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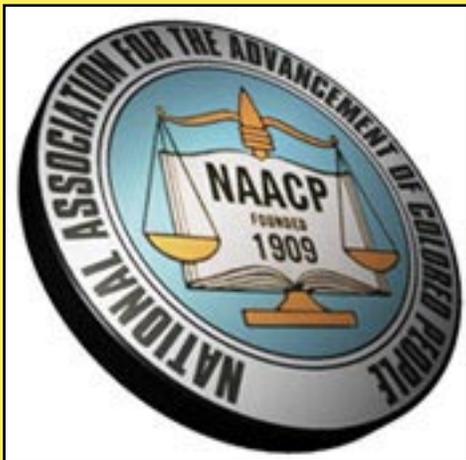


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## The Modesto/Stanslaus NAACP Calls for Federal Investigation



The Modesto/Stanslaus NAACP calls for a federal investigation into the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department use of tasers and into the deaths of three inmates who died while in custody during 2009.

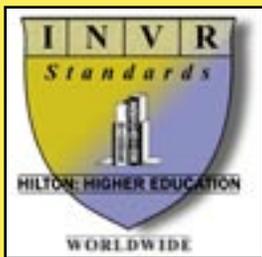
"There is a need for an independent investigation of a higher authority with subpoena powers in order to get to the bottom of why so many people are dying while in police custody. A due process should take place to hold offenders accountable, but it shouldn't result in a death sentence before even making it to trial. It raises grave concerns that all three died 'after' being tazered," stated **Wendy Byrd**, president of the Modesto/Stanslaus NAACP (pictured below).

Over the past several months, the Modesto/Stanslaus NAACP has conducted three Community Town Hall meetings and participated in three roundtable meetings with the leadership of local law enforcement, the District Attorney's

Office, the California Highway Patrol and a Department of Justice Community Liaison representative to discuss allegations of excessive force in Stanislaus County.

In light of the deaths in association with tazering, the NAACP will now file a formal complaint with the Department of Justice and the Stanislaus County Grand Jury to thoroughly investigate this matter. The National Office of the NAACP has also developed a new Rapid Reporting System that allows citizens from any state to submit information directly to the national office. Go to [www.naacp.org](http://www.naacp.org) for more information.

In addition, the Modesto, Stockton and Sacramento branches of the NAACP and the West Modesto/King Kennedy Neighborhood Collaborative sponsored a Citizen's Know Your Rights Workshop on Saturday, October 17, from 1:00pm - 4:00pm at the King Kennedy Center, 601 Martin Luther King in Modesto. Threer attorneys from the Wiley W. Manual Bar Association of Sacramento were the presenters at this workshop that was free and open to the public.



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## Nobody's Perfect

Arayle Freels (Howard Univ '12)  
CV Drum News Student Ambassador

Every morning as I prepare for class at Howard University, I turn on C-SPAN and listen to what people all across this country have to say about various issues of relevance to the United States. Topics that have been debated by C-SPAN

viewers and show guests include health care, the Supreme Court, the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and the economy, just to name a few.

These are issues that are shaping people's perspectives of Barack Obama's presidency. Our president has made some mistakes and has some very strong critics. There are people who don't like his administration's economic policy, didn't like his Supreme Court nominee and have come to the conclusion that he is doing a poor job.

In my opinion President Obama has recognized a number of immense problems that have been sidestepped throughout former administrations. Typically when one attempts to improve a system or to change the status quo they are met by resistance. This resistance is both healthy and necessary and its presence does not nullify the other argument.

Although I do not agree with the specifics of all of the administration's plans and he has made some mistakes I appreciate the job he is doing and support his efforts. I also congratulate President Obama for being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.



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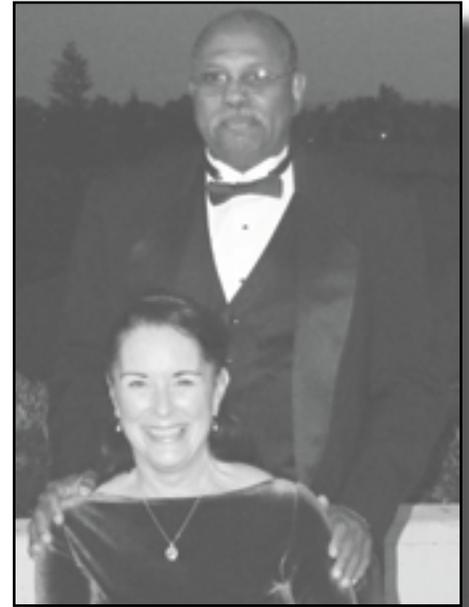
Average Global Person: [Redacted]



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**Dr. Roland Hart** is in a multi-specialty group practice with Sutter Gould Medical Foundation in Stockton and operates March Lane Dermatology for the group. He has also been an associate adjunct clinical professor of dermatology at Stanford University for 30 years. He received his B.S. degree from Morehouse College, his M.D. degree from Meharry Medical College and interned at Malcolm Grow USAF Hospital in Washington DC. He received his dermatology training from Stanford University and was chief resident and full time professor of dermatology before moving to Stockton. Dr. Hart was inducted into Psi chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity at Morehouse College in 1961. His current professional organizations include the American Society of Dermatologic Surgeons, National Medical Association, American Medical Association, California Medical Association, Pacific Dermatology Association, San Francisco Dermatological Society, and the San Joaquin Medical Society. He is pictured right with his lovely wife, Gale.



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## HALLOWEEN HUMOR

Q: What do you get when you divide the circumference of a jack-o-lantern by its diameter?

A: Pumpkin Pi.

Q: How do you make a witch stew?

A: Keep her waiting for hours.

Q: How do you mend a broken Jack-o-lantern?

A: With a pumpkin patch.



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## BIRTHDAYS



Donna Moses  
Stockton

**November 6** - Donna Moses (Stockton), **November 7** - Edie Burnett-James (Redding), **November 9** - Bunje Adams (Stockton), **November 9** - Alice Bunton (Stockton), **November 9** - Judith Spiro (Stockton), **November 10** - HAPPY Wedding Anniversary to Steve & Neola Adams (Merced), **November 10** - Ebony Fortier (Stockton), **November 12** - Cleveland Per (Elk Grove), **November 16** - Gabrielle Martin (Stockton), **November 17** - Destiny Fortier (Stockton), **November 17** - Venita Ward (Tracy), Patrick Daily (Elk Grove), die McAllister (Redding), ford Johnson (Compton), cedes Patrick (Tracy), na Cherry (Elk Grove), mie Carter (Merced), **December 1** - Sa-



Edie Burnett-James  
Redding



Mercedes Patrick  
Tracy

**November 30** - Joann Jordan (Stockton), brina Edmond – 12/1 (Stockton), **December 6** - Jodi Wyrick (Salida), **December 12** - Marsha Carter (Stockton), **December 15** - Gwendolyn Thames-Wall (Atwater).



November 3  
Election

Re-Elect

**Ida  
Johnson**

Candidate for  
Board Member

Merced Union High School District  
**Trustee Area 1**

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**Email:** [Ida@IdaJohnson.com](mailto:Ida@IdaJohnson.com)

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## Fall 2009 her celebration continues

*“In recognition of more than fifty (50) years of dedicated service to and advocacy on behalf of the ‘South Stockton’ community and the entire city of Stockton, it is fitting that the facility located at 2044 Fair Street, Stockton, California is named The Dorothy L. Jones Community and Health Center. It was officially opened and dedicated August 23, 2007.”*



**Mrs. Dorothy L. Jones** continues to be a staunch community advocate for her immediate community.

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Saturday, December 12

Annual Esquire Club Christmas Ball  
Hutchins Street Square

Lodi

## It's all about mentoring the next generation



**Paulette Amous**, president of the San Joaquin County African-American Chamber of Commerce proudly stands with three students interning in her office; all interested in starting their own businesses some day.

**Dijorn Moss** (right) and RiShonda Tate Billingsley were the featured highly acclaimed authors at the 6th Annual Scholarship Luncheon sponsored by Sistahs in Conversation & Sistahs in Harmony Christian Book Clubs held at the Stockton Golf and Country Club. For more photos courtesy of Raymond Moses, contact him @ [raydonnap@gmail.com](mailto:raydonnap@gmail.com).



## Wednesday, October 28th

HBCU Tour Parents/Guardians & Students Orientation Meeting - Bear Creek High School (LUSD) - BCHS Cafeteria, 10500 Thornton Road, Stockton. - 7 p.m.

The historically Black Colleges and Universities Tour provides a unique opportunity to experience first-hand some of our finest historically black colleges and universities.

For additional information, contact Ms. Barbara Evans at (916) 591-8558 (after 6:00 p.m.); email: [bemea@surewest.net](mailto:bemea@surewest.net) or website: [www.ucanhbcutour.com](http://www.ucanhbcutour.com).

# Elk Grove Area

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### ***Galt Joint Union High School SD***

**November 11** - Veteran's Day - No School

**November 12** - Board Meeting -  
Galt High School Library - 6:30 p.m.

**November 24-25** - Staff Development  
No School

**November 26-28** - Thanksgiving Break  
No School

### **Thursday, October 29th**

HBCU Tour Parents/Guardians & Students Orientation Meeting - Valley High School (EGUSD) - Multipurpose Rm, 6300 Ehrhardt Avenue, Sac, 7 p.m.

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities Tour provides a unique opportunity to experience first-hand some of our finest historically black colleges and universities.

For additional information, contact Ms. Barbara Evans at (916) 591-8558 (after 6:00 p.m.); email: bemea@surewest.net or website: www.ucanhbcutour.com.

**Brionna Lewis' Senior Project**  
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Brionna is a member of the CV Drum News SAT Team (Student Ambassadors Team)

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### **The Little Things**

**Brionna Lewis (EGUSD)**  
CV Drum News Student Ambassador



Many people are probably wondering what they could possibly be thankful for this holiday season. I've been wondering the same thing. So maybe you can't be thankful for a good job because recently you've lost it; or someplace to call home because your house went into foreclosure. I really had to think about what there was to be thankful for, because I know it's been a rough year for us all.

Regardless, everyone has things to be thankful for, but often times they are disregarded and unappreciated. The thing is, people sometimes think too big. People always forget the little "good" things like: good conversation, good health, good friends, good tires, good pillows, good weather, good books, good sleep, good food. So if the holidays come and you find yourself bitter and pessimistic, remember all the times you said "good". "This is good" or "that was good", because if it weren't for all those little things, we might not have made it through this year.

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# CentralPage...

## Monthly Media Message

Keith Orlando Hilton, Ph.D.

### Stockton Black Family Day 2009

by Fayette Reynolds, BFD President



Harambee is a Swahili term meaning let's pull together or work together for a common purpose. This was the Stockton Black Family Day theme in 1988 and this was the year that I experienced my first cultural celebration in Stockton.

Having only moved to Stockton in 1986 from the Midwest, I was looking for opportunities to connect with the Black community. My first introduction came by way of Inner City Theater, and through this union I was asked to design the t-shirt themed "Harambee", an honor I will never forget. For years after I would design the annual t-shirt or work with artists, including the late Mr. James Bell.

In its earlier years Black Family Day was celebrated at various parks in south Stockton. In 2009 we celebrated twenty years at our current location, the Stockton Civic Auditorium and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza and Amphitheater.

This year's theme was "Enriching our Legacy" and although themes have changed over the years, the meaning of Harambee continues to be the thread that culminates Stockton Black Family Day into a celebration that has become imbedded in Stockton culture, where we can re-introduce some of our values and traditions, through the importance of faith, education, health and creativity.

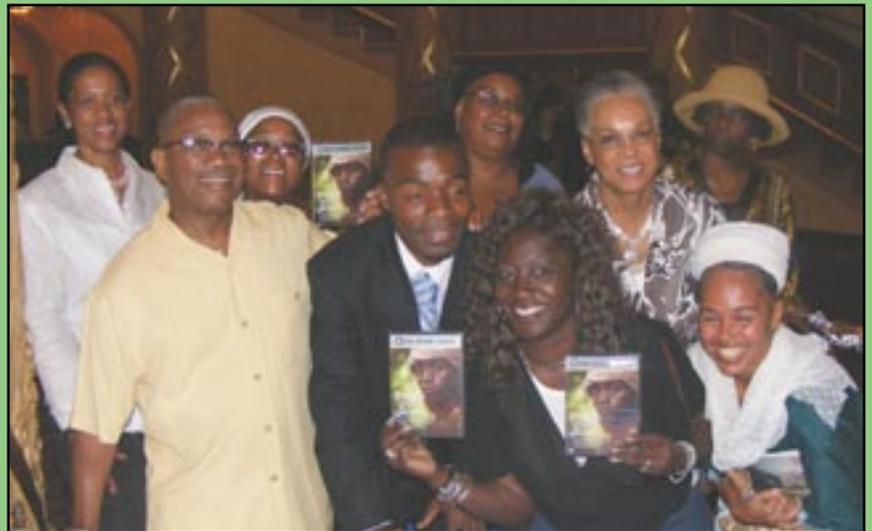
Although the name may imply this is a Stockton "thing," don't get it twisted, this is truly an event for our extended family in neighboring cities, and as far as word of mouth can travel. All are invited to partake in these annual festivities.

One noticeable change is that this one day event has now become a weekend long celebration. BFD is evolving into a program that intends to meet the needs of everyone, adults and children. For more info always visit our website at [www.stocktonblackfamilyday.org](http://www.stocktonblackfamilyday.org).



**KOH, Ph.D.,**  
CV Drum News Editor

## One final look at Stockton's 2009 Black Family Day



# ...Central Valley

## NCNW chapters thruout NorCal celebrated in Merced



NCNW

## Donna Cherry earns Elk Grove Unified promotion



Congratulations to **Ms. Donna Cherry**, who was recently promoted to the cabinet level position of Associate Superintendent of Elementary Education for Elk Grove Unified School District.

In her new position, she will assume administrative responsibility for the operation of 39 elementary schools and also for preschool-6th grade and elementary reading/language art specialists. As of this moment, District elementary enrollment is at 32,242.

Listed are just some of her new responsibilities; she will direct curriculum development, supervise and evaluate all elementary principals and directors of elementary education. She will also identify needs for in-service training of elementary teachers and administrators for the purposes of program evaluation and improvement for the instructional program.

## Reflections on 2009

by **Kenitra Diana Patrick**

(Sacramento)



It is difficult for many, including myself, to believe that such a monumental year as 2009 will soon come to an end. A year that follows the historical election in which together Americans, of all ethnic, economic and religious backgrounds, briefly put aside their differences in choosing

a president whom they felt sincerely had their country's best interest at heart.

When this man was elected as our nation's 44th president, we proceeded to celebrate worldwide in a way that no other president had been celebrated before. We celebrated his intellect and the fact that he seemed to speak the languages of both the rich and the poor. We celebrated his relief of our fears. He assured us, in his usual eloquently calm and collected manner that things in this country would be back to normal sooner than later.

Though some of us fail to admit this fact, we also celebrated the idea that this man was not the same ol' over privileged male of European descent whose disconnect with the everyday American resulted in citizens' current state of distrust and fear. We campaigned for change and we knew that this Ivy League educated "black man" would be the one to lead us to it. However, in this monumental year of 2009, we have encountered a few set backs.

There are those who do not want change. They are aware of their economic advantages and continue to take measures to play on the public's existing fears. They manipulate perceptions of our president's competence so that they may continue to hoard much needed resources. They do not want all Americans to have access to such resources as health care because they feel that they themselves are most deserving.

Though resistance is so, it does not necessarily mean that the selfish will prevail. Our president's work has just begun. Hopefully, we will have another three to eight years to decide whether or not he has done as he said he would.

# Tracy Area

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- \* Tracy Public Library, 20 East Eaton Avenue
- \* City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza

## TAAA - Tracy African American Association Election Process 2009

At the November general meeting, nominations for officers will be taken. At the December general meeting elections will be held.



At the December general meeting elections will be conducted by secret ballot. Results will be immediately tallied and announced near the close of that meeting. Absent members can send in their vote via post or email prior to election.



The term of office is two years. Officers will assume duty January 2010. A special New Officer Installation Ceremony will be held in January. A tie will result in a run-off.



A vacancy can be filled by the president until a special election is held.



### The following office holders terms have expired:

- Vice President** - Fred Cole
- Recording Secretary** - Valerie Robinson
- Membership Chairperson** - Gail LaGasca
- Activity Chairperson** - Apryl Yarbor



- Education Chairperson** - Margie Forehand
- Juneteenth Chairperson** - Mishelle Neverson
- Special Election (One Year Newsletter - Vacant) to complete term left vacant.
- You must be a TAAA member in good standing to make and accept a nomination.

San Joaquin Delta College's South Campus at Mountain House officially opened its doors for business on Monday, July 27th. The campus is located at 2073 South Central Parkway at Mountain House. As of September, over 2,000 student are enrolled at the Mountain Hose campus.

The rich, cultural diversity that makes up Tracy was on full display during the 5th Annual Multicultural Festival on Saturday, October 10. The free, family-friendly event included international music and dance entertainment as well as a t-shirt decorating. There was also a wide variety of workshops at the festival once again held at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts.

# Modesto Area

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### Leadership Modesto - For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at (209) 577-5757.

The purpose of Leadership Modesto is to identify new potential Modesto leaders and to provide a ten-month program that will develop knowledge and understanding of the community – its complexities and its potential.

### Christmas Night Light Ride

**DATE:** December 10  
**DIRECTIONS:** 500 N Carpenter Rd, Modesto

**DESCRIPTION:** The Christmas Night Light Ride will be held on December 10 at the Modesto Harley Davidson in Modesto. Ride will be departing at 6 pm.

We will ride through different Christmas Tree Lanes, to see all the most beautiful lights throughout the town! Following the Ride, there will be hot drinks at the dealership. This is a weather permitting ride.

For more information about this event, Please see  
**WEBSITE:**

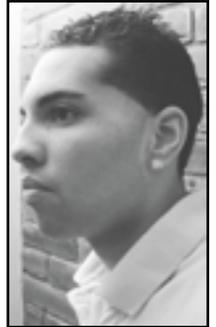
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**From Modesto in the Central Valley to Mozambique, Malawi and Mali on the continent of Africa, the "African Personality" introduced by Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah remains strong!**

### What are president's race goals?

Jacob M. Williams (Cal State, Fresno '12)  
CV Drum News Student Ambassador

When Barack Hussein Obama won the election in November 2008, the world watched as an African-American stepped into the role that many had not thought possible in a country haunted by slavery and Jim Crow. Determined to rise above this country's history and promoting his message of "Change" by fixing the day-to-day, status quo way of doing things, both in government and in the community, President Obama seems to be gripped by a past that doesn't want to die.



From his historical (and to some say, controversial) selection of Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to the incident involving Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr., both sides of the political spectrum have used the race card in some degree to affirm or deny, to accuse or disavow, or to sarcastically remark. It has proven that although America has come far in regards to race, we cannot openly state that we do not still have a problem. President Obama has made it clear, both throughout his campaign and throughout his presidency, that he wants to move beyond the issue of race and focus on the agenda at hand. But the question really is, will America ever be ready to move beyond the issue of race?

President Obama has made substantial progress throughout his time in office with a very rigorous agenda that is sure to go down in textbooks for its notability and achievements. What are his goals on race however? Mr. Obama says that he wants to be seen as a president who happens to be African-American rather than the nation's first African-American president. Hopefully America will let him do so.

**WHAT:** The California Black Brown Summit  
**WHEN:** November 6th - 7th  
**WHERE:** Modesto Junior College (West Campus)  
2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto

**WHY:** The importance of the California BBS is highlighted by a quick glance at the current U.S. Census. In 2000 there were 282,125,000 Americans, 228,548,000 White, 35,818,000 Black, 35,622,000 Hispanic. That translates into a 31% general minority (Black-Brown) population and 69% for the general majority (White) population.

Visit the website: [www.bbsummit.org](http://www.bbsummit.org), or call (209) 575-7991 or email: [black-brown2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:black-brown2@sbcglobal.net)

# Merced Area

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**Merced College**

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California Community Colleges

What is CalWORKs? California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) is a state funded welfare-to-work program designed to help individuals on public assistance (TANF). TANF stands for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, a cash aid program (welfare) for parents who meet income guidelines and have a child at home under the age of 18.

The Merced College CalWORKs program serves students and their families by providing educational and career opportunities combined with an array of high-quality support services that enable students to complete their educational goals, find meaningful employment and successfully transition into the work force.

Don't Delay contact CalWORKs TODAY!  
Merced College CalWORKs Program  
Office: (209) 381-6515  
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Foundation for CA Community Colleges TANF Child Development Career Services is a collaboration of organizations with a common goal and vision to offer the opportunity of a life long career path as an Early Childhood educator. Participants receive the highest quality preparation, training and education. Eligible Merced CalWORKs program requirements and have a desire to work in the field of Early Care and Education.

Merced County Human Services Agency with self-sufficiency as a primary goal, employment services strives to overcome barriers to successful employment. Welfare-to-Work (WTTW) provides training, counseling, education, and work experience to CalWORKs recipients. All participants are given an assessment to determine specific needs so that a customized case plan can be developed.

Merced County Office of Education (EMPOWER) services support at risk youth ages 17-21 years with self knowledge of skills, interests, decision making opportunities, accessibility, education, training and employment.

The Merced Community Dog Park dedication was held on Saturday, Oct. 10. The park is located at the corner of R Street and Yosemite Avenue in north Merced. The park has a fenced area for small dogs, and another fenced area for "any size" dog, a pet watering station and an animal waste bag dispenser.

The park also features the only bocce ball courts in a City park. Other amenities at the park include picnic tables, bike racks, off-street parking and a shade structure. Construction of the park cost \$550,000. A bike staging area for the park is still being developed. For more information, contact Parks and Community Services Director Alexander Hall at (209) 385-6855.

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## Ebony Socialites of Atwater hold successful 9th Annual Golf Tournament



**Location:** Rancho Del Rey Golf Course in Atwater

The CV Drum News wishes the lovely Brooklyn Edwards the very best as a graduate of the University of California-Merced. We first covered her as a freshman at the university. She is the grand daughter of Les and Pauline Kimber, the founders of the California Advocate, a major African-American newspaper in Fresno.



## UC Merced prides itself on being...

...the first new American research university in the 21st century, with a mission of teaching, research and service. Today at the very least, its curriculum should reflect the history and future of African-Americans in the Central Valley and to the UC System. The campus opened September 5, 2005. It seems more than reasonable that clear-headed and open minded academics, with input from the community, would now introduce a state-of-the-art public university African-American Studies program.

## Bay Area | Sacramento | Northern California



**Owen Garrick, MD, MBA**, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Healing our Village Clinical Research, Inc. in Oakland, journeyed to Stockton and presented a health forum luncheon at the Marriott Stockton on the topic of "Clinical Trials". **He is standing center** between Dr. Keith Orlando Hilton, editor of the CV Drum News, and Johnny Ford, former Deputy City Manager of Stockton. Dr. Garrick explained to the audience that clinical trials are conducted to allow safety and efficacy data to be collected for new drugs or devices.

Depending on the type of product and the stage of its development, investigators enroll healthy volunteers and/or patients into small pilot studies initially, followed by larger scale studies in patients that often compare the new product with the currently prescribed treatment.

The Stockton event was sponsored by California Partnership for Access to Treatment, the Stockton Branch NAACP, the Stockton NMA, the San Joaquin County African-American Chamber and the Stockton Black Leadership Council. Alice Huffman of the State NAACP was moderator.

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## Southern California | The Nation | The World

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# Race & Racism

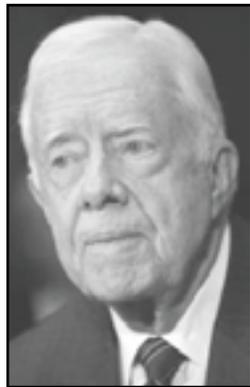
# Joining the Ancestors



## Is President Jimmy Carter right about racism?

Jimmy Carter claims that much of the opposition to the president has arisen because he is black. The former president said racism had come to the surface across the country because of a belief held by many whites that an African-American is not qualified to be in the White House.

“I think an overwhelming portion of the intensely demonstrated animosity toward President Barack Obama is based on the fact that he is a black man, that he’s African American,” the 85-year old Carter said. The Republican party issued a denial, saying Carter was “flat-out wrong” and that opposition was not because of Obama’s skin color but his policies.



Carter is the most senior Democrat yet to voice what many in the party have been saying both in public and private after the Republican Congressman Joe Wilson shouted “You lie!” during Obama’s key speech on healthcare reform in Congress, after anti-government demonstrations over health that have been almost exclusively white, and after the increasingly aggressive tone on rightwing talk shows.

“I live in the south, and I’ve seen the south come a long way, and I’ve seen the rest of the country that shared the south’s attitude toward minority groups at that time, particularly African Americans.

“And that racism inclination still exists. And I think it’s bubbled up to the surface because of the belief among many white people, not just in the south but around the country, that African-Americans are not qualified to lead this great country. It’s an abominable circumstance, and it grieves me and concerns me very deeply.”

The CV Drum News welcomes letters, pro and con, to essays and information in this, and every episode. [CVDrumnews@gmail.com](mailto:CVDrumnews@gmail.com)

In the spirit of our Acknowledged African ancestors, each month we will honor community and family members who have recently passed in the Mid-Central Valley (and if space allows, relatives outside of the Valley). Space is limited. Send us your full announcements with photos by the second Wednesday of the month for publication consideration. This month’s page is dedicated to the memory of: **Damon Lamont Johnson of Raleigh, NC.**



# WARNING

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*This important site is supported by John Walsh of “America’s Most Wanted.” When you visit this site you can enter your address and a map will pop up with your house as the small icon of a house and red, blue, green, dots surrounding your entire neighborhood. When you click on these dots, a picture of a person will appear with an address and the description of the crime s/he had committed. The best thing is that you can show your family members pictures and see how close these people live to your home or school. This is another tool to help keep kids safe.*

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The CV Drum is the only African-American owned (and the only) publication period that covers our communities from Merced south to Redding north.

# CV Community Conversation

## THIS MONTH'S GUEST ESSAYIST/ESSAY

DEBRA WATKINS, PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - CAAAE

Tragically, the headlines from a recent issue of the San Jose Mercury News about how black and brown students are faring on state assessments are all too familiar.

From 2002 - 2008, the **California Alliance of African American Educators (CAAAE)** offered summer institutes in partnership with Stanford University's School of Education related to pedagogies and practices for successfully reaching African-American students. In summer 2009, we moved the institute to UCLA and partnered with its School of Education. There is no reason for educators to continue to wring their hands about how to reach these students.

Although we have trained hundreds of educators at these institutes, they return to their spheres of influence and encounter resistance. There is enough blame to go around. Students, parents, educators, the philanthropic community, companies and people who look like those children all play a role in this unrelenting travesty.

Simply put, there is no will to educate black and brown students at high levels in this state. My own mother worked for 24 years at the California Institution for Women (CIW) and she observed that there are people who benefit financially from keeping black and brown children undereducated. One face of it is called the prison industrial complex. Another face is the research community funded by foundations that focus on the pathology instead of the success stories.

If you think that is too far-fetched of a notion, why is that I have been running a math, science and technology initiative exclusively for African-American students in Silicon Valley for the past eight years and in spite of the fact that 100% of them pass the CAHSEE, complete the A-G requirements and enroll in college, we have only been able to get one CEO (Dr. T.J. Rodgers of Cypress Semiconductor) to consistently fund the program at significant levels? We have approached the CEOs of Google, eBay, Apple, Applied Materials, Yahoo, Cisco and Intel. All have turned a deaf ear. Diversify the pipeline? Not with intelligent African-Americans is what our take-away is.

I met with Dana Hull (co-writer of the headlined story) two years ago about this initiative and asked her to cover its successes. She never did. What role does the media play in focusing on the pathology?

When the CAAAE recently submitted a grant to one local major foundation, we were told that our model was too expensive. Yet, our price tag was nothing remotely close to the \$50,000 per year that it costs for California to warehouse an inmate. Instead, the foundation funded the same entities that helped create the achievement gap. In fact, it is commonplace in the philanthropic community to do that over and over and wonder why black and brown children still earn low test scores and drop out of high school. Is this not the definition of insanity?

Until California starts focusing on what works for black and brown students and replicates that, we will continue to see incarceration rates soar while test scores plunge.



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