Celebrating Black History Month

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Community Debates Police Commission Future

By Mary Skelton

What lies in store for Riverside's only form of civilian oversight over the police department, a question that has been on the minds of many people. On Wed, Feb. 12, 14 members of the Community Police Review Commission met with City Manager George Carrillo and assistant City Manager Penny Adams-Kart to discuss its fate and its uncertain future.

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Walter Hawkins for 62nd Assembly District

By Swakie Person Lyon, Ph.D.

It is well documented that of the 44 African American departments in California, the majority of them were not supported by their Black community. The district I am running in is 26 of which are African American. San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego were African American and it is an uphill battle. Our own black leaders, Bills and Mabie were once there, so why not we? The Pico, Black Spanish speaking neighborhood is on the rise. It is a part of the new California government, owned San Francisco, not Los Angeles. The California Pinnacamps are good. California is the state in the middle. It is incredible how many California ministers are named after a Black woman. The reason is because the story must by Spanish explorers, and it is in the form of a comic strip. The story is named after the comic strip. The Four Ritas, Minerva, and Cesar, before even Black Halo, are comic strips. The 17th century best-seller adventure story was written by a Spanish named Guadalupe de Montevideo and published in Seville in 1618. The war was the war of the black

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Sports

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Kobe and Shaq still are keys to Lakers title run

By Leland Stein III

AUBURN HILLS -- I was kicking it with a couple of friends who claim to sport aficionados. They know it all. They can recite the stats on Kobe Bryant, Bill Parcells, Tony Dungy, Willie West and any other coach one can conjure up who has mastered a given sport. In this conversation the topic had become Kobe Bryant, who had just made his only visit to The Palace with the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Pistons beat the Lakers and that was all they needed to start some Kobe bashing.

Both expanding a rhetoric about how Kobe takes bad shots, wants to be the man and doesn’t defer to Shaquille O'Neal.

Just like Michael Jordan and Larry Johnson, a bad shot for most players is a good shot for either of them. And when a person sees them over 82 games like I have, Kobe you come to expect the spectacular.

In covering the Lakers at the Great Western Forum and then at the Staples Center, I've witnessed first hand the Kobe and Shaq championship magic.

The rash of injuries that have put Kobe and Shaq on the shelf only magnifies their collective importance to the Lakers.

The early season Kobe and Shaq spats was good theatre and fodder for the media. Kobe controls the paint and at times is not quite as big a brother and he’s my little brother and sometimes I have to work out the problems. A near one-on-one against Shaq, three free throw shooting — and he's delivered to the tune of one-on-one against Shaq, three free throw shooting — and he's delivered to the tune of three titles.

Kobe and Shaq have to play off that elevated level for us to reach the true potential I envision for this team,” said Jackson following the team's loss to the Pistons.

Together they are still the key to what we want to accomplish,”

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As for Kobe and Shaq, their public spat will not hinder their ability to build a shared vision and rekindle the magic.

Just as in every sport when men have to be around each other more than with their families, compete against each other everyday in practice, lose together and gain together, differences will arise. I've seen it all before, in football, baseball and basketball.

Heck, I've seen it in marriages and in children of a marriage. In most cases individuals generally come to an understanding and work out the problems.

It will be no difference with Kobe and Shaq as the NBA regular season plays on. Kobe and Shaq be the key that starts and builds a shared vision and rekindle the magic.

"Kobe and I will be alright,” said Shaq as we walked through The Palace hallway. "Like I said before, I'm the big brother and he's my little brother and sometimes we differ. But I know Kobe is important to this team and me."

The feeling is mutual as Kobe noted in an earlier press conference following their celebrated argument.

"I was frustrated and said some things," he said. "I'm a team guy. Kobe is the dominant player if we are to get back to the NBA Finals."

As for Kobe's legal battles I just can't envision him sticking around another year.

For personal reasons, I hope the Lakers and Pistons meet in the Finals. Indeed, the only thing I really, really miss about Los Angeles after 22-years of living there, is covering the championship Lakers.

Leland Stein can be reached at lestein3@bal.com.
Black History Month Celebrated at Col. Allensworth Park

Park officials announced that there will be an open house event at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park to celebrate Black History Month. The event will be co-sponsored by California State Parks and The Friends of Allensworth Association. The event will be held on Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 am. until 3:00 pm.

The event provides an opportunity to visit and learn more about the town of Allensworth and its founders. There will be park staff and volunteers to provide tours of the historic buildings.

Allensworth is the only California town to be founded, financed and governed by African Americans. Colonel Allen Allensworth founded the town in 1887, which was dedicated to the memory of the achievements and contributions of African Americans.

In 1908, when the town site became available and inexpensive, they selected an area in Tulare County and development of California. In 1976, when the town site became a historic monument and park dedicated to the memory of Colonel Allensworth as well as a place to note the achievements and contributions of African Americans to the history and development of California. In 1976, when the town site became a historic monument and park dedicated to the memory and spirit of Colonel Allensworth.

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Soul Food is Art and History

Attributed to it our legacy. Think of your ancestors when you prepare your next soul food meal. Many of the foods we love can be traced back to the cultural and culinary traditions brought when the slave ships docked in North America. For example, there were yams in Nigeria, which were used to make a porridge-like dish called "coko". Okra, a vegetable also indigenous to West Africa was used in soups, stews, as a thickener, much the way it is used today, in gumbo—a favorite traditional dish from Louisiana. The slave trade brought peanuts, pumpkin, eggplant and spices such as pepper, ginger, cayenne, and oregano.

Once in America, American slaves were forced to survive off of rations granted by slave owners. Meager staples such as a piece of cornmeal, three pounds of pork, chewing tobacco and a pound of sugar (supplemented with fresh vegetables they grew) was supposed to last a family of five a week. Soul food is an art and a reflection of our history.

Having said that, let's look at how soul food can be delicious and healthy. Prepare those collard greens and macaroni and cheese with smoked turkey. Even without the high-fat, high-salt foods we add to it — greens are an excellent source of natural vitamins and minerals which can protect you against cancer. These yams, lima beans, pumpkin, and brown sugar are rich in antioxidant vitamins A, C, and E which help the body make white blood cells and repair cell damage that often leads to heart disease. Use garlic, cinnamon and cayenne instead of salt and sugar. Replace butter with vegetable spreads. Use skim milk instead of whole milk.

It's the preparation that makes the difference!
ProNet Development Seminar Measured Up for Success
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February 17, concluded a four-week seminar sponsored by non-profit development consultant, Arty Jones and Attorney Sharon L. Barnes of The Barnes Law Firm. The seminar entitled "Managing Your Finances," was a workshop for nonprofit charitable and religious organizations. The workshop covered four pertinent areas, which included: Organizing and Setting Up a Non-Profit Program, Developing and Capacity Building, "Measuring Up For Success," and "Civic Engagement." The four-week development experience included interactive class discussions, case studies, small group exercises, presentations, and on-site workshops on an array of environmental topics, including environmental justice, advocacy for clean air, youth and community participation, and legislative advocacy.

"Our faith leaders are a vital part of the communities we serve," said Dr. William A. Burks, AQMD's Governing Board Chair. "This seminar was an excellent opportunity for the AQMD to meet with them, along with other civic leaders and educators, to learn how we can work together to improve our region's air quality."

This seminar wrapped up the beginning March 8th through March 21st seminar sponsored by nonprofit, "Nonprofit Development Seminar Measured Up for Success" which was a "Must Do" workshop for anyone involved with a nonprofit organization. Registration information is as follows:

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STORIES OF FAITH
By Kelvin Hayes

And walk ye in all that which the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that it may be well with you. (Deuteronomy 7:11)

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"I knew after years and years of ministry and changing the Lord, it was time. It was either come to Christ or die," said Shonda Jones. She was just 19-years-old and living with the cares of the world. She had been living on her own since she was 13. She was growing up in a backdoor in a fast lane. Instead of turning to Shonda chose to play a more role and move-in with her 19-year-old boyfriend. In an decision, she says, that was the beginning of a journey and a life that seemed like a bottomless hole. "I didn't know where to turn. I was looking for love in all the wrong places. I thought this man that I'd loved before... I had a nice car, a job, money, I thought, you know, this is it." Shonda admits she would the relationship as a way to escape what she calls a deconsecrated childhood. As the daughter of mother who was married to a pimp, Shonda thought the Church of God in Christ, Inc. CEZ CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC. P.O. Box 870 Fort Worth, TX 76108-0870

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Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
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1060 13th Ave.
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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Cornerstone Community Church
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
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between the city and the state. abide by the policy that mandates the use of audio recorders by officers which officers have offered, involved the use of digital audio recorders in instances where officers had failed to notice on complaints that there were questionable actions. This was mandated by the consent decree. A decision on each complaint, sometimes with input from the City Commission said that her position on this issue has been challenging, and that it is easier for her to communicate with the department than with the commission. Her job, she said, is to make a decision on each complaint, sometimes with input from the City Attorney's office and witness interviews when they occur. As example she offered, involved the use of digital audio recorders by officers which was mandated by the consent decree between the city and the state.

Calhoun-Grant said that she noticed on complaints that there were situations where officers had failed to abide by the policy that mandates the usage of recorders. Officers were allowed to have professional contacts with the public. Finally, she told the department that it was time for any "gray area" in connection to this policy to end and that it was time to exercise "zero tolerance" of failure by officers to use these recorders.

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Create a Garden That Reflects Your Style

The Naval Institute has compiled an oral history of retired Vice Admiral Samuel L. Gravely, Jr., U.S. Navy. One of the first Black officers commissioned in the Naval Reserve, Admiral Gravely joined the Navy through the V-12 program in 1944 and served in World War II on board the patrol craft PC-1264. He served in the Korean War and became Commander of the Eleventh Naval District, a century to command a U.S. Destroyer Taussig and subsequently commanded the radar picket skipper of the radar picket

They create a focus for your garden and set the tone for the rest of the space. Whatever your style, there is a fountain or other accent piece to match your décor. Although many of us are familiar with the classical-style fountains found outside museums and public buildings, there are a lot of other options available on a smaller scale. "You can find fountains in all kinds of styles, and they are surprisingly affordable," says Larissa Gleason of the Beckett Corporation, a water gardening products manufacturer. "You can get an elegant, beautifully designed fountain for under $300," she said. Gleason suggests that when choosing a fountain, you first consider your decorative theme. For a simple, uncomplicated garden, a birdbath may be just the thing to set as a focal point. Birdbaths attract birds to your garden without fail, since they serve as a valuable, refreshing place to play and drink. For an elegant centerpiece for your garden, consider a decorative pool similar to those found in English gardens. Beckett makes beautifully crafted designs enhanced with hand-cut, inlaid stained glass that will not fade and small whimsical figures that camouflage the pump recirculating water. Create a whole different mood with a Flower Bed fountain, which gives the illusion of water gurgling up from underground. Choose Enchanted Fairies for a classical look, the Bamboo Cascade for an Asian-influenced design or the Pump and Bucket for a vintage touch. The perfect size for a patio, balcony, flowerbed or garden landscape, these versatile fountains can be easily moved to any spot. For a more contemporary look, try a Flower Pot Fountain. Either decorated with a sun design, iron head or a bamboo spout or clcker, they make a great accessory for transforming an ordinary pot. This is a great option for a windowsill or smaller garden that may be overwhelmed by larger accents. Beckett’s entire line of fountains is made from polyresin, a man-made material that has the look and feel of concrete, but is much more lightweight (materials made with it can be picked up and moved from place to place with ease). Unlike their more expensive counterparts, polyresin fountains don’t chip, and they can stand temperature fluctuations without cracking. "As a result, they are just as popular in Minnesota as in Florida," says Gleason.

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FEBRUARY

Feb. 26, 7pm-9pm Public meeting focusing on keeping RPD Review Commission on the right track at Zacatera's restaurant located on 2472 University Ave.

Feb. 27, 6PM - 9PM, The San Bernardino Arts Council and the Threads of the African Diaspora NEAR AND FAR: Common St., downtown San Bernardino. Congregational Church of sponsored courtesy of the Robert V. Blvd. on the corner of Lemon.

FEBRUARY 6PM - 9PM. The San Bernardino County of Riverside African American Historical Society will host the sixth annual Family History Forum at the Riverside Golf Club, 1811 N. Orange Street, Riverside. For more information on tickets call 909-684-3154 or (909) 682-6531.

March 6, 7:30 p.m. Arthur Brand of The Legendary Ink Spots will be in concert at First Congregational Church of Riverside, 3504 Mission Inn Blvd. on the corner of Lemon and Mission Inn Blvd. Tickets are $50.00. For more information contact (909) 684-2494.

March 7, 3:30 p.m. The Riverside African American Historical Society will host the sixth annual Family History Forum at the Riverside Golf Club, 1811 N. Orange Street, Riverside. For more information on tickets call 909-684-3154 or (909) 682-6531.

March 26, 6:00 p.m., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Riverside and San Bernardino Alumni Chapters will host the Black and White Ball at March Air Reserve Base. For more information contact (909) 206-3828 or (323) 387-2930.

March 27, 9:00 a.m., Fourth Annual Island Empire Father's Breakfast with keynote speaker Pastor Rick Adams, Victory Outreach Ministry. Tickets are available for $25.00. For more information call (909) 792-6735.

APRIL

April 2, 9:00 p.m., The 46th Annual Ebony Fashion Fair sponsored by Social Links, Inc. at the California Theater of Performing Arts, 562 W. 4th Street, San Bernardino. Tickets are $30.00 reserved, $25.00 box office. For ticket information call (909) 528-3661.

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SCE Acknowledge Contributions Made by Blacks in Electricity and Modern Technology

SCE CEO Al Fohrer (left) and SCE President Bob Foster (right) welcomed Former Speaker of the Assembly Herb Wesson and his wife, Fabian, at the “Connecting the Evolution of Electricity to Black History” a second annual event held at CTAC on Friday, February 6. Wesson delivered the keynote address, encouraging African Americans to always “aim high,” and have faith.

More than 200 invited business guests joined SCE in recognizing the contributions made by African American scientists: Otis Boykin, who invented an electrical device used in all guided missiles; Granville T. Woods, who patented 35 electrical and mechanical devices; Frederick M. Jones, who patented more than 60 inventions, including the first refrigeration for long-haul trucks; and Beulah L. Henry, nicknamed “The Lady Edison,” who patented 49 inventions, including a vacuum ice cream freezer. Guest also participated in interactive home and industrial demonstrations that featured energy-saving tips.
Proposition 55 Proposes to Fund New Building and Needed Renovations

On March 2, California voters will decide whether to make higher education affordable—by providing $1.382 billion for water projects and the University of California to build its new Science Building, located on the Table Mountain campus.

The California State University and the University of California are currently under pressure to obtain funding for their second part of a $25.3 billion bond program. It is crucial that the legislature approve this bond in order to provide a modern facility for the students.

The California State University is the largest system of public higher education in the country, with 23 campuses, approximately 480,000 students and 50,000 faculty and staff. Since the system was founded in 1868, it has awarded about 2 million degrees in the sciences and other disciplines. Proposition 55 is on the March ballot. To get a copy of and Against Proposition 55, visit the state office of voter information at 1-800-660-0197. In addition, Proposition 55 also proposes a bond for the construction of new buildings and renovation of existing buildings.

Although there is national support for Proposition 55, opponents have held seminars against the measure. Opponents believe the funds are needed to address the state's budget crisis and that the money should not be used for non-essential projects.

They argue that the state already has $57 billion in budget obligations and that there is also a $17 billion surplus (Proposition 37). Some opponents believe the measure is a way to avoid raising taxes.

However, proponents argue that Proposition 55 is necessary for the future of higher education. The California State University system is the largest public university system in the country, with 23 campuses and more than 440,000 students. Proposition 55 would provide critical funding for new buildings and renovations, ensuring that California's students have access to the facilities they need to succeed.

If you support Proposition 55, please vote yes. It is crucial for the future of higher education in California.

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