Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo will hold its first annual "Miss Bill Pickett." Contestants Sought

The Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo will be held on Thursday, June 19 and Friday, June 20 at the Yarnell Rodeo Grounds in Los Angeles. The rodeo will feature events such as the "Miss Bill Pickett," "Mr. Bill Pickett," "Little Bill Pickett," and "Bill Pickett Jr." categories. Contestants are encouraged to participate in this event which celebrates African American contributions to the rodeo world.

For more information, contact the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo at (323) 405-2000 or visit their website at www.billpickettsrodeo.com.
**Commentary**

**Editorial**

**Talking About Race**

A Step In The Right Direction

By B. Hugh Price

President Clinton addressed the topic of race in America recently and suggested that we start talking about more than the subject. He even created an advisory board of "experts" to bring more attention to the subject. Now, some people have asked if it was Clinton when Affirmative Action was first attacked by呢 in California. Proposition 209, the anti-Affirmative Action initiative that passed by a 57 percent margin, was set by racists who used a "black face" as bait to their spokesperson. Some have argued that Clinton is now trying to find a new way to help American Blacks, but I am sure he could not say that "back face" with a less controversial topic.

Race is one of the most volatile issues in this country. When you think of race relations in this country, images of Al Haye's Roots come to mind. The freedom of "white credit in this inextricably bound to "black house in America." Our ancestors, were seized, legally or as property, and separated from their families. Laws were passed that would not allow more than six blacks to gather together. These laws believed it could incite riots. This meant that even if a family member died, only six members of the family and the attending nurse were allowed into the county, only to be denied the right to live where we want, eat where we want, but with the exception of the lunch in a white-owned restaurant, public, public, or white restaurant. The government and on that, Jim Crow laws were developed to establish a "separate and unequal America." Blacks were denied access to education, earn a living, reside in the city, only to be denied the right to vote. This year, I will start helping to vote for more than an hour high school. Black student. All were under the guise of "separate but equal." The Supreme Court, in its 1954 decision, stated that "separate in the mind of the law, but equal in the eyes of the law." The Supreme Court, in its 1954 decision, declared that "separate in the mind of the law, but equal in the eyes of the law." The Supreme Court, in its 1954 decision, declared that "separate in the mind of the law, but equal in the eyes of the law."

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When sixteen-year-old Bernarda Black gave birth to her son, Deandre, just six months into her pregnancy, she was so scared she couldn't afford to touch him. And for the first few days of his life, she watched him go through a series of endless tests, fight for every breath and suffer the needle pricks that the whole thing was worth.

"They told me he might be a fight. And if you don't win the fight, he said, "you can't be able to take care of my baby.""

In an era where teen mothers are pregnant in California, counties where teen or too-natal care, Latanya didn't see a doctor until a month after her second trimester. As a result, the area ran a higher risk of having a low birthweight baby.

Fortunately, Deandre, who weighed just over two pounds at birth, survived. And although her premature arrival had struck him, the care he received at the hospital was critical in their first year of life. Because of these early interventions, every dollar spent on information line (1-800-BABY-HEALTH) Commitment, Caring & Resources Save Babies' Lives.

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The City of Rialto has awarded $300,000 in federal funds to hire four new police officers who will be assigned primarily to Rialto schools, according to Congressman George E. Brown, Jr. (D-San Bernardino). Brown made the announcement in Washington.

"Adding these four new police officers will improve police response time in Rialto schools," said Congressman Brown, "but it will also improve public safety and police service throughout the city. Right now, existing officers spend a lot of time going back and forth to schools on service calls, which takes them away from community patrol duty. By having four officers assigned primarily to the schools, we can minimize transportation time and we can maximize the time the four new officers spend getting to know the students and specializing on some of the unique problems school policing entails."

"It looks like a very creative and efficient approach to improving police service," said Brown. "I want to compliment the City of Rialto, its Police Chief Dennis Haygood, and the Rialto Unified School District for putting together this winning proposal. Rialto won $103,000 in federal crime-fighting funds two weeks ago to purchase 14 mobile data computers for police cars. The computers will allow officers to write crime reports while staying in their cars out in the community instead of having to go into the office, which is expected to increase police time spent in the community by 730 hours a year, which is the equivalent of hiring four additional police officers."

Brown voted for the 1994 Crime Bill which funds the police grants, and he has helped Inland Valley communities apply for the federal dollars. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis. Since the bill went into effect in 1994, almost every Inland Valley jurisdiction has won at least one grant and over 75 new police officers have been added to the region.

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On June 7th, President Clinton, on his weekly radio program, spoke about his year long campaign against discrimination. He noted that the American African community are aware that American African is falling further behind in the struggle to gain economic parity with other ethnic groups. If drastic changes are not taken, the new millennium will find African Americans too far behind to ever catch up. To help gain literacy campaign, A-ABA (African-American Business Alliance) has been enabling African American communities to become literate for over five years. A-ABA does this by buying and refurbishing computers, then reselling them at a very low cost. A-ABA is not money drives, but are truly mission oriented. It is A-ABA’s mission to place as many affordable computers into urban and rural community households and congregations as possible. A-ABA needs the support and cooperation of churches and congregations regarding this goal. When someone in a church’s congregation purchases a computer from A-ABA, a Douglas dollar note will be issued. When a church collects $22 of the dollar note, A-ABA will donate a free internet ready, multi-media computer to the church.

"We cannot continue to lose our community for help," says Cynthia R. Lorkic, Director of Operations, "We need hands, we need to be able to assist ourselves to become more successful economically. We must join together to help ourselves. With your support and involvement, computer literacy will not be major causes in our communities in the millennium. As you well know, by then no community or group of individuals will be successful without strong community knowledge and internet access.”

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"Super Stock Winner Melissa Soderbloom and Stock Winner Cherisa Mills are both second-year racers," said Virginia Minor, Registration and Booth Chairperson. "These girls also race in rallies held all over the state throughout the year. That extra experience gave them the winning edge they needed to become champions." As Derby winners, both girls will be treated to a week at camp in Akron, Ohio this summer.

Inspite of threatening skies, the Derby, sponsored by the City of San Bernardino; the San Bernardino Rotary International Clubs; Rediscover San Bernardino; R.G. Catering Arrangements; San Manuel Band of Mission Indians; Crest Chevrolet Geo, The Sun, and KOLA Radio drew more than 2,000 spectators.

"There were clouds and lightening in the early morning, but by race time clear skies prevailed," said Minor. "Every year the derby and the crowds get bigger and better."

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"The first place winners in this race were no strangers. Melissa, a resident of Yucaipa and Cherisa, from Adelanto, became fast friends after meeting at last year’s race. The two girls probably would never had met if it weren't for the derby. Their close friendship makes their winners trip together even more exciting," said Leathers.

In the Stock division, Johnny James of San Bernardino took home second place, while Cameron Albitz, also of San Bernardino, took third. San Bernardino resident Travis Cravens was the second place winner in Super Stock. With Steve Peck of Highland following up in third place. All of the racers received derby T-shirts and trophies for participating.

"Repeat derby racer and Ontario resident Robert Guillen was at it again this year, but this time he crashed his prized soap box derby car. Paramedics gave Robert an exam and strongly suggested he pull out of the race. His heart set on finishing the race, Robert wouldn’t give up. With his pride hurt more than anything else, Robert got the clear head from his folks, his pit crew pushed up the car and back in the race. ‘Robert was really a trooper,’ said Leathers. ‘This was a fun event for the whole family. We had moms and dads, grandmas, grandpas, friends, and neighbors. All of them turned out to support the young people of this area,’ said Phil Savage, event co-chair. ‘Lots of activities and exciting race action made this a great weekend.’"

"The 1997 All-American Soap Box Derby was a big success due to the support of businesses, civic groups, and many volunteers. ‘Everyone walked away from this experience a winner, kids and adults alike. A day like this is something a kid remembers for a long time. For us adults, it brings back memories of long ago, of our glory days, of soap box derbies many years past,’ said Savage. To sign up for next year's Derby as a racer or volunteer, call Pat Leathers at (909) 384-5203.
Lost Boyz Releases New Album

The Black Voice News

New Album Released for K-Ci & JoJo

As one half of the platinum vocal group Jodeci, brothers K-Ci and JoJo Haley, through such Top 10 hits singles as "Come and Talk to Me," "Stay," "Forever My Lady," "Cry For You" and "Lately," single-handedly put the soul back in 90's urban music. With Jodeci's success of their #1 gold-selling debut album Legal Drug Money, the Lost Boyz released a new album titled Love, Peace & Nappiness following the enormous single sales have sold over one million units to date.

The Black Voice News on June 17, 1997. The New York-based four-man group launched the album with an exclusive engagement at Tramps on June 16th. The group performed the entire set accompanied by a six piece band "Jeeps, Lex Coups, Bizness.

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I'm going with my life -- and it's wonderful," she admits with a laugh. "Steve and I have known each other for years and already have a strong personal relationship. He's not afraid to challenge me and push me by saying 'I want more emotion.'

Working closely with producer Steve Harvey, Too Much Woman reflects all facets of McWilliams' multi-dimensional personality and talent. But strength, confidence and sexiness can be a volatile mixture: "there was some turbulence," says McWilliams personally recruited an all-star cast of musicians whose talents have significantly defined R&B over the last three decades. Bassist Bobby Watson (of Rufus fame) and Trumpet Claire Fischer (who has arranged strings for everybody from Prince to Quincy Jones to Rufus and Quincy Jones to Prince) conducts a 22-piece orchestra on the Too Much Woman sessions.

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The Arts Camp will provide a new and exciting way of learning about the arts, based on the belief that all children, given proper instruction, are "arts capable." It is open to all children who have completed grades 4-6 regardless of their background in the Arts. During the week, the participants will be "immersed" in the arts with instruction and experience in dance, music, theater and visual arts taught in an integrated curriculum. They will be engaged in a process that will enable them to explore artists and their skills that reflect and shape the world around us.

There is an outstanding faculty with many years of experience in the arts and working with children. The director is Dr. Carl Schafer, who, in 1995 founded the Buena Vista Arts-integrated School in the Ontario-Montclair School District. He has 38 years experience as an arts educator and currently is teaching at several Universities and is Director of the Saturday Conservatory of Music at California State University San Bernardino. Dr. Sarah Booth is in the dance faculty at California State University San Bernardino. Kathy Ervin is Associate Professor in the Department of Theater Arts, at California State University San Bernardino. Ann Ownsbey has an outstanding background in the Orff Schulwerk approach to teaching music and has received training at the International Center in Salzburg, Austria.

For additional information, to receive a brochure or a registration packet, call Dr. Schafer at (909) 982-8302.

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Shari Lynette Henderson became Mrs. Shari Stenson, wife of Lee Stenson recently at New Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Los Angeles in a traditional African wedding ceremony. Lee Stenson is the son of Frank (deceased) and Mary Stenson. He was raised in San Bernardino, California and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics and Electrical Engineering from California State University at Long Beach. He currently works at Hughes Aircraft as a software engineer.

Shari is the daughter of Robert and Beverly Henderson. She was raised in Inglewood, California and holds her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at the University of California at Berkeley and her Master of Arts in Psychology from Connecticut College. She works a Children’s Social Worker for the County of Los Angeles.

Lee and Shari met a New Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Sunday School. They were introduced through a mutual friend, Tricia Riggs who knew Lee from church and Shari from a dance class. One thing led to another and...the rest is history!
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