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Brandford & Bibbs Join Brown's Birthday Celebration

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RIVERSIDE

Public finance trailblazer Napoleon Brandford, III and artist/entrepreneur Charles Bibbs will be just a few of the luminaries attending the 3rd Annual Black Voice Foundation's Hardy Brown Birthday Celebration honoring Nancy Wilson.

The event will be held Thursday, December 6, 2007 at the Riverside Convention Center at 6:30 pm. The

Foundation was founded by Hardy and his wife Cheryl, co-publishers of The Black Voice News, the only newspaper serving Riverside County's African-American community. The Foundation offers a number of educational and cultural programs and was recently selected by The Sun Newspaper as one of two holiday fund charity recipients.

A public finance veteran, Napoleon Brandford has over 25 years of experience in public finance and is a founding



Napoleon Brandford, III

partner of Siebert Brandford Shank & Co., LLC, an investment banking firm established in 1996. Siebert Brandford Shank quickly rose to



Photo by Charles Bush
Nancy Wilson

become the number-one-ranked minority-owned investment banking firm in the nation as senior managing underwriter

and now also consistently maintains a rank among the top twenty municipal underwriters nationwide.

Mr. Brandford has led large-scale financing projects for state, city, and local governments throughout the country. In Southwestern and West Coast states he has served as project manager on senior- and sole-managed financings totaling over \$5.7 billion in par amount during the past 10 years which has helped catapult Siebert

Brandford Shank to its top-ranked position among investment banking firms on Wall Street.

Mr. Brandford is a graduate of the University of Southern California where he received a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in International Studies from Purdue University.

Mr. Brandford serves on several
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Officer Involved Shooting Leaves Unanswered Questions

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SAN BERNARDINO

By Mary Shelton

The latest officer-involved shooting in a city that has seen many this year has left a neighborhood concerned and a city official asking questions in San Bernardino.

Terrell Markham, 16, was shot by an unidentified police officer on Nov. 17, after he had allegedly pointed a handgun at the officer, according to a statement issued by the police department.

The name of the officer who shot Markham has not been released. The press release from the department states only that the officer involved was male.

The incident began when a uniformed officer went to a liquor store in San Bernardino to contact a subject who fled into the common area of a housing project. As the officer gave verbal orders to Markham, the teenager allegedly pulled out a gun and pointed at the officer who then shot him several times with his handgun. Medical assistance was called and sent to the scene to take Markham to a nearby hospital. According to the police, a semiautomatic gun was discovered at the scene.

But Ruby Sims, Markham's grandmother contested the department's version of events. She told the Black Voice News that the family was in shock over the shooting.

"He was at my house. He walked out of the

house going to the store. He didn't have anything on him," Sims said.

She questioned the department's stance that he had a gun and said that she thinks it was planted. She also said the police had kicked him unconscious, handcuffed him and shot him.

"He was shot in the back. One bullet went through the head and shot out his left eye," Sims said. "He was shot in the back and on his hand."

Markham's medical condition is unknown. Sims said that the family was not allowed to see him.

The shooting has concerned many city residents and at least one local elected official who attended a community rally after it hap-

pened.

Councilman Rikke Van Johnson said that he was especially concerned about the high number of shootings committed by the city's police officers. Already, in 2007, there have

San Bernardino is being countered by a city and community mobilization program that was implemented earlier this year by the city.

According to a recent edition of the Congressional Quarterly Inc., San

Van Johnson said he plans to look into the troubling issue as much as he can and any direction he can go "as to why we have a culture that can just go out and shoot".

He added that he did not know if other elected officials who shared the dais with him felt the same concerns or views on the rash of officer-involved shootings this year because this issue is closer to home for him. Most of those shot have been African-Americans including many from the area he represents in San Bernardino.

"Even police shootings of people with no guns, they call it justifiable," Van Johnson said. He added that he was not sure whether a situation would arise where it would be

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"...why we have a culture that can just go out and shoot".

-- Councilman Rikke Van Johnson

been 11 officer-involved shootings with seven of them being fatal.

The police department employs about 200 police officers to service a city of about 200,000. The shooting rate appears to be increasing even as the violent crime rate in

Bernardino ranked as the 42nd most dangerous city in the country, but that's a big improvement from the two previous years where it checked in among the top 20 most dangerous cities, according to the statistics from those years.

EASING THE PAIN OF HOME FORECLOSURE

Sisters Cook Turkey and Stuffing for Families Caught in Housing Crisis



Visiting relatives in Rialto, Alabama sisters Annie Powell and Ruby Ellison share stories about cooking turkey and stuffing for children, the homeless and a new type of guest: people who have lost their homes to foreclosure.

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SAN BERNARDINO

By Chris Levister

Sisters Ruby Ellison and Annie Powell shy away from the media glare that comes with something they believe in: giving back.

"When you give, you always get something back," Ellison said. "We grew up poor because Mama raised nine children. We've been blessed."

Visiting relatives in Rialto recently the sisters recalled the day their grandchildren asked them to do something nice for children at the Decatur, Alabama Boys and Girls

Club.

"My two grandsons came home and said 'Grandmamma we need your help,' Powell remembers. 'I said, what do you want grandma to do?' They said, 'We need you to cook something real special for the children at the Boys and Girls Club. I figured they wanted me to bake cookies or a cake.'"

Turns out says Powell the children wanted a turkey dinner complete with trimmings. They wanted to make sure those children had a good hot Thanksgiving dinner.

"I got on the phone and called Ruby," says Powell. I told her, 'The kids are on their way over, they're going to drop a bomb on you.'"

"We both laughed then we called

club officials and asked how many children would be attending the dinner. When the official said 125 - we gasped," said Powell.

Ellison told Powell - "We can do it." It took four turkeys and five pans of dressing to feed the crowd.

That was Thanksgiving 1998. Since then the sisters have served up more than 2,800 hot turkey and

stuffing dinners to children and their families.

Not much has changed since that faithful first turkey fest. "We've got it down to a science now," says Ellison. "We are bargain shoppers." The sisters buy all of the food. The cooking starts the night before Thanksgiving.

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African Publishers Visit the IE



Black Voice News staff and interns (l-r): Dr. Paulette Brown-Hinds, Joo Han Kim, Naomi Bonman, Adrian Coronado, Anna Wenger, Ashley Jones, Olga Davis Marides Salamat with African publishers Selby Mabanga and Stea Thembisso.

By Megan Carter

"Coming To America" was more than just a saying for a delegation that visited the Inland Empire, made invaluable contacts, and will be returning to Kwazul-Natal, South Africa. Selby Mabanga, publisher of School Talk newspaper, 500,000 circulation and Stae Thembisso, a businessman came to California to form valuable partnerships with organizations in the region.

The pair visited Senator Gloria

Negrete McLeod and Assblymember Wilmer Amina Carter at Carter's office in Rialto in preparation for a future visit of Premier of the Province, Dr. S. Ndebele. In speaking with the legislators the delegation gleaned an understanding of the transportation issues that face the state and how they might understand the pitfalls that may face them as they improve their own infrastructure. Durbin has the largest port in Africa and much like the issues that face our Long



(l-r): Antonio Johnson, Alise Clouser, Leah Barns, Krystal Adams, Keynasia Daniels, Charlotte Clouser, Chelsea Davis, Jonathan Buffong with Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod Field Representative Cheryl Brown with Selby Mabanga and Stea Thembisso.

Beach ports they are struggling with congestion and traffic issues.

Looking at building a major stadium project, the two were on a mission for more expertise. The project is a 1.6 Billion Rand (US \$800 million) for the World Soccer Cup that will come to South Africa in 2010. That event is driving the economy and is going to allow the country to expand entertainment, tourism and every other sector of the country. During their visit, they met with Otis Clopton of OJB Construction.

They toured the new school his company has under construction in the San Bernardino area.

Following the visit to Carter's office the pair travelled to Riverside had lunch at the Black Voice News office and met with students in the Internship program. There Mabanga saw examples of the newspaper's best practices.

Back to San Bernardino the delegation was excited to meet with youth from Project Action. Tired

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CA's Urban Mayors Call for Education Reform Efforts to Meet the Needs of Youth

Inaugural Roundtable

Meeting Spotlights

Mayoral Role in Improving Public Schools

The Black Voice News

LONG BEACH

Mayor Patrick J. Morris attended the inaugural meeting of the California Mayors' Education Roundtable this week and joined leaders of fourteen major California cities in issuing a call to expand education reform efforts to meet the needs of urban youth.

Mayor Morris is joined by Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates, Chula Vista Mayor Cheryl Cox, Fresno Mayor Alan Autry, Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums,



San Bernardino Mayor Patrick Morris (l) with Riverside Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge at a recent event in San Bernardino with Larry Hernandez, San Manuel Business Committee.

File Photo

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard, Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido, Riverside Mayor Ronald Loveridge, and San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom in

releasing a joint statement on expanding education reform, REFRAMING

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Riverside Mayor to Be First California President of the National League of Cities

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NEW ORLEANS

The National League of Cities (NLC) elected Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge 2nd Vice President. The election was held at the culmination of the NLC annual conference in New Orleans, La.

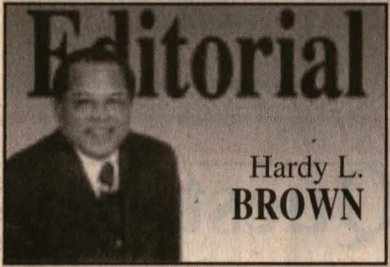
Loveridge will become NLC president in 2010. San Diego Council Member Jim Madaffer, president of the League of California Cities,

commented on the contribution Loveridge will make nationally. "Ron Loveridge is widely acknowledged as one of California's most important mayors. He has occupied virtually every leadership position open to a city official and is one of the state's top air quality policy experts. The NLC could not have chosen a more qualified individual for its 2nd Vice President."

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Healthcare Workforce Should Reflect Diversity

According to a study conducted by the University of California at San Francisco's Center for the Health Professions we have a shortage in all categories in our workforce of healthcare workers period. The problem is a dire shortage in inner cities and rural areas of the state. This is a double whammy for Blacks, Hispanics and the poor of California. The California Wellness Foundation is seeking solutions to this dilemma but in my opinion is not putting their wealth of financial resources into funding agencies nor organizations that can help bring relief to this problem. Now in defense of the foundation, they are contracting with the Young



Hardy L. BROWN

Communication Group to do some outreach through the Black Media to the tune of just over \$75,000 for the entire state. None of the other foundations, like Kaiser Permanente, Catholic Healthcare West, Sutter Health and California Endowment who

say they are concerned about the topic are doing that with the Black community. They are, however, spending money with each other to talk about us and our problems. In one of the Wellness funded reports, it points out that 51 of our 58 counties are impacted with a shortage of at least one understaffed healthcare professional. And to bring it closer to us in the Inland Empire, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, are on that list. And, you have known for years that we have the lowest college going rate in the state, so it's no surprise that we're on the list. Now we also know from demographic reports that we are the fastest growing counties in the state for the Black population with our need being the greatest for more healthcare workers. With this challenge we should have a greater interest and need to start developing a strategy to have a healthcare workforce that reflects the diversity of those who will need it.

One of the identified solutions is to recruit a workforce from the communities in the greatest need. The report states that people have a tendency to return, if the opportunity presents itself, to their own community if the pay, environment, facilities, housing, and continuing education are offered as in other communities. The University of California system has recognized that some way must be found to increase our enrollment into the existing schools of medicine, pharmacy and nursing. A way must also be found to increase Black student access to the proper science and math curriculum in our public schools. In another report released by UCLA this past week on the achievement gap of Blacks in California; they point out that Black students do not have access to the courses required for college in science or math. According to the California Basic Education Data System "African American students are less likely than their white and Asian counterparts to have access to college preparatory courses". They also found that even when they do have the curriculum the teachers are not qualified to teach them. They found this to be true in 107 of the high schools of which one half of the states Black students attend. On October 28th 2007 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law AB428 authored by Wilmer Amina Carter of Rialto which require the districts to notify the students and parents on the status of their A-G requirement courses. These are the courses student take in preparation for our college system. Without these courses they cannot enter any of California's public universities of which Blacks pay taxes to keep open. Students from other countries have full access, but pay no taxes. Now all of the blame cannot be placed at the door of the policy makers, we too must become more aggressive and engaged with the system and increase the educational attainment of our young people. I know it is difficult with all of the things going against us including the Ward Connerly's of the world who want to remove all requirements for entrance that is racially motivated. The UCLA report clearly documents that race is a factor when it comes to Blacks, Hispanics and Native American Indians in California.

When you add to all of this the other component of healthcare coverage you can see our community is being treated like a third world country.

We must ask our local school boards to establish health care career magnet schools starting in kindergarten straight through graduation. The Dr. Howard Inghram Elementary School in San Bernardino was re-opened as such but has been discontinued. They even had a partnership with the program Community Hospital located across the street. The United Nurses Association of California even adopted the school as a project. During one of their open school sessions the student dressed as physicians and other allied health care workers which they learned about at the hospital. They had healthy food snacks which they learned from the dieticians at the hospitals. Now rumors float that the hospital will close and the health care careers have been replaced by an environmental focus, that is also important, but the district has some already. This school is located in the heart of the Black and Latino community. Now I do not have to tell any of you the salaries healthcare workers make. It is not below the poverty level.

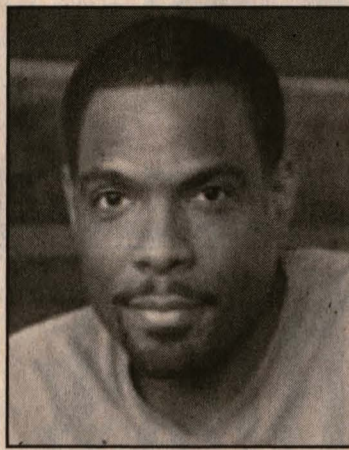
I am saying to the Secretary of Education, State Superintendent of Education, California School Board of Education, local School Boards of Education, Book Manufacturers of California, Governor of California, Senate and Assembly of California, Health Care providers of California, Health Care Insurers of California, Hospitals in California, Educational Institutional of higher learning in California, parents and students in California, we have a problem that exists today but can be resolved if we tackle it with determination. It will not be solved by going out of the country and bringing in workers; you have done this in the past and it created language and cultural issues in the workforce and with patients.

We cannot point fingers but must place them around the plow and start plowing. Now after a Black, Latino or Native American Indian parent reads these reports you might ask yourself these questions: If I motivate my child to the point of seeking a career in the healthcare field, will the proper science and math classes be there? Will qualified teachers teach them? Will the university admit them? Will the major employers hire them? If they go into business of their own will the financial institutions give them a loan to start the business? Will there be office space in the neighborhood where the patients live? Will they be able to get insurance for the business? Even though you might have these questions you will still need to motivate your child.

When a meal is especially enjoyable, diners will often comment that the chef put his foot into a meal. It is a way of saying that in addition to the herbs and spices, the chef added a bit of his soul.

Thanksgiving dinner is like that for me. I have been preparing the holiday meal for 13 years. It is a lot of work, but I truly enjoy it. The preparation becomes a kind of meditation for me. I attain a transcendental state wherein I become one with the food; each ingredient is a part of me that I add with unselfish, loving care. There is nothing more gratifying than to see my family and guests content and full following my meal - it is a sign that they have tasted my soul and found it to their liking.

Thanksgiving is truly a time to share your soul, to put your foot into life as it were. Of course this entails more than preparing a moist turkey, which is why so many Americans take this opportunity to donate time or food to the homeless and others visit the elderly or hold hands in pediatric wards of hospitals. All such gestures are noble and important approaches to sharing our blessings. But just as our souls are ever



Joseph C. Phillips

expanding so too should our generosity extend beyond this week.

I was recently asked what we could all do to advance the values of faith and family. Quite a question for a journeyman actor, but I am game. Beyond exercising responsible sexual behavior in order to insure that one does not become part of the problem of single parenthood, there is no other way but to demonstrate the importance of these values through living them. Preaching is great, but the folks that are really

influencing lives and attitudes are the ones that roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty.

In addition to the methods of sharing mentioned above, I am partial to the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. As important as it is to feed the physical hunger of the homeless, it is also important to fill the emotional and intellectual emptiness of children. It is possible to do that spending as little as one hour a week.

According to information on the organization's website, a study demonstrated that boys and girls that participated in the program for 18 months were 46% less likely to use illegal drugs, 27% less likely to use alcohol, 52% less likely to skip school, 37% less likely to skip class and had better relationships with family and peers. Minority children fared especially well with 70% of minority kids less likely to initiate drug use. In short, participation in Big Brothers/ Big Sisters increased the chances of so many children to have success later in life.

I recall my introduction to the Big Brothers of Greater Los Angeles. During my orientation, I sat in a room

of perhaps 15 men all interested in being partnered with a little brother. As I looked around, I noticed that I was the only Black man in the room. After being finger printed and sitting through an initial interview with a social worker, I thumbed through a book of applications and photographs two inches thick of boys, most of whom were Black, waiting for big brothers.

There is nothing scientific involved in this observation, it is purely anecdotal. Nor is this meant to be an indictment of Black men - just a call to arms. From what I am told by representatives of the organizations, my experience was normal. There are children waiting.

As we celebrate our blessings this holiday season, let's think about ways in which we can share a bit of our knowledge, a bit of our wisdom, a bit of our love and a very little bit of our time. Let's give some thought to putting our feet in the true spirit of Thanksgiving.

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

San Bernardino Deserves the Respect of its Residents

Now that San Bernardino's election is over, I hope the turmoil in the city decreases a little. As a Fontana resident who has spent a lot of time in San Bernardino, I have come to know one truth: Many of the city's residents do not appreciate how great San Bernardino is.

The city's detractors dragged the city through the mud for their own gain, pointing fingers and playing the blame game. The parolees, past mayors, current electeds, blah, blah didn't make San Bernardino a depressed city, the closing of Norton Air Force base did and the

subsequent loss of business is what hurt the city.

Whenever I go into San Bernardino I see the beautiful Victorians, the old, tree lined neighborhoods, the beautiful Santa Fe Depot, Mitas and Nenas restaurants. There is the wonderful California Theater and it's history, the old San Bernardino Sun building, the beautiful courthouse, the 66ers Baseball stadium.

There are many wonderful churches and Temple Emmanuel El, the great new Po Boy's Restaurant ("E" Street north of Court) that is close enough to my office

that I can go for lunch. You have Cal State San Bernardino and the historic Valley College, the National Orange Show (and the Swing Auditorium finally got rid of that old tin that used to hang from the rafters!)

Speaking of the Swing, the auditorium was the first venue in America that the Rolling Stones played. There have been many, many wonderful rock concerts at the Swing of my youth; Lynard Skynyrd, Black Sabbath, Ricky Nelson, ZZ Top, and more.

San Bernardino birthed the fast food movement: Not only did the McDonald

Brothers start up the internationally popular McDonald's Franchise, but Del Taco, Taco Bell, Baker's Drive Thru and Taco Tia all began in San Bernardino or close by.

Most importantly, San Bernardino is populated by many, many great people who work hard every day to make the city a better place to live. I think you all need to appreciate what you have and treat each other a little bit better and with a little more respect. That is all that the city is lacking.

Ann Knickerbocker
Fontana CA

Governor Attacks Nurses - Again

While some Nurses might be busy worrying about gas prices, the home mortgage debacle, our VP hunting with friends who hang the confederate flag in their place of business and other things, I write to say that something more earthshaking and earthshattering is happening in the state of California. That something is the Governor's health care reform bill, more formally known as the "Health Care Security and Cost Reduction Act."

I noticed that not much news coverage is being given to this comprehensive and complex bill lately except maybe half minute news bites on several major networks. I am a Registered Nurse Practitioner, and as part of my new position as Policy Analyst for the African American Health Institute, of San Bernardino County, I sat down to read the full text of the Governor's reform packet and was in for a bombshell. On page number 12 and 24 (of this 163 page document), The Governor has literally

attacked California's Nurse Practitioners! He is proposing to shatter our very existence!

Allow me to quote, in part, what the Governor has in this bill... "The bill would create the Task Force on Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice that would consist of specified members appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Committee on Rules. The bill will make the task force responsible for developing a recommended scope of practice for nurse practitioners and would require the task force to report the recommended scope of practice to the Governor and the Legislature on or before June 30, 2009. The bill would require the Director of Consumer Affairs, on or before July 1, 2010 to promulgate regulations that adopt the recommended scope of practice." ... (page 12) Furthermore on page twenty four (Section 6, 2838 a 1- 4e) of the bill the Governor goes on to state "The Task

force is hereby created" and he lists, in detail, who will be members of the committee and gives them a timeline (2009) to accomplish their work.

HELLO!

Would everyone out there who knows and have received care and treatment from a Nurse Practitioner, raise your hand? Registered Nurse Practitioners have been in existence for over thirty years - providing superb, competent and much needed care to patients. My questions is, where is the Governor coming from?

Once again he is attacking Nurses - is his memory so short that he does not recall what happened the last time he attacked us? This is a call to arms of all Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Organizations, Nurses, friends, families and most of all, patients of Nurse Practitioners. Stop this underhanded and dispicable attack by the Governor.

Call, write, email, fax or visit the

Governor and adamantly oppose the creation of "The Task Force on Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice". Tell the Governor that Nurse Practitioners already have a Scope of Practice. Remind him that Nurse Practitioners have been serving for over thirty years effectively and proficiently under the Scope of Practice we already have.

Ask him why is he attacking Nurse Practitioners.

Tell him that we are ready to fight him - Again!

(Note: There is much more in this bill which will affect the quality of life of Californians we should all read the entire text of it, you can access it on line by going to the state of California site.)

Katie Greene
Pediatric & Adult Care Registered
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Riverside

Things for which I am Thankful this Thanksgiving

By Susan McConnell

As Thanksgiving approaches, let us consider the blessings we experience this holiday season and strive to focus on these rather than complain about things we want. Reflect on these blessings as Americans:

- ...living in a country whose heritage is liberty rather than tyranny and oppression.
- ...having the freedom to worship as we choose without fear and persecution.
- ...deciding a career path and pursuing it or even changing it without government interference.
- ...freedom of expression with the touch of a keyboard.
- ...traveling all over the world knowing when we come home we live in the greatest nation on earth.
- ...accessibility of communication from around the world through internet, television, telephones and print media.
- ...choices of hundreds of television stations to watch, theaters and sports

events to attend and music and movies to download for entertainment.

...ability to shut out the world with a touch of a button and listen to silence.

...ability to drive through a city or walk the streets without the sounds of bombs or explosives being detonated.

...enjoying a hot shower, comfortable bed and heated home.

...fullness in our stomachs from the abundance of food available through grocery stores and restaurants.

...availability of gasoline along the streets and highways for cars even if it costs more than we want to pay.

...green lights on the way to work.

...good health and the ability to improve health through exercise, diet and controlling stress.

...availability of hospitals and doctors when sickness occurs without having to wait months for an appointment.

...family and friends who will gather to celebrate this Thanksgiving.

...Most of all, I am thankful, for our American troops, one of whom is my

son, who volunteered to serve, and are defending our freedoms in countries overseas this Thanksgiving, so I can celebrate this holiday. Thanks, Jonathan, and all our troops. May God bless you

as he continues to bless America.

Susan B. McConnell, author of *Raising Great Kids in a Tough World and Parenting in Tough Times.*

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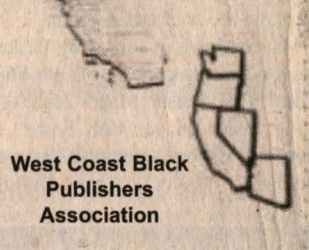
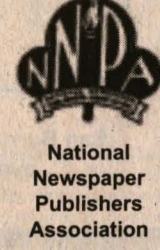
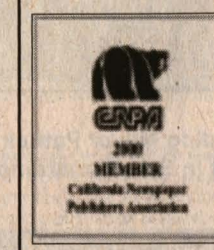
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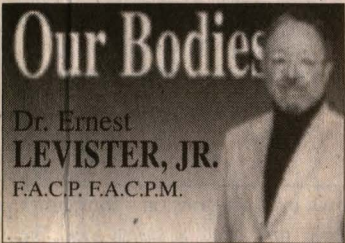
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Our Bodies

Giving Thanks On Thanksgiving

The holiday season is once again upon us. As we begin the hustle and bustle of the year's holiday season, as we settle in for grandma's turkey feast, football, family and friends, let us not forget the real meaning of Thanksgiving: Giving thanks.

Be thankful for our ancestral glory, for dark eyes shining - revealing our awesome timeless beauty like an ancient river's flow; for the blend of voices singing - unfolding a people's story with passion, truth, and wonder.

"Never forget where you came from, who you are...for only with that knowledge may you discover all the glorious things you must be thankful for."

To God...for the many blessings he bestows upon us each and every day of our lives...

For our family and loved ones, and this most precious time together.

For healthy bodies and fertile minds.

For the sound of children laughing. For the tranquility of a mountain stream.

For the gift of growing old. For the chance to parent.

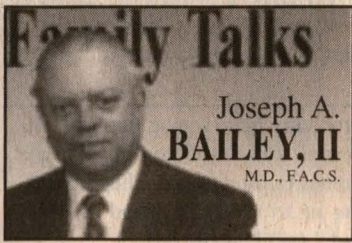
For fresh beginnings and endless opportunities.

For the many avenues and chances we have to share.

Christ's love and our blessings with others.

From our house to yours,

Happy Thanksgiving.



Family Talks

Two categories of problems future Black leaders will face in the USA marketplace pertain to their careers and to racism. Inside the Career category is deciding on a goal; figuring out ways to get from where they are, to where they want to go; and obtaining the education, training, and experience needed to do what has to be done in discovering their talent, developing their talent, and finding a niche for the best display of their talent. Each is quite involved as, for example, in

taking the appropriate courses and making high grades; acquiring enough money; handling family responsibilities and problems; leaving behind family, friends and peers; and deciding on a predominantly Black or predominantly White institution. Some counselors are useful but none are completely adequate. Some counselors will fail to know your requirements; will be misleading; and/or are disinterested. Besides, none will really know who you are or your motivation. Hence, much will be left to the student to figure out and then work out-and the best results come from **starting right now!**

Racism is divided into what will be done to the Black student and how the Black student will react. The System of Values you will face depends on the college (or post-graduate or high school) attended-and they are quite different in

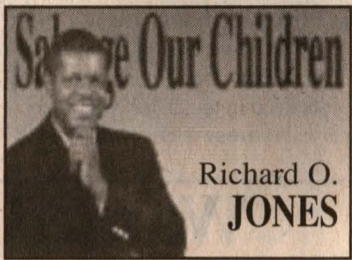
White as opposed to Black institutions. Your choice will determine your future lifestyle-either Eurocentric or Afrocentric-and perhaps your mate. In general, the USA places more importance on top White institutions and that opens door to getting better jobs, increases the chances of promotions, and enhances publishing papers. While at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, I was able to get papers published in top journals that may not have been published had I been in lesser ranked institutions. But what is done to Black students at White institutions can be shocking-at least it was for me. I left an all-Black "We" community where people cared about each other to enter the University of Michigan where no body cared about me. This forced me to become both an individualist and isolated. White students were familiar with things I

had never heard of-and there were many such things. Even "White" English was strange. Apart from no one caring and no one helping, there were those who deliberately fashioned situations for me of losses, lacks, and obstructions.

For "Ambitious" Blacks facing similar situations, the question is: "How will you react?" Will you take a defeatist attitude or even "give up?" What will you do when you fall and hurt yourself because someone deliberately sticks his foot out to trip you as you walk by? Some hateful people will openly do this; some, in a sneaky way. Their aim is to provoke you to react with anger or fight-but if you do they can say: "I gotcha!" They and not you-have a support system that allows them to get away with dishonorable and evil deeds. However, if you report it, you will be blamed. If you decide to fight, you will be

stopped from reaching your goal. If you show anger, that indicates weakness to them and they will generate more and bigger problems for you. If you do nothing, you will become overly sensitive and distrust everybody-even the three of the ten Whites who are racially "Okay" (since both types are indistinguishable). Over-sensitivity may mean losing compassion and even empathy for others-and it pushes even nice people away. My approach was not to react; to let them be; and to "do my thing" while out-working and out-smarting them. For what was not important I would "Buy my Peace"; for what was important, I "elbowed my way in."

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Salvage Our Children

In New York City, the tabloids published sensational details of the bias suit brought by a Black former executive for the Knicks, Anucha Browne Sanders, who claims that she was frequently called a "bitch" and a "ho" by the Knicks coach, president, and former NBA superstar Isaiah Thomas. In a video deposition, Thomas said that while it is always wrong for a white man to verbally abuse a Black woman in such terms, it was "not as much ... I'm sorry to say" for a Black man to do so.

Isaiah Thomas's outrageous double standard shocked many Blacks in New York only because he had the nerve to say out loud what is a fact of life for too many Black women who must daily confront indignity and abuse in hip-hop

Black men expect amnesty for slandering Black women

relationships and families fail at high rates because women increasingly refuse to put up with this abuse. The resulting absence of fathers - some 70 percent of Black babies are born to single mothers - is undoubtedly a major cause of youth delinquency.

The responsibility of roles model is to beware that very many people going for leadership are modeling their lives after them. With the dismal statistics as it relates to Blacks for the past 30 years, it is hard to argue that Black celebrity figurers do not lead Blacks astray. Just today while grocery shopping in Albertson's Supermarket in Moreno Valley, I saw a young Black woman wearing a T-shirt on with the words 'Lucky B--ch' embroidered across the front, and tattoos up and down both of her arms. She yanked and shook a 5 or 6-year-old boy by the ear as she yelled at him for playing with toys in the store. The boy cried though he seemed familiar with the routine. Customers watched in silent helplessness. I thought, if this boy's mother can so blatantly label herself the 'B' word, there's very little chance that her son

What is done with words is merely the verbal end of a continuum of abuse that too often ends with beatings and homicide as befalls many Black women at the hands of Black men daily. Black

would grow up to respect Black women. Surely this young woman, who grew up in the hip-hop generation, has granted amnesty, as Isaiah Thomas suggested, to negative Black male voices of the world, has subconsciously adopted the message of her psychological oppressors and consequently feels she is not worthy to be viewed as dignified.

This type of psychological abuse must stop and it takes the whole village to do it. If you know of any positive organizations that build and uplift the good self-esteem of African American females and/or males, please inform me of their identity for a possible upcoming feature story.

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SHOOTING

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considered unjustified.

That is a sentiment that has been shared by others in his city over the past year.

The police department, according to Lt. Brian Boom is conducting both a criminal investigation to determine whether or not the officer committed a crime during the shooting and an administrative investigation to determine whether or not the officer violated any policies including the department's use of force policy. He could not set a time line

on how long the dual processes would take and said it would depend on among other factors, the complexities of the case.

"We also do a criminal investigation on the suspect's conduct," Boom said.

It appears that this investigation is already completed as the San Bernardino County District Attorney's office announced it had

filed multiple charges against Markham for threatening a peace officer with a firearm, brandishing a firearm and possession of stolen property. The firearm was alleged to have been stolen during a burglary in Victorville.

Several law enforcement agencies in the past have relied on the San Bernardino

County Sheriff's Department to handle the internal investigations of officer-involved shootings.

"If we get an officer-involved shooting in another agency's jurisdiction, the other agency will do that investigation," Boom said, "If it's our own jurisdiction, we'll do it."

Judging by the statistics, it's been a very busy year for the investigators of shootings in this jurisdiction. So far, the San Bernardino Police Department has already exonerated the police officers involved in two officer-involved shootings.

VISITORS

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but still alert, they said "we can sleep when we return home." They were entertained by spoken word and they exchanged stories on culture, ending with an invitation for the group to come to South Africa.

Upon leaving Los Angeles the pair travelled to New York City before returning to South Africa.



Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod and Assemblymember Wilmer Amina Carter with Selby Mabanga and Stea Thembiso.

LOVERIDGE

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Madaffer said.

During the campaign, Loveridge pledged to focus on raising the profile of cities' agenda at the national level, building coalitions to promote local control, advocating for resources and establishing a strong grassroots program across the country.

"I am honored by the NLC's selection," Loveridge said. "Cities are at the forefront of addressing our nation's most pressing issues,

including climate change and infrastructure. The NLC has a tremendous capability to provide national policy leadership in these areas."

Loveridge has devoted his professional and personal life to politics. A professor of political science at UC Riverside since 1965, he was elected to the Riverside city council 28 years ago, serving as council member for 14 years before being elected mayor in 1994. Long active in the League of California Cities, he was president in 2004, when the League successfully passed Proposition 1A, the landmark Constitutional amendment that pro-

jects local government revenue from the state.

League of California Cities Executive Director Chris McKenzie stressed the significance of having a California elected official serving as an NLC officer. "California cities have a stronger voice at the national level with Ron's election," McKenzie added. "His qualifications are substantial-superb policy skills, an inclusive management style and a strong commitment to the diversity of our nation's cities. I know he is the right person as NLC sets its agenda to address national problems."

THANKSGIVING

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"We cut up a lot of onions and celery. When we finish we're both crying - from the onions," says Powell laughing. "We used to do all the chopping with a knife and a chopping block. We've graduated to a chopper now."

But the sisters are finding their charity doesn't stop with the children. Increasingly there's a new kind of guest at the table - families who have lost their homes to foreclosure.

"There are a lot of people hurting out there as a result of the housing

"I plan to take the NLC story across the country," Loveridge said. "We are reaching out to every city in every state and in our nation's capital to bring a solid understanding of the role cities play in Americans' lives."

Under NLC bylaws, Loveridge will serve as Second Vice President in 2008 and will succeed to First Vice President in 2008-2009 and President in 2009-2010. The NLC is an association of the nation's cities and state municipal leagues. Representing more than 19,000 cities, towns and villages, NLC was founded in 1924.

problem. We're seeing families with several kids fresh from losing their homes to foreclosure. They're hanging on to life by a thread. It's very sad," said Powell.

"Just a year ago many of these families sat down for a Thanksgiving feast in their own dining rooms. Losing one's home to foreclosure is a painful reality to swallow," laments Ellison.

The sisters say for the children the charity gathering is a hot meal and a chance to play with other children.

"The adults are ashamed. Many of them feel guilty - like failures."

Every guest has a different story to share. We try to keep the mood upbeat. We laugh and tell stories - It's a joyful occasion.

Each year the guests are different, but even those who have lost their homes are grateful, says Powell.

The sisters say many of their guests keep in touch. "We get letters and calls from kids who are all

grown up. Life goes on - sometimes people just need a safety net. We don't judge anyone. Everything from the turkey to the cranberry sauce is homemade and filled with love and a hope for better days ahead," said Powell.

What started with feeding children and now people who've lost their homes to foreclosure also includes the chronically homeless at local outreach shelters.

Thirteen years ago we were asked to make something special for children at the Boys and Girls Club. "Now it's a tradition," says Ellison. "The dinners don't cost that much. We think we've made a small difference in the world," said Powell.

"It's getting harder to find people who get a big kick out of making other people feel happy," said Ellison laughing.

One needn't look much further than the wide grin on Annie Powell and Ruby Ellison's faces.

MAYORS

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THE VISION: Addressing the Needs of Urban Youth

"As the schools go, so goes the city. The most often asked question by good families deciding if they are going to move to your city is, 'How good are the schools?'" said Mayor Morris. "That's why, as Mayors, we must be concerned and wherever possible involved partners with the schools to improve learning."

"As the Mayor of this great city, I am held responsible for not only the well-being and safety of our residents, but also economic prosperity and workforce development. The educational

institutions in this city produce the future workforce and entrepreneurs that will determine the economic viability and affluence of our city. I am lucky to have great partners like our school superintendent, Dr. Arturo Delgado, Dr. Al Karnig, the President of Cal State University and Dr. Don Averill, the Chancellor of our community college system who are actively engaged in efforts to reform and restructure our educational assets. But we can not do it alone," continued Mayor Morris.

The focus of the roundtable is to work with state officials to reframe the vision for educational and school improvement in ways that acknowledge that if students are to be successful in education and the workplace a more comprehensive set of policies, programs, services and practices must be

put into place.

The Roundtable, organized by WestEd with support from The James Irvine Foundation, provides a means for California's large city mayors to discuss common problems; hear lessons learned and best practices; and consider new practices, programs and policies in their cities. It also provides an opportunity for mayors to find common ground

from which they can work on statewide education and related issues.

The mayors plan to meet at least twice a year to discuss and develop strategies to address the issues raised in the vision statement.

GALA

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boards including the Board of Councilors for the University of Southern California's School of Policy, Planning and Development; the National Collegiate Athletic

Association (NCAA) Leadership Advisory Board; and the San Gabriel Boy Scouts of America among others. He is also very active in various school mentoring and academics scholarship programs at the K-12 level.

Tickets for the event are \$125 per person and sponsorships of all levels are available. The event is managed by Wendy Gladney of Personal Services

Plus. Special guests for the evening include television's Judge Mablean Ephriam, artist/entrepreneur and last year's honoree Charles Bibbs, and music director Ray Fuller.

For more information on the gala, please contact Personal Services Plus: 626.791.3847 or email events@personalservicesplus.com. Or contact the Black Voice News: 951.682.6070.

Wanted: Heroes

There are 114,000 children in foster care waiting to be adopted in the United States. Almost half of these children are ages 8 - 17, and more than half of them are African American and Hispanic. Many are brothers and sisters who want to grow up together. In fact, older African American boys on average wait the longest for adoption. While every child wants a permanent home with a loving parent, that wish may not come true for some of these children.

We invite you to join Hannah's Childrens Homes in the National Adoption Month 2007 campaign to spread awareness and increase the number of foster and adoptive parents in

our community and nation. This November, remember that you do not have to be perfect to be a really terrific parent to a child from foster care. Consider adoption and give a child something that every child deserves - a loving, permanent home.

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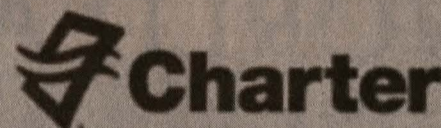
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Kris
BENZ

Bio by Pat Berry

As always it is a pleasure spending a few moments with you again. Now that you have consumed all of the turkey and trimmings you could possibly eat, I wanted to share a story about one of the desert's entrepreneurs.

"Clip, Buzz, Cut and Curl"
Business Spotlight

Marquis La Sean Brown Sr. is the oldest son of Detroit Michigan Radio One's Paulette Jones-Brown. Being the oldest child of five, Marquis took it upon himself to become an entrepreneur at an early age by secretly doing hair in his mother's basement. Known for his outgoing personality and natural talent, Marquis was sought after by many professional barbers and cosmetologists. This entrepreneur is the owner of business establishment "Na Run Tell That!!"

With his winning smile, heart of gold, and dedication to family and society, Marquis took it upon himself to improve the appearance of the less fortunate and disadvantaged individuals in his local and surrounding areas. This alone shows character because Marquis was facing hard-times himself. Unknowingly to others, Marquis was doing free haircuts and hairstyles for the homeless and disadvantaged. Also, he volunteered at various establishments in his surrounding area. As a direct result of his many unselfish acts, Marquis received recognition from the Mayor of Palm Springs for his outstanding community service. Everyone knows this man of God has a direct loving approach to everything. This clearly shows he is a successful individual with a clear vision to help all mankind.

Because of his high energy, positive attitude, poise, love for people, and natural talent with style, Marquis has worked with stylist to the stars, "Elgin Charles of Beverly Hills, California." This alone shows that this Chicago born entrepreneur is a star providing beauty and style to America's prominent celebrities. Also to show his support of his sister serving in the Iraq war, Marquis has provided free haircuts to troops going to serve in Iraq.

You can stop by and see Marquis at 321 N. Indian Canyon Dr. Palm Springs, CA. He can be reached at 760-673-1227.

For more information or if you have an interesting story, send me an email at info@whatchaneed.net or call me at 760-660-3517. Remember, If I Can't Get It, You Don't Need It.



Juanita
BARNES

Ann Weems said: *If I could, I'd write for you a rainbow. And splash it with all the colors of God. And hang it in the window of your being. So that each new God's morning. Your eyes would open first to Hope and promise. If I could, I'd wipe away your tears. And hold you close forever in shalom. But God never promised I*



Wendy
GLADNEY

This week here in America we will be celebrating what's known as "Thanksgiving." As I sit to write this article, I am also preparing to go to Belize with a group of people who through their "thanks" are "giving" back to women and children in that part of the world. For those of you that are not aware, I have a non-profit 501 (c) 3 called "Forgiving For Living, Inc., www.forgivingforliving.com that focuses on helping women and girls with rebuilding their lives who struggle with issues of abuse, abandonment, shame and low self esteem. Although

could write a rainbow, never promise I could suffer for you. Only promise I could love you. That I do.

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At the Buffalo Soldiers Breakfast Dr. Donna Dalton Opoku-Agyeman submitted this information: The Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. recently held its 21st Biennial Western Regional Conference in Los Angeles. It was

hosted by Kappa Chapter Gamma Alpha Chapter "Lake Elsinore" and Gamma Omega Chapter "San Bernardino." Elected officers were, Mrs. Evelyn Lee Western Regional Director, Dr. Donna Dalton Opoku-Agyeman, Assistant Western Regional Director, Mrs. Carolyn Jackson, Western Regional Chaplain, Mrs. Hattie Inge, Western Regional Historian and National Keeper of Peace. The National President Dr. Jean Dade-Batchie, presented an interesting workshop. She is from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. A great time was enjoyed. For information call (951) 679-7901.

Hello to my readers may you have the best Thanksgiving you have ever had. May you be able to share with your family all the reasons why you are so thankful for what God has done for you and what he has promised to you this year. Be sure to thank God for your family and the great meal he has placed in front of you and health and wealth. God bless each and every one of you and thank you for your encouragement.

BE BLESSED
J.B.

most of our work is based around Southern California, this trip allows me to help fulfill my mission across borders.

As I thought and read about the many traditions and events that surround our Thanksgiving season, it is interesting that in the autumn of 1621 it did not start out as a holiday, but rather just a gathering by the pilgrims and the Indians for a good harvest that year. According to most history records, it would not be looked at as a holiday until 1863 when President Lincoln declared "Thanksgiving Day" a holiday. Over time most people have also turned it into a long holiday weekend taking Wednesday mid-day until Sunday as "Thanksgiving Weekend."

Thanksgiving is known for families getting together, as a matter of fact it is declared to be the busiest travel weekend in the entire year (yes even more than Christmas). The food known to surround this gathering are the likes of

Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes, Green Beans, Pumpkin, Sweet Potato & Pecan Pies, with all of the extras...however, feel free to come up with a menu that fits your family and their palate. In our home traditionally we've had most of the above, but we like to add some Greens, Banana Pudding, and now Katherine's German Chocolate Cake.

For many this week will also include watching football games or parades. For some it will also start their Christmas shopping excursions and enjoying the decorations that will go up bringing in Christmas. Whatever you do, please pause for a moment and think about all of the blessings in your life, no matter what this year may have brought in your life. I know for me it is a transition, my daughter Courtney graduated from college a couple of years ago and now lives in New York and my son Freddy moved out and started college this year, (as a matter of fact as I write this article, both of my

children are in Lima Peru for Thanksgiving helping less fortunate children. My daughter emailed me yesterday and told me she was teaching little children how to brush their teeth and basic hygiene). Our family also experienced the loss of a precious loved one and partners went their separate ways, but through it all, we've learned to give thanks and grow from each experience. I encourage each of you to stop and look at what you've been able to come through, and if you're still in the storm, be still and know that it will stop raining soon. After the rain, you too will have a harvest and hopefully give thanks.

Wendy is the founder and president of Personal Services Plus, Inc., an Event Management Company. Visit www.personalservicesplus.com or email her at wendy@personalservicesplus.com.

GOT QUESTIONS!

Due to the upcoming holidays ALL EMPOWERMENT SEMINARS have been RESCHEDULED for January 2008. If you would like to sponsor, host, attend, or be notified of our upcoming seminars, please contact Anna Wenger at (951) 682-6070 or send an e-mail to Seminars@blackvoiceneeds.com.

We are excited to announce that next year's seminars will be free to the community. You will have an opportunity to bring your questions to the table and get feed-back from licensed and working professionals. Space will be limited. Let's start the New Year....sharing and learning together.

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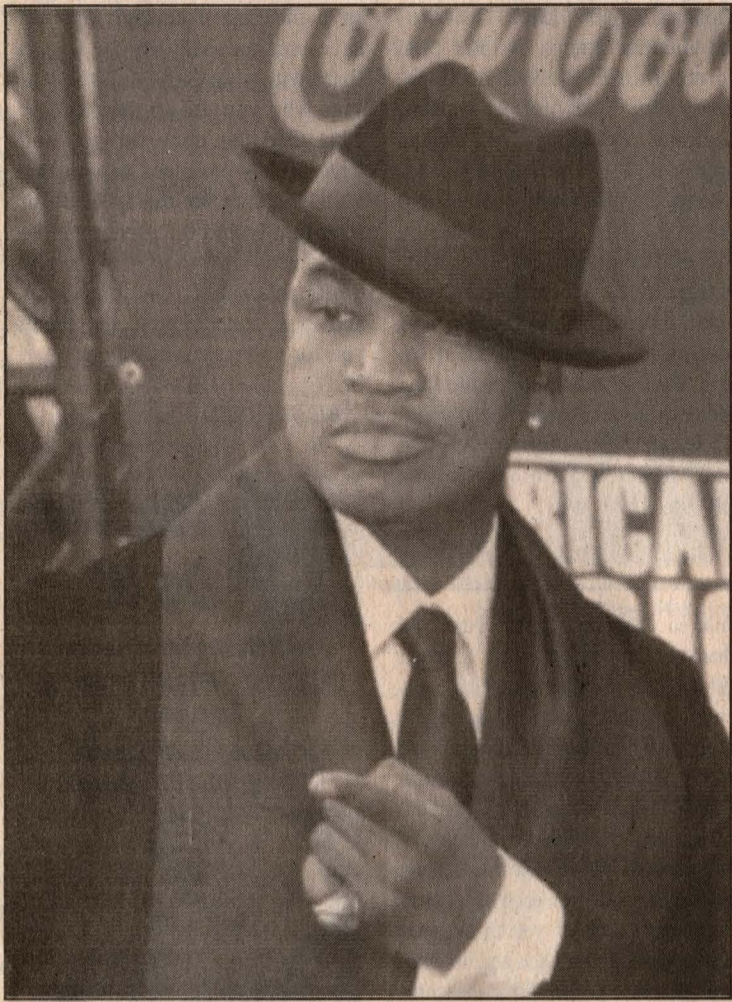


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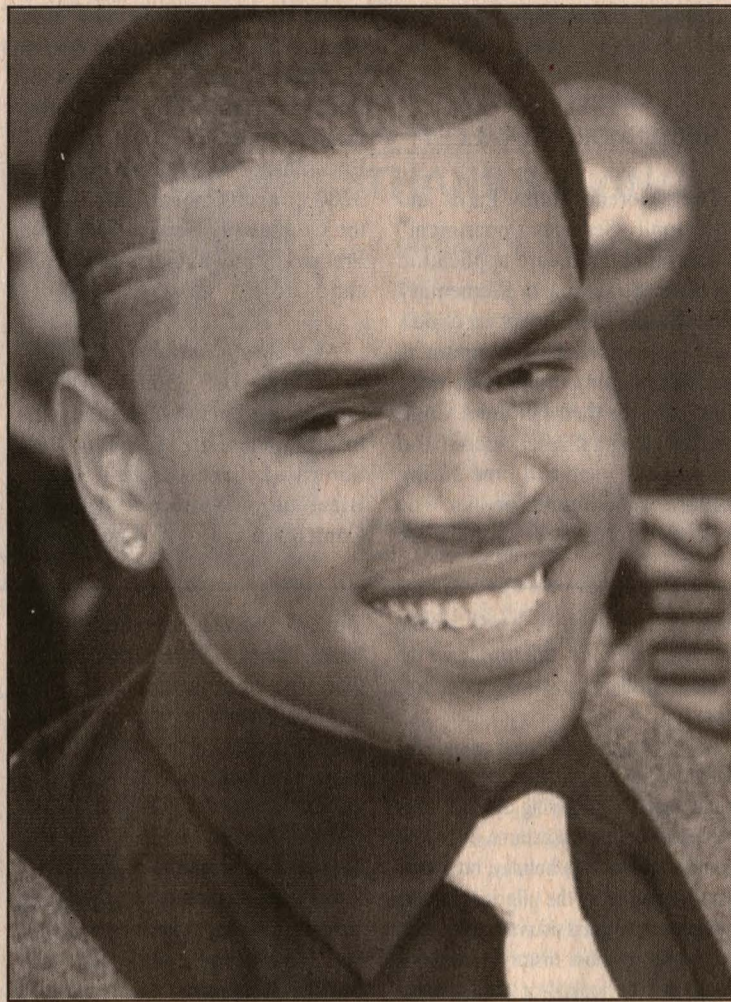
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The Black Voice News

LOS ANGELES

By Lea Michelle Cash

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From Elton John, James Brown, Bon Jovi, Michael Jackson to Usher and Justin Timberlake, from Cher to Mariah Carey and Christina Aguilera, from Kris Kristofferson to Dolly Parton, Rascal Flatts and Garth Brooks, from Gloria Estefan and Santana to Shakira, from Ella Fitzgerald, Willie Nelson to Rod Stewart, from Run DMC, LL Cool J to Barry Manilow and many others too numerous to mention...the AMAs have seen the greats of contemporary music take the stage whether as honorees or to give extraordinary performances.

On Sunday, November 18, 2007 the excellence continued and what a show it was.

In the center of the entertainment capital of the world, the new state of the art NOKIA Theatre L.A. LIVE, directly across the street from STAPLES Center, with a 2,400 capacity live music venue hosted the 35th Annual American Music Awards (AMA).

The AMA's was the very first television broadcast to exhibit the brand new surrounding. The media, the production team and crew, seat fillers, caterers, corporate sponsors, musical artists their families, friends and fans were excited to discover the greatness of the NOKIA Theatre for the very first time. The building is a reflection of something remarkable in downtown LA.

This year's telecast was hosted by comedian, late night ABC talk host Jimmy Kimmel and broadcasted in over 150 countries with tens of millions viewers. Kimmel, who returned for his fourth time to host, is a member of the Writer's Guild. He still landed a few heart felt zingers despite the fact that he was working without the pool of writers that normally assist him for a three-hour ceremony broadcasted on ABC and shown around the world.

Pre-broadcast, the celebrity guests strolled down the red carpet and rocked the house as camera flashed and fans screamed with full blown energy. The atmosphere was one of excitement because the A-list of performers stepped out to show off their talents.

The biggest winners of the evening were American Idol alumni: Chris Daughtry and Carrie Underwood. Both took home three AMAs. Backstage the ex "Idol" told the media, "the American Idol Show didn't make me who I am, it just gave me a chance to show everybody else who I am."

Usher presented the International Artist Award to Beyonce, who was a featured performer for the evening. Usher stated, "Beyonce is something rare and very special."

Backstage, the country western group, Sugarland, explained how excited they were to perform with Beyonce, a bluegrass version of her hit "Irreplaceable". The duo said, "She's just truly remarkably, beautiful...on the outside and on the inside as well."

Celine Dion performed her new song "Taking Chances" and Queen Latifah brought the house down and received a standing ovation with her

jazzy and sultry performance.

Backstage in the pressroom, Celine was on stage talking to the media when Chris Brown was performing on stage. She politely asked the group, if she could watch his performance. Everyone's eyes flew to the TV monitor as they watched Chris Brown's performance which included a dance routine while suspended upside down high above the stage. The audience went wild and so did superstar Celine who started her career at the age of 12.

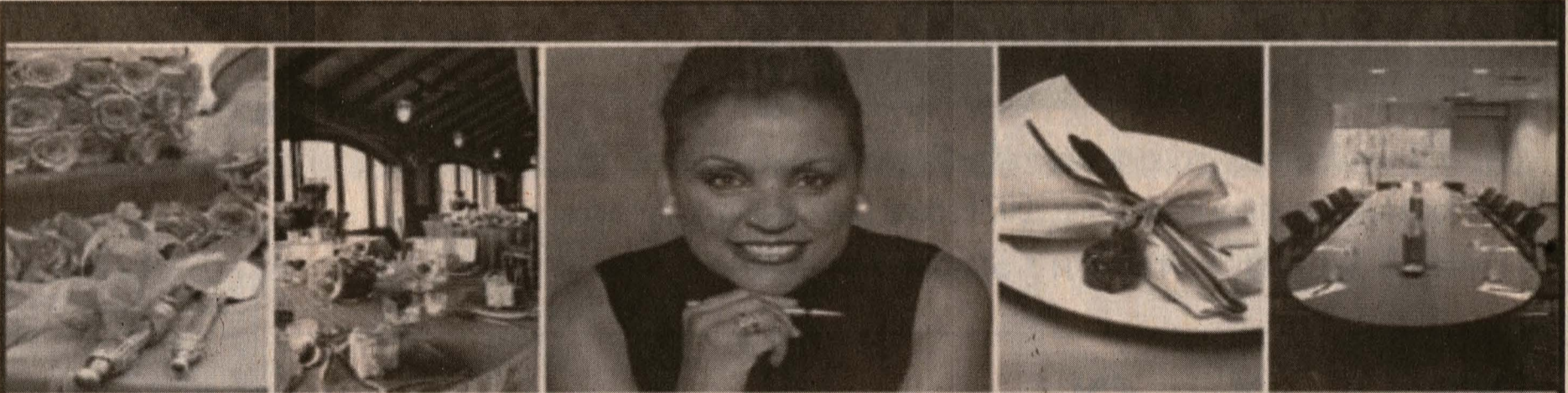
Other performances included Mary J and Alicia Keys. Although both artists were not nominated for

an award this year, each still shined as brightly as their peers and produced fabulous performances, as well as created major excitement on the red carpet with fans.

In the favorite Rap/Hip-Hop music category, T.I. won two AMAs and a very excited Bone Thugs-N-Harmony won favorite Rap/Hip-Hop group. The musical artist Akon was also very excited. He took home the AMA for favorite Male artist, South/Rhythm & Blues, along with Rihanna who won the best female. Rihanna beat out Beyonce and Fantasia. Backstage Akon expressed his sincere happiness that

the public had finally voted for him. This was his first AMA. Lately he is working on the Whitney Houston project and that experience he said, "Is going to be very special"

All nominees selected for an AMA are based on national sales and radio play. This year was the first time in history the public was able to vote for their favorite artist on line. According to AMA about 1.2 million people voted. "This is America's award show and the public chooses which nominees win," said, Terry Batemen, CEO of Dick Clark Production.



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Codeblack Entertainment Providing Positive Messages For Urban Audiences

By Ashley A. Jones

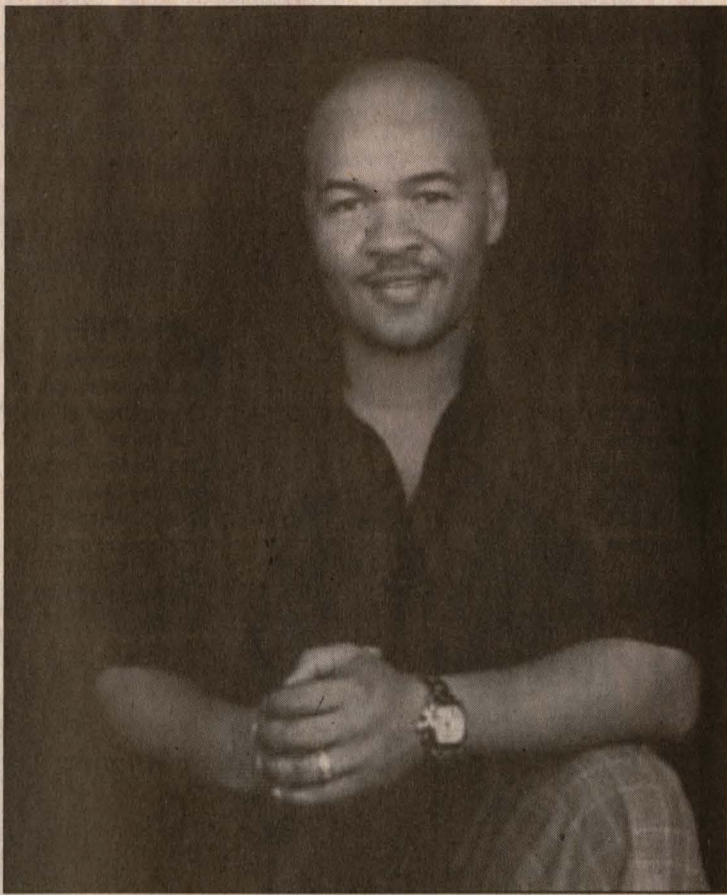
For over 20 years, Jeff Clanagan, President and CEO of Codeblack Entertainment, dedicated his life to producing, promoting, and distributing quality entertainment for the Black community.

Codeblack Entertainment, based in Los Angeles County, is the first independent African American-owned film studio with its mission in providing a collected work of film and television programs dedicated to delivering the positive representation of African Americans in film. Codeblack has produced such titles as, "Steve Harvey: Don't Trip, He Ain't Through With Me Yet!" and "Preaching to the Choir."

The multimillion-dollar company is set to produce eleven more films for 2007. Codeblack Entertainment has currently released such titles as: "Jamie Foxx Presents America's Funniest Comics Vol. 1" released in March 2007, "Father of Lies" released in October 2007 starring Clifton Powell, Vivica Fox, and hip-hop artist DMX, "The Hit" released in August 2007 starring Blair Underwood and James Russo, and "I Tried" a feature film starring hip-hop group Bone Thugs and Harmony released in May 2007.

Prior to his position at Codeblack Entertainment, Clanagan, 46, had an active background in representing many of the hit entertainers of today. He did promotional marketing for national concert tours with such artists as Run DMC, LL Cool J, NWA, and Will Smith.

The California native grew up in San Jose with his parents and two siblings. Clanagan showed marketing potential at a young age, he said, "My career began as an entrepreneur in high school when I was promoting local parties. I later became involved with running Master P's film and video compa-



Jeff Clanagan

ny, No Limit Films, and from my training with that company, was able to establish Codeblack Entertainment."

Among Clanagan's role models are Bill Gates of Microsoft and his father. "My father supported and believed in me during the early stages of my career when it was really rough out there, he always supported and believed in my vision."

"The most valuable lesson my parents taught me was the importance of perseverance and independence. As a track and football athlete in high school I had to believe in myself and allow my confidence to keep me going, and the workplace is the same way," said Clanagan.

Clanagan is in the midst of working on "Mama, I Want to Sing," a 2008 film project starring

Grammy winners Ciara and Patti LaBelle, and Emmy award winner Lynn Whitfield. He said the movie gives a 2008 take on the 1980's gospel musical.

Clanagan identifies the privilege of being able to provide opportunities to Black and Latino independent filmmakers as the most rewarding aspect of being President of Codeblack Entertainment. He advises future marketing potentials to gain as much education as possible in order to be successful, he said, "Education is key, you have to learn about the business including how distribution works, and it takes good marketing skills in order to make a film successful."

For more information about Codeblack Entertainment and the list of films produced by the company, please visit www.codeblack-entertainment.com.

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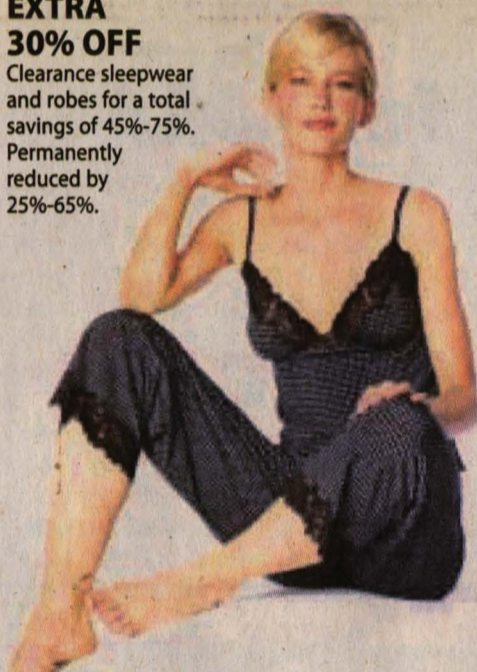
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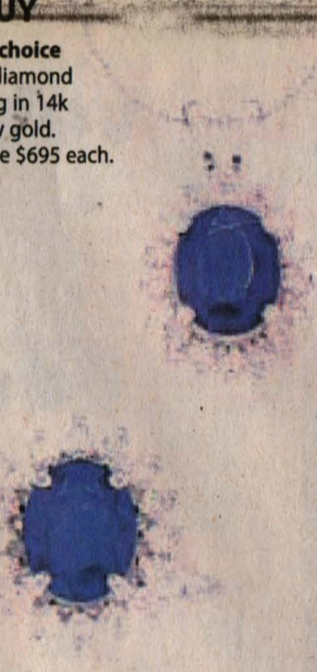
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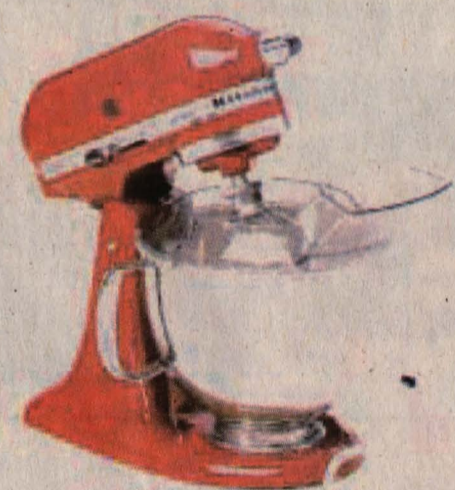
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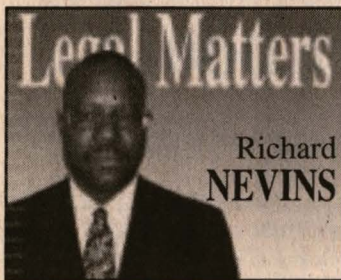
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Starting A Non-Profit Tax-Exempt Corporation

By Richard Nevins
Attorney at Law

A popular misconception among many people who want to create a tax-exempt corporation is that they want to use this type of corporation to get grants and earn money for themselves without paying taxes. In reality, the actual owner of a tax-exempt non-profit corporation is the board of directors. The government uses the board of directors as a watchdog over the corporation. As the true legal owners of the corporation, the board of directors are held personally responsible for the correct operation of the corporation, even though the board of directors are all volunteers and may only meet once per year.

The creation of a tax-exempt non-profit organization is based upon an important exchange between the government and the corporation. The trade is that the government will allow a corporation to operate without the payment of income tax in exchange for the corporation donating all of its assets to charity and for using all of the corporation's resources for the benefit of the general public, instead of for the private benefit of a few key individuals.

A non-profit corporation and a tax-exempt corporation are not exactly the same entity. These two terms signify the two major applications filed in this process. The first step in the creation of any corporation is to state an intention to operate the corporation either as a for-profit or non-profit corporations. The Articles of Incorporation is the document used for this purpose and it is filed with the California Secretary of State. Once the Articles of Incorporation is approved, the corporation is officially formed and can begin operations.

The second step is that a non-profit corporation must file an application with the California Franchise Tax Board and with the Internal Revenue Service to request that their newly-formed non-profit corporation become exempt from federal and state income taxation.

The result of these two applications is the creation of a tax-exempt non-profit corporation that is completely owned and controlled by the board of directors. It is very common that a single individual will initiate and pursue this two-step application process. To become a for-profit corporation, a single individual can own operate and control everything. However, to become a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation, the founder of an organization must agree to relinquish ownership of everything that the organization owns and also agree, via a declaration in the Articles of Incorporation, that none of the assets of the organization will be used for the private personal benefit of any individual, including the founder.

The IRS and the Franchise Tax Board has the power to revoke the tax-exempt status of any organization for violation of this basic requirement. Revocation will also mean that all donations previously received by the organization will not be tax deductible by the individuals who made those donations. Revocation may also result in personal liability to the board of directors for failing to properly supervise the actions of their corporation.

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Gram's BBQ and Seafood

20 Year Business Tickles Taste Buds and Palates

By C.F. Hawthorne



Evelyn and Robert Bratton, owners of Gram's Palace in Downtown Riverside at 3527 Main Street

What would summers be without Gram's BBQ, or winters without Gram's deep fried turkey for Thanksgiving or Christmas Dinner? Gram's BBQ has been around for almost twenty years. Not only feeding Inland Empire families and friends with that down home country BBQ, but many of Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego public events.

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location of Gram's BBQ, 3527 Main Street, Riverside, is extremely conducive to good conversation and laughter. Perfect for you to rest your mind and enjoy life's simple pleasures such as Sock-It-To-Me Cake and hot coffee. See Gram's has a flavor that goes beyond deep golden fried catfish and hush-puppies with a side of grits, Gram's offers a flavor that is almost fading fast, from our taste buds, but once you walk through the doors

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Gram's gives the Inland Empire what so many other restaurants are missing, the feel of family, friends and fun. Robert and Evelyn have put great eating back on the table with love, laughter and live music on Thursday nights. Gram's is a place where you feel at home.

Shriver Joined by 14,000 For The Annual 2007 Women's Conference

By Lea Michelle Cash

If you asked me today, to tell you the most amazing person with an impressive story about their philanthropic spirit, I would tell you the story of Oseola McCarty. She was the elderly Black washing woman with a sixth grade education who donated her life's saving of \$250,000 from washing White professional's clothing. I cherished the day that I met her and I am humbled by the time that I spent with her before she died in Sept. 1999.

After that, I'd tell you about a man named Dr. Muhammad Yunus. I learned of him in my communication studies class and I longed to meet the Nobel Peace Prize winner. My wish recently came true. The world-class roster of speakers at this year's California Governor and First Lady's Women Conference in Long Beach at the Long Beach Convention Center "Remarkable Lives. Remarkable Legacies. What's Yours?" to name a few, of the 80 extraordinary individuals included: Former Prime Minister Tony Blair, Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan, First Lady of Mexico Margarita Zavala, Diane von Furstenberg, Jamie Lee Curtis, Raven Symone, Joan Baez, Elizabeth Edwards, Michele Obama, Loretta Claborne, Ed Begley, Jr. Vanessa Williams, Deborah Roberts, Martha Beck and Dr. Muhammad Yunus. Sixty of the 80 individuals featured were dynamic world leaders.

This year's conference was designed and shaped to encourage women to think about their own legacies, assisting women to leave the conference with tools, inspiration and motivation to look inside themselves, identify the legacies they want to leave, and commit to creating them. "We have taken this year's theme to heart and want to

ensure that the conference leaves its own positive, lasting legacy on each participant and the community," said Erin Stein, Executive Producer of the Women's Conference. "The conference has truly grown from an inspirational day for thousands of women into a worldwide community that can unite us each and every day of the year."

My dream of meeting Dr. Muhammad Yunus became a reality and I was inspired tremendously. Dr. Yunus the anti poverty and banking pioneer, in 1983, founded the Grameen Bank, which focused on helping women in his native Bangladesh, escape from poverty through micro-lending. His first loan, to a poor Jobra woman consists of \$27.00 dollars from his own pocket. Then he made 42 more \$27.00 loans to women in the village. This act of kindness spearheaded the creation of an institution to lend to those women who had nothing. The results of his efforts are revolutionary, translating a vision into practical action toward the empowerment of poor women. Along with being awarded the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize, Dr. Yunus has been awarded 26 honorary doctorate degrees from around the world. To date over the last two decades Grameen Bank has loaned out over 6.5 million dollars to the poorest of the poor while maintaining according to news reports a repayment rate consistently about 98%. It has been stated that Dr. Yunus inspired a global micro-credit movement reaching out to millions of poor women from South Africa to inner city Chicago. Dr. Yunus stated, "The average loan is \$150.00 dollars. He continued, "Money going to poor women brings much more benefits to their families. So I focused on women to bring about social and economical change to their villages."

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Isidore Atayon Gregorio 29042 Lighthouse Ct. Romoland, CA 92585

Alyson Aquino Stiffer 29139 Offshore Ct. Romoland, CA 92585

Roxanne Tran 16948 Sierra Vista Way Carrizo, CA 90703

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I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) s/ Isidore Gregorio, Owner

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under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 10/12/07.

NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time.

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HEMET MORTGAGE 555 E. Florida Ave Hemet, CA 92343

Hemet Mortgage Solutions, Inc. 555 E. Florida Ave Hemet, CA 92343

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Michael J. Schafer A petition for probate has been filed by: Shaorlyn Schafer In the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.)

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SMOKE SHOP PLUS AND GIFTS 10311 Hole Ave. Unit F Riverside, CA 92503

Fowad Khan Durani 8763 Gentle Wind Dr. Corona, CA 92883

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Lois Jean Damra 9435 California Ave #41 Riverside, CA 92503

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EVOLUTIONTACKLE.COM 26933 Winter Harbor Court San City, CA 92585

Harold Alden Arellano 26933 Winter Harbor Court San City, CA 92585

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Calisto Soria 3607 Myers St Riverside, CA 92503

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T.Y.S. Inc 3824 University Ave #12 Riverside, CA 92501

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Edward J. Butts Jr. 8388 Camelia Dr Riverside, CA 92504

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The will or estate, or both, of

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ACROSS THE UNIVERSE PRODUCTION AND MEDIA 18810 Nandina Ave Riverside, CA 92508

Lynn Joan Scott 18810 Nandina Ave Riverside, CA 92508

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Hilario Meza Flores 37218 Calle Mazzatlan Palmdale, CA 93552

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Christin Harell 1943 Middlecreek Rd. Riverside, CA 92506

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Redlands East Valley Outlasts Murrieta 60-53 In CIF Quarterfinal

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REDLANDS

By Jon D. Gaede
BVN Staff

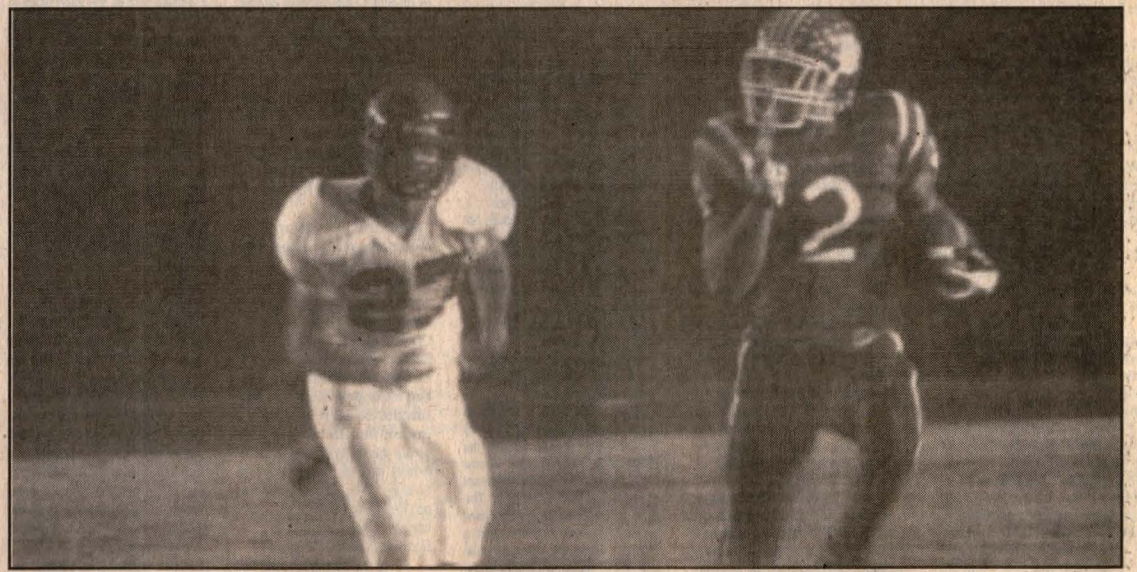
Murrieta Valley was 6-5 on the season, just good enough to finish third in their league. The Redlands East Valley Wildcats came in as a solid number one seed at 10-0. By the end of the evening, nothing was predictable, especially the 113 total points.

Chris Polk, the USC bound Wildcat was expected to run wild against the Murrieta defense. Polk was simply a man among boys as he rushed for 322 yards on 25 carries and four touchdowns. Polk seemed to have two gears, fast and faster. He can be a physical back, as he takes initial contact and then runs to daylight. Very few high school defenders can stop a

Chris Polk in the open field. This CIF Quarterfinal would have ceased to be a contest by halftime. Murrieta Valley scored to pull within two touchdowns at the half, 28-14. The only reason to stay would have been the 50-50 drawing, accept for the unexpected.

Murrieta's quarterback, Matt Negron was phenomenal in the loss. He simply matched every long Polk run with a statement of his own. Negron had an answer for every Wildcat score, but simply ran out of time. Completing passes to key receivers at will, Negron threw for 350 yards for three touchdowns and ran for four more on his own.

If you went to get popcorn, you likely missed two scores. The teams combined for 1210 total yards and 113 points! Redlands East Valley will play a tough Norco squad on Friday night in the CIF semifinal.



Redlands East Valley's Chris Polk (USC bound) outruns a Murrieta defender, enroute to one of his four touchdowns. Polk had 322 yards on 25 carries.

Bruins Are A Tease

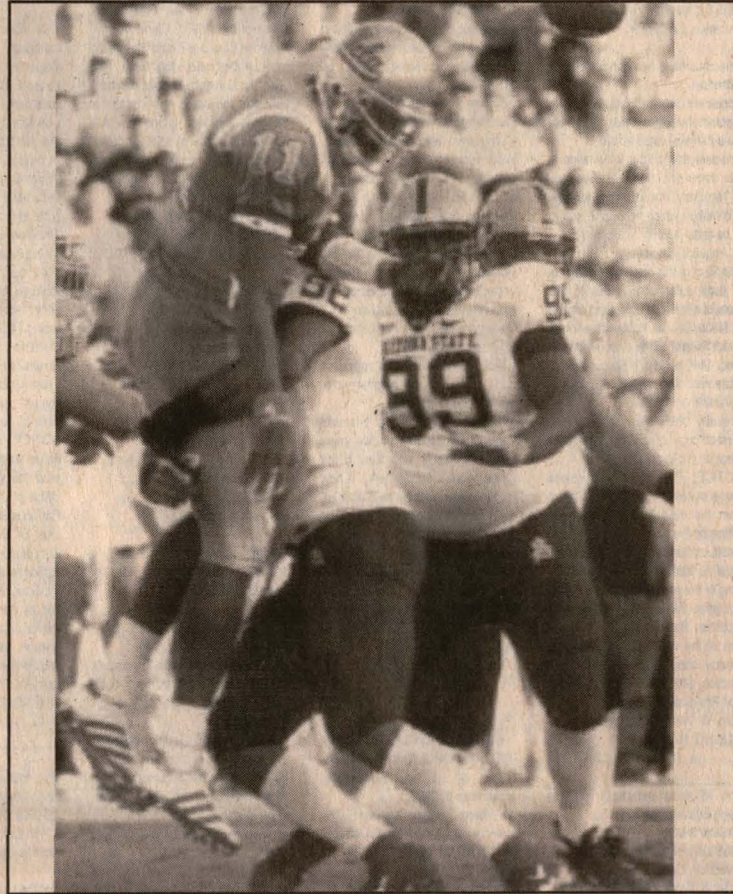
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LOS ANGELES

By Brad Mason

Webster defines tease as, "to tantalize especially by arousing desire or curiosity without intending to satisfy it". So goes another day at the Rose Bowl with the Bruins. What turned out to be a 24-20 Bruins defeat at the hands of the No. 9 Arizona State Sun Devils contained twists and turns that had the crowd wondering if the Bruins could pull off the unthinkable and maintain control of their destiny on a march to the Rose Bowl on January 1, 2008. Fourth-string quarterback, Osaar Rasshan, and walk-on running back, Craig Sheppard, tried as they might to overcome a deeper and more talented Arizona State squad, but in the end fell victim to a better football team. Special teams was the one bright spot for the Bruins as they accounted for both of the Bruins' touchdowns. Matt Slater returned a kickoff 89 yards in the 3rd quarter for a score immediately following a 71 yard gallop by ASU's tailback Keegan Herring. Terrence Austin had previously returned a punt 68 yards to the ASU 1-yard line which two plays later Craig Sheppard turned into a 2-yard rushing touchdown to move UCLA's

early lead to 10-0. UCLA next plays Rose Bowl. Oregon on November 24th at the



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT - Mathew Slater (son of NFL Hall of Famer, Jackie) ran back two kicks for touchdowns during the Bruin loss to ASU.

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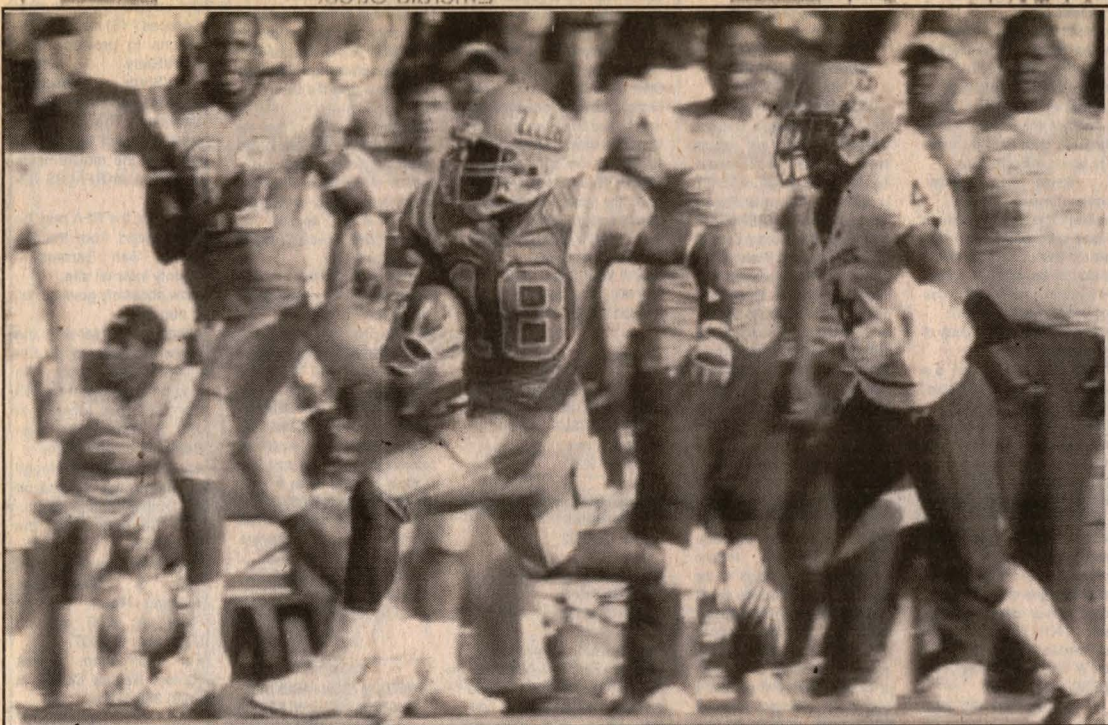


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SQUEEZE PLAY - UCLA quarterback Osaar Rasshan is manhandled by Arizona State, as he loses the ball and possession on this play.

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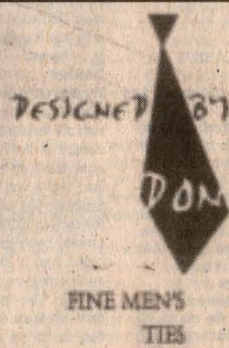


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The Inland Empire Christian Women's Unity Gathering (IECWUG) founded by the City of Ontario's first lady, Cheryl Leon, wife of Mayor Paul Leon, will host a gathering for women on Saturday, November 24th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Ontario Airport Double Tree Hotel located at 222 North Vineyard Avenue. The cost is only \$12.00 and breakfast will be served.

The guest speaker for the exciting gathering of women will be Cheryl Salem, Miss America of 1980. Ms. Salem will share a dynamic message that details part of her life-story of overcoming numerous traumatic obstacles, including a car accident that left her paralyzed and the loss of her six-year old daughter. Salem credits her success to her persevering faith and trust in God and her commitment to win this race called "life."

Cheryl Salem has spoken to



Cheryl Salem

groups across the world and has a life-changing message for all who hear her. "I am convinced that the women of the Inland Empire and Southern California as a whole will be deeply impacted by hearing from this awe-inspiring speaker, and I hope women will culminate their Thanksgiving festivities with us at the Double Tree hotel," said IECWUG founder Cheryl

Leon.

The breakfast meeting will include hand-clapping music, a variety of vendors with gifts that are unique and perfect for the holiday season kick-off and special

treats especially for women. To find out more information or to obtain tickets, contact the IECWUG at Hope Chapel in Ontario at (909) 984-6141.

GOOD HOPE

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ership of Rev. R.W. Overton. In between the time of these two pastors, Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church purchased new carpet with padding, the church added a new fence, the church sign was added, and the pews were resurfaced and stained by the men of Good Hope.

On February 25, 2006, the Rev. James Baylark was called to the pulpit at Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Rev. Baylark, the church continues to make small steps in the body of Christ. In August of this year, Good Hope MBC hosted the 1st Annual

Youth Summit and Gospel Fest Explosion and the lives of so many young people were touched by this event. Additionally, the church family is praying that the Lord will allow them to break ground next year to build a new sanctuary.

The public is invited to come out and support 49 years in God's ministry; the church has indeed come this far by faith and leaning on the Lord. Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church is a church where "Everybody is Somebody In The Lord." Come out and be blessed.

The church is located at 22876 Mountain Ave, Perris, CA 92572. The service starts at 3:30 PM and food will be served. For more information, please call (951) 657-5465.

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Bible Study (Tues.) 7:00 pm
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Communion First Sunday after each service
Sunday School 8 A.M., 9:45 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
Baptism 2nd & 4th Sunday 9:30 A.M.
3rd & 5th Sunday 11:30 A.M.
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Religion

Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church Hosts 49th Anniversary

The Black Voice News

PERRIS

The Good Hope Movement is at it again. Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating forty nine (49) years in God's ministry on November 25, 2007 at 3:30 PM. The guest speaker will be the dynamic Rev. Clifford Green, from 1st Baptist Church Glen Valley.

A group of men and women congregated at the home of Deacon and Deaconess David Jones with the intent of starting a church in the Good Hope Area. Deacon David Jones contacted the Rev. M.T. Williams from Oceanside, California and they all met on the first Sunday in November

of 1958 and was organized Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

The church met in the home of Deacon and Sister Henry Williams Sr. After which, the church rented a house on Mountain Avenue and remained at that location until the new church property was purchased. The ground breaking officials consisted of Rev. M.T. Williams, Rev. Eddington, Rev. B.A. Williams, Rev. Douglass and the entire Good Hope family.

The Sunday School was organized by brother Sonnie Ray Stafford who was the first Superintendent and sister Hazel Stafford was the first Sunday School Secretary. During the first

fourteen years there were three ministers licensed, and one ordained. Seven Deacons were ordained and the church had four different clerks.

On January 9, 1972, the first Pastor Rev. M.T. Williams resigned due to bad health and asked the church to consider his son in the ministry. Rev. Clarence Fisher as the new Pastor. Rev. Fisher served until March of 1986 and in April of 1986, Rev.

Meral Lewis was elected as new Pastor. In 1991, the Rev. Elijah Fannin became the new Pastor of Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church and he served until 1995.

In 1996, the Rev. Jonathan Brooks became the new Pastor. Rev. Brooks remained as pastor until 1999 and

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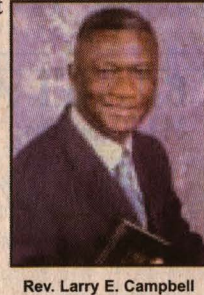
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Sunday Worship Services
Contemporary Worship 7:45 am
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Sunday School 9:45 am

Weekly Opportunities
Women's Bible Study - Mon. 7:00 pm
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Service Schedule

Sunday
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IPG Imani Power Generation (Youth Church) 9:00 am
Vision Concepts New Members Class 9:00 am
Faith and Baptism New Community Class 9:00 am
Sunday Community Worship Celebration 10:00 am
PHAT Tuesdays 1st & 3rd of each month 7:00 pm
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Mid Week Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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