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By Yi-Lan Chang

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Election News

Persons interested in running for office in the November 6, 2007, Consolidated Election may file papers for candidacy until 5:00 pm on Friday, August 10, 2007. If an incumbent fails to file qualifying petitions is extended for non-incumbents to 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 15, 2007.

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Today and August 16, Ron Stark's Internet televised show "Voice of the Inland Empire" features the Inland Empire Jazz Festival's Event Director Annetta Bryant, the woman behind the whole thing.

The program is taped before a live audience August 4 from 11-1 at the Page One Cafe at the Ontario Library, 215 East C St. It's then available online at www.ieitv.com.

Phoning in that day will be festival co-hosts keyboardist Brian Calhoun and TV/film actress Vivica Fox.

This first annual jazz festival will launch a 10-year schedule, but it didn't happen overnight, "It's been four years in the making," says Bryant, a former Valley Entrepreneur of the Year. "It was difficult, but I never let go. I know how to organize these things, and have been volunteer-heading projects for fully half my life. The community response all along has just been fantastic."

The purpose of the jazz fest is to raise funds for numerous children's charities in the community, most notably REATT and SEBA. The three-day event runs August 24-25-26 at Ontario's Guest Regional Park, and tickets even include the Mark Christopher Charity Gold Classic, part of the PGA Tour. A special event this year will be honoring Isaac Hayes and Burt Bacharach, not just for their songs, but for their lifetimes in music. "They are truly legends," says Bryant.

For the Internet show's host, Ron Stark, this is exactly what his program is about. The intent of the show is to give something to the community — the same purpose of Annetta Bryant's jazz festival.

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San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino is bringing the funk back with the funk master himself, George Clinton, and his P-Funk All Stars. Tickets are available now at all Ticketmaster locations, including Ticketmaster.com; or $30, $40 and $50.

The father of all things funk, George Clinton, will be getting his funk on along with four of funk’s biggest acts: the P-Funk All Stars, Lakeside, Zapp, and funk’s femme fatales, the Mary Jane Girls. Bringing on the funk for over 50 years, George Clinton is one of the greatest innovators of urban-based soul, rock, and funk. He is widely recognized not only as a music pioneer, but a musical genius as well.

The P-Funk All Stars formed when alumni members of Parliament and Funkadelic got together to work with Clinton. The band went on to back him on several albums and continue bringing the funk on tour with him today. Ohio-based Zapp and Lakeside hit it big in the ’80s producing hits like “More Bounce to the Ounce,” and Lakeside’s biggest hit “Fantastic Voyage” which topped the R&B charts. 

Proteges of the legendary 80’s singer Rick James, the Mary Jane Girls scored two mega funk jam hits: “All Night Long” and “In My House”.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. A 21-and-older age requirement to enter the Casino and/or see the show is strictly enforced.

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SUBJECT: CENTURY CLUB MEMBER
Busted for Possession of 'Jolly Ranchers'

Battered Woman Freed from Prison after 24 years Knows Parole System Too Well

The two women bonded immediately. "Over and over she'd see me get out on parole only to return through the revolving door. She'd say you're back! She would scold me and mentor me.

Sandra Redmond, 47 a soft-spoken prison guard, rushed me. They said you're back! She said you're back! She would scold me and mentor me.

Sandra Redmond shot and killed her abusive live-in boyfriend in 1982 during a confrontation in which she feared for her life. She was convicted of second-degree murder in 1985 and sent to prison for 37 years. Even as Redmond walked out of the California Institution for Women in Corona, the former Orange County resident's voice vibrates with outrage. "High hopes and crushing disappoint­ment," she says of waiting to be paroled.

Redmond, 47, a soft-spoken woman with a ready smile, was released after testimony that Arthur Moore, 58, raped and abused her. Testimony not per­mitted at the time of her trial. California law did not allow criminal defendants to introduce expert testimony on intimate partner battering and its effects, previously referred to a battered women's syndrome. A petition filed by the Hubbes Project and Redmond's lawyer, Carrie Hemphill argued that such testi­mony had been allowed juries would have heard evidence that Redmond had been physically, sexually and emotionally abused by Moore, as well as others, and that, on the day of the shooting, she had been raped. Redmond was granted parole twice but Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger reversed it both times, most recently in March.

It was only in 1992 that a law allowing such testimony took effect. In 2001, the law was allowed to be applied retroactive­ly.

That California affords little sympathy for battered women who've killed is not surprising. What is remarkable is that after 24 years behind bars Redmond is not bitter.

"I'm looking up. You can never plan the future by the past," said Redmond gazign at a starry sky during a recent retreat in the San Bernardino Mountains. "Today I took my first bubble bath in 24 years." The warm water followed her to the toilet. "I was sitting there and all of a sudden I heard this loud swish of water. I jumped up and shouted oh my God, an automatic flush.

"We worked so hard to get her out - she's finally free." That's Kim Carter, accountant, prisoner advocate and founder of San Bernardino-based Time for Change, a sober living re-entry facility where Redmond works as an office clerk.

"She's a walking textbook on a parole system that makes up its mind as it goes along," Carter should know.

"I met Sandra while cycling in and out of prison for drug use." The two women bonded immedi­ately. "Over and over she'd see me get out on parole only to return through the revolving door. She'd say you're back! She would scold me and mentor me.

She told me self destruction never looks like self destruction when you are living through it," said Carter.

"Carter remembers Redmond's simple advice. "What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?"

"That day I walked out of prison. I never looked back," Redmond's endless optimism sent Carter on a journey toward rehabilitation activities.

"Once you push the curtains back you see the system for what it is. Watching Sandra fester in prison and the thousands of other inmates needlessly imprisoned is not a pretty sight."

"The waiting process was excruciating," said Andrea Bible, a project coordinator for San Francisco-based Free Battered Women.

"You wait for hearing. Then it's a gripping ache when you find out you've been rejected because you were caught with something in stupid as two 'jolly rancher' candies in your pocket." Referring to one of many "parole testing" infractions, Redmond, a veteran prison crani­dork, recalls minutes before she was to give a lecture to inmates.

"Out of no where several guards rushed me. They said empty your pockets. They found two cellophane wrapped jolly rancher candies. I used them to freshen my breath. They wrote up possession of unau­thorized contraband. It knocked the wind out of my sails." Would yet say Redmond "they used the infraction to suggest I was a risk to society. My parole was denied."

Redmond says despite a lengthy list of positive reports from prison officials on her behavior and mental health she was almost systematically denied parole.

"You can't get excused when it boils down to whether you are suitable for parole based solely on whether you are a risk to soci­ety," says Bible.

In June an Orange County judge in the case changed her conviction to voluntary manslaughter and released Redmond on time served. Politics may propel the charge toward freedom for battered women. Free Battered Women is optimistic about Gov. Schwarzenegger's attitude and approach to battered women seeking release. They hope he will support reasonable system wide reform.

"Even if he does so for self-solving reasons, battered women in prison and the people who care about them anticipate that his administration will be 'more receptive to their pleas," says Bible.

As for Redmond, she hopes eventually to work as an advocate for women and teens in abusive relationships. "I don't want to see them buried by a system that ultimately must break before its captives can fly."
After being announced the winner, Ms. Allen-Harris admitted to being extremely excited, yet in a state of shock. "I didn't believe it because the young women that competed with me in the pageant were remarkable. It was really an honor to be chosen among such high-quality, talented, beautiful women," says Ms. Allen-Harris.

At the age of fourteen, Ms. Allen-Harris was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes. She said, "There's an estimated 6.2 million people who have diabetes and have never been diagnosed. I wanted to be able to educate others who are affected by the disease.

Despite her obstacles, Ms. Allen-Harris received a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration at the University of Tennessee, and is a commonly attending orthopedic medical student at Meharry Medical School of Medicine. The twenty-two year old has "always" wanted to be a physician. Ultimately, she would like to specialize in orthopedic surgery.

After her win Miss Black USA sat down with the Black Voice News:

Q: "Why did you decide to compete for Miss Black USA?"
A: "It is an organization that I have always admired, and I wanted to be a part of it. Ultimately, I would like to specialize in orthopedic surgery."

Q: What are your future plans as a twenty-two year old?
A: "This is it. I feel like this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. It's been great, it's been a blessing. I'm going to continue to be an active community member in order to be a good productive member of society."

Q: Who have been your role models?
A: "My mother is definitely a role model in my life. My father and my grandfather are the strongest women that I know. They taught me everything that I know about life."

Q: What do you think is the greatest health crisis for the African American youth?
A: "STDs are most easily controllable. They are obviously preventable. It really comes down to what we are willing to teach our youth, and what we are willing to accept from our children as far as sexual behavior."

Q: What advice would you give to young Black women who are trying to accomplish their goals and dreams, but are faced with impossibilities?
A: "I would tell them that perseverance is all that you need. God is first, and then you decide that you are going to put him first in your life, you really have nothing else to do. You just let it go and put it in his hands, and what is suppose to happen, will happen as long as you are proactive and you have perseverance."

Q: "Who would you support, Hillary or Obama, if these were the only two choices?"
A: "They both have very strong points that I support, and they both are making history... I may wait a little closer to election time to see if they are both consistent throughout this campaign before I make my decision."

Ms. Allen-Harris says that after winning Miss Black USA, she is very excited to have been a part of the show in one day, except for the fact that she receives more emails and phone calls, and she is scheduled to make more appearances. Miss Black USA has already participated in the River Region Black Business Expo in Montgomery, Alabama. She is also expected to attend a BET Girls Summer Camp in Columbus, Alabama this week.

Kalilah Allen-Harris

**SCE Warns Customers About Utility Impostors**

Southern California Edison (SCE) warns its customers about increased activity by scam artists impersonating SCE employees, including several attempts by impostors demanding service disconnections if a payment is not made quickly, through unusual means such as Western Union or a cash card.

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Southern California Edison built and converted, cramped 40 year old former house in 1999 which was then taken over by the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department, who would later see it as a valuable resource for their community.

By John Gordon

They're seeing lids to put in the media as an opportunity to talk to their friends.

As a young child, I was being using the media as an outlet for expressing my thoughts.

Many children have limited opportunities to express their thoughts, and the media can serve as a powerful tool for self-expression.

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Hours after often bitter debate between the mayor, Penman and city council members over who’s to blame for the mess the famously divisive City Council voted unanimously to block the establishment of parolee group homes for a period of 45 days.

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