White officers and most recently the Steve Woodrell trial where Woodrell was convicted of second-degree murder while on duty after a shooting. The trial is the result of the first lawsuit filed against an officer following a shooting involving a police officer. According to a letter from Penelope Culbreth-Gidds, Dana, Assistant City Manager, the allegations of "Discourtesy" has been handled by the City of Riverside. They responded "because of the active and the alleged acts of malice of the complaints have been investigated by the Riverside Police Department. The final decision is made by the Riverside Internal Affairs and Civil Service Commission.

Two Brothers, Two Lives, One Destiny

Musical stage play presents San Bernardino's story

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High Reliability Organization Conferences—Crafton Hills College (CHC) hosted the first National Conference on High Reliability Organization (HRO) Theory and Practice in Medicine and Public Safety. Pictured during a break in the workshop were, left to right, Greg Bigley, Assistant Professor in the Department of Organizational Behavior; James Brame, Battalion Chief for Crafton Hills College Emergency Services; Dr. David Van Stralen, instructor in critical care and general pediatrics at the Loma Linda University Department of Pediatrics; and Kevin Brame, Battalion Chief for the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

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According to Van Stralen, whether it is firefighting, emergency medicine, or in other high-stress situations, "you have to be in the right physical shape. If you are not in the best physical shape, you are going to be completely useless to your team and you are going to hurt your team and the people that you are trying to save."

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you. The lack of African American writers and producers was a sub textual issue, we read, at times during this visit. With all of the talent on the stage at that moment, it quickly became apparent that there was a lack that one should be to home writers when this is done. They desire storytellers who know and feel the plight as well as the source of their strengths and weaknesses. For that same reason, an African American writer, could very easily behave the start of obviously "shadowed" relationships. (I.e. Neil and Victoria, Brad and Olivia, and of course, the "worse for wear in" John Abber and Maico Jumino). Hindley should make a sound that African American writers would have brought this coupling to the death. With all the confines (to me) are African American writers, what seemed to be the deliberate lack of African American writers. I set off on a mission to speak with David Shaughnessy, the executive producer. (William J. Bell, the creator and Executive Producer has taken on the less active role of Senior Executive Producer). My goal was to hear from the "broad" why this show, though, as popular, as African American had not one writer (beside Ms. Rowell) that represented in race and in writing, a vast majority of its stories. I was expecting some well thought out and PC response from Ms. Shaughnessy, and to my great surprise, learned that he was a straight-shooting, aspiring actor, who simply attended the most dull and consistently repeated comment on the set. "If it's not broke, why fix it?" Fix it because your ratings, in your "eyes," are "awful." Fix it for no other reason than the fact that I want African American story lines to remain to me and flow to smoothly as those of other characters. Fix it. Ms. Shaughnessy, because although not broken now, eventually because of all the character growth, and family expansion, the "ethically run" writing of the present team, will eventually just mimic that of other daytime shows. And R & R and Will & Grace. The devoted fans, of all races deserve more. Ms. Shaughnessy, Iappl y your honesty, and the fact that you were so forward about an antigone style of African American writing, however, you are in a great position to make this change, and I know you feel this is truly the right thing to do. If not simple to soften the corners of your African American dialog, just do it so you tried something new. As the need has presented itself, I would be happy to forward as you, as you already know from our conversa­ tion, I got the Genesis City town and history down. With all of this new and pro­ found knowledge, I left the set with the comfort of knowing that my idea of a possible coupling of the "perfect" interracial pair was actually being headed by Executive Producer. But, the sadness, that I know is lingering in the minds of Y and R fans across the nation and still remains unsaw­ ered. The coupling, is the idea of an affair between Mr. Billy Abber (the principal son of John and Jill Abber) and Lily Winters (the princess like daughter of Neil Winters and Drucilla Barber-Winters), a match made in interracial heaven. The lingering question is of course, "Who is Drucilla's baby's father?" For you, we already know probably not, but it sure is fun to speculate. And that is what I believe to be the true beauty of this serial, with all of its vicissitudes, there is a consistency that is unparalleled and unostentatiously so. To the network, happy 30th Birthday Y and R.

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Aug. 28, 8:00 p.m., Riverside Reggae Fest featuring Jimmy Cliff in concert at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium. For more information, please call (909) 384-5436.

Aug. 30, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Rally For Coal Ministries is hosting a "Back to School" event at Foothills High School Football Stadium. For more information contact (909) 825-4417.

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., The Black History Committee of Riverside will host their 4th annual "Back 2-School" for Literacy & Education" with a free Backpack giveaway at Castle Park. For more information contact (909) 370-2805.

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Sept. 5-7, The African Village Weekend: Cultural & Performing Arts, Inc. and the Inland Valley News will present the 4th Annual African Village Weekend. For more information call (909) 392-6097.

Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m., The Perris Hill Senior Center will host its annual Mexican Independence Day Celebration at 780 E. 21st Street, San Bernardino. For more information call (909) 394-5436.

Sept. 13, The Perris Hill Senior Center will host its annual fashion show and luncheon at 780 E. 21st Street, San Bernardino. For more information call (909) 384-5436.

The Gospel Showboat will set sail promptly at 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. If you have always wanted to experience a cruise or see the sights of the Newport Beach harbor, then pursue your tickets now for an August 14th through - Sept. 11, open casting call in all age groups. Every Thursday, there will be an open casting call in all age groups. For more information, please call (909) 681-2821.

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Services of the Choir and Worship Team, which allows her the opportunity to express her own ministry, choir, and discipleship training department. She later came to Faith Community Church in West Covina where she further honed her gift of leadership in the single-staff ministry to praise and worship leader and leading her insight through focused teaching for the group and moving into one-on-one relationships with the cultivates. Now Bryant is currently serving faithfully in the Music Department as part of the choir and worship team, which allows her the opportunity to express herself musically. The uniqueness, vocal arranging and production gifts can be heard on her newly released CD "I Found the One." Bryant speaks with one with an intensity that flows from her own testimony and is fueled by her incessant heart after God. "I Found the One." is a collection of original songs that express Bryant's passion for God and commission to draw others into that same dynamic, life changing relationship.

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According to the Rand study, passengers and airport personnel would be more vulnerable to terrorist attacks because of the concentration of passengers at the GTC. Weiner explained, "Moreover, the study found that by consolidating passengers and vehicles at a check-in center a mile from the airport, the impact would greatly increase the number of casualties that result from firearms or vehicle bombs associated with baggage or luggage at airports. Weiner's bill would prohibit the construction of the GTC unless it is determined that such a facility would improve public safety and security. The bill would require a review of the proposed facility by the Department of Homeland Security prior to its construction.

The Secretary of Homeland Security determines whether the facility will not prevent the detection and security of air passengers and the general public more effectively than the existing facilities at LAX; the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) would not be allowed to approve its construction.

'LEX is the third largest airport in the United States and a potential target for terrorists," said the Congresswoman. "I will not support a GTC construction project that compromises public safety and security.'

On July 23, 2003, Congresswoman Waters sent letters to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee to request that the Transportation-Tradepass Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 include a provision to condition the construction of the proposed remote passenger check-in facility at LAX on the Secretary of Homeland Security prior to its construction. On the same day, she sent letters to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Transportation Committee to request that the conference report for H.R. 2115, the FAA Reauthorization Act, include a comparable provision. Waters said, 'I will continue to use every available opportunity provided by the legislative process to ensure that this controversial LAX expansion project does not compromise the safety and security of LAX and the surrounding community.'

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"Customer shouldn't put themselves at risk for heat stroke," said Billy Mitchell, SCE's consumer affairs. "Visit our website to find more information about hot-weather safety tips, please visit http://www.sce.com/warn/

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Hancock and Hutcherson are Monterey Jazz Hot Tickets

By Taylor Jordan

Officials of the 46th annual Monterey Jazz Festival know the best way to keep all arena fans in their seats until the final note is played at the three-day musical event. Schedule pianist/composer/producer Herbie Hancock and vibraphonist great Bobby Hutcherson as the closing Sunday night artists.

No one but the totally insane would leave the Monterey County fairgrounds before the festival on Sept. 19, 20 and 21 ends and miss a chance to see the two legends in their own time.

And since the same will remain, they will also enjoy a weekend packed with the music that puts America at the top of the world's culturally creative list.

Hancock and Hutcherson are hard acts to follow, so it is particularly fitting they close the list. Modern Jazz Quartet vibes things traditionally leap off melodic sweetness. 

Ballad with the best, but magical Jackson, probably the best his style is hardly typical of the vibraphonist of all jazz times, is st when he heard Milt "Bags" inspired to become a vibraphonist leader and Hutcherson of jazz expressions.

Rhythmically challenging licks. Hutcherson's edge-of-your-seat playing has captured the hearts of fans and respect of instrumental peers worldwide. His musical partners include primitive and unequivocally notable pioneers: Hancock, Charles Lloyd, Al Grey, Billy Mitchell, Jackie McLean, Hank Mobley, Eric Dolphy, Dexter Gordon, Chick Corea, Cedar Walton, Billy Higgins, Harold Land Sr.

He's such a formidable but friendly personality that he didn't have to play a note in the critically acclaimed film "Round Midnight" to be remembered. His character cooked red beans and rice and soulful staples of home for the American musicians performing and living as ex-patriots in Europe.

Hancock achieved popularity among Monterey Jazz Festival and international audiences for his unwillingness to stay in one place or style. He constantly morphs and evolves into musical expressions as a pianist, composer and producer continually cutting and moving the instrumental edge.

Musically dextrous, Hancock began as a classical pianist and soloed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as an 11-year-old child prodigy. He spent a balance of left-brain, right-brain talents, he majored in electronic engineering at Grinnell College before music claimed his career path. Legendary trumpeter Donald Byrd discovered and mentored him into jazz, hiring Hancock as a sideman in his New York group.

He signed with Blue Note Records in 1960, first stepped on the international ladder with his classic composition "Watermelon Man," began a five-year association with Miles Davis as a startling sideman and composer, immersed himself in electronic music for the 1960s decade and continued to evolve as a seminal figure in jazz as he broke ground in videos and synthesized experimentation, interactive electronics, world music and memorable artistry.

Hancock's skills as a composer and pianist have frequently been simultaneously presented. This was particularly true with his 2001 Monterey Jazz Festival debut of "Directions In Music." This tribute to John

tattoo pianist Michel Camilo; The Crusaders with guest vocalist Randy Crawford; New Orleans’ musician Buckwheat Zideko and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band and fusion guitarist John McLaughlin with Indiatabla player Zakir Hussain.

Weekend highlights include the arena debut of trumpeter Dave Douglas, the 2003 commissioned composition "Traditions and Commissions" to be presented by acoustic trumpet Ralph Towner and vibraphonist Gary Burton and the screening of "Piano Blues," a new film by producer, director and jazz aficionado Clint Eastwood. The movie, executive produced by Martin Scorcese, is one of seven films in the Public Broadcasting System's "The Blues" series.

John and Jeff Clayton and Gary Burton will be the weekend's artists-in-residence and Ralph Towner will be the showcase artist. All will make multiple appearances on the arena and free ground stages.

Besides tickets to the five arena concerts, jazz fans may purchase grounds-only tickets - $25 for Friday, $33 each for Saturday and Sunday or $80 for a three-day pass - for entertainment at Dozy's Den, the nightclub, garden and courtyard stages, the coffee house gallery and jazz theater.

Information: (925) 275-2555 or montereyjazzfestival.org.

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Sparks Shoot Down Comets

Sparks beat Houston 67-64 and Swagger toward WNBA Playoffs

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By Gary Montgomery

The WNBA's two most consistent teams traded them up again Monday evening in a season finale well worth the wait. The Sparks, having already wrapped up the division title and the Comets with a chance to win their last six games and are stepping into the playoffs with lots of uncertainty. Most telling is their inability to score at times. Teams have learned how to defend Sparks and forced the Comets to look elsewhere for scoring. Usually that comes from all-star Tina Thompson who matched Dixon and Mabika with 19 points also. "Our center Michelle Snow is capable of delivering but has often struggled against the Sparks." With Lisa Leslie's healthy return, the two-time defending champions Sparks are the most talented team in the WNBA. "That's not to say that the Sparks are assured smooth sailing all the way to the championship. The Comets have lost two of their big people, forward LaTavia Byers and Centre Rhonda Mapp. Longtime Sparks fans will remember that was one of the team's weaknesses before becoming champions. Both Byers and Mapp were brought in to assist Lisa in the paint. The Comets are limping into the playoffs with their inability to score at times. Their first teacher is you.

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TODAY'S TIPS: Lisa Leslie battles the Comets center Michelle Snow for a rebound. Lisa had a game high 14 points.

Photo by Robert Mclntosh

TOO QUICK - Sparks guard Shakesphere Brown scores a game high three points after scoring a season high 31 points and handing out 2 assists in a season ending win over their rivals.

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