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SB City Councilmembers Representing Special Interests

After evaluating the way San Bernardino councilmembers were voting on Measure Z fund disbursements and other budget-related matters, many councilmembers came to a realization that they were not being represented from their lips, it is apparent some are doing a better job of expressing the viewpoint of the San Bernardino Police Officers Association (SPOA), even when it went so far as to say he made a promise to the SPOA that he would vote for them when he ran for office that "he would support all of Measure Z money going to the police department"—and that the SPOA made sure of it. Of course Brinker was financially supported and endorsed by the police union. Neil Derry and Chas Kelley were also heavily involved in finance by you guessed it, the police union. The face of it there is nothing wrong with the union exercising the legal constitutional right to support the candidates by endorsing them, however, the ethical conduct of councilmembers is brought to question when they outright do the bidding of the Union and ignore the voices of the voters.

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Through the program the inmates learned a number of new skills that will help them secure employment release, and success in their release. They are taught everything from carpentry and drywall construction to roofing, concrete pouring, drywall and painting.

Parole inmates are eligible for participation in this training program. Any qualified inmate can apply for the program. The program is offered by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, the California Department of Corrections, and the Riverside Community College.

"This program can make a difference. Designates said the program was very successful in raising the inmates' self-esteem and helping them learn new skills. "It was a great program," said one parolee.

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Many of the world's religions recognize the afterlife as a positive concept that many of the people believe in it. The afterlife is a spiritual reality that people have been assigned to those people. The afterlife is a concept that some people believe in, and they believe that the afterlife is a place where they will be reunited with their loved ones.

The process by which someone becomes a saint is very complex. The Catholic Church has certain criteria that must be met in order to become a "sainthood". It is first decided by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, and then the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and the Roman Curia.

According to the Catholic Church, the pope will not make a decision on sainthood unless the person has been dead for at least five years. Therefore, the process of sainthood is very lengthy and can take many years.

Ancient African mythology was all about the afterlife and the journey to the afterlife. In Africa, the afterlife is considered to be a place where the soul is reunited with its ancestors. In many African cultures, the deceased are believed to be able to communicate with the living and to provide guidance and protection.

When a person dies, their soul is believed to journey to the afterlife. The soul is guided by the ancestors and the gods to the correct path and is then judged by the gods. If the soul is judged to be pure and worthy, it is welcomed into the afterlife. If the soul is judged to be impure, it is punished in the afterlife.

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African American slaves brought with them their own ideas of the afterlife. Many African American slave narratives describe a spiritual journey after death. The soul was believed to journey to a place called the "spirit world". In this spirit world, the soul was believed to interact with the spirits of ancestors and to continue to influence the living.

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As we end the month of August, our focus is on the personal unconscious and the collective unconscious. Dr. Jung believed that the personal unconscious is the unique aspect of each individual's psyche, while the collective unconscious is the shared experiences of humanity. The collective unconscious is believed to be the source of all human creativity and to contain the archetypes that shape our perceptions of the world.
California Legislative Black Caucus Members Celebrate Black History Month At State Capitol

From Left to Right - LBC Chairman Assemblymember Nervis W. Dynacky, Assemblymember Sandra Bhomnan, Assemblymember Wimar Arnes Corder, Majority Floor Leader Karen Bass, Assemblymember Laura Richardson, Tuskegee Airman Major Larry E. Brown Jr., Dr. Masilina Kageno, Reverend Benjamin Hollins, Senator Mark Ridley Thomas, and Assemblymember Curren Price.

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3/1/2007 7:00 pm. World YWCC Monthly Meeting - San Bernardino Chapter. Location: The Clarion Hotel (formerly the Radisson), 295 North East Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401. Contact: Melinda Sewer, Director, Your Travel, Tel: (909) 370-5001. Cost: Members RSVP $18 - Door $20.

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Speaker: Great Granddaughter Gloria McLeod, Speaker: Great Granddaughter Gloria McLeod, $15.00 per person. RSVP: (951) 809-8833.

For You Norhly Monthly Meeting - San Bernardino Chapter 3/2/2007 12:00 pm. Location: The Clarion Hotel (formerly the Radisson), 295 North East Street, SPENCER'S Restaurant, San Bernardino CA 92401. Meeting Chair: Members RSVP $16, Non-Members RSVP $18. Door RSVP $20. RSVP: Emmanuel Branch, Director, Phone: 909-633-6043. Email: Tickets4all@aol.com

Original First Friday Returns! 3/2/2007 5:00 pm. Guest Speaker: Atyone Thompson, National Sales Director. Your Travel. Biz. Location: THE Jazz Cafe 1133 W 6th Street, Ontario, CA. Cost: $35.00 Members & Guests Speakers Or More Information Please Contact: Mary Welch (formally Mary Davis Low} at mldavislow@gmail.com

Booker T. Washington Brunch

Speaker: Great Granddaughter Gloria "Bonnie" Jackson Mission Inn Music Room Co-Sponsors: Black Voice News and Foundation/ Riverside African American Historical Association and the Elite's Social Club April 13, 2007 11:30-2:00 Cost: $45 per person Historic Program Journal available Full page $100 1/2 $75 1/4 $60 Business Card $35 Patron (names only) $15 For more Information Call (909) 888-5040
Trumpet Award Turn 15 This Year

LAS VEGAS, NV
By Cheryl Brown

Fifteen years ago, like her good friend civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Xernona Clayton, Trumpet Awards Producer, also had a dream. Her dream has been played out over the years as she has presented and televised the Trumpet Awards first on TBS and now on TV One. The program, now a stand-alone foundation, came as a result of Clayton being tired of few positive images of Black people. "Fifteen years ago, as a Turner Broadcast executive, I gave my idea to CNN Founder Ted Turner of presenting a televised event in tribute to African American achievements. My dream, my purpose and my eyes were to help tell the untold story of African American contributions, equality with dignity and respect... a story presented with positive imagery. It became a reality," said Clayton.

Fifteen years ago like her good friend Muhammad Ali, Clayton was tired of the way images of African Americans were portrayed in the media. Clayton announced a program devoted to recognizing the untold story of African American achievement. My dream, my purpose and my eyes were to help tell the untold story of the struggle for Justice and the untold story of African American contributions, equality with dignity and respect... a story presented with positive imagery.

"It brings together famous people and everyday people who admire each other but may never have had the chance to socialize. The weekend brings them together to pray, raise money for scholarships, interface with the community, raisekoncious leaders, and schools giving everyday people the opportunity to be inspired by these role models," said Clayton.

The first time this event that honors achievement in diverse fields that include religion, law, politics, public service, sports, religion and entertainment was held outside of Atlanta in Los Vegas at the Bellagio Hotel. Also new this year introduced this year "High Honor High Places" honored women who have achieved in the business world.

The first year Nancy Wilson was one of the guest emcees. Honorees included Dr. Ben Carson, Quincy Jones, Rev. Joseph Jackson, Founder Methodist, Suzanne DePasse, the late Coretta Scott King, Manuel Johnson and Dr. Man Jemison. Andrew Young, NAACP Director, Benjamin Hooks, Kevin Brown, Dr. Johnetta Cole, Carter and Isabel Cardel, John Jacob, Judge Lorraine Hippolytush, Co., Douglas Wilder. The next year, Nancy Wilson was among the honorees that included Malcolm X, Mary Angelou, the late Mayor Tom Bradley, historian John Hope Franklin, the famous Lena Horne, Muhammad Ali, Bob Hope, co-star on CSI-NCIS, Harper is an Ivy League educated actor, business man, and author who has a passion to help young kids. Teresa Lewis, Chairman of the Board for MGM Mirages was the recipient of the Chairman's Award. Black colleges are acknowledged annually. This year’s winner was Dr. Melvin Johnson from Tennessee State University, the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to music legend, Quincy Jones. The Trumpet Awards will air March 17h on TV One. Check local listings for time and channel.

There was Toni Braxton, entertainment, DeDee Pfeiffer, the Arts, Michael Jordon, Dionne Warwick and Dr. King, Gospel Giant, June Carter Cash, Percy E. Sutton, Business Peacemaker Award, Tavis Smiley and John Carlos 1968 Olympic Track Stars who won and to prevent of the country’s most potent raised their black gloved fist in the air. The Living Legend Award was presented to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., recipient of the President’s Award for her work in breast cancer. She is the founder of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The Young Star Award was awarded to Shab D programming for her outstanding work in the field of Chemical Engineering. New this year is the new Uttar Raymond Allison Award was presented to Hill Harper, co-star on CSI-NY, Harper is an

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Canyon Springs 2007 Academic Bowl Champions

On Monday February 19th, 2007, at Riverside Community College, The Riverside African American Historical Society (RAAHS) hosted the 6th Academic Bowl for the Inland Empire. Eleven teams from Riverside, Moreno Valley, Norco, Redlands, and Rubidoux high schools and churches participated, with attendance over 300. Canyon Springs High School, the winner, strategized and battled Norco High School in the championship round. The teams were very competitive. Rubidoux High School and Kansas Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church were third and fourth place finishers. "It feels good to know a Society provides intellectual access to information... Black history and the digital divide in one competition," stated Jalani Bakari, Co-Chair of the Academic Bowl and Board Member on the Historical Society.

The level of support and enthusiasm for the Academic Bowl this year was very impressive. The community came out and supported the teams, as well as providing financial, in-kind support and laptop COMPUTERS. Five of them! Brad Hudson, Riverside's City Manager was instrumental in connecting the Society with ACS, Inc., a global information technology company acting as a sponsor, and giving the answer," said Jeff Clayton, Moreno Valley resident, volunteer, and Executive Director of the James Wesley Vines Foundation. "The excitement is in the intensity and hard work these students put in to participate," stated math teacher Jonathan Smith of Norco High School whose team finished second. Information about Historically Black Colleges and Universities, local history past and present, obituaries of notable African Americans from 2005 and 2006, readings from Before the Mayflower, by Lerone Bennett, Jr., and a series of articles in the Black Voice newspaper provided the basis for the competition.

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NASCAR and breakthrough driver Bill Lester return to Fontana

By Jon D. Gaede

FONTANA

Seventy-five million fans, one-third of the U.S. adult population, thrive on a sport which features one African American driver. That driver is Bill Lester and he returned to the local area to compete on the two-mile oval.

Lester leaves Bill Davis Racing to take a ride with Jimmy Belew Motorsports Chevrolet Silverado Team for 2007. Last week, in his inaugural race, Lester started fourth, battled all night and exceeded his goal of a top 15 finish, crossing the line in 16th place. A promising start for Lester who needs to get off to a good start this year.

The Friday night race was led by veteran Mark Martin all night until he spun out onto the infield grass. Mike Skinner became the first native born Californian to win a truck race. Lester finished in the middle of the pack, nevertheless a good result for the first two races of the season.

Bill Lester stands as the only African American to compete in NASCAR Craftsman Trucks and Nextel Cup. He is a sought after spokesman for Coca Cola, General Mills, The United States Army and also supports the Urban Youth Racing School.

The remainder of the weekend featured Brian McKnight (National Anthem), Kevin Costner (Official Starter) and Matt Kenseth who won his sixth race at Fontana for mega owner Jack Roush Racing.

The rain stayed off the track during the races and ESPN featured over 10 hours of national television coverage as local fans enjoyed the best in live competitive sports entertainment.

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questions. The winning team consisted of four students from Canyon Springs High School: Osman Agboghjda, captain, Ariel Campbell, Brianna Bridgmon and Damiris Williams. The coach was William Prudhomme, Math teacher at Canyon Springs. The second place team members from Norco High School were William Ibeke, Aline Hankey, Brittany Brown and McKenzie Stovall, and were coached by Jonathan Smith. Event moderators for the day were Dr. Kennon Mitchell, Regina Brown Wilson, Dr. Joan Roberts, and Dr. Ed Bush. Jalani Bakari moderated the final round. Judges like Aapul Moore (past Riverside city councilman) Dr. Vincent Moss (retired), Jack Clarke Jr., Dr. Benjamin Roberson (retired), Professor Paul Green Ph.D., UC-Riverside, Dr. Kerri Woods-BCC, Dr. Norma Towells, and Hugh Layton and others made the day smooth and wonderful. Unde

Baker from Subway, Inc. provided food and refreshments for the event. Special thanks goes to Brad Houston and ACS, Inc. for the computers. Riverside Community College for the facilities. Allicia Lee, Beverly Batlin, Gladye Walker, Sue Strickland, Dorothy Anders and Jalani Bakari for participating on the committee. RAAHS also thanks tremendously the community for their support. See you next year on Monday, February 18, 2008.

NEXT WEEK

Look for coverage from the Palm Springs Black History Parade and Perris Black History Parade.

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Bloomington High School Unity Day 2007 A Huge Success

In honor of African American History Month, February, 2007, in a special way at analyzing the student body, and celebrating the legacy of African American culture, Bloomington High School (Bloomington, CA; Principal, Ignacio Cabrera), and the HSU, celebrated by hosting "Unity Day 2007" on Friday, February 23, 2007. The theme for this special day was "BE THE ONE - BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SUCCEED!"

This celebration/assembly attended by over 700 students, teachers, and staff, featured celebrity guest speakers: Ricky Harris, comedian and actor, (Everybody Hates Chris), Rev. Dennis M. Brown, Oratorical and motivational speaker featuring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., speeches, musical pop and hip hop group, S1, and many others. This entire day focused on promoting cultural unity through positive festivities: motivational and inspirational words, songs, and dance!

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Celebrating Bishop Wells 20 Years in Radio

March 2003 will mark 20 years of Ministry for Bishop Kenneth Wells, who has been involved in Radio as an Evangelist. A loving husband, pastor and father, Bishop Kenneth Personality, a former student of Rev. Dr. W.L. Major, is an accomplished, Executive, he has served the Gospel Community and others in many different ways. During the course of his ministry in radio he has also served as Director of the Riverside Music Ministry, President of the Southern California Gospel Announces Guild and was a Founder and President of the Gospel Network (GCN), based in the Silver Empire. It is the hope of the collaboration that everyone comes together and celebrates Bishop Wells on Sunday March 3rd at 6:00 PM at his home on Fontana, CA 92335 to show your appreciation for his 20 year labor of love through broadcast, administration and leadership. Please RSVP by March 3rd, 2003 to (909) 885-2385.


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The Mt. Zion Baptist Church Music Department and recording artists and songwriter Marcus Coleman, will be presenting "For His Glory," a Christian concert celebration of music and dance. "For His Glory" is a special stage presentation featuring gospel music with various types of dance and theatrical movements.

A cast of over 30 talented singers, musicians and dancers are featured in this wonderfully pro-
duced and executed concert presentation. Featuring co-stars Wes McCord and Benny Jones, "For His Glory" exquisitely brings to life the soul-stirring sounds of gospel music and inspirational dance performances.

"For His Glory" performances will be presented two nights only, Saturday, March 3rd and Sunday April 1st at 6:00 PM, Mt. Zion Baptist Church located in 224 W. California Street in the City of Ontario. This event is free and open to the public.

This is a concert not to be missed. For more information and/or directions, call Mt. Zion Baptist Church at (909) 885-2385.

Marcus Coleman, a scholar and scholar of the field is the person responsible for putting together this concert. He also created the Founding Director of this concert, Memorialize the legacy of Marcus Coleman's stellar career.

"For His Glory" is being presented to the glory of God, and will present the Gospel message in an entertaining and educational format. This concert is a must see for anyone who loves the Gospel music and dance genre.

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Dr. Raymond E. Watts Elevated As COGIC Jurisdictional Bishop

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Dr. Raymond E. Watts elevated as COGIC Jurisdictional Bishop. Pastor of the Metropolitan Holiness Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Watts was elected to the office of metropolitan bishop by the General Council of the COGIC on November 12, 2006. The election was announced during the General Council meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida. Watts succeeds Bishop G. E. Peterson, who served as metropolitan bishop for the past 12 years. Watts is a native of Philadelphia and has served as pastor of the Metropolitan Holiness Church for 20 years. He is a graduate of Liberty University and holds a doctorate in divinity from the University of Phoenix. Watts is also the founder and chairman of the Watts Ministries International, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing spiritual and physical needs to the community. The organization has implemented programs such as food banks, clothing stores, and community centers in several cities across the country. Watts is also a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars on various topics related to the Christian faith. He is married to Dr. Betty Watts and they have three children.