Voter Education

This Nonsense Must Stop

By Hardy Brown

On March 7, 2000, we faced with eighteen propositions that we must make decisions on. In the past, we would favor a majority of the propositions favoring in debt to us. It was not a great challenge to ourselves, to the public, to the schools, or to the community. But now, we realize that the propositions we have to make are different. Our lives, and the lives of the people we represent, will be affected by these propositions. We must take our time to consider the implications of each proposition before making a decision.

1A Gambling on Tribal Lands. Legislative Constitutional Amendment
Modifies state Constitution's prohibition against casinos and lotteries, to authorize Governor to negotiate compact with eligible organizations subject to legislative ratification, for operation of slot machines, lotteries, and banking and pari-mutuel games by federally recognized Indian tribes on Indian lands in California, in accordance with federal law. Vote Yes to allow gambling. Vote No to keep the status quo.

22 Limit on Marriages. Initiative Statute
Adds a provision to the Family Code providing that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid in California. Vote Yes to uphold traditional marriage. Vote No to allow same-sex marriage.

23 "None of the Above" Ballot Option. Initiative Statute
Provides that in general, special, primary and recall elections for President, Vice President, United States House of Representatives and Senate, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and other limited elective offices, the Secretary of State, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, Board of Equalization, State Agricultural Director, State Librarian, and others, may vote for "none of the above" rather than a named candidate. Vote Yes to allow voters to vote for "none of the above." Vote No to maintain the current system.

Expands campaign contribution and expenditure requirements, establishes contribution limits from single sources, equalizes public financing for candidates, $25,000 for political parties, and $50,000 total per election. Bans corporate contributions. Limits fund raising to period of 12 months before primary election and 30 days after election. Vote Yes to reform campaign finance. Vote No to maintain the current system.

26 School Facilities. Local Majority Vote. Bonds. Initiative Statute
Provides that school, community college districts, and county education offices that evaluate safety, class size, information technology needs to issue bonds for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities if approved by majority of applicable jurisdiction's voters. Vote Yes for local control over school facilities. Vote No to keep the current system.

27 Elections. Term Limit Declarations for Congressional Candidates. Initiative Statute
Declares that a candidate for Congress must voluntarily sign non-binding declaration of intention to serve no more than three terms in House of Representatives or two terms in the Senate. Vote Yes to limit term serving in Congress. Vote No to keep the current term limit.

28 Repeat of Proposal 10 Tobacco Surcharge. Initiative Statute
Repeals an additional $0.50 per pack tax on cigarettes and equivalent increase in state tax on tobacco products previously enacted by Proposition 10 of November 9, 1998. Vote Yes to remove the tobacco tax. Vote No to maintain the tobacco tax.

No Recommendation

REMEMBER TO VOTE

March 7, 2000

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Congresswoman Maxine Waters and other African American leaders urge you to vote

YES on 1A

Two years ago, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 5.
Now this is the final step for...

Indian Self-Reliance

Once and for all, protect the right of California Indian tribes to keep the gaming they have on their own land.

Mary Ann Martin Andreas (Tribal Chairperson, Morongo Band of Mission Indians), Congresswoman Maxine Waters, and Daniel Tucker (Chairman, California Nations Indian Gaming Association)
WHY YOU SHOULD OPPOSE PROPOSITIONS 30 AND 31

California's non-partisan Legislative Analyst warns that Propositions 30 and 31, "... would likely increase liability insurance costs in California."

That means everyone will pay the price if these two bad laws are passed by voters on Election Day, March 7.

Virtually no California insurance policyholder can avoid the costly effects of Propositions 30 and 31. People from all walks of life face dramatic increases in their insurance costs. Higher costs for business and industry means higher prices for things that people must buy.

Among those especially hurt if Propositions 30 and 31 become law are:

Families: People who can least afford higher costs will be hurt most. Propositions 30 and 31 will drive up insurance rates for every household by more than $300 a year. The added cost means less money left for food, clothing and other essentials of life.

Good Drivers: Propositions 30 and 31 punish good drivers by driving up their insurance rates even if no claim is filed. Propositions 30 and 31 reward drunk and uninsured drivers by giving them new powers to sue for non-economic and punitive damages. An independent study concluded that auto insurance premiums would increase as much as $300 per year for all insured drivers if these laws were to go into effect.

Homeowners: Propositions 30 and 31 would increase the cost of homeowner's insurance and the threat of lawsuits against homeowners for accidents on their property, such as an injury during a party, or a neighbor bitten by a dog.

Day Care: If Propositions 30 and 31 are enacted, your local day care center, which must carry a very large liability package, could be forced to pass increased insurance costs along to the price you pay for day care. Or even worse, your day care center may be forced to shut down altogether if the cost increases become prohibitive.

Education: Under Propositions 30 and 31, schools that purchase supplemental insurance policies for sports programs, off-campus activities and school vehicles will likely be forced to use revenue intended for students to pay the increased insurance costs for these activities. This would reduce the funds available to our school children and could reduce the number of activities available to them as well.

The list goes on. Please look out for yourself and vote no on 30 and 31.

COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO ARE NO ON 30 AND 31

Congressman Mervyn Dymally, (Ret.); Assemblyman Roderick Wright; Bishop E. Lynn Brown; Bishop Dwight Amey; Bishop Clarence Carr; Pastor H.H. Richardson; Rev. Michael Huspecht; Rev. J.R. Richardson; Pastor E.E. Stafford; Rev. Lee P. Manes; Pastor Levell Jones; Rev. Tony Pierce; Rev. Wayman Baker; Rev. Michael; Pastor Joe B. Hardwick; Aubry Stone, California Black Chamber of Commerce; Ida Sydnor, President of the Sacramento Branch NAACP; Percy Pinkney, President of the Black American Political Association of California; David Smith, Organization of Black Airline Pilots; Allen Wayne Warren; Alice A. Huffman, California State Conference of NAACP; Sandra Smith, Board Member, State of California Tall Teen; Catherine Henry, Section Director NAACP.

ORGANIZATIONS AGAINST 30 AND 31

The California Black Chamber, The California State Conference of the NAACP, Black Business Association, Citizens for Democracy, California Consumers Coalition of California.

(Partial List)
That was social service and my Angels Philharmonic announcing artists for the 22nd Lincoln. Entertainer Bill Cosby and the free community concerts annual edition of Playboy Jazz and political hero in Panama and He'll be among the Latino artists master of ceremonies.

dramatic and rhythm blends merengue and rhythmic blends to the Playboy stage and music for salsa, Afro-Cuban, charanga, Latin jazz piano virtuoso Hilton Willie Bobo. Percussionist and amicable drummer in the fifth edition of High School graduate, pianist will headline Playboy Jazz's return to Panama in the early 1990s, he ran for Panama's presidency. Although he lost the race, he achieved the moral goal of getting the message of democracy and social justice to a larger audience. He recently returned to the world stage after forming a new group with Costa Rican instrumentals. Editors is an interesting group. Those are musicals that are very young, very talented. They have some classic, but also very much into jazz, Latin and Afro-Cuban music. I think people will be surprised and pleased. Blades modestly predicted. "We will all be a part of the old and the new." Blades, like Chancier and the other Latino artists that will be appearing on the Playboy, believe in passing the music on to the next generations of both players and composers. "It's not about me," Blades opined. "It's about the music, trying to showcase young groups and mentor musicians because the goal is to give talent an opportunity to come forward. That's what the music continues." Blades wasn't sure if he'd accompany Celia Cruz for the Playboy show, but he said with a smile and clasped hands to homage to the legendary songstress. "If the queen calls, you come. She's been the ultimate professional for decades. She's never cancelled a performance, to my knowledge. She's always on time, in tune, energetic and very professional. Playing for her would be the ultimate pleasure."
What Happened in the Inland Empire?

Black History Month Wrap-Up

February is the shortest and one of the coldest months in the year. It is also the month of Black History and the fourth Saturday in the Inland Empire. San Bernardino holds theirs on the first Saturday and Riverside on the third Saturday of each year. Well this past Saturday was a day made for a celebration and celebrate they did. Fred (Rerun) Berry was on hand to assist with entertainment and a message on how to lose weight. Rerun was a Television star on the sitcom "What's Happening" during the seventies. Rerun got the Fontana citizens involved with his dancing and they had fun.

Vernal B. the coordinator had all of the movers and shakers of the Fontana community on hand to display their talents and wares.

David Floyd of Southern California Edison ate several Sweet Potato Pies and enjoyed the fun and sun.

Mr. Harvey (center) Director of the Jesse Turner Community Center chats with community participants.

David Whitten and a co-worker of the Head Start Program was on hand to share information. Rachel has known Hardy and Cheryl Brown since nineteen-sixty-two.

Hazel Hawkins a retiree from Kaiser Hospital was on hand to serve the many attendees.

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The auto club owners displayed their pride and joy of vintage cars; Wanda's Auto Upholstering (left) in San Bernardino modified Corvette.

Ms. Vernell, Director of the Black History Committee of Fontana takes time out with Rerun as his press agent looks on.

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Black History Did Not Start With Slavery

By Cheryl Brown

The Black Historical and Cultural Society of the Coachella Valley held their annual Black History celebration in Palm Springs at the Riviera Hotel and Resort last Saturday, March 4. There were three tables of folks from Moreno Valley, Senegalese, and a display from the History in Motion exhibit.

Runoko Rashidi, a world traveler, speaker, and noted scholar on African people, was the first to speak. He said it was in the tradition of African medicine. Rashidi has traveled in almost every country in the world and has been on every continent except Antarctica. He showed and exhibited documentation that supported his message of the history and power of Black people in the world.

The first building in the world was built by building, father of medicine, who was African. Rashidi showed the valley of the pyramids and said it is so significant it can be seen from outer space. "It wasn't built by slaves as many of these historians would have you believe it was built by engineers and technocrats who were Black." They were built in a time frame of 80 years he said. He showed pictures of India and South America to support his point. He showed pictures of Africa and the effect African culture and thought played on the rest of the world. He even showed a structure in front of a pyramid that looked exactly like the Washington Monument built thousands of years before. While some authors and scholars knew some of the African history, it was his modern day pictures that told another story. He showed Howlin on every continent today and went back to historical times to show Blacks have always been a part of every culture. "Blacks have been in India for over 3000 years. The untouchables are Black people in India who live in horrible conditions. There was a global dispersion of Black folks that have you believe it was built by engineers and technocrats who were Black." They were built in a time frame of 80 years he said. He showed pictures of India and South America to support his point. He showed pictures of Africa and the effect African culture and thought played on the rest of the world. He even showed a structure in front of a pyramid that looked exactly like the Washington Monument built thousands of years before. While some authors and scholars knew some of the African history, it was his modern day pictures that told another story. He showed Howlin on every continent today and went back to historical times to show Blacks have always been a part of every culture.

He gave inscriptions of genocides such as in Australia, where Blacks are 1.6% of the population but just like in America they make up 70% of the prison population and 50% are women. He showed photos of Blacks there with blood "wuppy" and Blue eyes. In Tanzania he has photographed the last remaining Black. The power that he has wielded with stripes and wiped out all the Blacks there.

We traveled with him from the South Sea to Russia, and the father of Russian literature, a Black man named Alexander Pushkin, and to Mexico where the story is told about African slaves. The story is that they fell on the ground and rolled around, because of a strong earthquake, the nose was flattened and the lips were made large. He spoke of the Black Moors and even showed a Black government that existed in Scotland from 1760 in Sweden. According to Rashidi, it is said Queen Victoria had a relative who was Black. He had a picture of Mary Ellen Pleasant, a rich Black Californian who gave John Brown $30,000 for his raid on Harper's Ferry.

We need to celebrate our history 12 months a year instead of the shortest, coldest month of the year," said Rashidi as he ended his message. Also on program was the African American KSET award winner for his skill and talent as a classical guitarist, Eric Benzant Feldra.

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Scholarships Sought for Women of Achievement Luncheon

The Black Voice News

President of Smith College

RB. Simmons, president of Smith College in Massachusetts, is the guest who grow up of slaves and the first African American woman to head a top-ranked college in the United States. She will give a free public lecture about diversity in higher education at 6 p.m. Monday, March 13 in room E of the University Center. Simmons is part of the University of California, Riverside's Black Studies faculty. The UCR Center for Ideas and Society is sponsoring Simmons' talk as part of an annual public lecture series geared to be of interest to all audiences, even an undergraduate, one audience director Emerson Elliott and Simmons' speech, called "Meti

"This is an opportunity for the Inland Empire to meet one of the best public speakers available, someone who understands the importance of supportive teachers and the difference education can make in a young life." Elliott said.

How to Live Longer

risk of falls. Staying active increases independence and well being.

Investigator: Look for new challenges. Keep your mind active. Mental skills such as reading, writing, travel and musical instruction is the key to mental vigor. Emphasize fruits and vegetables in your diet, and minimize meat, saturated and hydrogenated fats and sweets. Fat in moderation. Supplement your diet with a multiple vitamin designed for seniors. Get Rid Of Stress: Shaping your psychological baggage is a key to long life. Remember Simmons is the youngest of 12. She was an extremely talkative child and is an independent thinker whose

President of Smith College

Attitude: Be aware of your attitude. It is important not to consider age as a limitation. Centenarians are the world's fastest growing age group. Take advantage of new opportunities and possibilities for seniors. Remaining active is an age is key to your ability to thrive. Begin and end each day with a positive attitude.

Genes: Most people have genes that would allow them to live at least 85 with proper care. High-fats, smoking, excessive drinking and a lack of sleep and exercise are not only risky to your health; achieving old age, they may also contribute to the likelihood of poor health.

Exercise: An active lifestyle contributes to a longer life. One way to use your genes to their fullest potential is to maintain a Resistance training such as light weight training, walking up hills or stairs burns fat efficiently, strengthens muscle and bone and dramatically reduces the

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