Free At Last! Free At Last! Jermaine Graham Goes Free

Graham, 42, was convicted of murder in the Los Angeles County Superior Court on May 29th by Orange County Superior Court Judge Everett A. Dees, who overturned Graham's conviction in a school teacher's murder case.

The conviction was overturned on the grounds that the trial judge improperly admitted evidence of the defendant's mental impairment.

Graham, who had been serving a life sentence, was released from prison on May 29th after serving 29 years in jail.

The case had been tried in 1990, when Graham was found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Graham's conviction was overturned by the California Supreme Court in 2019, which ruled that the trial judge had improperly admitted evidence of the defendant's mental impairment.

Graham's release comes as part of a broader movement to reform the criminal justice system and address issues of racial and economic inequality.

The release of Graham is a significant step forward in restoring justice and fairness to the criminal justice system.

The rehabilitation of Graham demonstrates the possibility of redemption and the power of second chances.

It is a testament to the resilience and strength of the human spirit, and a reminder of the importance of systemic change.

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Editorial
Yes on Measure EE

By Hardy Brown

Last week our editorial requested that the City of Riverside provide us an ethnic breakdown of the staff who were hired when the first 10,000 fees were instituted back in 1988. The overall numbers of the police department are 539 police officers (29 are Black or 5%) and the first 10,000 fees are 182 (4 are Blacks or 7%). These departments all show an underutilization of Black Americans. The Black community makes up 12% to 15% of the city's community. It is safe to guess that not one Black was or has been hired as a result of the special assessment in 1988. The city administrator said we must remember that back in 1988 the hiring criteria was or may have been different. Just return to the city administrator even then, the State of California required Affirmative Action as compared to today with the passage of 209 an anti-Affirmative Action proposition. If the city did not hire any Blacks then, what assurances can be given now? We have had promises in the past that were not kept.

Blacks in Riverside, San Bernadino and other Inland Empire cities must view their tax money like our country uses money to discuss trade deficits with other country’s. When one country has to access one market and the other country cannot participate in the fruits of the agreement, they restructure the agreement so both can win. The Chamber of Commerce promotes that its members do business with another in order to make their members strong. If the city was to spend more money to enhance the merchants equal to what they do in the downtown area, they would protest. Just like it is good governance to treat all business equal, the same decision should be made when it comes to taxation.

When people of color contribute to the pot and employment and livelihoods are made from that pot, then people of color should benefit as well. We also want you to know that $3.3 million is a lot of money that city and county members from outside the area would be willing to put in.

Because of their humanitarian, status, we need to show regard to Blacks. They were featured in most of the area's newspapers. Smith said she did not find that this is why they were targeted, but she did say that she has experienced this kind of activity in this nation. Nor far from the office is a school that is majority African American. In an attempt to stop the investigation, Sergeant G. G. of the Colonial Police Department said there are no leads and the crime is currently being treated as a vandalism.

The police report says the vandalism, which apparently directed at an unknown female employee at one of the locations at the location, but gives no details.

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Biology

By Hardy Brown

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Thousands Attend Diversity Job Fair

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The University of Redlands Board of Trustees unanimously endorsed a fund raising campaign to preserve one of the community’s most treasured landmarks.

The campaign for Memorial Chapel will be chaired by Redlands business leader and former mayor Carol Beswick, also a university trustee.

Memorial Chapel is a symbol of the historic heritage and values of not only the university but the city of Redlands itself, Beswick said. “This is a project for the entire community to take to heart.”

Completed in 1928, under the supervision of well-known architect Herbert Powell, Memorial Chapel is the physical representation of the university’s commitment to educate the heart and the head. That commitment remains today.

The chapel’s use as the university’s central gathering place has taken many forms over the past seven decades, from a traditional house of worship to a venue for performing arts in an impressive “classroom” for students in the School of Music; today, the chapel hosts more than 750 activities a year.

The committee met in March to begin planning the campaign, and will meet again in October.

When people work close to home, they spend more of their time and money in their own communities thus creating more jobs and a better life for all of those in the community,” said Carl Dameron, president of Dameron Communications, producers of the job fair.

According to Dameron, approximately 5,000 people attended the Job Fair seeking a better job during the day.

While attendance was down from last October’s 8,000, employers found the smaller crowds to be an asset. "Recruiters had more time to spend with job seekers and were better able to determine their qualifications," said Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Circle K, and Target were among many companies recruiting at the job fair.

"We were very impressed with the quality and quantity of the people we met at the job fair," said Assistant Superintendent of Personnel of the Jurupa Unified School District, Kent Campbell. "I believe we will be hiring several applicants," he added.

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The Inland Empire Diversity Job Fair is sponsored by the National American Unity Association, the San Bernardino Sun, the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, Inland Empire Business Journal, Westside Star, Black Voice News, The American News, Dameron Communications, and radio stations KOLA 99.9, KCAL-AM, and Super Z 990 AM. The next Diversity Job Fair will be held in October 1997. All job seekers are welcome at the Diversity Job Fairs.

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By Mary Anderson

A S.A.P. News...for the lovers of youth. It is time to sign your name in the list to volunteer workers at your church, for Vacation Bible School. July and August are months to fill the void of Christian education at the lives of youth and adults. Won't you become a volunteer at your local house of worship?

• June 21st. The Avant Garde Social Group of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1375 W. 17th. S.B. will be taking a trip Sat. June 21st, 6:55 A.M., from the church, to Colored Alworthson Township. The duration is 8:50 youth and adult bus. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Colored Alvworthson (1842-1916), who was born to slavery and about how this piece was selected... to become a Historical Park. It is the only California Black Township that has been continuously open in California. Only 40 seats are available. Please contact Sister Willie Bee with your payment ready at sign up time. Her number is (909) 889-4132. Return time is 7:30 P.M.

July 12th, New Hope's Mission Society presents Sister to Sister Annual Damit of Silent seminar/workshop for ages 12 and upward. The time is 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM. Please call the church office (909) 847-2256 to make a reservation and price.

Audio tapes of the recent New Hope seminar, $20.00 per couple for $16.00 for the complete package of the week. Audio tapes and video tapes ($2.00 per couple 10 minutes of video) are also available of the colonial church in concert. Catalogs are also available and may be picked up at the church after the 8 and 11 AM worship services.

Well Intercessors, It's Prayer Time! For graduating students and for all those entering institutions of learning. Today we also have Ali Mazaran Farsi a pre-schooler and he is pregnant 5 months. Also there is Teresa Quinonez's sickle-cell anemia. Come on Pray for Teresa they're hurting people on this earth who need a touch from God. Please "pray with the urgency of a hunching blank."
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Hoxie hurdles, Williams sprinnts to CIF state title runs

By LEELAND STEIN III

HOLLYWOOD -- Jackie Robinson was the greatest athlete in the world in 1947, and certainly the best baseball player of his generation.

But there was one event that the Brooklyn Dodgers' great first baseman never won.

It was the 100-yard hurdles.

The Dodger gave it a try in 1946, but was defeated by the remarkable young runner, Henry Ellard.

In 1947, however, Lyle Hare finished eighth in the hurdles, and Robinson had a chance to make up for it this year.

He did.

He did.

He did.

Hare won the Gold Medal in the hurdles, and Robinson won the Silver Medal.

And so, on this day, the greatest athlete in the world finally took his place among history's greatest track stars.

It was a fitting tribute to a man who had given so much to the world of sports.

And it was a reminder of the power of sport to inspire and motivate.

For Robinson, it was a chance to finish what he had started.

And for us, it was a chance to remember the man who had shown us what was possible.

Hare won.

Robinson was second.

But it was a close race, and Robinson was not disappointed.

"I'm happy with my performance," he said.

"I'm happy with the outcome," Hare said.

They were both true.

And so, on this day, the world celebrated the greatest athlete in the world.

And the world learned another lesson from its greatest athlete.

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And it was a reminder of the power of sport to inspire and motivate.
Veteran actress Tonea Stewart, who portrayed Samuel L. Jackson's wife in last summer's blockbusting motion picture, "A Time To Kill," is coming acclaim for her new role. She's starring with Rachel Ward in the upcoming USA Network thriller, "My Stepson, My Lover" which will air Wednesday, June 25th at 9 p.m. (EST). "I can't tell you too much about the film," the actress teases. "Because it's a secret, but it's really good."

Good is the reputation that Stewart has gained over the last two decades as she has struggled to make it as a Black actress in Hollywood on her own terms. Early in her career, she had roles in dozens of tele-films such as "Nightmare in Bedlam County" and numerous stage plays. Known for her dramatic flair, Stewart is best known for portraying a woman thirty years her senior, Miss Etta Kibbedee, on the CBS drama "Gramps" which starred Andy Griffith and opposite Katherine Hepburn in "One Christmas."

Then, came the opportunity to co-star in the film based on John Grisham's best-selling book, "A Time To Kill." Critics are still marveling over Stewart's impassioned portrayal of a woman whose daughter is raped by two young white bigots in Mississippi during the Jim Crow era. Stewart won an NAACP Image Award nomination for her stellar performance, but lost out to Loretta Devine in "Waiting To Exhale."

At the ceremony, Stewart did accept the NAACP Image Award when "A Time To Kill" won for best picture. In between teaching classes at Alabama State University, where Stewart is a professor and director of the drama department, she found time for a guest starring role on CBS’ "Walker Texas Ranger.

"Now, this summer break is upon her, Stewart is back in Hollywood auditing and waiting for the next big role to come her way. "I'm ready, she says with a big grin.

My Stepson My Lover to Air on USA
Culture Clash Comes to Mark Taper

By Lee Ragin Jr.

It's that time of year again, when the Audrey Skirball-Kenis Theatre presents their Common Ground Festival. In it's third year, the Common Ground Festival brings in works-in-progress from the city's most innovative theater groups, plus A.S.K. workshop productions and free professional theater labs exploring diverse approaches to the creation of new work for the stage.

Smoke-Free Juneteenth Jam '97

Don't miss the Smoke-Free Juneteenth Jam '97. This jazz, blues fest and musical picnic is June 21st at the San Bernardino Valley College Amphitheater. Among the artists include: Kilauea, Art of Juneteenth Jam '97.

By Lee Ragin Jr.

Words & Rituals to Celebrate and Plan an African-American Wedding

Calling all African-American Author and jourapor, Jared Sturgis wants to help you create your dream day the special day of your life. In THE NUBIAN WEDDING BOOK, she has created a督导 comprehension of customs, history, and prayers that will stay long after you've said "I Do."

The Nubian Wedding Book is a wedding guide unlike any other. Both a problem solver and a precious keepsake, it is a first-of-its-kind handbook for African-American brides who have been searching for foods, customs, and prayers to plan the perfect African wedding.

Sturgis, an editor and writer, uses in-depth research in African-American arts and culture, to provide the ideas that will make your wedding unique and special. And her book provides you with the tools you need to make the wedding day your own. "I wanted to do something cultural, something to add a special touch," Sturgis says. "I wanted everyone to have the words to use that would give their affair more meaning. Words that drew on our heritage as Black people." The book is also a reference guide for African-American weddings.

The Royal Tea Room

The Special and Ripe Fruit in Towns

Woman's and bridal magazine editors should take note of the book's loving photographs of African-American couples in wedding scenes from as early as the 19th century. Many of the photos offer a nostalgic view of Harlem through the lens of renowned photographer Austin Harrison, who died in 1996. Featured editors and reviewers will be pleased to discover pregnant and heartfelt letters by such luminaries as poet Paul Laurence Dunbar and his wife Alice, and W.E.B. DuBois' charming letter to his daughter Yolande, on the occasion of her marriage to Harlem Renaissance poet Countee Cullen.

Share the significance of African-American, Caribbean and African-influenced wedding elements, from pouring libations and drinking palm wine to preparing a Black Wedding Cake. It's all in THE NUBIAN WEDDING BOOK.

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Headdress Ball Honors 13: Raises $60,000

For the News

SAN BERNARDINO

The Annual Headdress Ball in San Bernardino raised $50,000 at the 36th Annual Headdress Ball recently held at the Riverside Convention Center. The program that tries free of charge care to anyone not covered by insurance, or with no insurance, in one of their personal lives, builds on the success of its former lives. It is the responsibility of the community which supports you.

Garrison was stunned with the elaborate headdresses and perfectly choreographed steps. The theme of the year was "Lords." The group honored 13 legends, representing the years of dedication and reputation of the community.

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General Slocum announced today that she is seeking her second term as Trustee of Riverside City College.

An alumna of Riverside Community College and UC Riverside, Ms. Slocum has a personal commitment to the college and its students who work hard to get an education.

Ms. Slocum is proud of the board's role and commitment to a scholarship at RCC for every current fifth grade student. She has chaired the Planning and Development Committee since its beginning in 1993. Many important programs started under this committee's guidance such as a partnership between Ford Motor Company and the Auto Department, the Week-End College which makes a degree attainable through weekend class attendance, an International Trade Center to promote the trade, and a Procurement Center to help small business obtain government contracts.

Ms. Slocum, the former executive director of the Volunteer Center of Greater Riverside, won the YMCA's Woman of Achievement Award in 1991, and has served four and a half years on the Riverside Community College Board of Trustees, last year as its President. Grace has five children - Mark, David, Alan, Richard and Ann - and eleven grandchildren. She is currently employed as a great writer.

A Sizzling Summer Kick-Off campaign event will be held June 19, 1997, at the home of Jon Block, 424 Two Trees, Riverside, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Suggested contribution is $25. Please call 684-4723 for reservations or information.

**San Bernardino Police**

**Cracks Down on Parole Violators**

A number of convicted felons who were in violation of their parole terms found life uncomfortable today. Agents from the State Parole as well as San Bernardino Parole took up the task force and conducted a "swEEP" today, in which 40 convicted felons were arrested.

The task force was led by Lisa Ahna, Parole Agent and Sgt. Ted Henson, San Bernardino Police. They were able to bring together 68 police offices from 15 different agencies who targeted San Bernardino locations and parolees. The operation resulted in removing a large number of parolees from the "street" for parole violations, weapons charges, narcotic law violations, criminal arrest warrants, sexual offender registration violations, and fugitives. The agencies who participated in the "swEEP" included the California Highway Patrol, several other State Parole (L.E. Recovery Team, Special Services Unit, San Bernardino, Rialto and Fontana units), Fontana Police, Colton Police, San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, Department of Justice, San Bernardino Police, and San Bernardino Welfare Fraud. There is the suspicion that these types of operations will continue as part of the San Bernardino Police Department's commitment to public safety.

**State Parole and San Bernardino Police arrested Parolees**

Alexander, Michael A., 35 years San Bernardino PC 3066
Barbarak, Carlos Joseph, 42 years San Bernardino PC 3096 / PC 10201
Bueler, Stephen Lynn, 42 years San Bernardino PC 3066
Chacon, Ronald Mark, 30 years San Bernardino PC 3066
Chavez, Theresa Marie, 39 years San Bernardino PC 3056 / PC 406
Chattman, Clarence E., 36 years San Bernardino H&S 1154
Clark, Michael Terrance, 34 years San Bernardino Traffic warrant
Dowey, Lisa Ruth S., 36 years San Bernardino H&S 1137
Davis, Andrea, 29 years San Bernardino PC 3066
Davis, Debra Allen, 27 years San Bernardino PC 3066
Bennett, Lisa, 23 years San Bernardino PC 3066
Fram, Ronald Lee, 36 years San Bernardino PC 3066
Franklin, David J., 31 years San Bernardino PC 21 warrant
Guzia, Debra, 29 years San Bernardino PC 3066

**Staff**

Smith, Michael Andrew, 61 years San Bernardino H&S 11377 / Negro warrant
Hart, David Russell, 38 years San Bernardino PC 3056
Heckert, Kyle, 27 years Murco PC 2056
Hernandez, Michael A., 27 years San Bernardino PC 3066
Hein, Jeff, 37 years San Bernardino PC 3066
Hering, David William, 36 years San Bernardino PC 3066 / H&S 11377
Hajek, Allen, 36 years San Bernardino PC 3066
Kreis, Richard W., 41 years Highland PC 3066 / PC 4073 (controlled substance in jail)
Lee, Manuel Angel, 23 years San Bernardino H&S 11360 / no bail warrant
Longdon, Andy Lee, 30 years San Bernardino PC 3066
Matthews, Joseph, 35 years Highland PC 3056
Moore, Daniel, 49 years San Bernardino PC 3056 / H&S 11305 / H&S 11368
Of our students are
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O'Dell, Dennis, 49 years San Bernardino PC 3056 / H&S 11377
Pelez, Edgar, 39 years San Bernardino PC 3066
Thomaz, Martin, 29 years Rialto PC 30200 / H&S 11365
Rodgers, Foster James, 43 years Rialto PC 30200 / H&S 11365
Rodriguez, Antonio R., 37 years San Bernardino BDP 4019 warrant
Rynes, Linda Jean, 45 years San Bernardino PC 3056
Shapero, Michael D., 24 years San Bernardino PC 3066

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