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PLS Awareness Legislation By Rep. Baca Gaining Momentum

The Black Voice News
WASHINGTON, DC

Congressman Joe Baca (D-Rialto) announced his legislation H. Res. 896, the Hardy Brown - PLS Awareness Act, now has over one hundred co-sponsors in the House of Representatives.

The resolution is designed to bring greater awareness to the neuromuscular disease Primary Lateral Sclerosis, or PLS. The resolution encourages Americans to recognize February, in conjunction with Black History Month, as Hardy Brown - Primary Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month. The awareness month would be named in honor of Inland Resident and co-publisher of the Black Voice News, Hardy Brown - who is afflicted with PLS.

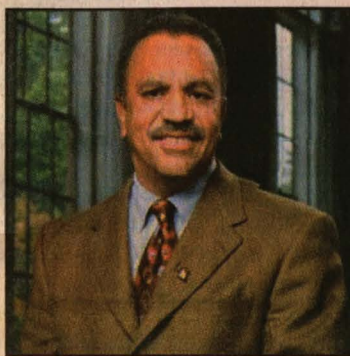
"Many Americans are unaware of the severe nature of PLS," said Rep. Baca. "I am excited this resolution is gaining strong, bipartisan support in the House of Representatives. It is important we recognize the example set by courageous individuals such as Hardy, who continue to persevere and prosper through difficult medical conditions."

PLS is a rare neuromuscular dis-

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Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau Named 16th President of Howard University

The Black Voice News
WASHINGTON, D.C.



Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau

Sidney A. Ribeau, Ph.D., has been named President of Howard University, one of 48 private doctoral/research intensive universities in the United States, the University's Board of Trustees announced today. He was the unanimous choice of the University's Trustees. Dr. Ribeau becomes the 16th president of the nation's premier historically Black institution of higher learning.

Dr. Ribeau has been President of Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, for 13 years. At the University he initiated a number of successful, innovative, values-based initiatives that provide students with an academic environment that develops culturally literate, technologically sophisticated, productive citizens.

During his tenure Dr. Ribeau upgraded Bowling Green's communications and computing technology and encouraged collaboration with other institutions to increase operational and cost efficiencies. Under Dr. Ribeau's leadership, Bowling Green State University was recog-

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Vietnam Vet Honored During Veteran's Appreciation Month

The Black Voice News
RIALTO

Bail Bondsmen have a rough and tumble image, but not for Freddie Martinez. The owner of a bail bonds agency in Fontana and a Vietnam veteran, Martinez is a soft-hearted and steadfast supporter of programs for the homeless, youth and veterans and their families.

As a veteran and business owner, Martinez of Rialto has sponsored activities for high school youth and patients at the Jerry Pettis Veterans Hospital. Other organizations he supports are San Bernardino Mission and Mary's Table. Nominated by Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter (D-Rialto), Martinez was recently honored as 62nd Assembly District Veteran of the Year at a luncheon at the State Capitol. "Freddie Martinez was recognized as Veteran of the Year for his many years of contributions," Assembly Member Carter said. "His activities, which promote the well being of youth, vet-

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Karen Bass Makes History

The Black Voice News
SACRAMENTO

Assembly Member Karen Bass made history when she was sworn in as the first African American woman to lead a legislative body in the United States. Former Assembly Speakers Honorable Robert T. Monagan; Honorable Willie L. Brown, Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr.; Honorable Cruz M. Bustamante; and Honorable Antonio R. Villaraigosa; joined Speaker Emeritus Fabian Núñez and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to usher in Bass as the 67th Speaker of the California State Assembly.

Several hundred people were on hand to witness this historic moment, which included a special poetic reading from academy award winning actress and activist Alfre Woodard and a special presentation from Congresswoman Diane Watson. Attendees included federal, state and local elected officials; representatives for business, labor and community sectors, including members of the Community Coalition, an organization that Bass founded in 1990 located in South Los Angeles.

(Read Bass's speech on Page A-2)



Photo by: William Foster, Office of Governor Schwarzenegger
From left to right: Assemblymember Fabian Nunez (D-Los Angeles), Yvette Lechuga, Speaker Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles) and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

San Manuel Makes \$500,000 Donation to Aid Darfur Relief



San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians members present check for \$500,000 to tournament co-hosts. Shown (left to right): Tom Ramos, San Manuel Gaming Commissioner; James Ramos, Business Committee Chairman; Stephanie Bustamante, Business Committee member (partially hidden); Jamie Barron, Business Committee member; Lynn Valbuena, Business Committee Vice Chairwoman; Annie Duke, Rich LeRoy, Business Committee member; Larry Hernandez, Business Committee member; Audrey Martinez, Business Committee member; and Don Cheadle.

The Black Voice News
HIGHLAND

By BVN Staff

The San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians last week donated \$500,000 to the Not on Our Watch (NOOW) project during a celebrity poker tournament held at the casino owned and operated by the Highland, California based tribe.

Professional poker player Annie Duke and Academy Award nominee Don Cheadle hosted the tournament and

exclusive VIP after-party to raise awareness and funds for the Ante Up For Africa project with proceeds going to the NOOW project.

NOOW which was founded by actors George Clooney, Don Cheadle, Matt Damon, and Brad Pitt, has embarked to focus global attention and resources towards putting an end to mass atrocities around the world. The group has adopted the crisis in Darfur, Africa, as its inaugural campaign. Drawing on the powerful voices of artists, activists and cultural leaders, (NOOW) generates

lifesaving humanitarian assistance and protection for the vulnerable, marginalized and displaced.

"The opportunity for the tribe to become involved in this effort led us to reflect on our own history - the history of the California Indian people - and our survival," said James Ramos, Chairman of the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians.

The idea stemmed from a partnership that the casino had with Annie Duke, the number one female poker player in the country. At first the tribal government

pledged to donate \$75,000 to the NOOW project, and the week of the event, the event organizers learned the funds had exponentially grown to half a million dollars.

According to NOOW co-founder Norman Epstein, the San Manuel relationship has become one of the organization's most important partnerships.

"This has motivated the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians to partner up with Not On Our Watch to help turn the tide against the atrocities that

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Supervisors Approve Barring Sex Offenders from Ice Cream Trucks

The Black Voice News
SAN BERNARDINO

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors this week approved an ordinance proposed by First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt that would prevent sex offenders from obtaining a business license to operate an ice cream truck. Supervisor Mitzelfelt proposed drafting the ordinance recently in coordination with a bill proposed in the State Legislature by Assemblyman Paul Cook (R-Yucca Valley).

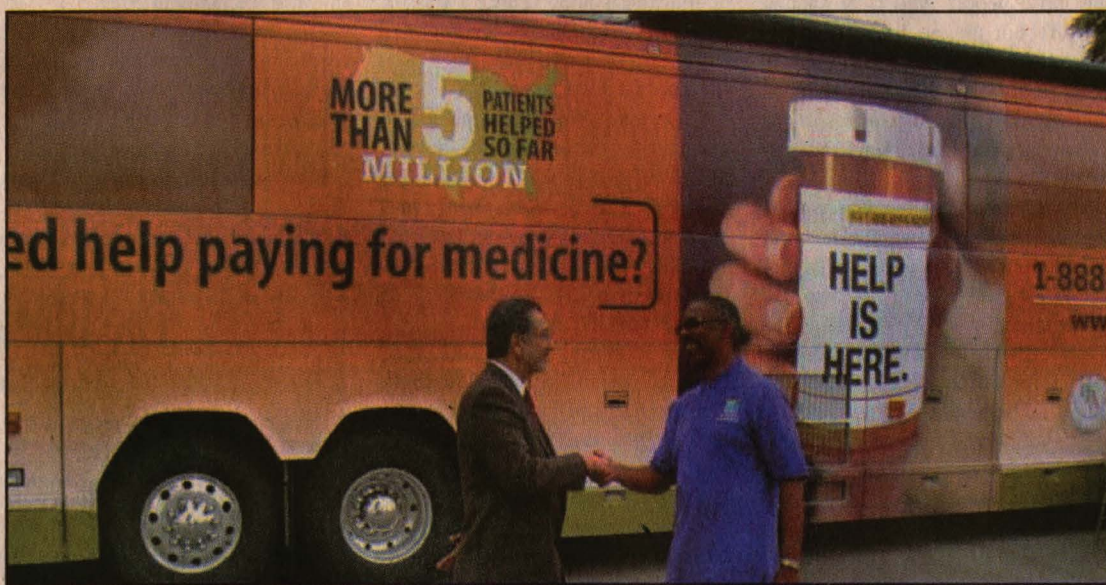
"I'm pleased the Board agreed with me in taking this common-sense precaution," Supervisor Mitzelfelt said. "This will give parents additional peace of mind that the person driving the neighborhood ice cream truck is not a sex offender."

Assemblyman Cook earlier this year introduced Assembly Bill 2169, which would have prohibited cities and counties from issuing a business license to operate an ice cream truck to registered sex offenders. That bill has since stalled in the Assembly, but the County ordinance proposed by Mitzelfelt would enact such a prohibition in San Bernardino County in spite of the bill not passing.

Assemblyman Cook proposed his bill after parents in a Riverside County neighborhood found out their local ice cream truck driver was a registered sex offender. The parents were alarmed to find out, after reporting the incident to police, that it was not against the law for the man to operate the truck. Several other incidents of sex offenders operating ice cream trucks have been reported in other communities in recent months.

There are more than 250 ice cream trucks operating in San Bernardino County. The ordinance will go into effect July 3, 2008.

Montel Williams Bus Helps People With Free Prescriptions



LaSalle Medical Associates president Dr. Albert Arteaga with Councilman Rikke Van Johnson.

The Black Voice News
SAN BERNARDINO

Montel Williams' "Help is Here Express Bus" recently visited LaSalle Medical Associates in San Bernardino.

The bus, operated by the Partnership for Prescription Assistance, will stop at LaSalle Medical Associates, 565 N. Mt.

Vernon Ave. The bright orange, 45-foot long bus loaded with information and helpful people will park in the lot next to LaSalle's clinic to enroll people in a program offering free and low-cost prescriptions.

"Millions of patients are already receiving free or nearly free drugs from these programs, but it is clear that millions of other Americans from

all over the country -- in cities and rural areas alike -- are not taking advantage of the help that is available to them," said Williams, who regularly addresses critically important societal issues on his television talk show.

Williams is the national spokesman for the Partnership for Prescription Assistance.

The organization's goal is to edu-

cate uninsured and under-insured patients about drug assistance pro-

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Driving Habits Changing As Gas Prices Soar

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for Trackers

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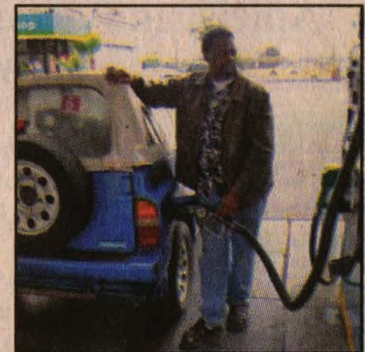
U.S.

By Chris Levister

Nurse Rufus Roney is a busy man. He drives an average of 75 miles round trip from his home in San Bernardino to Pomona Valley Hospital. For years he ticked away the miles in a luxury gas guzzling 8 cylinder BMW. But with gas prices soaring past \$4.30 for supreme unleaded, Roney admits his ultimate driving machine days are history.

"I had to get rid of it and settle for a small 4-cylinder car. It boiled down to showing off or getting to work everyday. Its strong but necessary medicine," says Roney.

These days Roney commutes to



San Bernardino nurse says his BMW driving days are history. He traded his luxury wheels for a 4 cylinder and saved \$70 a week at the gas pump.

Pomona in a well-traveled Suzuki Tracker. Its convertible top has seen better days. "I'm not showing off anymore. I miss my 'Beemer' but the 4

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June Statewide Primary: Election Staffs In Overdrive

Last Day to Register
to Vote is May 19

The Black Voice News

U.S.

By Chris Levister

Welcome to 2008. It's been a mind boggling year if you love to vote and a crazy nail-biting year if your job is to make sure those thousands and thousands of ballots get printed, mailed, sorted, scanned, counted and



double checked.

With the now historic Super Tuesday, Feb 5, California presidential primary in the win columns of Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and John McCain, local election offices are once again in overtime mode.

With three major statewide elec-

tions this year full time staffers and volunteers are preparing for what promises to be an election tsunami, a prospect that both thrills and alarms them.

Much of that voter interest has been stoked by a drawn-out and highly competitive Democratic contest

between two historic candidates: Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. Clinton.

But interest also has been unusually high on the Republican side. On Super Tuesday alone, turnout records were set in 15 states where both parties held primaries. Twelve states saw record-breaking Democratic turnout while 11 set Republican turnout records.

With the June 3 statewide primary just weeks away and the Nov 4 general election on the horizon Registrars of Voters are bracing for what is

expected to be an election year like no other.

"We're in the midst of a history making election year. We've got a resilient full time staff and dozens of volunteers helping to prepare," says Kari Vergil, Registrar of Voters for San Bernardino County.

"We're working overtime, cutting back on vacations, and bringing on extra help. It's an extremely busy year."

Registrars of Voters in San

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A Tale of Two Dates

The Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

Provisional Educational Services, Inc., and the PAL Center and Charter Academy PROUDLY announces two very important dates!

Thursday, May 29, 2008. The Annual PALS of PAL Golf Tournament will be held at the El Rancho Verde Golf Club, 355 E. Country Club Drive, Rialto, CA.

This fund raiser will begin at 6:30am with Registration & Continental Breakfast, 7:00am Putting Contest, and 8:00am Tee Time with Shotgun Start. Proceeds go totally to support the various services of the non-profit agency, from Pre-School to High School to College; from unemployment to training to unsubsidized employment; from low self-esteem to "I Believe I Can Fly!" Please help with this fund raising event. Fill the golf course! Additional information can be found at the Pal Center web page, www.palcenter.org

Thursday, June 12, 2008. Commencement Exercises for the PAL Charter Academy will be held at 6:00pm at the PAL Education and Employment Center's Quad Area, 2450 Blake Street in San Bernardino/Muscoy.

Commencement speaker will be Dr. George McKenna, on whose life the movie, "The Hard Lessons: The George McKenna Story", was made. Denzel Washington portrayed Dr. McKenna in the 1986 movie. Dr. McKenna's success in transforming Washington High School in Los Angeles is international history. Please celebrate the achievements of approximately 60 graduates of the PAL Center and High School Charter Academy!

For information contact (909) 887-7002.

Board Supports San Antonio Hospital Foundation

The Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

The Board of Supervisors recently approved a \$2,000 allocation to support the San Antonio Hospital Foundation.

The foundation supports the efforts of San Antonio Community Hospital. Foundation funding is used to enhance hospital care and to provide health services and education to the public. For example, the Foundation provides scholarships to nurses so they can enhance their skills by furthering their education. Foundation funding also enables the hospital to participate in community health fairs and other public events.

"The Foundation allows the hospital to do many great things for the community, and it will play an integral role as the hospital continues to grow and expand the quality medical services it offers," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane, who requested the allocation.

The hospital plans to build a new tower that will add 104 beds to the main facility in Upland. The hospital also plans to expand its emergency room.

San Antonio Community Hospital is a 279-bed acute care medical facility with satellite offices in Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana. The hospital is a nonprofit organization governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees.

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SB Links, Inc. Host Annual Breakfast Ball

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SAN BERNARDINO

On Saturday, May 10, 2008 the San Bernardino Valley Chapter of the Links, Incorporated held their 30th Annual Breakfast Ball at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario. The program recognized the accomplishments of seven talented and accomplished young students in the Inland Empire by awarding \$10,000 in scholarships.

The Links, Inc. 30th Annual Breakfast Ball presented scholarships to seven college bound students: Chelsea Beam, Deanna Carte, Jesaka Davitt, Blayze Evans, Byron Gardner and twins, Danyelle and Michelle McNeary who were all chosen for their academic excellence, talent and accomplishments.

This stellar event had a touch of elegance as The Links' ladies showed off their gorgeous gowns. Amongst the crowd was Congressman Joe Baca, 43rd District who after making a generous personal donation, took to the



Photo by Sam James

Members of the San Bernardino Valley Chapter of The Links, Inc.

dance floor surrounded by several beautiful ladies who graciously and

patiently taught him the "electric slide". He was most definitely a hit

at the Ball. There is no doubt that the Congressman acquired an added list of supporters and possibly a dance partner or two. In keeping with their motto "Seizing the opportunity to provide world class Leadership, Friendship, and Service", The Links, Inc. provided \$9,250 in scholarships to its awardees. For seven young visionaries, this Breakfast Ball was a dream come true.

President of the local Links chapter, Lynne B. Kennedy, Ph.D. and

chapter members, donned in elegant white formal gowns, greeted over 300 guests, and later danced to the music of Jett Black during the early morning event.

The San Bernardino Valley Chapter was chartered in 1979, and is proud to serve San Bernardino and Riverside counties through programs and services focused on youth, the elderly and others in need.



Photo by Sam James

Scholarship Recipients: (front l-r) Deanna Carter, Michelle McNeary, Danyelle McNeary. (Back l-3): Bryan Gardner, Chelsea Beam, Lynne Kennedy (President), Rhea McIver (Scholarship Chair), Cynthia Terry (Mistress of Ceremony), Jesaka Davitt, Blayze Evans.

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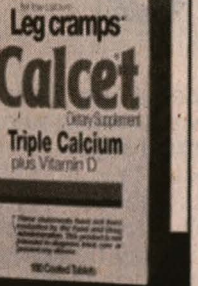
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BREAKING NEWS



At press time, former Democratic White House hopeful Senator John Edwards has come out and endorsed Barack Obama. (Full story next week)

PRIMARY

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Bernardino and Riverside Counties have started mailing out to all registered voters sample ballot pamphlets for the June statewide Primary Election.

Voters not registered in time will be included in the second mailing later this month.

In the upcoming primary, voters will cast ballots for Congressional, legislative and county supervisor

seats. The last day to register to vote is May 19.

Pamphlets will include information on contests, how to vote by mail, early voting dates, and what to expect at the polls on voting day, arguments and rebuttals for local measures and candidate statements.

Inland Empire voters may cast their ballots at Registrar of Voters offices from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. election day. Voters who have recently moved must notify the Registrar of Voters by mailing in their new address

information or by re-registering to vote.

Applications to vote by mail must be turned in to the Registrar's office by 5 p.m. May 27 and vote by mail ballots must be received at the Registrar's office no later than 8 p.m. election night.

Saturday voting will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 24 and May 31 at the Registrar's office.

To find the location of your polling place either see the back cover of the sample ballot pamphlet or look it up on your county's website.

PLS

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ease characterized by progressive muscle weakness in the voluntary muscles. ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a more fatal motor neuron disease that belongs to the same group of disorders as PLS. While there is currently no cure for PLS, therapy has been shown to help enhance the functioning skills and comfort levels of afflicted individu-

als.

Hardy Brown has dedicated his life to fighting social injustice in the Inland Empire. Through years of work as the publisher of the Black Voice News, he has kept Inland residents informed of the civic and social decisions that impact their lives. He also has worked tirelessly to raise funds for research and greater awareness of ALS and PLS.

"We all need to work, at both the local and national level, to encourage greater awareness and better funding

for research and treatments of neuromuscular diseases," added Rep. Baca. "As my legislation continues to gain momentum, I hope all Americans, and in particular the medical profession, become more educated on PLS. We need to ensure our doctors can properly diagnose those individuals who suffer from neuromuscular disease - so they receive the best care possible."

H. Res. 896 has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

HOWARD

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nized for its residential learning communities, values-based education and innovative graduate programs. Bowling Green offers programs in more than 270 academic and professional fields and maintains an enrollment of approximately 21,000 students.

Dr. Ribeau will assume leadership as Howard University's 16th President on August 1, 2008.

"I am excited by the opportunity to serve this historic institution," said Dr. Ribeau. "Howard is a remarkable university, a truly international university and one that has made significant contributions not only in this country but around the world, training principally African Americans for global leadership roles in America and the world."

"The Search Committee was very impressed with Dr. Ribeau's credentials and his reputation as a facilitator of change and collegial leader. He is a

charismatic executive who works effectively inside and outside the institution he heads," said Gen. Colin L. Powell, US Army (Ret.), who with Richard D. Parsons, Chairman of the Board of Time Warner, Inc., co-chaired the Howard University Search Committee.

"Dr. Ribeau brings to Howard a complete academic resume having served as professor, dean and vice president," Mr. Parsons noted. "He has built a well-rounded and impressive resume as a scholar and academic leader in higher education and has a solid record as an effective fundraiser."

"We are delighted to announce Dr. Ribeau's appointment," said A. Barry Rand, Chair of Howard's Board of Trustees. "He brings to Howard a history of extraordinary achievement. During his tenure at Bowling Green he demonstrated his ability not only to grow an institution but to foster and sustain academic excellence."

We believe Dr. Ribeau's personal attributes and demonstrated leadership in higher education are the right combination to lead Howard into the

future and build upon the contributions of the current and past presidents."

Dr. Ribeau's appointment came after an eight-month, nationwide search to replace the University's current President, H. Patrick Swygert, who last Spring announced his plans to retire in June 2008 after 13 years of service to the University. The presidential search was conducted by Heidrick & Struggles, Inc, an international executive search firm.

In addition to his responsibilities at Bowling Green University, Dr. Ribeau serves as a Trustee for Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and on the President's Council for the National Collegiate Athletic Association. In the State of Ohio, he has served as Chair of the Inter-University Council of Presidents. He is also actively involved throughout the community working with the Bowling Green Area Community Partnership, Regional Growth Partnership, Toledo Symphony, Convergys Corporation, Anderson's Inc., and Worthington Industries.

GAS

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cylinder saves me \$70 a week in gas. That makes me happy."

Happy was not a part of Albert Rankin's lexicon. On Monday, he pumped \$50.00 into his luxury Cadillac.

"Normally I'd be filling up and springing to Vegas. Not this year," says the frustrated telecommunication retiree. "These prices are outrageous. I only drive where I absolutely have to. No more unnecessary trips," says Rankin.

Like Rankin and Roney, Americans are driving less, trimming vacations and cutting back on daily essentials. Seven in ten say they feel the pinch as nationwide retail gasoline hit an all time high of \$3.78 a gallon. In California that translates to \$4.00 regular unleaded and that pressure is felt increasingly by middle-income and higher income families.

The view from Bill and Glenda Smith's Fontana home is breathtaking. Their backyard is acres of scenic wilderness rising to 10064 feet Mt. Baldy. From their patio, you can watch the setting sun explode into orange and crimson before disappearing into a rolling ridge on the western horizon.

When the Smith's bought into their modern-day American suburban dream a gallon of gas was \$1.71. - \$160 a month for their Cadillac Seville. It beat paying more for a similar house in Orange County closer to

Bill's job as a manager for a water distribution company.

But now, with premium unleaded gas hovering around \$4.29 a gallon and rising, the Smith's are getting soaked at the pump to the tune of more than \$415 a month (for one car), nearly triple their cost four years ago. They are among many families of modest means who took on big commutes from exurbia for a taste of tranquility and upward mobility.

"Now I'm just going to work and coming home - not doing anything else," said Glenda. Giving up the occasional Starbucks latte and movie hasn't been the hardest part. More difficult was having to tell her 8 and 10 year old daughters - no summer computer camp in Big Bear this year. You have to think about it: If I drive them to Big Bear once a week, and pick them up, I won't have enough gas to get to work the rest of the week."

They're devastated, said Glenda, who makes a daily 140-mile round trip from San Bernardino to her teaching job in Barstow. "Instead of going to the market as often, if I don't have it, I just make do. In our neighborhood, we just borrow from each other."

Some would be drivers are opting for less energy-dependent alternatives simply for money's sake.

In Perris, Cal State SB graduate student Lashanda Moses sold her gas guzzling Ford truck and now relies on the bus to get around. CSSB senior Lisa Griggs spent \$6.00 on gas for her Ford Expedition at a 76 station in Los Angeles just so she could make it to a

cheaper gas station east of the city. Next week she's trading in her guzzler for the wildly popular fuel efficient Toyota Prius Hybrid car.

"Bigger used to be a status symbol of success and prosperity that's changed suddenly smaller is better," said Griggs.


The increase in gas prices comes at a time when many Americans of modest means are already finding themselves squeezed by increased insurances, wages that have not kept pace with inflation, and the exploding pressure of adjustable rate mortgages.

American Automobile Association (AAA) polls show that 63 percent of respondents have cut back on their driving because of the gas price increase, and 56 percent had cut back on other household spending. 32 percent say soaring prices have become a hardship. Nearly half said they expected to change their summer vacation as a result.

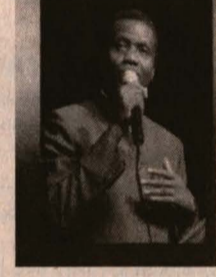
And everyone it seems is willing to join in the griping.

"Its hell," said Rankin. "I just feel like the oil companies are gouging us because they can. They got us between a rock and a hard spot and no one can do anything about it."

As for former BMW driving Roney, "It's a real disappointment you work hard for a taste of the good life. Then you get slapped. It's a snowball effect, when the price of fuel goes up so does everything else food, clothes, that trip to Vegas. We as the small man are squeezed in the middle. We have no choice but to grin and bear it."



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Our Bodies

Your Aging Brain

Dear Dr. Levister: My mother died from Alzheimer's disease last year. I'm 51. Lately I've noticed I'm more forgetful. Should I be worried? **B.W.**

Dear B.W.: As our biological clock ticks, most of us notice changes in the way our brain functions. These changes are a normal part of aging and are usually not a cause for worry, although serious cognitive difficulties should be assessed by a doctor.

Age chips away at our brain cells, just as it chips away at other cells of our body. But the wear and tear differs from individual to individual. Some of us live to a ripe old age with little evidence of cognitive decline; others experience early mental decline or the onset of diseases such as dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Some brain changes are inevitable with aging; others may be avoidable. Factors such as stress, lifestyle and diet can greatly affect how our brain weathers the years.

Ever notice how people who smoke cigarettes or drink too much alcohol look older than their age? Lonely people, seriously obese people, poor people, individuals who live in stressful environments or have stressful jobs are highly vulnerable to chronic depression, are typically less healthy and are at great risk for early brain decline.

A study published in a recent issue of the journal *Neurology* underscores the importance of stress in age associated mental decline. The study suggests that chronic mental stress and poor physical health can greatly speed up cellular aging and hasten brain cell death.

Building on these studies, researchers have found that individuals who maintain a healthy lifestyle, engage in regular physical and mental activity and reduce stress stave off early widespread brain cell death and mental decline.

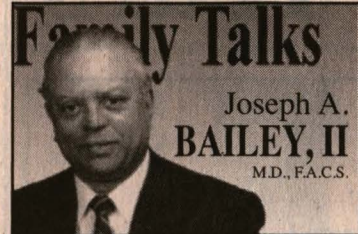
That's why it's important to take steps to reduce risk factors that can lead to brain aging and to undertake measures that can help keep your brain active, alert and healthy.

Ecclesia Christian Fellowship Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Black Voice News
SAN BERNARDINO

Ecclesia Christian Fellowship invites the entire community to attend the Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for their new "Children's Youth Education Building." The event will take place on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 1:00 p.m., at 1314 Date Street, San Bernardino, CA 92404.

For more information about ECF or the new facility, please call (909) 881-5551.



Family Talks
Joseph A. BAILEY, II
M.D., F.A.C.S.

Import and export mean to carry in and out of harbor or country. Thus, many words have sprung from Latin, "portus" (Anglo-Saxon—port, harbor). Because the port, harbor, or gate to an ancient city was the avenue of much concern, originally the word "important" related to international trade. The Important is that which is worth bringing into harbor (or into oneself)—that which has weight—and is of value and/or of worth. One reason Ancient Africans and peoples

located around the Mediterranean Sea were so smart is that they utilized the best of what was "imported"—i.e. that which was carried into their ports and harbors. The ancient Greeks and Romans particularly wanted what Africans had developed, to their birth, over thousands of years prior. The things of greatest importance to the Greeks and Romans were whatever African contributions they needed to build their civilization (social and technical development) and culture (spiritual and intellectual development).

What is important permeates every part of ones life and exactly what is chosen is a personal decision. To illustrate, let us look at the classification used by a generic person with good character. First, one considers the **Immaterial Realm**. For Ancient Africans, who I believe had the world's best ever system of what is important, the Absolutely

most important was God. From their beliefs about God they built the most important selfhood mastery paradigms—that of Ma'at (Love in action) and Nonaggression. Second, is the **Sublime** (the Intangible) where the human mind can find "Seeds" of the highest quality of whatever one needs—Truth, Beauty, Goodness, Harmony, and Unity. The "Seed" is the most important part of the Tree because it contains all the "genes" that will give rise to the rest of the tree; it determines the order of arrangement of the tree's parts; and it replaces any damaged or lost (e.g. when someone breaks off a limb) parts. Hence, to study the "Seed" gives you more information about the composition of the rest of the Tree than studying any other part because all parts of the rest of the Tree have whatever comes out of the "Seed."

Third is the **Unbounded Tangible** realm. During a marriage, the bride and groom use their respective lit candles to light a third candle. This symbolically removes the separateness of the couple and forms a standard for the structure of the marriage. That structure becomes more important than are either the bride or the groom as individuals. Fourth, the **Partially Bounded Tangible** introduces both the most important things of what you want and the most important of what you do not want. These are under the umbrella of your System of Values—i.e. things of Worth (e.g. Love, peace, harmony) and things of Value (e.g. material things like money, possessions, power over people). Fifth is the **Concrete** realm. Similarly, it is about what you want (e.g. creature comforts) and what you do not want (e.g. needless struggle for others and for oneself—espe-

cially to not be dependent in your old age). When one is giving consideration to what to focus on in ones *Purpose in Life*—the most important goal one can choose—one looks at each of these five categories. For selections to be at their best, one must rise above any desire for recognition, fame, or money. At the same time one must successfully deal with lacks, losses, and obstacles. To make the best decisions about each of these realms requires the use of ones Pure Feelings (not emotions) properly integrated with ones Rational Thinking so as to formulate a goal for the greater good and that will endure.

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Joseph A. Bailey, II, M.D.

Study Shows that Black Males are the Highest Rate of Drowning Victims



Save Our Children
Richard O. JONES

A study by Healthy Day News two years ago confirmed that young Blacks—especially males—are much more likely to drown in pools than whites. In fact, almost half of all recorded drowning deaths among people aged 5 to 24 are

among Blacks, according to the study, which was reported in the April 2006 issue of the American Journal of Public Health. Blacks are especially likely to drown in motel, and hotel pools where there's no lifeguard on duty, while whites tend to drown in private pools. Nearly 60% of African-American children can't swim, almost twice the figure for white children. Of the 252,000 competitive swimmers in the USA annually only 2% are Black.

Seventy-five percent of all drowning victims are male, with 47 percent Black. Thirty-three percent are white, and 12 percent Latino. About 13 percent of the U.S.

population are Black and about 13 percent are Latino, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Most of the Black victims—51 percent—drowned in public pools. By contrast, 55 percent of white victims drowned in private pools.

There needs to be emphasis on parents and children learning to swim and other water safety procedures such as: never swim alone, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and never swim under the influence of drugs or alcohol. In many Black families swimming skills tend to be viewed solely as recreational skills without big money earning potential. Unlike

learning to play football or basketball swimming is a personal safety skill. No one has died from an inability to play any sport for example, but many have died from an inability to swim.

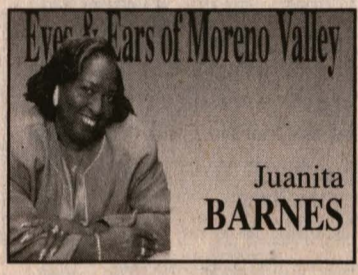
In my opinion, Black females drown much less than Black males for one reason—vanity; they're reluctant to get their hair wet and therefore enter deep water less often but still drown more than white and Latino girls.

Lack of swimming skills among Blacks is generational. If a parent doesn't know how to swim or has knowledge of water safety it's unlikely that they'll stress the importance of these skills to their chil-

dren. Parents should make sure their children learn to swim because it is as crucial as making sure they learn to cross the street safely.

Swimming is summer fun and summer is near. Swimming pools and bodies of water everywhere will be filled with Black non-swimmers. Blacks should begin to treat themselves to swimming lessons as a solo or family activity. You're never too old or too young to learn to swim, plus it's great exercise.

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Evening of Stars of Moreno Valley
Juanita BARNES

The Love of a Mother by Alan Riley: "Sons, daughters, and husbands did what they should be doing, honoring their mothers and the mother of their children. It is estimated that Americans alone spent nearly five billion dollars on flowers, jewelry, gifts, dinners and cards to say "I love you" to our

moms. Did you know that this year Mother's Day in the United States is exactly one hundred years old? Julia Ward Howe, who also wrote the words to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" wrote the first Mother's Day proclamation in 1870, but she was not successful in her efforts to get official recognition for the Holiday. The first Mother's Day in the U. S. was May 10, 1908, in Crafton, West Virginia.

HELLO MORENO VALLEY!

Moreno Valley seeks vendors for Independence Day Festival. Moreno Valley's Parks and

Community Services Department is accepting vendor applications for its family fundfest. This year the event will feature two top notch entertainers; the "Doo Woh Riders" conclude with headliner, "Eddie Money" who will play his hits "Two Tickets to Paradise" and "Baby Hold On to Me." This promises to be a great show on July 4, 2008. Moreno Valley will kick off the day with a parade Friday, July 4, 2008 at 9:30 a. m. and continue with a spectacular fireworks display at 9:00 p.m. which will be simulcast on radio station KOLA 99.9 FM. Vendor applications are being accepted beginning

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 for food, arts and crafts, and non-profit information booths, for more information on how to apply as a vendor, contact Moreno Valley Parks Community Services at (951) 413-3280.

I pray that you were able to share with your family all the special times you have spent with your wonderful mother. My day as a Mother was blessed. Thanks to all of you that shared with me on Mother's Day, it was great.

The following words are from my Bishop: "Guide older women into lives of reverence so they end up as neither gossips nor drunks, but models of goodness. By looking at them, the younger women will know how to love their husbands and children. Be virtuous and pure, keep a good house, and be good wives. We don't want anyone looking down on God's Message because of their behavior." (Titus 2:3 - 5)

BE BLESSED,
J.B.



Event Planning
Wendy GLADNEY

This past week was a whirlwind—touching bases throughout the State. The California Legislative Black Caucus Foundation held their Conference covering both Sacramento and Southern California. In Sacramento they held a Golf Tournament and a Gala Dinner that was fabulous. In Southern California the Workshops/Seminars were well attended providing pivotal information. The Business Luncheon honoring Women, the Prayer Breakfast and the Gala Dinner rounded out the entire event. Regina— it was great seeing you in the Capitol!

Looking ahead, on Sunday, May 18th from 12 noon - 3:00pm Victoria Rowell, Foster Children's Positive Plan High Tea, will take place at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Oscar-winner Morgan Freeman and his wife, Myrna Colley Lee will receive the Agatha Award. Artist Stephanie Mills will perform and there will be a hat and live auction on the premises. To learn more you can visit www.rowellfosterchildren.org.

On Thursday, May 22nd beginning at 6:00pm the Black Business Association (BBA) will celebrate their 34th Annual Awards Dinner in recognition of Small Business Week. It will be held at the Omni Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The theme for this year's gala is "Collaborative Partnerships Creating Entrepreneurial Growth. To learn more visit www.bbala.org.

Fast forward to June! We will be celebrating the Los Angeles' ceremonial celebration of Speaker-Elect Karen Bass here on Friday, June 5th. Next week will give you complete details and how you can participate in this historical moment (first African American Woman to serve as the Speaker for the California State Assembly). So save that date!

Give your all in all that you do. Then the PLUS won't just be more, it will be the difference!

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Upcoming San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) Events

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Friday, May 16, 2008 6:00 p.m. - SBVC Auditorium 12th Annual Black Recognition Ceremony

Saturday, May 17, 2008 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Campus Center Diploma-Bound: Recapturing, Reconnecting and Re-Engaging Disconnected Youth

Sunday, May 18, 2008 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - SBVC Auditorium 9th Annual Nuestra Graduación

Bartee Celebrates 90 Years

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

Former Riverside business owner for over 63 years and Riverside resident Willie F. Bartee recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

Among those in attendance were Mayor Ronald Loveridge who presented Bartee with a certificate on behalf of the city of Riverside, Woodie Rucker-Hughes, president of the Riverside NAACP who recognized Bartee with a South African scarf, Susan Strickland, Dorella Anderson, and Jeanette Ward presented him with an honorary lifetime membership in the Riverside African American Historical Society.

Bartee, who celebrated his retirement after 61 years in busi-



Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge, W.F. Bartee and Rev. W.L. Edward

ness at Bartee's Beauty Salon in Riverside this past July, also received a certificate of recognition from State Assemblyman John Benoit for being the recent recipient of the NAACP Freedom Fund Entrepreneurial Award. Bartee says he is 90 years blessed.

Photo by Sam James

CALENDAR

World-famous Opera Singer to Perform in Riverside

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

World-famous mezzo-soprano Suzanna Guzmán of the Los Angeles Opera performs a free public performance of her award-winning "Don't Be Afraid; It's Just Opera!" from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Saturday, at the César Chávez Community Center.

Guzmán will sing musical selections from "Carmen," "The Barber of Seville" and "Madame Butterfly."

A question-and-answer session and a reception will be held after the performance.

"This is a new exciting venue for the arts here in Riverside," said Ward 2 Councilman Andy Melendrez. "Never has Riverside, the City of Arts and Culture, experienced an artistic sensation like Suzanna Guzman. Her illustrious career is a delight and to have her grace our city with her presence is an evening you don't want to miss."

For more on the performance, contact Angie Valdericeda, (951) 826-2305, or at avaldericeda@riversideca.gov.

Senator McLeod Hosts Event at Sierra Lakes

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FONTANA



Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod, Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter and Pomona Mayor Norma Torres chat during an event hosted by Negrete McLeod at the Sierra Lakes Country Club in Fontana May 8. About 100 guests were in attendance.

Senator Negrete McLeod represents the 32nd district.

UC Regents will meet to appoint new chancellor for UCR

The University of California Board of Regents will consider the appointment of and compensation for a new chancellor for the UC Riverside campus as part of its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 15, at UCLA's Covel Commons.

The Regents' compensation and educational policy committees will first meet jointly in closed session at 8:30 a.m., followed by a closed session of the full board. At approximately 9 a.m., following public comment, the compensation committee and then the full board will meet in open session to approve the new chancellor's compensation.

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De La Hoya/HBO Impress Mayweather Rematch Next

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By Jon D. Gaede
BVN Staff

Transformed into a boxing venue, the Home Depot Center provided a stage for someone other than David Beckham. Not since 1971 when Mando Ramos fought Chango Carmona in the coliseum has professional boxing drawn a large outdoor live gate in Los Angeles. Over Cinco De Mayo weekend, who else could promote and deliver fan value than Oscar De La Hoya.

De La Hoya's "Golden Boy Promotions" agreed to cross market the event with HBO and make the fight card available to a large non pay per view audience. De La Hoya may not need to raise his "Q" rating between big fights, however, he has embraced his unique role of holding up the credibility and honor of the sweet science. He is the ultimate promoter, someone who can raise the billboards and deliver in the ring.

Billed as a tune-up for a much anticipated rematch with Floyd Mayweather Jr., De la Hoya agreed to take on Steve Forbes in 150 pounds. Forbes won the reality TV series called "The Contender" posted a record of 33-5 and a super-featherweight belt. De La Hoya prepared for this bout in Puerto Rico and reunited with trainer Floyd Mayweather Sr.

On fight night, 27,000 packed the Home Depot Center to watch De La Hoya go to work on Steve Forbes. The fight went the distance as De La Hoya worked on his jab and left hook. To ring side observers, De La Hoya appeared



SWEET SCIENCE - Oscar De La Hoya measures opponent Steve Forbes in the 9th round of his fight at the Home Depot Center.

Photo courtesy of Joe Miranda

to be relaxed and fluid. By comparison, De La Hoya's hand speed and foot work was superior. Fight stats revealed that De La Hoya threw 406 jabs to 470 for Forbes, but twice as many of those connected for Oscar. De La Hoya was also ahead in power punches thrown and connected. De La Hoya looked like the bigger boned fighter that he is for that weight as he danced on his toes and had his way all night. The decision was unanimous.

De La Hoya has changed his style a few times over a 16 year career. In this tune-up for a September mega-fight, Oscar appears to be trying to incorporate a veteran's ability to relax and wait for counter-punching opportunities. Halfway through his career, De La Hoya developed a tactical defense and an ability to launch punches from a crouch. His last big fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr. had 2 million pay per view buys and it is

certain that many of those paying customers were looking for Oscar to deliver the best left hook in the business. Putting together his power, hand speed and defensive finesse will be key to victory over Mayweather.

In the post fight Oscar was swollen around the eyes but quite pleased with his performance. In his own words "My rust went away, I tried to stay on my toes each round and I feel good about it". "I can't wait for

September." De La Hoya is referring to the much anticipated rematch with Floyd Mayweather Jr., who edged him by split decision last year.

De La Hoya praised Steve Forbes for a competitive contest and predicted that he will be a champion one day. Oscar said his left hand was hurting in the later rounds and needed to be x-rayed. Oscar looked faster after most exchanges and too much experience for Forbes to handle.

As the crowd shuffled out, most seemed content with the venue and the result.

Nothing has been inked yet for the Mayweather rematch, anticipated for September. Any date around September 16th would be likely. There has been some rumors about a Miguel Cotto match-up, but that scenario is unlikely. It's De la Hoya vs. Mayweather and the end of a marvelous career in the ring.

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Connecting his own tribal history of genocide to that of Darfur's current struggle, Chairman Ramos said he hopes this donation and high profile tournament will "bring aware-

ness not just in the local community but throughout the world."

"The crisis in Darfur is an issue very close to my heart", said the organizations co-founder, Don Cheadle. "San Manuel understands

the severity of this crisis and is helping us use the popularity of Poker to spread the word."

"We hope our efforts will help draw mass attention to this very important issue that affects us all, and inspire others to get involved."

This star-studded event was invitation-only, limited to high-end players, poker professionals and celebrity poker enthusiasts.

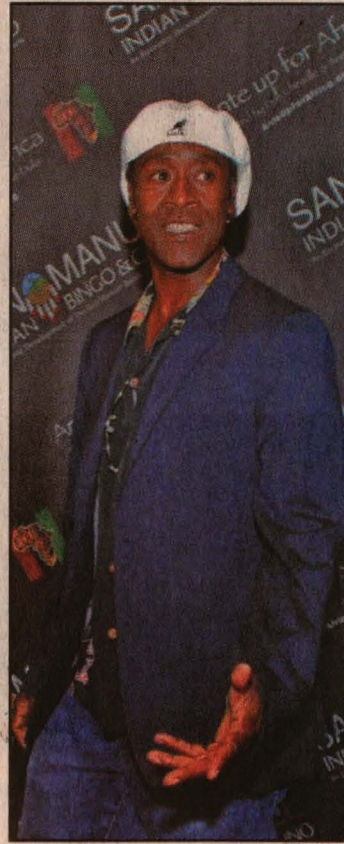
In lieu of a cash prize, the winner of the tournament received a celebrity autographed custom poker table, courtesy of the casino.



Event co-hosts Don Cheadle and Annie Duke shown with San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians Business Committee members Rich LeRoy (left), Lynn Valbuena (second from left), and Audrey Martinez (right).



Tournament winner Bill Pedigo (seated center) waits for the flop in the final hand as actor Don Cheadle (white cap) and poker pro Phil "The Unabomber" Laak (right) watch.



Academy Award® nominee and co-founder of Ante Up for Africa Don Cheadle answers questions on the red carpet.



LA Dodgers player James Loney contemplates his next bet.

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VETS

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erans and the homeless, make him an ideal honoree for this award."

Martinez says his adult son, David, who is blind, mentally disabled and confined to bed, compels him to give to handicapped children and to associate his bail bonds business with social service organizations outside of the world of law enforcement as well as within. Martinez, who served as a state corrections officer and Redlands police officer, served in the Army in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968. He completed one tour of duty in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry, 1st of the 5th Mechanized Unit. He was selected for the Purple Heart; received the Campaign Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, and Honorable Discharge. Martinez, member of VFW 8737, is one of five veterans receiving special honors at a reception for military veterans hosted by Assembly Member Carter from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, at her district office, 335 N. Riverside Avenue, Rialto. The May event, which recognizes Veteran's Appreciation Month, is free and open to the public. Besides Martinez, the special honorees include Celeste D. Williams; Retired Army and Past Commander of American Legion Post 710; Joe Dean, who served in the Army and is American Legion Post 772 Commander; Marion Black, Retired Air Force and Vickie Wilson, who served in the Navy. The California National Guard San Bernardino Headquarters 1-185th will also be honored. Martinez, who descends from a long line of military veterans, said he is proud to receive an honor for his passion-servicing his country. "I went in for God and Country. That's what it's all about. The military shows you the purpose of achievement. It makes you love the red, white and blue and that's what you are true to."

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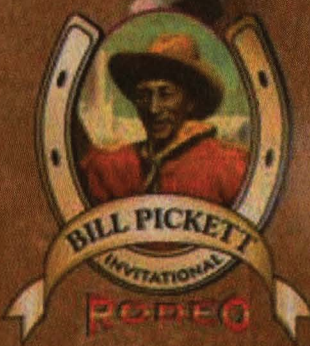
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Greater Faith: A Church with a Vision

The Black Voice News
MORENO VALLEY

By Victoria Taylor

A church with a vision is sitting in the city of Moreno Valley. It is known as Greater Faith Christian Fellowship (G.F.C.F.), pastored by Elder JD White Jr. The Bible declares that, "Without a vision the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). Within one month G.F.C.F. has opened up their church to the community by putting on two dynamic events. The first event, which everyone is still talking about, was the "Adam Where Art Thou 2008 Conference". It took place last month with nine of the most powerful preachers in the Inland Empire.

"This was my first time meeting Pastor White and when I shook his hand I felt that he has the heart of a Bishop, he is a pastor's pastor," stated Pastor Campbell of Koinonia Evangelistic Center in Moreno Valley, one of the preachers from the Adam Where Art Thou 2008 Conference. This conference allowed people to get an understanding behind the question God asked Adam in the Garden after he had eaten of the forbidden fruit.

Pastor Campbell eloquently taught, "Had Adam been where God had called him to be he would have never had to ask where he was, Adam was simply out of the will of God. He took on the form of the world and God simply did not recognize him, the Adam he created".

The second program "The Daughters of Naomi," was held on April 17, 18, and 19. Pastor Ona Profit of Heavens Vision Ministries put together this amazing retreat for the women. This event allowed the women to see how important they are to God, and that being a Daughter of Naomi is a blessing. The



(from left to right on stage): Pastor Campbell, Pastor Profit, and Pastor White.



Daughters of Naomi Retreat luncheon.

next event, which will be held at G.F.C.F., is the Friends & Family Day Celebration June 8, 2008.

"Elder White believes in opening up his church to fellowship and I am grateful for him," stated Pastor Profit. Elder White grew up in Pine Bluff Arkansas. When he moved to California he received his teaching and training under the late Bishop RW Mc Murray of Greater Bethany which was located in Los

Angeles, California. Many who remember Bishop McMurray say that he was one of the most prolific preachers of all time.

Elder White's upbringing has equipped him to carry on the vision of his former Pastor in glorifying the name of Jesus Christ by building up God's people. This allows them to operate in their gifts and callings, and the ultimate task is winning souls for The Kingdom of God. "Being that I am a

newly saved Christian I am grateful for the wise counsel Pastor White offers us here at Greater Faith Christian Fellowship. He preaches the literal interpretation of the Bible, line upon line, precept upon precept. He encourages us to search the Bible for ourselves and not to rely on someone's opinion, stated Regina M. King, a member of G.F.C.F.

So where is this church going and why are the members so

eager to follow? "God's army is the most divided army. First we must break the denominational barrier. I have a question: what denomination was Jesus Christ? Instead of professing to be the church with all the answers, let's fellowship together, each one of us has something to offer

the world," stated Elder White. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us",

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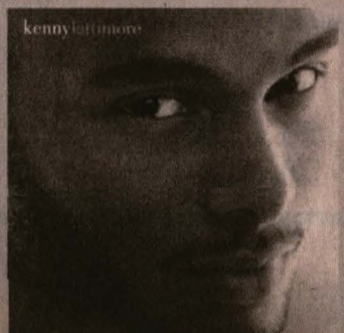
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"Changing A Generation"

Allen Chapel AME Presents Women's Conference 2008

The Black Voice News RIVERSIDE By Ashley Jones

Allen Chapel AME presented the first annual Women's Conference 2008 on Saturday, May 11, 2008. Last Saturday's event was hosted at the Villegas Community Center in Riverside. The event congregated women from across the Inland Empire. The message presented to the attendees was "Women of God Called to Service and Commitment." The keynote speaker of the event was Margaret Rhone, First Lady of Allen Chapel AME. Additional speakers included Mildred Tyler, retired Assistant Director of Education Opportunity and Student Affirmative Action from UCR and Deborah Fontaine, Coordinator for the AIDS service agency. The speakers educated the audience on Black History



Deborah Fontaine, First Lady Margaret Rhone, and Mildred Tyler

and HIV/AIDS awareness. "Because we live in such horrific times, and since women are the caregivers of their home, we want to help them retool so that they can help raise their families and become more productive citizens. That's not an easy job to do, so we need to help women gain their strength and give them resources so that they can raise children. The object is that we raise our children, and we put them in the world, and they become the next generation for the next group of people, so we want to do the best that we can," said

First Lady Rhone. Fontaine said, "I hope the attendees have gained a basic knowledge of what HIV and AIDS is. I want them to know how it is transmitted, to get tested, and get your results. Talking to young people, teenagers, and older people about HIV and AIDS, is very important. Get folks to get tested, that's a major factor." "I think the first Women's Conference was a resounding success, we had almost 75 women who attended. We worked diligently, this is the first Women's Conference for Allen Chapel, and it has been a pleasant success. We have women from other areas, not just Allen Chapel that came to support today. We have women who are in the office, we have women who are leaders in the community, this is a very important conference for us," said Terri Gordon, event staff member.

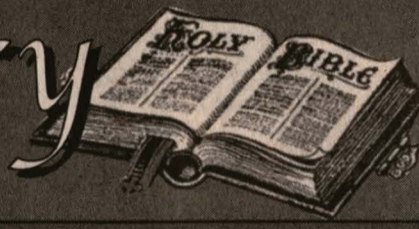
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Hebrews 12:1. Elder White vision is to see the people of God living a victorious life, free from sin, guilt, shame, fear and defeat. There are so many men and women of God living beneath their privileges. "This vision has been planted in the hearts of the ordained elder, ministers, evangelist, deacons, ushers, singers, musicians, men, women, teens, and babies at Greater Faith Christian Fellowship and now it has been brought to you. Now is the time to pray and seek the mind of God for your life. We are living in the last days; it's time out for the prosperity message and to receive the sincere milk of the Word. He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit is saying to the churches", stated Pastor White. Every Sunday morning Elder White is prepared to proclaim what God has to say to his people. "We magnify the name of Jesus in song, with instruments and with a shout but it's something about the Word of God; it's refreshing and fulfilling, it allows me to apply it to my everyday life. When I leave the

church it is still with me. It's sad but people today want to be entertained in the house of God instead of hearing the Word of God, says Elder Taylor G.F.C.F.'s Minister of music. The time is spent counseling with his members helping them reach their full potential in Christ and in life. Greater Faith Christian Fellowship is carrying out the vision if you would like to be a part of this church the address is 22620 Goldencrest Dr. Suite 117 Moreno Valley, CA 92553. Their service times are Wed. Night Bible Study at 7:30 pm, Friday Night Prayer & Praise at 7:30pm, Sunday School 9:45am, Sunday Worship Service 11:00am, and Sunday Evening Service 6:30pm. For more information or if you need a ride to one of these services please contact the church office at 951-653-5556.

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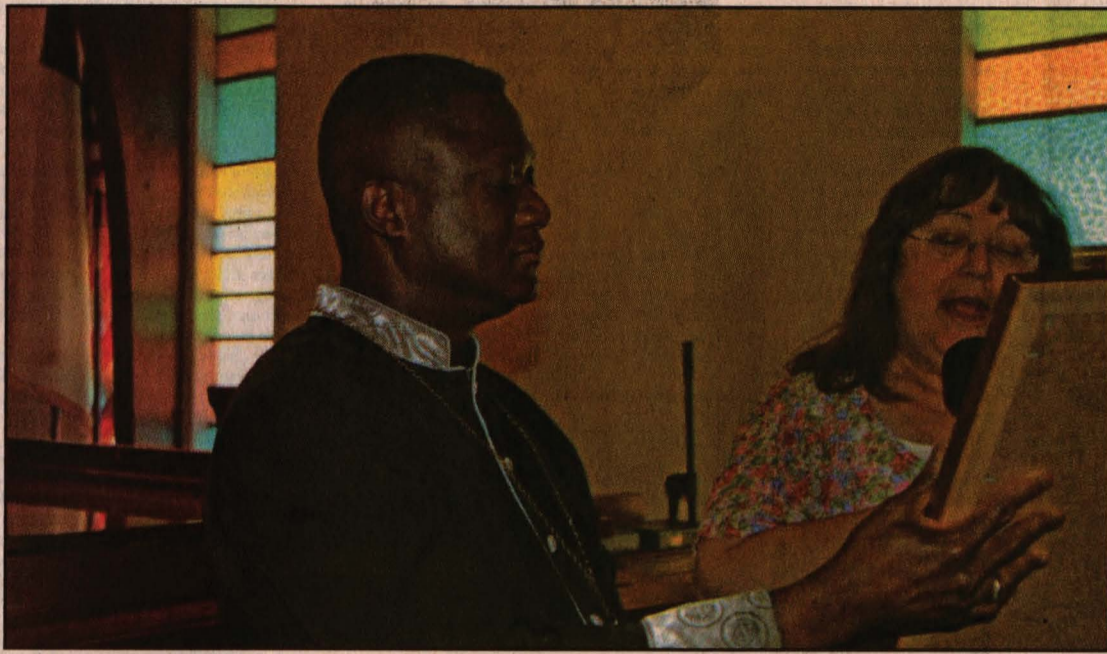
St. Paul A.M.E., Oldest Black Church in S.B. Celebrates 104th Anniversary

The Black Voice News
SAN BERNARDINO

By BVN Staff

The African Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in 1787, when Richard Allen shook the dust off his feet and walked to his nearby blacksmith shop to start the first Black denomination in America. His pupil was an anvil. He had not been allowed to pray at the altar in the former St. George Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, where Blacks were relegated to the balcony. This is the history of the founding of one of America's great churches.

One hundred years later, just 20 years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, Henry Inghram moved West from Kentucky. He was born enslaved in 1859, in Columbus, KY according to his daughter Dorothy Inghram's book "Beyond All This". He had been a teacher in Kentucky. The State allowed limited education of some free Negroes in certain areas. Mary Bonner was born in Missouri and was already in the area when they met. It is not clear how they met but the records show they married on January 30, 1889, a year after he arrived in San Bernardino.



Pastor Larry E. Campbell is presented a proclamation by Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod Representative, Ann Knickerbocker.

Finding a job was difficult and Mr. Inghram heard about the mining boom in the northern part of the state. The Inghram's joined the many who were going to claim their fortune. However, when they arrived they found terrible conditions and the mines had dried, not to mention their two oldest children contracted Malaria and died. Pregnant with another child the couple stayed until she was born and returned to San Bernardino. They found a house on Sixth Street between Harris and J Streets and immediately

moved in. They rekindled community relationships and tried to bury the past, Ms. Inghram said that he never spoke about the family's misfortune and it may be why she said that her mother didn't speak about her past. Life was looking up, Mr. Inghram got his first job as a janitor for the city library.

The city began to bustle. It had doubled in size and was making progress. The family was attending North Methodist Church. Not long after arriving back to San Bernardino, Mr. Inghram said he saw the need for a Negro church. He said that every community needs a church and he began knocking on doors to gather enough people to organize one. It proved to be more difficult than he

thought but he didn't give up. He did his homework and found that the African Methodist Episcopal Church would allow them to organize with 12 people. He spoke with Mrs. Bush and convinced her and her son to join, praying it would be enough. He wrote to Presiding Elder Wilson and asked him to come, announcing with Mrs. Bush he had 8 people. (His wife, five children, Mrs. Bush and her son.) He found a mission building owned by the St. Paul Methodist Church downtown San Bernardino, located on the corner of 6th and Harris, that they allowed them to use. It was a tiny church and since he was so determined the Presiding Elder organized them without a name and without a minister.

The first name that he selected was "Wesleyan A.M.E." after the founder of Methodism. Since Riverside already had an A.M.E. Church and a pastor, Rev. Frank Johnson was asked to also pastor the new church and the very next week services began. That was Easter, April 6, 1904.

As new members joined and New Hope Missionary Baptist Church was formed in 1911 nearby, some of the members wanted to rename the church. After going through the names Mr. Inghram agreed to St. Paul A.M.E. Church. In 1912 the Quarterly Conference renamed the church.

In the tradition of the church, the 104th anniversary was wonderful. Elected officials and their representatives visited and presented resolutions and certificates: Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Councilman Rikke Van Johnson, Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter, Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod, Aquanetta Warren, Fontana Councilwoman/Mayor Pro Tem. Rev. Larry Campbell, the 45th pastor, was successful with the list of activities he wanted to accomplish.

The Hattie McDaniel production (see BVN Vol. 35 Number 49, 3/8/08) kicked off the celebration, followed by Sunday School, and morning worship services. The afternoon program added to the celebration. The Inghram Community Center (formerly Carpenter's Hall) was

filled with excitement as the Ecclesia Praise Team, and the 16th Street Seventh Day Adventist Church Praise Team led by Bobby Elston ministered during the worship service.

One of the A.M.E. Church's most revered Bishops, Presiding Prelate, Ninth Episcopal District, Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, brought the outstanding message, speaking about how far the church has come. He spoke fondly of his friend the late Presiding Elder, Rev. William Jacks and of the warmth he has always received at St. Paul.

Members who passed away during the year were remembered with a moment of silence. Pastor Campbell also recognized members who had been there for 50 years or more: Winfred Breland, Aleace Cameron, Carl Clemons, Dorothy Inghram, Ann Malcom, Bea Pitts, Ida Roberson, Lou Gene Tapp, Alveria Taylor, Elnora Williams, Nettie Wright, Mary Rowe, Ben Inghram and Cheryl Brown.

The Anniversary committee included: Chair Dr. Althea Dupre, Co-Chair LaFlora Williams, members Marlene Sell, Evelyn Keith, Pearl Whitfield, Reginald Roberts and Hardy Brown, Sr.

A very proud Presiding Elder, Rev. Norman D. Copeland congratulated the committee and the church for such a wonderful program as he gave closing remarks.

Eagle's Wings Presents New Psalm Unto the Lord



PERRIS - Eagle's Wings Christian Church will host a concert for past, present family and their friends as they create a NEW PSALM unto the LORD on Saturday, May 31, 2008 beginning at 2:00 p.m. The theme for this year's concert is taken from Psalms: 151 "Sing Unto The Lord A New Song" featuring Willie Cockrell and a Small Circle of Friends of Hesperia, author, comedian and poet, Richard O. Jones, and many other artists. Eagle's Wings Christian Church is pastored by Carl Wiggins, and is located at 1201 North "A" Street, Perris.

Evangelism and Career Day At Second Baptist Church

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

Second Baptist Church of Riverside will host national Evangelist Manuel Scott, Jr. on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at both the 7:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. church services.



Pastor T. Ellsworth Gantt, II and Manuel Scott

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Riverside's Rev. Nathan Smith Scholarship Ministry will also host a career day on Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Career Day will take place in the Fellowship Hall. The youth of SBCR as well as the community are invited to attend this valuable event. For more information about the Rev. Nathan Smith Scholarship Ministry contact Nancy Satterwhite, president of the Rev. Nathan Smith Scholarship Ministry, at (951) 836-7738 or nancysatterwhite@msn.com or the Second Baptist Church Office at (951) 684-7532.

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