Black firefighters are at a lose. No one was hurt, according to the department, but the incident is now under investigation. "It's a very tragic situation," said Chief Larry Gates, who was promoted to chief in January. Gates said the incident occurred around 11 p.m. in the city's downtown area. The department responded to the scene and found a 32-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound. Gates said the man was transported to a local hospital and is in stable condition. The shooting is being investigated as a possible case of self-defense. Gates said the department is looking into the possibility that the shooter may have had a legitimate reason for using deadly force. "We're going to take a look at all the facts and circumstances, and make sure we follow through with the appropriate actions," Gates said. As of now, the department has no suspects or leads. Gates urged residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the department. "We're in a very dangerous and unpredictable environment, and we need everyone's help to keep our community safe," Gates said. The incident is the third shooting in the city in less than a week. The department has been working to increase its presence in the area and improve public safety. Gates said the department will continue to work with the community to ensure the safety of all residents. "We're committed to doing everything we can to keep this community safe," Gates said. The department has also increased its patrols in the area and has urged residents to stay vigilant and avoid unnecessary gatherings. "We're doing everything we can to prevent incidents like this from happening again," Gates said. ■

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A new feature of America's prison system has emerged; it is an impairment, an innovation, a disease. The system is the criminal justice system and the disease is mass incarceration. The problem is not just the overrepresentation of people of color in the criminal justice system, but the overrepresentation of people of color in prisons and jails across the country. This is a systemic and structural problem that affects not just individuals, but entire communities. The solution is not just reducing the number of people in prison, but addressing the root causes of incarceration. This requires a comprehensive approach that includes alternatives to incarceration, such as community-based and evidence-based programs, and a focus on diversion and reentry. It is a challenge that requires a sustained and dedicated effort, but it is a necessary step towards achieving justice and equity.
Uninsured African Americans

Athena Waite, the director of teacher education at the University of California, Riverside, has been named to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, the public body charged with the preparation and certification of the state's teachers.

Waite was named to one of four ex-officio, or non-voting, seats on the 19-member commission in February. Waite represents the Regents of the University of California on the commission. Her term will be open ended.

The commission certifies and regulates teacher credentialing, develops teacher preparation and performance standards, proposes policies on teacher credentialing, conducts research and oversees disciplinary procedures regarding the state's public school teachers.

"This is a mark of confidence and a recognition of Athena's depth of knowledge," said Robert Calfee, dean of the Graduate School of Education at UC Riverside. Waite's appointment speaks well for the campus, which has one of the largest and most dynamic teacher preparation programs in the UC system, according to Calfee.

Directors and deans at the UC's graduate schools of education must first nominate the candidate to the president of the university, who makes the appointment.

Positions on the commission require a combination of the technical knowledge of teacher credentialing with the political know-how of a state politician. Calfee said.

To UC Riverside's advantage, Waite has served on a variety of the commission's review panels and committees including one that developed plans for the normalization of multiple and single subject teaching credentials under State Senate Bill 202, another that reviewed the requirements for teachers to become reading specialists; and the one serving as a special education expert in focus groups for the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program (BTSA).

Waite said the commission's work has taken on greater significance after the passage of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, commonly known as the "No Child Left Behind" act, which mandates a "highly qualified" teacher in each classroom.

"The commission determines what it takes to be certified as highly qualified," said Waite, who noted that about 600 teachers in the state are working outside of their subject area because of shortages in certain subjects such as mathematics and sciences.

UC Riverside has been active in developing innovative teacher education programs that strive to meet the need for teachers with the quality preparation required by the University of California and federal mandates. Teacher education initiatives include integrated special education majors and credential programs, a combined masters and credential program for single and multiple subject teachers, and the blended program of undergraduate teacher preparation.

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences to better prepare students early for careers in education. As director of teacher education, Waite has been in the forefront of developing such programs.

Waite's education career began in 1964 after receiving an elementary teaching credential from UC Berkeley. She taught elementary school and special education in the Oakland Unified School District for 13 years. She then taught graduate, equivalent degrees classes in Thailand for the U.S. Army and Air Force, taught children with special education needs in Maryland and taught special education in Watertown, N.Y.

Waite arrived at UC Riverside in 1989 to pursue a graduate degree in special education and became director of special and dual credential programs in 1993. In 1999, she became director of teacher education.

The Black Voice News

Athena Waite

The National Medical Association, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and a diverse group of national organizations, are hosting a year-long series of health fairs, town hall meetings, campus discussions, interfaith events and more to help people learn about the issues, find local resources and share their stories.

While the nation's leaders are focusing on war in Iraq, the health insurance crisis sits on the back burner. There is, however, a wealth of information available online about how to make health insurance more affordable through group plans, and higher deductibles. "The commission determined "We Must Do Better," a brochure containing information about medical sharing plans in which members share most of the medical costs, and Idaho group collection agencies. A free copy of the brochure by writing to the American Medical Association, The National Medical Association, or group planners, can be downloaded at www.myvesa.org. Just click on "Health Insurance Reform," then print copy, or you can call (900) 660-1325, Ext. 143, for a $5 fee.

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a new one has to be established in about 60 days. We ended 2000 with of 1,000 job announcements requesting candidates and another half was completed out until six months after the failed municipal elections in the city. The State Chief of Police didn’t qualify again and the chance to directly elect one last time. Chief Patrick is presently and will still not.

According to Patrick who has been appointed as the City’s 60th Police Chief, he would like to see the community’s input when making that decision. "The department really is a part of the community, therefore it’s important to hear from the community. Therefore, we have an open door policy and I am going to be busy as I work to build bonds with the community as part of my prevention work and not become a fireman to the community. We have a responsibility to the community of which we live but the few bad ones make things hard for all our good officers." Kent.

Kent said the Black in the department has a unique position opened," said Kent. Kent had been out ten years of college and after being laid off before he had an opportunity to work for the city. "I wanted to be one and to work for the city. The Riverside Police Officers Association who walked across the stage at the 28th annual "We don’t need officers like that who are supposed to back off the situation. "This ruling has dredged up painful memories to the community. We have a responsibility to the community of which we live but the few bad ones make things hard for all our good officers." Kent.

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**Playboy Jazz Festival Continues Tradition of Free Jazz**

The Playboy Jazz Festival features five swinging sets in the historic gardens of the Los Angeles' Los Angeles and Pasadena to launch its silver anniversary celebration.

The community concert crowd could expect to see a jazz club in the belly of the city since the Playboy Jazz Festival of '79 West Coast event also inaugurated the magazine's silver anniversary. The festival has been a golden 50th birthday this year. The Playboy Enterprises normally commemorates the 25th silver presentation of the Jazz at the Hollywood Bowl with its top performances June 14 and 15.

The first concerts will be held May 4 at the Beverly Hills Civic Center May 9 inside the Petite Hall of the Bradley Senior Citizens Center. May 18 at the Conga Room in Los Angeles and May 25, 26 and 27 at the Hollywood Bowl.

The Old Pasadena Summer Concerts and events conclude June 12 with the screening of the documentary "Mark Canter's "Jazz on Film." The Los Angeles County Council of Arts.

Black & White Descendants of the UGRF Reunite From All Over North America

**Hollywood Bowl**


This three-day celebration, a first of its kind, will feature descendants of conductors, abolitionists, statesmen, interior workers, and all of those persons whose ancestors were associated with the underground railroad in a public area.

This event offers to the public activities designed to appeal to all ages, cultures, and disciplines, as well as Underground Railroad heritage. The participants are concerned about an integrated underground railroad history. The festival will be a forum in which to network and share the world via books, art, music, long, exhibits, and re-enactments.

The goals of the celebration is a Gospel folk concert featuring prominent recording artists to be announced. For more information about the National Underground Railroad Family Reunion Festival, please contact Eye Eider at (313) 853-0297 or (313) 542-2499.

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**Attention Riverside County Property Owners & Residents**

Wester Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BEFORE THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS REQUIRING THE PRESENTATION OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

PUBLIC HEARINGS have been scheduled for May 3, 5, and 7 at the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to present the approved of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. A public meeting or public hearing is necessary to obtain approval of the plan and to hold an initial public hearing. The public hearing is to be held on May 3, 5, and 7 at the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

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- Bible Study
  Wednesday 7:00 pm
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Community Missionary Baptist Church
317 W. La Cadena Dr.
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(909) 789-2216

- Worship Services
  Sunday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Mountain Community Church
3333 S. Main St.
Corona, CA 92882
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- Worship Services
  Sunday 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- Bible Study
  Wednesday 7:00 pm
- Men's Study
  Monday 6:30 pm

Alpha & Associates Christian Center
3431 M. Horner Avenue
Riverside, CA 92503
(909) 790-8325

- Weekly Services
  Sunday 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- Bible Study
  Wednesday 7:00 pm

The Village Church
4000 Miller St.
Riverside, CA 92506
(909) 530-2222

- Weekly Services
  Sunday 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- Bible Study
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Salvation Christian Ministries, Inc.
317 W. La Cadena Drive
Riverside, CA 92501
(909) 683-2460

- Order of Services
  Sunday 10:30 am

Community Missionary Baptist Church
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- Worship Services
  Sunday 9:30 am - 10:30 am
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New Joy Baptist Church
190 Clay Street
Riverside, CA 92501
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  Sunday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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Bethel AME Church
25400 Alessandro Blvd.
Rialto, CA 92376
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- Weekly Services
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2626 Avenue Rubidoux
Riverside, CA 92509
(909) 278-0204

- Weekly Services
  Sunday 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- Bible Study
  Wednesday 7:00 pm
- Men's Study
  Friday 7:00 pm

Alpha & Associates Christian Center
3431 M. Horner Avenue
Riverside, CA 92503
(909) 790-8325

- Weekly Services
  Sunday 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- Bible Study
  Wednesday 7:00 pm

The House of God Which is the Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth Without Controversy - Lake Elsinore
Pastor Elder Arthur & Ruby Levison, Ph.D.
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
(909) 234-2294

- Weekly Services
  Sunday 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- Bible Study
  Wednesday 7:00 pm

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
1553 W. 21st St.
Riverside, CA 92501
(909) 683-2460

- Order of Services
  Sunday 10:30 am

Trinity Baptist Church
205 E. Coast Hwy.
Riverside, CA 92501
(909) 683-2460

- Weekly Services
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- Bible Study
  Wednesday 7:00 pm

Salvation Army
300 N. Main St.
Riverside, CA 92501
(909) 683-2460

- Secretaries
  Sunday 9:00 am - 11:00 am

St. Charles Baptist Church
3154 W. 21st St.
Riverside, CA 92501
(909) 786-4859

- Weekly Services
  Sunday 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- Bible Study
  Wednesday 7:00 pm

New Joy Baptist Church
190 Clay Street
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Bethel AME Church
25400 Alessandro Blvd.
Rialto, CA 92376
(909) 786-4859

- Weekly Services
  Sunday 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Rechain Community Public Church
1900 Chapman Avenue
Riverside, CA 92507
(909) 684-9008

- Weekly Services
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- Bible Study
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Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House®. When complete, the new facilities will add 52 rooms and apartment units to its existing 35-room facility and enhance the comprehensive array of services for families of children with cancer and other serious illnesses. "We are very excited about this opportunity to be part of a campaign that will allow us to serve more families who need the temporary housing and services our House provides," said Foster. Pictured (L to R) are Kobe Bryant, general campaign chair and president of Southern California Edison; Xavier Becerra, representative, U.S. Congress; 31st District; Los Angeles City Councilman Eric Garcetti; Bryant; Dick Holland, vice president, Hilton Hotels Corp. and Campaign Cabinet Chair.

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