.

Kagan refreshed his memory of their acquaintance and tried to persuade him not to give her a ticket, but she was issued a ticket and went on her way.

He admits that he did meet her at the Nail

Hut where she gave him her phone number -- but nothing ever transpired after that.

The next step that led to Chalk's ordeals happened in September 1997, when he pulled Gina Flori over for speeding. She accused him of promising not to give her a ticket if she would give him her phone number and go on a date with him.

When Kagan heard about the charges Flori brought against Chalk she saw this as an opportunity to come forth and bring additional charges against him.

Before it was over a total of five women waged charges of police misconduct against Chalk.

According to Chalk two of the women

that brought charges against him worked at the Wings and Curls restaurant, which is a popular hang out for some of the Hollywood police officers.

He says that one of the women didn't want to come forward but she eventually did.

"Marni said in her deposition to the state attorney that she was told to make a report because they wanted me fired," said Chalk. "Internal Affairs questioned every female I had stopped and given a ticket."

The evidence that was gathered from the depositions was taken to the state

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Southern California Edison and San Bernardino Partner to Train Workers

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SAN BERNARDINO

Southern California Edison and the City of San Bernardino have joined forces to train unemployed city residents for potential jobs with the utility. The starting wages for the meter reading and customer service positions are \$10 or \$13 per hour, depending upon the job.

The program and its initial group of 21 students was showcased at a reception yesterday at the program's training site, the Public Enterprise Center, 1505 W. Highland Avenue in San Bernardino.

Upon successful completion of the

10-week training program, the students will be eligible for potential jobs in SCE's customer call centers in Rancho Cucamonga or Long Beach or as meter readers. SCE developed the program to help meet its employment needs and as a way to further invest in the community it serves. Student recruitment and funding for the training was provided by the San Bernardino Employment and Training Agency, which helps meet local workforce needs.

"Supporting this program was an investment in the students and in the community we serve," said Frank Quevedo, SCE's vice president of equal

opportunity. "As a business leader in the region, it's the sort of thing Edison

Foundation Seeks Applicants for Scholarships

The Black Voice News

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The Black Voice Foundation, Inc. a Riverside-based non-profit organization, is currently seeking applicants for \$500-\$1500 scholarships to be awarded to deserving students interested in careers in (or related to) English, media studies or computer sciences.

The scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled at accredited four-year universities. There is no GPA

has been doing for years."

Said Ray Gonzalez, SCE's public

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requirement, but the student must be in good standing and show financial need. Students must complete the application form and submit one letter of recommendation.

Deadline for applications is June 2, 2000

For more information or to obtain a scholarship application, contact (909) 682-6070 or stop by The Black Voice News, 3585 Main Street, Suite #201, Riverside, CA.

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Thursday, June 1, 2000

Editorial

Scratch My Back and I'll Scratch Yours

By Hardy Brown



Hardy Brown

Since the San Bernardino County scandal of bribery, kick-backs, awarding contracts to girlfriends, and awarding contracts to campaign contributors, many questions have surfaced in the minds of county voters. Some community leaders have withdrawn their support from at least one supervisor while other leaders have re-instated their support based on their personal evaluation of a job well done. Others say it is the "good old boys" network at work or you scratch my back and I will scratch yours.

No one person will ever come up with the absolute answer as to why but it leaves everyone speculating on how or why this embarrassment has come about.

In the case of Harry Mays and Jim Hlawek both former Chief Administrative Officers of the county it appears the greed in the "good old boys" network got the best of them. By their own admission, they went big time into receiving kick backs from companies they helped get lucrative contracts with the county. In other words the CAO develops a staff report convincing the Board who votes on the contract and the deal is made. The contractor then returns the favor by paying the CAO big money. This was a good set up so they could retire early and go live down on the ocean front in fabulous Carlsbad which is located in San Diego County.

In the case of Thomas O' Donnell, the tax collector it appears as though the same is true for him. Why else would the tax collector, who handles all of the money for the county do such a thing? Surly he knew it was only a matter of time before the auditors would come along and discover this situation. However 'the good ole boy' network clouds ones thinking.

Sheriff, Gary Penrod has used his position in the 'good ole boy' network to give contracts to his girlfriend and to hire the killer of Tyisha Miller, who was shot 12 times in the back after the officers determined she needed medical help. According to reports his girlfriend's business did the employee background checks for the Sheriff's Department. In the case of his girlfriend's contract, once it was discovered and it became an issue, Penrod requested Supervisor Jerry Eaves hire her on his campaign payroll. This way you can "have your cake and eat it too" so to speak. Reportedly, Penrod told some he didn't care what the Black community thought of his decision to hire Paul Bugar because he had Black community leaders who would defend his actions. We have later learned Penrod knew before he hired Bugar that this was a bad decision but he was confident the "good old boys" network would protect him.

Fifth District Supervisor, Jerry Eaves, has recently admitted that he failed to file proper paper work for the people who gave him gifts over the limit set by state law. It was discovered during an FBI investigation that some of his contributors he failed to report were awarded contracts by the county. Eaves has stated it was an oversight and it will not happen again. However being a part of this scratch my back I'll scratch yours leads to neglecting or ignoring certain things.

One of my opinions is that if the County Board of Supervisors had spent more time worrying about their staff and each other as they spent worrying about Jeff Wright maybe this scandal would not have occurred. Jeff Wright is in jail right now because he asked the city and county government too many questions during their public meetings. They said he was disruptive to the process of efficient government. They said he bogged down their ability to do the work of the people. Well, based on this scandal it appears that these public servants, are doing their personal business at the expense of us the taxpayers. Maybe some of them need to trade places with Jeff Wright. The unfortunate thing is they will probably not get any jail time, but Wright remains a political prisoner.

Based on the known facts and their statements at this time greed and familiarity with one another was fertile ground to create the situation. It also shoots holes in many voters position that if you give high salaries you will get high caliber well qualified people who won't do this sort of thing. It also lets you know the "good old boy" I'll scratch your back if you scratch mine philosophy is still in place in our society.

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Ask anyone you pass on the street what comes to mind when they hear the term "Social Security" and more often than not they'll refer to the program's old age or retirement benefits.

But Social Security provides a great deal more than just Old Age benefits. It provides for disabled workers, and children, too.

In fact, a study released this month by the National Urban League shows that Social Security benefits given to poor families with children form a safety net that keeps one million children from poverty, and prevents another million children from extreme poverty -- that is, it prevents their families from

having annual incomes below half that of the poverty line.

It's important to realize that Social Security's formal name is the Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Program. (The tax collected to support the program comes from the Federal Insurance Contribution Act, popularly known simply as FICA.)

In other words, Social Security is not merely a retirement program. It's an insurance program as well.

Social Security insures families against three things: One is a drop in earnings because of disability. The second is a loss in earnings because of the death of a family's breadwinner. The third is a drop in earnings because of old age.

While most people focus on the old age benefit, Social Security actually does much more. But putting all American workers in the risk pool, it works to the benefit of all Americans.

All Americans aren't spread equally among all the risk pools, however.

Among African Americans, for example, one-third of Social Security checks do go to retired workers. But another third go to disabled workers, and a final third go to children under 18.

By contrast, Social Security's overall profile looks quite different.

Roughly, 3 million insurance beneficiaries, less than one-tenth of all recipients, are children.

BVN Readers Speak Out: What's On Your Mind?



Earl Ofari Hutchinson

FEDS NAIL MORE DIRTY COPS, BUT NOT VIOLENT COPS

Attorney General Janet Reno publicly boasts that she will do

everything in her power to nail more dirty cops. She's backed up that boast. In the seven years she's run the Justice Department federal prosecutors have slapped more than 600 corrupt cops behind bars, an increase of nearly a 600 percent. And she has told prosecutors throughout the country to be even more vigilant in cracking down on police corruption.

There are plenty of signs that they are heeding their bosses, admonition. In big and small cities nationally more police are being arrested and indicted on bribery, racketeering, and drug peddling charges than ever before. The Los Angeles Police Department continues to be rocked almost daily with fresh allegations that LAPD officers beat, shot, planted weapons and drugs on suspects, and gave perjured testimony against them. At last count more than 70 LAPD officers are under investigation on corruption charges and more than 75 felony convictions have been overturned because of tainted evidence.

Yet despite Reno's admirable zeal to lock up corrupt cops, she has not shown the same zeal to bag rogue cops who beat and kill mostly young African-Americans and Latinos. According to a recent report on police misconduct by Human Rights Watch, an international public watchdog group, in 1998 federal prosecutors brought excessive force charges against police officers in less than 1 percent of the cases investigated by the FBI involving allegations of police abuse. The group also found that there was almost no difference in the skimpy number of police misconduct cases prosecuted by the Justice Department under moderate Democrat Clinton than there were under conservative Republican President George Bush.

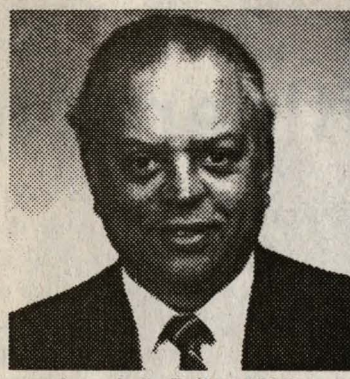
When activists demand that the

feds prosecute cops who gun down unarmed citizens such as the four New York City cops who riddled African Immigrant Amadou Diallo, their ritual response to them is that the shooting is under "review." Meanwhile, months, sometimes years, pass with no word from the Justice Department on what if any action, it will take. In nearly all these cases no officers are prosecuted and the case is quietly closed.

The reflexive see-no-evil policy of the feds toward police violence

comes a time when the number of police abuse complaints have soared nationally. The nearly 12, 000 complaints in 1996 almost matched the total number for the entire period from 1984 and 1990. To better aid law enforcement agencies and federal prosecutors track patterns of abuse, the Violent Crime and Control Act of 1994 authorized the Justice Department to collect data on the frequency and types of police abuse complaints. At the end of 1998 it still had not issued any report on the level of

Family Talks



Joseph A. Bailey, II, M.D.

Voodoo had been singled out for stereotyping on the part of those to whom this African religion is foreign. Considering it as unexplainable mumbo jumbo, the ones who arrogantly make fun of it are the veeery ones who need to learn from what it has to teach. Although its source is lost in the mist of time, **The Essence Of Voodoo Is To Serve The Spirits For Purposes Of Healing.** Because the lives of people experiencing poverty, disease, and high infant mortality are so hard, the hope of healing from voodoo fulfills an important function. From earliest times Africans used medicine, prayer, and magic for healing. Their medicine was the scientific use of herbs and surgery to benefit the sick. However, both magic and religion were called for if the patient's disease was caused by a supernatural being. Instead of using scripture, the religious approach consisted of prayer -- by message carried through

Social Security Helps Reduce Child Poverty

About 30 million people get the Old Age insurance; 7 million get the Survivors insurance, and 6 million more get the Disability insurance.

Some have suggested that we should privatize Social Security. But that would change the balance and the nature of the program for the worse.

It would, in effect, change what is an insurance program, in which all American workers are in the risk pool, into an individual retirement plan that would leave the families and children of the individual worker out.

This is an especially harsh prospect for Black America.

Two-thirds of African American children -- compared to 31 percent for White children -- live in low income families. About 9 percent of African American children -- compared to 6 percent for Whites -- live in a family receiving Social Security benefits. now, African American children are almost four times more likely to be lifted out of poverty by Social Security than are White children.

Social Security provides over 55 percent of the income for low income families with children that receive Social Security benefits, and over 35 percent of income for lower middle income families.

In most American cities, the average family benefit is enough to pay the rent of an apartment for a year.

That fact alone underscores the

point that Social Security benefits make a difference.

We're not discussing welfare. Social Security is not a handout, as some, crudely, perceive welfare to be. The children receiving survivor's benefits are collecting an insurance premium on the loss of a parent. Privatization of Social Security threatens this intergenerational aspect of the program, and, instead of preventing a "young versus old" debate, would sharpen such a conflict, tearing at the fabric that binds Americans together.

Americans like the current system of Social Security because it does what Americans like to think reflects the best of our values.

Privatization, however, reflects a lack of compassion, even greed. It casts aside societal efforts to support the family and the society's obligations to spread the risk of misfortune that makes up all part of the human race.

Privatization would only heighten the divisions of young versus old, and, because of the way the risk pools are divided, African Americans against White. Most devastatingly, it would weaken the safety net that now keeps a million children out of poverty.

That's a step backward, not a step forward.

police misconduct in America.

Worse, the Justice Department has long had on the books a strong arsenal of civil rights statutes to prosecute abusive police officers. However, more often than not, it has taken major press attention, large scale protests, and even a major riot, such as the L.A. riots in 1992 following the Rodney King verdict, before it used its legal weapons.

Meanwhile federal prosecutors say they can't nail more rogue cops

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Voodooism

dance and music. The magic approach to healing concerned trying to control the supernatural forces for purposes of stopping destruction and/or to promote healing. Body movements accompanied by music -- especially drumbeats -- and in the setting of rituals that included sacrifice of animals were methods used to make a direct connection with divine energy.

To this spirit/healing orientation, West African Dahomeans (Benin) applied the word "vodun," meaning "spirit" or "god." Since voodoo was a wide spread African practice, it was brought to the Americas, particularly to Haiti, by slaves from yoruba (Nago), Fon of Benin, the Kongo and by Ewe-speaking people. They combined African ancestor "worship" with elements of Roman Catholic rituals to give it the name "voodoo" in Haiti, "Santeria" in Cuba, "Shango" in Trinidad, "Xango" in Brazil, and "hoodoo" in the USA. The ancient African concept of one universal god ruling over a pantheon of gods was also carried over to the New World. In Haiti, the lesser deities, called loa, are known by names of Catholic saints and African gods. During ceremonies that call in a loa to participate, the idea is for someone to become "possessed." When possession

happens the loa's consciousness is substituted for that of the "possessed" person -- now considered as the cheval or loa's horse. Certain signs in the cheval are "proof" of the loa's presence and therefore believers can communicate directly with the loa.

Of the two main groups of loa, the Rada are often mild and helping while the Petro -- worshippers of Obi, the West African goddess of evil -- have practiced dangerous and deadly **Black Magic** (casting spells for personal gain over others). Sorcerers dispensing "black magic" -- mislabeled as "voodoo doctors" -- were properly feared by Africans and African American slave believers. Some sorcerers were skillful poisoners; others, sharp observers and clever appliers of what was likely to impress ignorant minds with a feeling of terror. When desiring to destroy an enemy, one resorted to "voodoo poison" or to voodoo dolls that supposedly caused the enemy to die from sheer fright. These **Voodoo Deaths** were the results of physical changes from the victim giving up of all hope. But the vast majority of practitioners have used voodoo for healing -- to get rid of interpersonal conflicts, for problems with the spirits, and for healing of oneself.

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Metropolitan Comes to Local Water Market

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By Ronald R. Gastelum
General Manager, MWD

As general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, I am frequently asked if consumers will ever see in their water bills the savings we have achieved through our reorganization. In the next 60 days, we'll be in communities all over the region talking with you about that very thing.

The reality is that Southern California does not have enough local water to meet the needs of its residents. That is why



the water used by 17 million Southern Californians. If a water market develops that helps meet these needs on the basis of water transfers alone, with no competition, the result for ratepayers would be obvious -- a seller's market with the

structure. In our model, wholesale water brokers who wish to transfer water will compete against private entrepreneurs and public water agencies that promote water recycling and desalination. In this manner, local communities

transfer is incorrect. The public actually receives its water from retailers, all of whom, under state law, have exclusive rights to deliver water to consumers without competition from other retailers. Thus, a wholesale water market may or may not be felt by local consumers.

Metropolitan is changing by

dramatically reducing costs to provide better wholesale service and to facilitate competitive water transfers. We will do our part, but Southern Californians need to understand that Metropolitan alone is not the key. As in the electrical industry deregulation, a restructure of the entire public/private water industry would be required.

Metropolitan board's vision

stands for an open and competitive market where buyers can get value, sellers can make profits and you, the residents of Southern California, share in the comfort that you are receiving a reliable supply of good quality water at the best price possible.

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water going to the highest bidders.

Metropolitan's model, however, is a competitive wholesale market that develops water resources in Southern California based on the district's new and evolving tiered rate

can choose the resource strategy that makes the most environmental and economic sense for them.

Open wholesale water markets have to meet the reality of Southern California's future long-term water reliability needs and must be competitive. A seller's market for water would not assure the value that consumers expect. In essence, consumers would pay twice for the same thing: first, when taxes and water rates were used to build aqueducts and water treatment facilities as a public benefit. And a second time when water brokers "transfer" water without giving tax and ratepayers a credit, or without paying for use of the same aqueduct and pipes where water is being sold at a profit to benefit others.

To assume that a water market can only occur if Metropolitan agrees to subsidize water

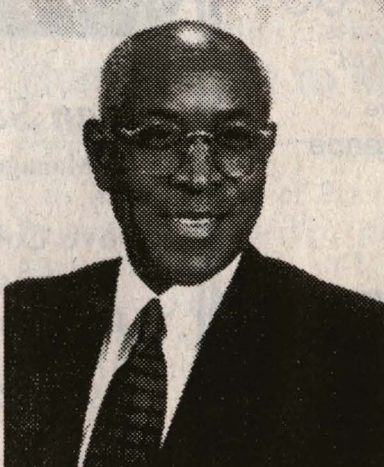
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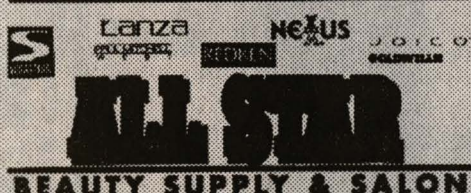
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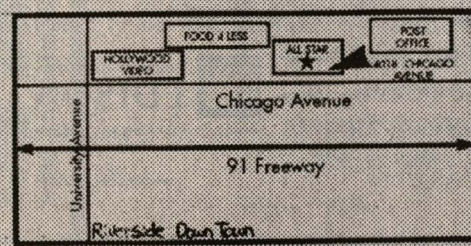
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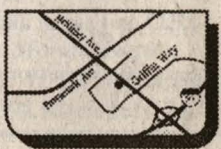
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Beckley to Participate in Amsterdam 2000

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SAN BERNARDINO



Pastor Joshua Beckley

World-renowned evangelist Billy Graham has invited Pastor Joshua Beckley of Ecclesia Christian Fellowship in San Bernardino to participate in Amsterdam 2000.

Up to 10,000 Evangelists and church leaders from at least

185 countries and territories will be invited to participate in Amsterdam 2000. It is a conference of strategic and timely importance for the world and Christian evangelism.

For nine days, 29 July through 6 August, invited participants will gather at the Amsterdam RAI International Exhibition and Congress Center in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, for teaching and discussion of every aspect of evangelism.

Amsterdam 2000 will give many evangelists and church leaders their first formal

training in evangelism. Participants will learn how to improve their evangelistic presentations and strategies as well as their prayer life and family life. As a result,

Spiritual Blessings Planned for 16th St. SDA

The Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

Sixteenth Street Church will hold a Walk-Thon 2000. Come one, come all and let's walk for Jesus, June 11 at 7:30 a.m. at 16th Street Church.

Also, for a most helpful and beneficial church service, you must not fail to attend the 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning worship

service. The 11:00 a.m. preaching service presented by Elder G.E. Jackson can give you the thoughts and intents of a Christian heart. A blessing is yours to claim when you come to the 11:00 a.m. service each Saturday morning.

of their ministry work, bringing peace and hope in God to many, many people. It is also Graham's hope that Amsterdam 2000 will help build a renewed emphasis on evangelism among churches worldwide.

Amsterdam 2000 is sponsored by Billy Graham and the Billy

Graham Evangelistic Association in Minneapolis, Minn. Graham hosted similar conferences in Amsterdam for evangelists in 1983 and 1986.

Hemet Host to Mighty Men of Christ

The Black Voice News

HEMET

As invited guest of Pastor Delores (Grant) Barber, The Mighty Men of Christ of Los Angeles and the L.A. Temple Airs of Los Angeles will be in concert at the Church of Embassy of Israel, 27025 Gerard Street in Hemet. The concert will be held June 10th

beginning at 7:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public. The M.C. will be Evangelist Lois Sanders.

This is the second concert held by Embassy of Israel in a series of many planned to come to the Hemet/San Jacinto area.

For more information and directions contact (909) 653-6380.

Hezekiah Walker in Concert in Moreno Valley

The Black Voice News

MORENO VALLEY

Excitement is building in Los Angeles, as America's City of Angels prepares for Grammy Award Winner, Hezekiah Walker and the Love Fellowship Crusade Choir and The Hush Company, with special guest MC, Aundrea Russell of KJLH, on Saturday, June 10, 7:00 p.m. at Double Rock Baptist Church in Compton, 1900 West Alondra Blvd. and Sunday, June 11, 6:00 p.m. at Word of Life Church and World Outreach Center in Moreno Valley at 24899 Alessandro.

The mission of the concert is to support M.A.V.I.S. (Mothers Against Violence in Schools), whose founder is Margaret Ensley and Kingdom Builders of America, whose founder is Pastor Crissina D. Johnson.

Youth Revival Set for First Baptist Church of Perris

The Black Voice News

PERRIS

The First Baptist Church of Perris's Annual Youth Revival will begin Wednesday, June 7, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. and continue each night through Friday, June 9, 2000. Ending on Sunday, June 11, 2000 with the Mezzie Davis Youth Day Program at 3:30 p.m.

There will be a different speaker at each program. The general public is invited to attend. For further information, contact (909) 657-3767.

Evangelist Darryl Harris to Speak at Holyland

The Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

Holyland C.O.G.I.C. invites you to join them Sunday, June 4th at 11:00 a.m. to hear the word of God. Evangelist Darryl J. Harris will be with them on this day. Don't miss this dynamic speaker from Chicago, Ill.

The church is located at 1024 N. "G" Street, San Bernardino.

Tickets can be purchased in Los Angeles at: New Life Gospel Records, Word of Life Books, Mid City Records and Sykes Christian Books. In Moreno Valley tickets at: Word of Life Church and World Outreach Center, and Cathedral

of Praise Church, Riverside. Ticket prices are \$25 general admission, \$35 VIP; \$5 discount for groups of 20 or more or churches can make it a fundraiser. For more information, call (818) 771-7771.

June Activities Set for Miracle Deliverance

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SAN BERNARDINO

The Miracle Deliverance Pentecostal Holiness Church will host a rummage sale, Saturday, June 3rd starting at 10:00 a.m. in their church parking lot. There will be clothes, apparel, and brand name shoes and tennis shoes. Also, Miracle Deliverance will host it's Pastor and 1st Lady Rev.

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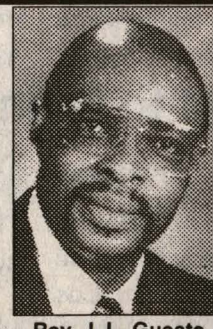
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because they are hamstringing by the lack of funds and staff, victims who aren't perceived as criminals, credible witnesses, and the public's inclination to always believe police testimony. They also claim they are pinned in by the almost impossible requirement that they prove an officer had the specific intent to kill or injure a victim in order to get a conviction. These are tough obstacles to overcome and since the Justice Department is in the business of winning cases many prosecutors are more than happy to take a hands-off attitude toward police misconduct cases.

But this is no excuse for federal prosecutors not to at least make the effort to prosecute more officers when there is substantial evidence that they used excessive force. This is the legally and morally right thing to do. And it sends a powerful message to law enforcement agencies that the federal government will go after lawbreakers no matter whether they wear a mask, or a badge.

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark understood the importance of prosecuting abusive officers even when there is virtually no chance of

getting a conviction against them. He felt this acted as a "stabilizing force" to spur police and city officials to take stronger action to halt the use of excessive force in their departments. Clark was right.

Reno's failure to aggressively go after cops who gun down unarmed civilians will continue to feed the dangerous cycle of more shootings and more racial turmoil, and deepen the distrust and cynicism of minorities toward the criminal justice system. Reno should worry as much about this as she does about dirty cops.

Earl Ofari Hutchinson is the author of The Disappearance of Black Leadership: email:ehutchi344@aol.com

WANTS TO GIVE UP U.S. CITIZENSHIP

I guess one would say, accurately I am committing suicide. My human rights have been violated by the United States government, maybe for the last time. This time again by the lack of enforcement of the Constitution pertaining to charges I filed with U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles, California.

CHALK

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attorney's office and presented to a Grand Jury -- which resulted in an indictment against Chalk.

It should be noted that all of the testimonies against Chalk were thrown out with the exception of Kagan's. He maintains that he still doesn't know what was so compelling about her testimony that the state prosecutor focused on.

John Countryman tried the case, and couldn't comment on the legalities of the case. The spokesman for the state's attorney office Ron Ishoy says his office presented the best case possible, but the jury disagreed with their findings.

"In the grander scheme of things the facts were presented because we felt he violated the law," said Ishoy. "The jury disagreed."

Ishoy said he couldn't make any further comments and that it's time to move on.

Chalk thought that by winning his case, he would be reinstated to

his former position as a Hollywood police officer -- but that has yet to happen because the city of Hollywood refuses to give him his job back.

"We weren't able to conclude whether or not he was telling the truth beyond a shadow of a doubt," said City of Hollywood Attorney, Dan Abbott. "We don't intend to rehire him. Our decision has not changed based upon the jury verdict."

Abbott said that some allegations came against Chalk and he was placed on suspension. He says it became obvious what occurred and Chalk was terminated.

He contends that just because the court ruled in a certain manner doesn't mean that his office has to abide by the ruling.

The only way the city of Hollywood is going to allow Chalk to return is if the arbitrator rules in his favor.

Chalk says the city of Hollywood owes him because before this incidence transpired he had just passed the test and interviewed

Charges are violations committed by Hemet California Police Department. The District Attorney of Riverside County, California, several others.

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein of California was informed. Congresswoman Mary Bono has been asked to write a special bill for me requiring the U.S. Government cooperate with me to do other things at my direction for my immigration to Russia.

I am not fooled by this worthless U.S. judicial system. If one hasn't money, one gets no justice in America. I demand the same consideration and more given the Jews: Sacarof (spl.) and Sharansky. They were not American citizens.

If the above is not done in due haste I may be dead. I have high blood pressure. The Veterans Administration doctors say if I do not take the medication prescribed - I am likely at any time to have a stroke or heart failure.

No! This is my way out of the United States. There is no justice and there won't be. I have written previously this is the only nation in the world people commit suicide to get out of.

Kyle Dickinson

with the FBI. His first objective is to get reinstated and have his pension paid up for 20 months.

He's been very involved in community projects and was selected as the Martin Luther King community leader, member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, school resource officer, 100 Black Men and the African American Advisory Committee.

Chalk wouldn't go as far as describing what happened to him as racism -- but he said that John Williams [a White officer] went to Orlando for a training class and met some girls at a bar.

Williams followed the women in an unmarked car and pulled them over and propositioned them.

Internal Affairs did an investigation and suspended Williams -- but he was reinstated and is presently a captain on the squad.

"If you look at the context of my case and see that it was a Black officer and White females that accused me -- draw your own conclusions," said Chalk.

DA

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without legal representation, more than a few require interpreters to understand what is being done to them. When Commissioner Robert Padia enters the courtroom after one of his many recesses, a line of defendants stand before him, to be reviewed and assigned another round of court dates. Men and women, dressed in orange and blue jumpsuits, sit in the box, which usually holds jurors, many rocking back and forth, awaiting their public defenders. The prosecutors, wearing their expensive suits, sit at their own table, on the other side of the rail, and chat among themselves, between conferences with defendants.

Most of us wait, chatting outside the courtroom, before we are called. A couple, both defendants, hand out the weekly update on trial dates, for all the protesters. Because so many of us are accumulating extra criminal indictments after old, inconsequential investigations are suddenly reopened, keeping the dates in our memories has become difficult.

Prosecutor Lucy Heil, one of several working on the freeway cases discusses future court dates with several defendants, while ignoring others. She told Larry Halstead, that it is time to go to trial because it has almost been a year already, but in reality, it has been less than four months since the indictments appeared in our mailboxes. After the first two protesters are processed, the morning slows down, and nerves begin to fray, on both sides. People have jobs to get to, children to look

after, cars to move before they get ticketed. When Heil is informed that the defendants have other responsibilities besides spending the morning in court, she told the judge, "I didn't realize they had jobs to get to." Her assignment this morning is to split up this sizable group of criminal defendants and set trial dates before the nation celebrates another anniversary of independence, and it isn't going well.

I and my co-defendant Jim Martin stand before the judge to agree to appear on June 23rd for a pre-trial hearing with a trial date set on June 26. Since we were not approached by Heil to discuss the next court dates, let alone asked to sign the required forms, it was news to both of us. I asked Padia why the trial date is immediately after the next trial readiness conference and he said that is not uncommon in his court. Martin explained to Padia that this case is about civil rights, but Padia disagreed and said it is not a civil rights case. He later amended his statement by saying that it is a criminal case, any civil rights violations must be dealt with in civil court. Yet this is a case involving one event, with two different interpretations. District Attorney Grover Trask filed criminal charges against 20 of us who he believed exercised criminal intent while protesting against injustice, and left 40 others who were with us alone. We argued that our cases involve the exercise of free speech and assembly, which are not criminal acts. Padia agreed with the prosecution before the first trial has even started.

CHIEF

For Samantha Burton Majied, daughter of singer Nancy Wilson, the issue was hurtful because she was a school mate of her sister Cheryl's. "A friend saw her a

month ago and she told them she relocated to Orange County and was happy. She said she didn't feel comfortable in LA anymore. It is a shame people can't get some food without being safe. It was not late. There is something wrong with a community and society that they

could walk up and shoot another person. I don't believe it was a gang member either. It was a crazy person with a problem," said Majied.

To one responsible for thousands of students within the Moreno Valley School District, Burnadette

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affairs manager for the area: "Edison is pleased to play a role in helping members of this community find jobs in the Inland empire's growing and



On hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony were many students, community leaders and . Joe Suarze (l), City Councilman 5th Ward, San Bernardino, Mayor Judith Valles (center), Dr. Ernest D. Dowdy, Jr., Exec. Director, San Bernardino City Employment and Training program and Frank Quevedo, Vice President, SCE Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Unidentified student and Robert Perry, who was one of the speakers. He thanked the crowd, his instructors and Gordon McGregor.

PROCLAMATION

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for the full period of one hundred days from the first day above mentioned, order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof, respectively, are this day in rebellion against the United States the following, to wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana (except the parishes of St. Bernard, Palquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Terrebone, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the city of New Orleans), Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkeley, Accomac, Morthampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Anne, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth), and which excepted parts are for the present left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States and parts of States are, and henceforward shall be, free; and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defence; and I recommend to them that, in all case when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known that such persons of suitable condition will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

WOMEN

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Dorella Anderson has been with Community Settlement Association for the past twenty years in various capacities until her current position as overseeing the total operational

responsibilities of the agency as an Executive Director.

She has been married to her husband, Marshall Sr. for the past 45 years and together they have three sons; Marshall Jr., Gregory and Tracy and two grandchildren, Amanda and Cory.

She is a life long member of Park Avenue Missionary Baptist Church and a frequent lay leader in music ministry and Sunday School programs.

Mary Ann Andreas is the Tribal Chairwoman for Morongo Band of Mission Indians. She is the first-time recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's honor for Woman of the Year for the State of California.

She has been elected four times the tribal chairwoman of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. Under her leadership, the Morongo tribe has become one of the largest tribal employers in California.

Mildred Thomas, born in Los Angeles, California, a retired educator and an active member of the Riverside Teachers Association has served on the Board of Directors for 12 years. Thomas has lived in Riverside since 1957 when she began her teaching career at Longfellow School.

She is the mother of five children, Barbara, Larry, Ginger, Peggy and Pam.

She is an active member at the First Baptist Church in Riverside.

Marla Gibbs a native of Chicago is best known for her role as "Florence" on *The Jeffersons* where she gained international notoriety. After *The Jeffersons* 9th successful season, Gibbs landed a spin-off series *Check-In* which was interrupted by a writer's strike and never recovered and she returned to *The Jeffersons*. Soon after, daughter

which, in concert with Mayor Judith Valles, sets policy for job training programs in San Bernardino.

For more information, please call Cynthia Cervantes at (909) 888-7881.

Angela produced the award winning Christine Houston play 227 in which Gibbs was cast as the lead by noted Director Ed Cambridge. The play was such a smashing success that Gibbs purchased the TV rights and along with Norman Lear's Embassy TV sold and helped produce the series for NBC where it became a five-year hit series now in syndication.

Gibbs is a seven time NAACP Image Award winner, four time Emmy Nominee, eight time Family TV award winner, Essence Woman of the Year, Frances William's Women in Theatre West Award winner, Special Black Emmy Nominee honoree, winner of two CEBA Awards and a host of national and local honors.

Gibbs currently owns and runs Marla's Jazz Supper Club.

The Woman of Achievement Luncheon will be held at the Holiday Inn, Riverside located at 3400 Market Street, Empire Room beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and \$280 for a table of eight. For more information, contact The Black Voice News at (909) 682-6070.



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Cheryl Brown contributed to this story.

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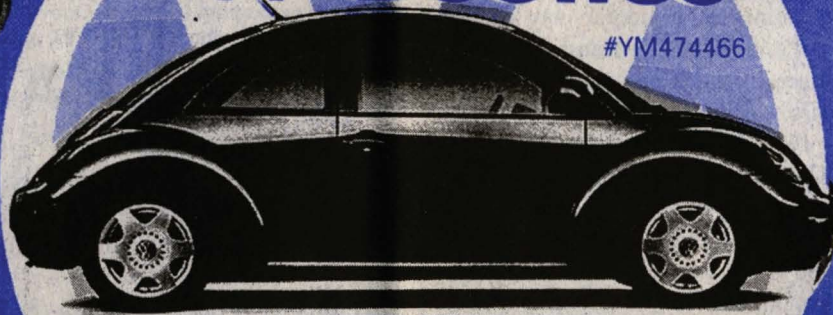
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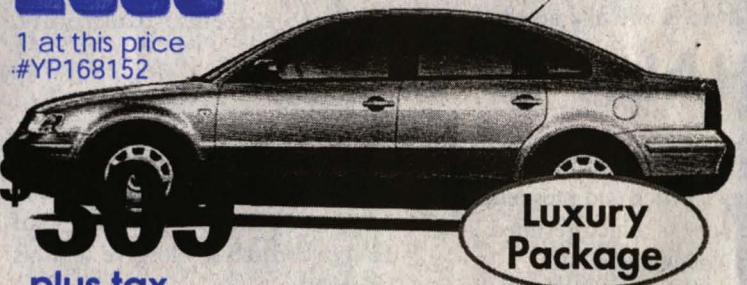


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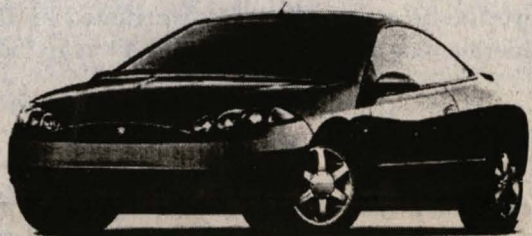


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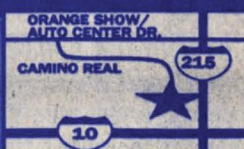


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