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It’s Official, In The Race For President

BY Chris Leverio

Sen. Barack Obama stood before cheering activists at the Illinois Capital Saturday and announced he will seek the 2008 Democratic nomination for the presidency of the United States. According to Democratic nominee addressed thou­ sand­strong, Riv­erside, California, 92502.

The crowd roared as Obama announced his candidacy at the state Democratic annual convention. The Illinois senator is the first African American to seek the Democratic presidential nomination. Obama, who has quickly gained national momentum, is the latest to be considered a possible candidate for the White House. Obama spoke about his experiences as a senator and his vision for the future of the country. He emphasized the need for change and reform, particularly in the area of healthcare. Obama pledged to work towards universal healthcare, affordable education, and strengthening the social safety net. The crowd responded enthusiastically to his speech, and Obama was3 0

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Local Schools Take Proactive Approach

BY LEON BERNEKIND

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Dixie Chicks' way home can be "The Long Way Around" Sometimes

I grew up on a variety of music and attended my church choir and school club singing group, to listening to morning radio and blues and rock and roll in my Uncle Harry's juke joint, or listening to Randy Recruit Hop out of Nashville on the radio, and watching the Grand Old Opry come with Cousin Johnny on television. I thought of those days as I watched the Grammy's on CBS last Sunday and was awed for all the winners, however I was really happy to have the Dixie Chicks garner those awards after being banned from storing a bad relationship with a war hero. If you recall some supportive friends of Bush went bal­histic when the Dixie Chicks said they were ashamed to be from Texas because of President George W. Bush. I thought the Dixie Chicks were right then and now we knew they were right. Most Americans are ashamed now after learning there's a war going on for the money. And the removal of some representatives who supported the war from office and the Grammy's honored the Dixie Chicks acknowledging the moniker "The long way around" and the message of the song is something we are here now. I like the lyrics to their song "The Long Way Around": "It's been 20 years now, since this way became the war way, and I'm getting back on the road now; But I'm taking the long way, taking these other roads. Oh, I'll just take my time, I won't lay down and take the long way around. Well, I'm taking the long way, and a stranger and I met myself, I opened my mouth and I heard myself. It can get pretty lonely when you show yourself, acknowledging that we took the "long way around" but what we went to war over misinformation. The voters did not elect the Dixie Chicks were right then and now we know they were right. The Chicks, like me, did not have to apologize for your action. It was good having her as a recipient. but the need to ensure that a diverse student body and employment program of which she took over when my talk with, you need a person like EUa on your side.

Putting aside the fact that we have a news that you can tell the world that we can truly appreciate our society and that we are who we are. The money is spent.

Open Letter to the Sun Bernardino City Council

I am writing concerning Measure Z. I support the addition of new police officers and of propri­etary devez for the police. However, suppression is only one of the requirements needed to move the city forward. The research shows that other cities that have achieved success have prevention, intervention and support programs, as well as police officers. When the City does not have the police officers and not the special in­volvement by the community of those who work with those who suffer from mental ill­ness, those who live here should be more aware of their first priority. There are several organizations already providing services to just that. I attended the graduation of the City of San Bernardino Police Academy. I went to the police academy and working online and off for youth programming, then they should work with members of the community who are will­ing to assist the City in seeking outside funding for current and future youth programs. BCYL in the City have just completed a survey of all high school students in the San Bernardino Unified School District. The outcomes are being processed. Please pay attention to what they have to say. They are the future of the city and may hold the key to solving the civic challenges for the City.

Base polices impede SB's Phoenix impetus

By Steve Lambert

The Sun Bernardino

City Councilman Chuck Kelley was recently named to the San Bernardino City Council by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Kelley will serve as an additional city council member, bringing the total number of city council members to nine. The move comes as the city continues to recover from a financial crisis that led to the implementation of Measure Z.

Kelley was appointed to fill the position after the resignation of Steve Marlow, who had served as a councilmember since 2004. The appointment follows a recommendation by the San Bernardino City Manager, who noted that Marlow's resignation had left a void on the council.

Kelley was selected by the City Manager from a pool of candidates who had been interviewed and evaluated based on their qualifications and experience. The selection process was conducted in accordance with state law, and the City Manager had the authority to make the appointment.

Kelley has been a member of the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees since 2003, and he has also served as the board's president. He is a former police officer and has experience in law enforcement and other public service roles.

The city has faced financial challenges in recent years, including a $20 million deficit in the fiscal year 2006-2007. Measure Z, which was approved by city voters in 2006, established a police training program and provided additional funding for law enforcement.

In his new role, Kelley will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of Measure Z, as well as other city programs and initiatives. He will be expected to work closely with the City Manager and other city officials to ensure that the city's goals and objectives are achieved.

The appointment of Kelley is seen as a positive step towards addressing the city's financial challenges, and it is hoped that his experience and leadership will contribute to the city's continued recovery.

The Sun Bernardino City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the City Hall.
Large Crowd Attends Riverside Black History Parade

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By Meagan Carter

"It takes a Village," was the theme of the Riverside Black History Parade and Expo. The sun was shining beautifully for the annual event that recognizes the accomplishments and achievements of Black people. The seventy six entries were varied, from a two year old drummer in a Carnival top (Brazil style).

The parade was announced by the trio of Craig Goodwin, Eugene Turner and Cheryl Woffin, veterans of announcing public school bands.

"...as shining beautifully for the '87, welcomed the large crowd...

The Grand Marshal was Dr. Demond A. Lindsey. Lindsey is a local person who has made her mark in the world of health.

A graduate of John North High School, she also attended Eugene High in Robbins, CA. She was accepted to and completed her undergrad degree at the University of California, Riverside in Political Science. Not satisfied with that accomplishment she attended Pepperdine and received a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Her insatiable desire for achievement and education earned her a Doctorate in Public Administration from the University of La Verne in 2001.

For 22 years she has been employed at the Isaiah Behavioral & Health Services, Inc. beginning as a Program Director, working her way up to the CEO and President of the center.

Her volunteer work centers in the same health field. She is the President of the Central Valley Health Network, and is either currently or past secretary of the Board of Directors of the California Primary Care Association, California State Assembly Commissioner for Health Centers, past member of the California State Substance Abuse Executives and Executive Committee for the African American Health Initiative.

Lindsey also is on the editing edge as she recently broke ground for a man of the arts. 24,000 square foot medical facility that she plans to open in September of 2007.

The project has been on the drawing board for five years is valued at over $10 million. It will easily accommodate 50,000 and 100,000 annual visits to the companions of San Bernardino and Riverside. She was recently named by Black Voice News one of the area's most influential women.

She did much of this while being a single parent to two children who are now grown.

Division Marshals were, Dr. Herman Clemons and Orlando Ruff.

Clemons is a board certified Psychiatrist with an added certification in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He is a graduate of Ohio State University, completing his residency at the Medical Center located in Columbus, Ohio. He returned to Riverside when he was offered the Medical Director position at Loma Linda University Behavioral Health Center assisting in the Electro Convulsive Therapy Program. In 2005 he joined the largest psychiatric medical group in Southern California and became head psychiatrist of two offices in the Hemet location. He attends Riverside SDA where he serves in the Crusade Roll Program.

Ruff, is a product of Moreno Valley after moving here from Charleson, SC at an early age. He signed as a rookie with the San Diego Chargers in 2002. He was a Middle Line Backer. In 2005 he became the starting Middle Line Backer for the New Orleans Saints. From them he went to the Cleveland Browns where he retired and now lives in Riverside.

Many of the drill and dance squads at the parade were good, but the most memorable were the Wilkinson Drill and Drum squad, San Bernardino's Most wanted from the American Legion Post 710 and the perennial favorite The San Bernadino Worldwide Steppers franchise.

We can't have a quality parade without horses. And the equine teams were more abundant that we've seen in many years.

There was the likes of a Purebred from Moreno Valley. The Riverside Ranchers Jr. Equestrian Team each carrying the American Flag, Jr. Pure Youth Equestrian Program of Compton, California. A group formerly known as the See PARADE, on Page A-7.

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CHRISTINE CRAIG (Ma ew) of Porter of Compton, CA; 1 sister: Porter of Oceanside, CA and Clifton Ozro, Jr. of Brea, CA; Gary Lindsay Katheleene of Indianapolis, IN; Zachary Lindsay of Fontana, CA; Vegas, NV; until her death.

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The abdominal muscles come with weight training along. Since age 5, I have secretively been weightlifting and used to have a true pleasure to share with you some of the things that are going on in the world. As always, it has been a pleasure to share with you some of the things that are going on in the world.

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Gospel Singers Needed!

I am looking for singers who may be interested in singing at 4 p.m. on February 18th at the Palm Springs Fashion Show in Palm Springs. This event will take place in a very nice location near Palm Springs around 5:30 p.m. Earring Meeting: The Singers will have to be at the location at 4:00 p.m. Breakfast will be served and there will be $150 to be paid at the event. It means you are interested and wanted more information.

Black History Month Celebration

On Friday, February 16th the Palm Springs Black History Committee will be having the Next Great Fashion Show at South Beach in Palm Springs. On Saturday, February 17th the 25th Black History Parade will also be going on in the Downtown Tow. If you are interested, please let us know and we will get back to you.

Hot Dog!!

There is a "Dog" in town. How many times do we see this in Palm Springs, All Hot Dogs are the Original Palm Springs Hot Dogs from San Andreas. With famous names such as the: Doctor Doge, R.Dog, Decor, (taco, twitter and tamale), and the Denari Doge (a special chili, cheese, onion and mustard) with all the fixings. Rest of the Pack, consisting of "3 Tenants Wagon" we can also make hot dogs. We can also make hot dogs. We can also make hot dogs. We can also make hot dogs. With such great choices, I give the Denver Dog 5 Big Fat Thumbs Up. Denver Dog is located at 107 in Indian Canyon Drive in Palm Springs.

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PARADE

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City Slickers from Long Beach, now called the West Coast Cowboys and Cowgirls Association, recently outstanding at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade in Los Angeles and the Bill Pickett Rodeo, Harper's Cavaliers, riding in memory of youth and equestrian lover Oscar Harper. The group is led by "Jon Jon" Battle, a local minister. The 10 entries from Second Baptist of Riverside were outstanding as usual, but the crowd missed Pastor Gantt, as he has ridden the last few years in his bike patrol. Amos Temple, Park Ave. and Allen Chapel African Episcopal Church made a showing.

"The Lord provided us with sunshine and I am pleased the way the parade went," said Dell Roberts.

Vivian Stancll, Senior Olympian Swimmer, holder of two gold, one silver and one bronze medals. She will represent the city of Riverside in the National Sr. Olympics in June in Louisville, KY.

“Up on deck” the Westside Steppers, a crowd favorite.

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J. Kalispell
The Black Voice News

By Meagan Carter

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20 year career out of the mili­

world. He became a Master

Mason in December of 1972.

Williams, the author of

Phylaxis made presentations

to this year's recipients of the

Councilwoman Deborah Robinson presents John Williams with a city

proclamation.

Ras Cannady presents Bucks Award to Michael Smallwood.

Councilman Rikke Von Johnson receives the Balloons award from L.E.

Phylaxis Society President Ras Cannady.

Inland Empire Chapter of

Phylaxis made presentations to this year's recipients of the 4B's Balloons, Bucks, Brotherhood and Books. Councilman Rikke Von Johnson was selected for his accomplishments at the ballot box for running and winning the 6th Ward council seat in San Bernardino and encour­

aging others to run for and get

involved in politics. The "Bucks" award was presented to Michael Smallwood, a local outstand­

ing Realtor and successful businessman.

For Brotherhood, John

Gray's actions were acknowl­
edged for his work to help

victims of Hurricane Katrina. He is attentive to members of the Masons and always help­

ful but he went above and

beyond the call to duty when

he actually went to New

Orleans for a week to help the "Books" because of her

research work on the case. Cheryl Brown was award­

ed for "Books" because of her

research work on the case.

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Southern California Edison Edison Celebrates The Achievements of Black Inventors

The Black Voice News

By Meagan Carter

Southern California Edison (SCE) joined the nation in cel­

brating the history of Black

achieves at its 5th Annual

Black History Celebration

event. The event took

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Technology Application

Center (CTAC) in Irwindale,

CA with Beverly White as the

emcee and John W. Mack as

the keynote speaker.

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SCE makes a special tribute

to four inventors who have

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ence, technology and our

industry. We are thankful for

Clayton Webb, Joseph

Jackson, Keith E. Gipson and

the late Peter J. Huddenhoven," said Cecil House, vice presi­

dent, safety, SCE.

The Black History

Celebration is organized by

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through educational and
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Church records the Interfaith Festival in Our Community at the Perris Hill Bowl in San Bernardino.

The idea for the event came from Rabbi Hildel Cohen who has been closely involved with the Myndis Circle group that was formed as a result of the deaths of the 11-year-old Myndis Crenshaw, who was having dinner when gang members shot into her apartment.

Many activities took place in the community to draw attention to the fast rising crime rate, one that has been reduced since the Operation Phoenix program was instigated. The program gives a holistic approach to solving, preventing and intervening in the high crime area.

The Interfaith Festival was complete with song, dance and food.
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and ethnic foods from several cultures.
After greetings from Mayor Pat Morris and welcomes from Trudy Friedel, representing the S.B. Chang Association and Brenda Fracht, Chair of the San Bernardino Human Relations Commission the various faiths/cultures danced, sang and recited their religion's Holy words. It began with the Native American, and Asian: Dancers, the Diocese of San Bernardino and selections from the Quran chanted by Jaffah Mustafa and April Gonzalez.

Others on program included our Lady of Guadalupe Roman Catholic Church, the Kidents and representing new hope was Rev'. Martindale. The Mosque from Khmer Buddhist Society received from the Holy Tri Pina in Puli. In the audience and on program were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. From the Sherry for weekdays, Sabbath, Black History Day Festivals and the choir from Congregational B.P. the program progressed.

The combined choirs of First Presbyterian Church, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and St. Paul United Methodist sang Joy comes in the Morning. "In a time when Muslims, Christians and Jewish are of different sides of the religion's equation a question touching a matter of sharing came when Paul Zeppelin wearing a Larina saw the winding turns and helped pianist Jerry Rayly, a Christian playing for the combined choir. It was indicative of the theme. "We are ALL San Bernardino together.

After a silent prayer with all clergy holding hands the final song was "Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with me... Take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with me."
Social Lite's Inc. Announces their 40th Annual Beautillion

The Social Lite’s Inc. of San Bernardino announces their 40th annual Beautillion is well under way. Seven young men are vying for the title of “Sir Knight 2007” and are canvassing the community for businesses and individuals who will support their efforts.

The Beautillion is a youth orientated program which focuses on assisting the community’s outstanding college bound young men with preparation in leadership, organizational and presentation skills. The participants are exposed to a variety of civic, charitable and social events that begin in October and will conclude at the Beautillion Ball. This year, Beautillion Ball will take place on March 31 at the National Orange Show.

2007 Beautillion Knights are: Charles Grey’s III of Arroyo Valley High, Daniel Stallworth of Cajon High, Terrell Thomas of San Gorgonio High, Brandon Thomas of Canyon Springs High in Moreno Valley, Gerald Smith of Fontana High, Lionel Harrington of Cajon High and Joseph Broom of Wilmer Amina Carter High in Rialto.

The Social Lites are also seeking all Beautillion Alumni. They asked contact Mrs. Helen Thomas at 909-854-7730 or Sheri Lewis at 909-421-2573.

The County of San Bernardino Joins Our Communities in Celebrating Black History Month

This month and every month, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and the County’s 17,000 employees give honor to every African-American who has contributed to the success of our great nation.
Tribe Grieves for Lost Leader

Ray L. Patencio, former Tribal Chairman and longtime advocate, dies February 8

Former Agua Caliente Tribal Chairman Ray L. Patencio died Thursday at his home following an illness. He was 60 years old, and would have turned 61 on Feb. 9.

Patencio was instrumental in forging the Tribe’s relationship with the City of Palm Springs on a government-to-government basis by working to build understanding based on respect and common goals. “He was an incredible leader who gave every ounce of effort to help bring the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians into the 21st century,” said Tribal Chairman Richard M. Milemich. “His whole life was one of service to the community and to the Tribe. We’re devastated by the loss.”

Palm Springs Mayor Ron Oden honored Patencio in March 2006, when Patencio was given a star on the Palm Springs Walk of Fame. His star was placed as front of the Hilton Hotel off of Tahquitz Canyon Way, the site of Patencio’s former boyhood home. Patencio recalled running barefoot around Palm Springs as a child, not because he didn’t have shoes, but because he didn’t bother wearing them. “We ran from tree to tree, chasing the shade,” he told the crowd when receiving his star. “I bet we knew where every tree was in Palm Springs.”

Patencio was Tribe Chairman from 1972 to 1981. When the Santa Rosa Indian Community was a key victory in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1977 affirming tribal sovereignty, Patencio was able to lead the Agua Caliente in affirming their right to exempt from zoning and development control by the City of Palm Springs.

The legal tangle took two more years before the case was resolved, laying the groundwork for the Tribe to develop its various business enterprises in Palm Springs. It provided the basis for the Tribe and the City to forge a relationship in a way that respected sovereignty, but paved the way for governmental agreements benefiting the entire community.

He was currently chairman of the Agua Caliente Gaming Commission, serving since its inception in 1995, when the Tribe opened its first casino. The Gaming Commission, which oversees the regulatory functions of the Tribe’s Spa Resort Casino in Palm Springs and Agua Caliente Casino in Rancho Mirage, maintains the day-to-day oversight in keeping with the California Gambling Control Commission and the National Indian Gaming Commission. His involvement in Tribal as well as local community affairs led him to make a run for mayor in 1987. Patencio lost to Sonny Bono, the late entertainer who turned his successful bid for Palm Springs Mayor into a congressional seat now held by his wife, Mary Bono. Patencio was also a leader in the struggle with the Bureau of Indian Affairs when Tribal members were not allowed to manage their own financial affairs. Guardians were appointed by the BIA to oversee their personal finances, eating thousands of dollars from each Tribal Member’s budget.

According to newspaper archives, from 1967, each Tribal Member’s income was a $15 weekly stipend.

He was a delegate to the State Tribal Gaming Association, delegate to the California Native Indian Gaming Association and was current chairman of the Agua Caliente Election Board, which oversees elections of the Tribal Council. Elsewhere, he has served as president of the Casa Suremos Native American Association and the Board of Directors at Palm Valley School.

Over the years, he has spoken on behalf of the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum to various schools and colleges, as well as local service groups, relating to the early history and culture of the Agua Caliente Indian Tribe. He was also involved with the museum since the origin of the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum Association, serving as its secretary before being named to the museum Board of Directors.

Patencio’s family, including his wife Mary Kay, children and grandchildren, and members of the Agua Caliente Tribal Council, will miss him.

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By definition Thad Mosely is a florist. But to his many customers, he is a Christian servant whose spec-}


curricular arts, nature, romance are nothing short of mystic.

Valentine’s Day was days away. While most florists labored in shops to create their designs, Thad, a Seventh-Day Adventist, thought outside the box.“God is a gentleman and we are his partners,” he believed. It’s my min-

Mosely had under an hour to create bouquets for a huge host of orders. Not one moment could be wasted. He was on a roll.

At the end of the day, Thad Mosely had a bouquet to present Riverside to present Letters to Harriet Tubman for a while on the porch with a bouquet, and non-stop phone calling for days. There were blooms to order, vases to prepare, and personalizing of orders. My customers, he noted, come to expect only the best.

Mostly, a Seventh-Day Adventist, says he has chosen to live his life in a way that belongs to his family, profession, community and God. “I am a servant and sometimes that means choosing service and quality over success.”

When ordered to create elaborate arrangements for the NAACP’s annual celebration of African American History Month, Mosely took pride in selecting members of the local community and cultural festivals, understanding the powerful language and history of flowers.

Mostly closed his shop after many years in favor of a telephone-only business. Although he can create single bouquets, he prefers custom arrangements, sympathy, church services and special events. His gourmet floral and gift baskets are legendary.

“His work is extraordinary,” says Karen Hansberger, M.D., former mayor of Loma Linda and member of the University Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Mosely’s unique cre-

He recalls one Valentine’s Day when everyone in his Loma Linda shop hadn’t slept for days. There were blues, reds, purples, blue bows to tie, and non-stop

With Associate Dean Fred Kusakida, D.Min. looking on, a theme flower Mosely finishes one of his floral cre-

For several years, he worked on the wraps to his school, including “Go Down Moses,” for the University Library, his unique designs for staff events drew raves and soon led to a scholarship with the national recognized Teleflora Company. That led to advanced training in wed-

ting and sympathy work and study with the owners of the world known Phil Birdwell’s School of Floral Design located in Arkansas. Thad takes pride in lecturing members of the local Scottish community on cultural floral festivals utilizing traditional flower arrangements. “People associate the Scots with plaid. Each family known as a clan has their own plaid but they also have their own flower emblem.” Mosely is also studying flowers indigenous to Africa. He says floral arrangements reflecting the African wedding tradition of “jumping the broom” demonstrate the powerful language and history of flowers.

The red rose is all for love. The yellow rose which in the 17th century represented jealousy today means peace. Pink is all about happiness.

Mostly says he is disappointed by the lack of business from the areas many Black church and minority organizations. He says floral arrangements are spectacular one-of-a-kind creations. Thad is a depend­

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