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SUMMARY BIO

THE EARLY YEARS

Henry was raised in a little Mississippi town, near the Gulf Coast. This is where he absorbed the values of hard work, love of nature and respect for community. At an early age, Henry was taught that a strong man stands to protect those around him. The south is also where Henry experienced the darker side of America – the deep roots of racism. He remembers, even though school desegregation, voting rights and civil rights legislation had passed years earlier, having to order and pick up food at the back of restaurants with his grandfather. Of his experience in the south Henry says that, “The impact of being treated different, being denied the right to be a full America sticks with you for a lifetime.”



During his teen years, Henry’s family lived in the ghettos of San Francisco. Amid violence, drugs and despair, Henry maintained the core values passed on from his grandfather - these included the mindset of soldiering-on under tough circumstances, matching the challenges of living in a racially divided south, working hard, and above all taking care of family.

THE YOUNG MAN

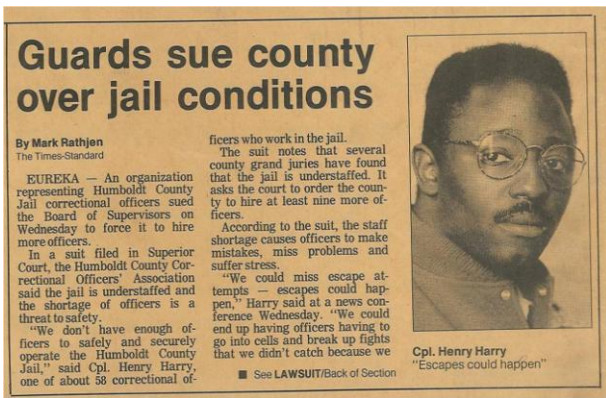
A love of football and wrestling kept Henry in Mission High school and off the streets. In one incident Henry recalls the giant and muscular members of the football team frightening off a gang that was pressuring Henry to join them. At other times, he was able to resist constant invitations to get involved with drugs. Looking back, Henry remembers: “You’re trapped in a place where choices are limited and violence is just a way of life.” Mentoring from an older football player who had gone to college helped Henry decide to get out of San Francisco. Henry played football at Siskiyous Junior College and later earned a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the Union Institute and University.



From his personal experience Henry learned that sports and artistic development programs are valuable deterrents to juvenile delinquency. He views the precious resources of our junior college system as the springboard that gives many Californians opportunities to escape cycles of poverty, violence and lives of crime.

THE GOOD AMERICAN

In 1988 Henry completed his police academy training and served citizens in northern California through the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department as a Correctional Officer and Reserve Deputy. He was promoted to



Humboldt County Sheriff's Department as a Correctional Officer and Reserve Deputy. He was promoted to Correctional Corporal, a job he credits with giving him valuable leadership experience. He also worked on labor issues in the Correctional Officers' Association, serving as their spokesman. Henry joined the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department in 1996 as a Deputy Sheriff and was soon appointed to the position of Training Officer at the Main Jail.

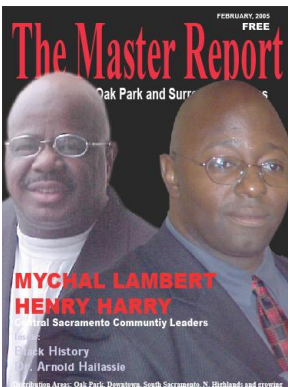
He was selected to work as a member of the Custody Emergency Response Team and later excelled at a special assignment in the jail's Gang Unit (specializing in Black street gangs).

Reality up Close

During his patrol assignment Henry worked in the areas of south Oak Park, Young Street, 14TH Avenue, Sunnyslope Drive, Gigi Place, Martin Luther King at 47TH Avenue, 68TH Avenue and Eagle Parkway. He describes these inner-city neighborhoods as being as tough as Los Angeles.

Disturbed by what he saw as an ongoing and accepted cycle of violence, murders and incarceration of our youth, Henry spoke out about what he saw as "official contentment." In the Sheriff's Department Henry worked hard to change a culture of indifference in the organization. He authored and won approval to implement his 57 page anti-crime plan for south Sacramento. Henry's plan made immediate impacts on crime and won him praise. He is confident he can bring the same program of drive and focus to reduce crime into the council chamber.

Henry reveals that: "Things were not going good in the county. Crime was out of control and it was like the wild-wild west!" On December 16TH 2003, Henry broke rank and tradition. He stood up at a Board of Supervisor's meeting with his boss, the sheriff, present. Although it was risky, Henry challenged the sheriff and County Supervisors to do more to protect the youth in south Sacramento who were most at risk of suffering violence. As a result of Henry's continued advocacy, the department started deploying resources in a more just fashion, developed a long-term plan, and ended the ugly practice of holding officer positions vacant to accrue savings to finance other department projects.



Despite being shot at during an undercover prostitution operation, which won Henry the Silver Star medal for bravery, and threats to his safety for putting pressure on drug dealers, Henry stayed on the streets to protect and serve the public.

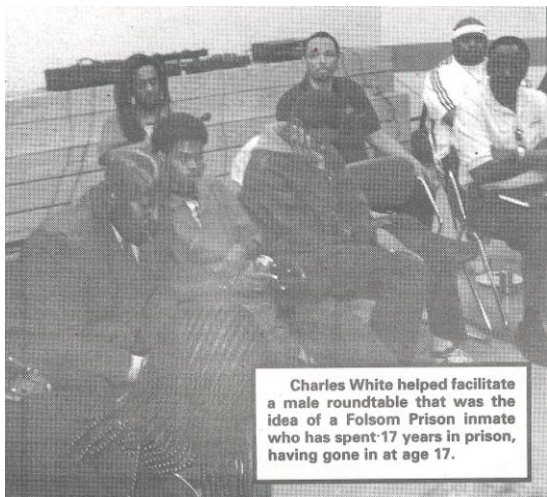
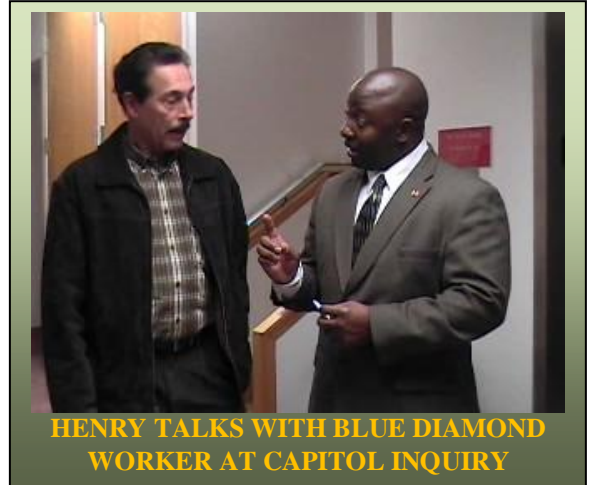




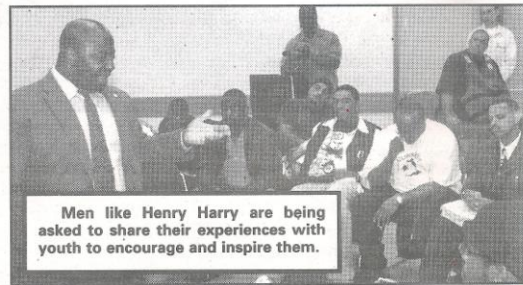
Henry has worked closely with community members. He realized the system was seriously under-serving some of its citizens. He collaborated with the Lemon Hill activists, served as a board member on the Vintage Park Neighborhood Association and looked at ways beyond the badge to reduce crime and help kids in Oak Park. Before the Racial Profiling Commission began working in 2004, tension had already risen around Police/Community relations. Several clashes between citizens and law enforcement nearly turned into rioting in south Oak Park. Henry took a leadership role on this issue and sought ways to resolve the tension.

Seeing the community and police as true partners in the effort to maintain order and justice, Henry reached out to the local church and the NAACP to help avoid problems of unrest that had struck others cities. He attended meetings with other community activists (including Rhonda Erwin) to look for solutions to help resolve conflicts and protect both citizens and officers.

Community activists recruited Henry to run for the District 5 City Council seat in 2006. Henry had to decline. He had already started a campaign for the District 2 Board of Supervisors seat. When Larry Carr entered the same Board of Supervisors race, concern arose they would split some of the voting blocks. Henry withdrew from the race and helped Carr's campaign by walking precincts and managing the website.



Quarterly, a magazine and Web presence aimed at improving life for those who are or have been incarcerated. White and Atkin- ing the program, the youth can qualify for grants of up to \$5,000. Ms. Biggs is also looking to bring the intervention to local schools. For more information on Connecting the Dots, call (916) 308-3441 in Sacramento or (510) 228-6621 in the Bay Area.



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Continuing his work with activists, or through his work with the Oak Park Foundation, Henry has helped organize and has spoken at many forums and meetings. These forums have highlighted issues of crime reduction, gangs, violence, drug avoidance, health and criminal justice system

disparities. Through it all, Henry's core mission has been to strengthen the critical relationship between the



police and community. Henry cites the B.A.R.T. police shooting of Oscar Grant on New Year's Day, 2009; and the subsequent riots in Oakland CA



as examples of the need for officials to always maintain good police/community relations. Although he is a Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff, Henry has been a strong proponent of law enforcement accountability and reforms. He has lobbied for televised meetings of the Sheriff's Department Advisory Board and has spoken at



city hall and in the community to have the Racial Profiling Commission meetings televised. Henry believes this policy shift in transparency will give citizens confidence that their government is truly working for them.

Henry is most happy when he is with his sons Mason and Justice - passing on the values of service to community,

personal responsibility, and the importance of taking care of family. Henry grew up in challenging environments. As a homeowner in Oak Park and a community activist, he understands the obstacles everyday Americans face. Like too many others, Henry could have become apathetic and turned a blind eye to the social despair and injustice we see every day. He could have chosen to live a quiet life of absolute indifference to the problems we face. Instead, Henry continues to accept the challenges of our time and continues his crusade of service and giving back to the community. He is a member of the Sacramento Branch of the NAACP, a board member with the Krazy Sac. Ladz (nonprofit) and volunteers with the Sacramento Oak Park Foundation (nonprofit).

On April 15th 2010, Henry proudly received an award for his volunteer work mentoring at-risk youth. He is a resource to the community, often speaking at public events.

Disclaimer: Photos were taken at public events and are not meant to suggest in any way that subjects depicted endorse Henry's candidacy.