

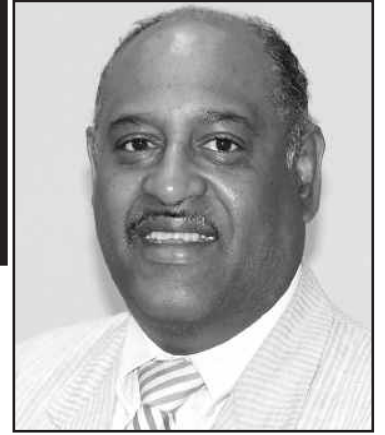
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## 100 BLACK MEN OF LONG BEACH, INC.'s 3rd ANNUAL BENEFIT AWARDS GALA

**"We Build Pyramids - Not Ladders"**



Ahmed Saafir, President, 100 Black Men of Long Beach (top level, 3rd from left) next left to Saafir, Board Chairman, executive committee of the World Headquarters, 100 Black Men of America, Albert E. Dotson, Jr., Esq. with 15 new members of the 100 Black Men of Long Beach. Photo by R. Love

### **BY RICHARD LOVE**

The 100 Black Men of Long Beach, Inc. held its 3rd Annual Benefit and Awards Gala last Saturday at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Long Beach. An estimated 500 guests. Major sponsors included Southern California Edison, Aflac and the Press Telegram newspaper. There were also other sponsors which included Antioch Church of Long Beach, the California Endowment, the Clarence F. Long Family, Family of Louis A. Perston, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth and Ivy Arlinda Goosby, the Long Beach Community Improvement League, Mr. Malcolm Bennett of International Realty and Investments, the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), the Port of Long Beach and the Role of Men.

During the reception jazz music was provided by the Jazz Angels, a silent auction took place, and there were presentations made by the Long Beach Black Authors Corner and the Queens Historical Society presented an African Kings & Queens Living History Exhibit.

Long Beach City Councilman Steven Neal offered a warm welcome and invocation done by Evangelist Beverly Green and Rev. Vanessa McKenzie.

The Mistress of Ceremonies was A'dai Lamar, co-host of the Steve Harvey Radio Show.

Presentation and awards were the highlight of the event and were presented to Mr. David Zaid for Education; Ms. Val Parker for Mentoring, Mr. Reginald "Reggie" Harrison, Deputy City Manager, City of Long Beach, the Economic Development Award; the Clarence F. Long Scholarships of \$500 each were presented to students Luis Chavez, Maurice Colburt, and Morris Jackson, and the Youth Growth and Development Award presented to Lincoln Davis.

The Community Partner Award presented to Sandy Chiang of the California Endowment; the Community Volunteer Award to Calvin "Snoop Dogg" Broadus and Don Norford; the Corporate Citizens Award to Aflac; the Business Person Award presented to Mrs. Ivy Arlinda Goosby; Women of Distinction Award to Myesha Chaney, Loria Ann Farrell and Katonja Neal; the Religious Leader Award to Pastor Sheridan McDaniel; the Legislative Advocate Award to Assemblyman Steven C. Bradford; the President's Award to Earnest Preacely & Patricia Watts; and the Spirit of Excellence Award to Dr. William Hayling.

Special Letters of Congratulations given by Alvert E. Dotson, Jr., Esq., Board Chairman, World Headquarters, 100 Black Men of America; City of Long Beach Honorable Mayor Bob Foster, 37th Congressional District Congresswoman Honorable Laura Richardson; City of Carson Councilman Honorable Mike A. Gipson; Long Beach City Councilman Honorable Steven Neal; and California Assemblywomen Honorable Bonnie Lowenthal.

"On behalf of the 100 Black Men of Long Beach, Inc., I extend my sincere thank yous and appreciation for your attendance at our 3rd Annual Benefit Awards Gala, said Mr. Ahmed Saafir, President, 100 Black Men of Long Beach, Inc.

"This year's theme, "We Build Pyramids, Not Ladders" was conceived out of the desire to draw a picture for the community, that shows, the high expectations the community has for the African-American man's hidden, dormant or forgotten potentials still to manifest" continued Saafir.

"mentoring the 100 ways across a lifetime" is a personal commitment to be innovative and creative in integrating the "Five for the Future" into a lifestyle for a lifetime. Empowerment of the 100 Black Men of America's programs can only bring a change, for the betterment of mind in the community" concluded Saafir.

Note: "A Photo Reflections of the 100 Black Men of Long Beach, Inc.'s Gala on page ??

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# Commentary

## Obama Must Stop Compromising with Republicans or Become an Unaccomplished President

BY ROBERT N. TAYLOR

We have all heard the old saw which goes something like this: "If you don't stand for something, you can fall for anything." Sadly, the nation's first African American president has not been standing strong in recent months. Instead of being the "commander" in chief, he has allowed conservative Republicans and a misreading of the desires of the American people to convert him into the "compromiser" in chief.

He compromised with a \$781 billion economic stimulus package which primarily benefited the major corporations and the big banks. They thanked him by funding Republicans and the ultra-conservative Tea Party in this past November's elections. Republicans now control the House of Representatives and are doing their best to implement policies which chiefly benefit the wealthy and the powerful.

Despite this slap in the face, President Obama compromised (caved into Republican demands) and extended the Bush-ear tax cuts for the rich – those making \$250,000 or more a year. He even compromised with his signature legislative accomplishment – health care reform – by dropping the "public option."

When the public option was compromised away, all possibility of controlling or forcing downward skyrocketing health care costs flew out the window because there was now no threat of the government providing low cost health care insurance and thus putting pressure on the major insurance companies to do the same.

During the recent deficit reduction battle, instead of calling the Republican bluff to shut down the government, Obama compromised and actually ended up giving the Republicans more cuts in federal spending (\$38.5 billion) than they had originally demanded (\$30.0 billion).

Then, last Wednesday, he released a deficit reduction plan of his own during which he gave an impressive speech accusing the Republicans of essentially trying to balance the budget by reducing or even eliminating social programs which disproportionately benefitted minorities, the poor and the lower middle class. He rightly pointed out that the Republicans were simultaneously proposing putting even more money into the hands of the wealthy by further extending the Bush-ear tax cuts for the rich.

However, the very next day (Thursday) he told the Associated Press he was again willing to compromise by "putting everything on the table."

If you put everything on the table for possible cuts, then what do you stand for? Where is the line in the sand which you dare the Republicans to cross?

Mark by word, before 2012 budget is complete, President Obama would have largely caved into the current Republican attempt to destroy Medicare and Medicaid by turning them over to the states in exchange for some minor concessions like some insignificantly small increase in taxes on the rich.

Every time Obama compromises, the Republicans win and the average working person in America loses. Only the corporations and the wealthy are benefitting. Obama must stop compromising and stand for something. If he does not, history will look back on his presidency as years of failure.

*Robert Taylor is veteran editor of the National Black News Journal. Visit him online at <http://dailyblack.webs.com> or share your views on his commentaries by emailing him at [taylormediaservices@yahoo.com](mailto:taylormediaservices@yahoo.com)*

### Councilmember Garcia Invited To White House

Will be guest at President and First Lady's Cinco de Mayo Reception

Long Beach Councilmember Robert Garcia has been invited to a reception at the White House on Thursday, May 5, at 5:00pm, in honor of Cinco de Mayo. The invitation, from President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama, invites the Councilman to join other guests and dignitaries from across the country to celebrate for an evening at the White House.

"I am honored to have been invited by the President and the First Lady to the White House," said Councilmember Garcia. "I am looking forward to representing Long Beach, and celebrating this historic day with other Latino Americans."

Councilmember Garcia is the first male Hispanic and youngest person ever elected to the Long Beach City Council. He is Vice-Chair of the Council's Federal Legislative Committee. He will arrive in Washington DC on May 4.

No city funds are being used to pay for this visit.

### Piano Festival for Youth

**The Long Beach Branch of the Music Teachers Association of California is holding its annual Sonata/Sonatina Festival on Saturday May 14, 2011 at 9:00AM-3:00PM for young pianists. There are three categories, Elementary: K - 4th grade, Intermediate: 5 - 7th grade, Senior 8 - 12th grade. Prizes will be awarded in each category for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places as well as any Honorable Mentions the judges choose to recognize.**

**It will be held at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living 500 Marina Drive, Seal Beach. Admission is free. The public is encouraged to attend and support these hard working young musicians in our community. There will be a break at the noon hour.**

**Come, bring the family and support these future pianists!**

To: President Barack Obama

## DNC's Policies Jeopardize Three Trillion Dollars in Corporate Contracts for Minorities

Dear President Obama,

There is a nasty feud at the DNC over approximately \$800 million in annual contracts. Unfortunately, it is about far more than the DNC's nontransparent and misleading definition of minority contracts that is at issue.

If the DNC insists on its present nontransparent and useless definitional standards that are contrary to federal government policy, Fortune 500 corporations will soon follow suit. These corporations award up to three trillion dollars annually in contracts.

A fair share of three trillion dollars in contracts is worth a fight by our six million minority-owned businesses. This is particularly the case when your bank regulators have refused to require financial institutions to lend to Blacks and other minorities or to award contracts to minorities, despite the Dodd/Frank bill's new requirements.

Presidential Intervention

Mr. President, 85% of the Black community, according to the latest Gallop Poll, supports your policies. But, we predict that unless you personally intervene regarding the DNC, less than 50% of Black-owned businesses will support your reelection.

We believe you can successfully intervene merely by ordering the DNC to immediately adopt a fully transparent policy similar to the one you strongly supported during your campaign. Secondly, they must adhere to the same definitional standards of minority as those required by the SBA. [1]

Our suggestion is as follows. Please make a public statement to the DNC that it is to immediately provide to the public and to the leaders of the Black, Hispanic and Asian Pacific Congressional caucuses comprehensive data by race, ethnicity, gender and for disabled veterans, separately stated for each.[2] This should include both the dollar and percentage of contracts and the number and percentage of contracts separately stated.

This information should be made available on or about July 4th of this year or it will be a major campaign issue by the Black business community and most probably other minority business communities.

Mr. President, you brought great hope to the Black community, including our vibrant Black business community, that we would see a renaissance in economic opportunities much as we saw during the first term of the Black Mayor of Atlanta, Maynard Jackson, Jr.

We look forward to your matching his achievements and would be pleased to organize groups of Black business organizations and Black business owners at a Rose Garden setting where you announce your support for transparency and minority contracts.

As Cornell Belcher, a prominent Black consultant stated, "A lot of the battles that took place in corporate America over issues of diversity ... just never happened within the party." And as Congressman James Clyburn stated on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, "Truth of the matter is, there is an old boys club that is perched inside of these party committees." (Huffington Post, 4/21/2011 "DNC's Family Feud Over Minority Contracting").

[1] More than a decade ago, the Phoenix Urban League led a successful effort to block corporate America against changing its definition to allow just 30% minority ownership to qualify as minority.

[2] The problems with the DNC are reporting definitions are many. The reporting is: a.) not transparent; b.) includes a useless definition of minority-owned so that if there is one minority principle out of five, it is considered minority, and; c.) it lumps all minority groups together including one group that has traditionally not been included, gays and lesbians.

Sincerely,  
Len Canty  
Chairman  
Black Economic Council

About the Black Economic Council (BEC)

The Black Economic Council (BEC) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization created to provide Black Americans an economic platform that facilitates business formation, job creation, access to capital, home ownership, affordable housing, financial fitness and equal opportunity for employment in the workforce. The mission of the BEC is to promote the self-sufficiency of Black-American communities through structured economic development.

### Quotes for H.S. Senior Graduates

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## Sex, Drugs, and Stocks N' Tolls

BY ARKARDI KUHLMANN

Parents are often more comfortable talking with their kids about sex and drugs than basic finance.

As astonishing as that sounds, it's exactly what a brand new survey from my company, ING DIRECT, found after examining the financial education habits of hundreds of moms and dads across the country.

Nearly a third (32 percent) said they were prepared to talk with their kids about drugs and alcohol. Roughly three in ten (28 percent) were prepared to discuss sex and dating. Yet just 26 percent reported being able to talk money and finances with their children.

This doesn't bode well for America's financial future. Parents are a key source of information about personal finances for children. Establishing good habits early in life is critical to healthy money management in adulthood.

Parents appreciate this. Our survey found that a full 95 percent believe they're primarily responsible for their child's financial education. Yet less than a third -- 29 percent -- actually consider themselves "excellent" financial role models.

Combine these findings and a desperate picture emerges -- many children are being deprived of the knowledge needed to develop basic financial literacy skills. This must change. Fortunately, there are a number of easy ways for parents to impart the basic tenets of good money management.

Consider allowances. Children shouldn't receive cash each week for simply mowing the yard or walking the dog. Instead, allowances should be used to introduce your child to saving -- starting with a piggy bank and eventually graduating to a proper savings account. Along the way, explain how and why you personally save -- and teach your child about the magic of compound interest.

Financial education can also be tied into traditional school. Once a child starts learning basic arithmetic, use personal finance examples to familiarize him or her with important concepts.

Of course, finance isn't just about mathematics -- it's also about language. A credit card agreement, for instance, can be chock-full of opaque provisions that require a close reading to fully understand. So once your son or daughter moves up to critical reading classes in school, teach them how to translate those skills to documents typical of financial life, like checking account terms, credit card agreements, and mortgage paperwork.

Help your child create a monthly budget that tracks earnings, spending, and progress toward long-term goals. Ultimately, it's your responsibility as a parent to enforce the terms of that budget and help them stave off impulses toward short-term thinking and spending sprees.

The next step is helping your child establish a checking account and get a debit card. Don't just pick an account for your child -- have them join you in the selection process. And explain what features they should be looking for, like no minimum balance requirement or monthly fees.

Keep your child away from a credit card for a long as possible. Plastic makes it too easy to violate a budget and accrue debt. But once it is time for them to get a card, explain what goes into a credit score, and how a low rating can make it difficult to get a car, apartment, or even a job.

Finally, introduce your child to investing, starting at an early age. Avoid the all-too-popular practice of buying them a government bond for Christmas or a birthday, and then immediately filing it away with little explanation. Start by setting them up with a custodial account. Then purchase your child a handful of stocks, ideally in a company they interact with regularly. Help them track the stock's progress by following relevant news stories and checking the price regularly in the newspaper or online.

April is National Financial Literacy Month. There's no better time for parents to start a conversation with their children about money management. Passing along basic tips, tricks, and habits at a young age sets them up for a lifetime of financial flourishing.

Arkadi Kuhlmann is President and CEO of ING DIRECT USA.



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Arkadi Kuhlman, Chairman, President and CEO of ING DIRECT USA bank, standing on his motorcycle (Harley-Davidson) in the lobby of their headquarters in Wilmington, DE.

## UNPRECEDENTED PUBLIC AWARENESS EFFORT SET TO LAUNCH IN MAY TO ASSIST FAMILIES IN THE COUNTY MOST VULNERABLE TO HUNGER

### Board of Supervisors proclaim "CalFresh Awareness Month" in the County of L.A.

LOS ANGELES – The County's Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) is putting the final touches on the May observance of "CalFresh Awareness Month," the most comprehensive and coordinated effort to increase access and participation in food assistance and reduce food insecurity in the second largest and most populated County in the nation.

At the Tuesday, April 26 Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Michael Antonovich led the Board in announcing a series of community events and activities to bring public awareness to CalFresh – the supplemental nutrition food benefit formally known as Food Stamps. It has been estimated that only half of those eligible in L.A. County are reportedly receiving the benefits.

The month-long public awareness effort is a collaboration by DPSS, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), California Department of Social Services, and over 25 community partners to educate residents and reach those most vulnerable to hunger.

The partnership has brainstormed for months on a variety of strategies to heighten public awareness about the issue.

According to the USDA, the number of homes lacking adequate food has more than tripled in the last four years. As a result, the agency noted in its report on food insecurity that hunger negatively impacts the intellectual, physical, and emotional development of children.

The month-long outreach will include the "Your Benefits Now" Online Applications, an alternative to applying in person for much-needed assistance, and the release of television and radio PSAs featuring national civil rights advocate for the poor, Delores C. Huerta, and four-time WNBA champion, Tina Thompson of the Los Angeles Sparks.

The outreach will also include the strategic deployment of DPSS' Health and Nutrition Mobile Office to farmers markets and non-traditional locations throughout the County.

"Now more than ever – to prevent hunger due to the current state of the economy – it's our goal to increase the number of eligible L.A. County residents who need the assistance to take the next step and apply," said DPSS Director Philip L. Browning.

"We hope this campaign shines a spotlight on the critical role CalFresh plays to help folks struggling to make ends meet keep nutritious food on their tables."

For more information on DPSS benefits, log onto <http://dpss.lacounty.gov/>.

## In the Age of Obama ...

Police Terror, Incarceration, No Jobs, Mis-education:

### WHAT FUTURE FOR OUR YOUTH?

Friday April 29 at 7:00 p.m. DeNeve Plaza Lecture Auditorium, UCLA, 351 Charles Young Drive West-Watch the trailer  
CORNEL WEST is one of America's most provocative public intellectuals and has been a champion for racial justice since childhood. His writing, speaking, and teaching weave together the traditions of the black Baptist Church, progressive politics, and jazz. The New York Times has praised his "ferocious moral vision." Dr. West currently teaches at Princeton University.

CARL DIX is a longtime revolutionary and a founding member of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA. In 1970 Carl was one of the Fort Lewis 6, six GIs who refused orders to go to Vietnam. He served 2 years in Leavenworth Military Penitentiary for his stand. In 1985 Carl initiated the Draw The Line statement, a powerful condemnation of the bombing of the MOVE house in Philadelphia. In 1996, Carl was a founder of the October 22nd Coalition to Stop Police Brutality. Carl coordinated the Katrina hearings of the 2006 Bush Crimes Commission.



Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership, is hosting two free grant workshops for the new 2011-2012 Grant Cycle. The workshops will cover application procedures/guidelines for four grant categories: Professional Artist Fellowship, Community Project Grant, Operating Grant I, and Operating Grant II. The workshops will also review the new monthly Micro-Grant Program, which has replaced the Neighborhood Project Grant. Through these grant categories, the Arts Council for Long Beach and the City of Long Beach strive to foster a vibrant arts community that serves the entire city, enlivens neighborhoods, stimulates the local economy, celebrates our diverse cultures and generates enjoyment and civic pride for residents.

Attendance at one workshop is required for all new grant applicants. The 2011-2012 Grant Cycle Applications are due May 30th, 2011. Download the applications [HERE](#).

Workshop dates are:

**April 28th, 2011 - 9:30am – 11:00am**  
Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA)  
628 Alamitos Ave  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**May 3rd, 2011 - 9:30am – 11:00am**  
Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership (LBNP)  
4900 East Conant Street  
Long Beach, CA 90808

RSVP: Please register with the date of workshop you plan to attend, along with your name, email address, organization (if applicable) and phone number to [molly.gardner@artslb.org](mailto:molly.gardner@artslb.org)

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## Hall Measure to Fight Cyber Bullying in Schools Approved by California State Assembly

SACRAMENTO – The California State Assembly today approved AB 227 by Assemblymember Isadore Hall, III (D- Los Angeles), which would require California school districts seeking federal or state education technology grants to develop comprehensive programs to fight cyber bullying and keep children safe while using computers at school. The measure was approved on a bipartisan vote of 54 to 20.

For more than twenty years, computers, wireless communication devices and the increasingly mobile nature of the Internet has revolutionized education. While the increased use of the Internet in and out of the classroom has made student access to information and social networking easier, the Internet unfortunately has also been used to harass, intimidate and bully students in ways unimaginable a generation ago.

Recent incidents of harassment and cyber bullying across the country have led to violence against youth and the tragic suicides of middle, high school and college students. These tragedies have raised a nationwide awareness of this crisis and a demand for states to take a more active role to protect students from bullying, intimidation and harassment.

In 2010, over \$36 million in federal education technology grants were administered to school districts throughout California impacting nearly 3 million students. While this money helped to increase technology access in the classroom, school districts were not required to ensure that students were being protected from inappropriate material or cyber bullying.

AB 227 takes a pro-active approach to prevent cyber bullying by requiring school districts to use content control software on school computers, to establish clear guidelines to prevent cyber bullying and to develop policies to promote the responsible use of mobile communication devices.

“The Internet is a great educational tool that can be used to increase student success and prepare our future workforce for the demands of the 21st Century global economy,” said Assemblymember Hall. “This measure will help students learn the responsible use of this technology and provide important tools to keep students safe while on and off line.”

AB 227 now moves to the State Senate for further action.

## Attorney General Kamala D. Harris Announces \$1.8 Million Settlement with CVS Pharmacy for Overcharging Medi-Cal

SAN FRANCISCO --- Attorney General Kamala D. Harris today announced a settlement with the drug store chain CVS Pharmacy, Inc. for overcharging the state's Medi-Cal program for prescription drugs.

CVS Pharmacy will reimburse California more than \$1.76 million as part of a \$17.5 million settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice and nine other states, including Alabama, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Nevada and Rhode Island.

“CVS chose to short-change taxpayers and undermine our healthcare safety net with these actions,” said Attorney General Harris. “We are all better off now that this deception has been uncovered.”

Starting in late 2002 and continuing through 2010, CVS submitted prescription drug claims to Medi-Cal for individuals who were covered by both Medi-Cal and a third-party insurance plan. The pharmacy should have first billed the primary insurer - and sought Medi-Cal reimbursement only for the remaining amount, typically the co-pay.

In 2008, a CVS pharmacist in Minnesota stepped forward to alert the authorities of the overbilling.

A multi-state investigation, in which billing and payment information was analyzed and cross-referenced to private insurance payment, found that CVS billed more than the amount allowed for so-called dual-eligible claims.

Investigating the case and negotiating the settlement with CVS were the California Attorney General's Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse, along with the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wisconsin, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Inspector General, and the attorneys general of the other settling states.

As part of the agreement, CVS will train its employees in accurate billing procedures. CVS has started working with individual states to make sure it bills correctly for dual-eligible beneficiaries. Pharmacy payments will also be audited on a regular basis by an independent review organization.

The funds recovered for California will be paid to the Department of Health Care Services to reimburse the state's Medi-Cal program.

The California investigation and settlement negotiations were overseen by Supervising Deputy Attorney General Nicholas Paul and Deputy Attorneys General Erika Hiramoto, Matt Kilman and Eliseo Sisneros.

A copy of the settlement agreement is available at [ag.ca.gov](http://ag.ca.gov).

## Prop 8 Proponents Move to Throw Out Same-Sex Marriage Ruling – Cite Judge’s Long-Term Gay Relationship, Failure to Disclose

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

SACRAMENTO – Attorneys for ProtectMarriage.com filed a motion today asking the U.S. District Court to vacate former Judge Vaughn Walker’s decision invalidating Prop 8, on the grounds that Walker failed to disclose a long-term, same-sex relationship, and should have recused himself before trial.

Federal law requires a judge to disqualify himself whenever the judge knows that he has any personal interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the case, or any other circumstances in which the judge’s impartiality might reasonably be questioned.

“The American people have a right to a fair judicial process, free from even the appearance of bias or prejudice,” said Andrew Pugno, general counsel for the official proponents of Prop 8. “Judge Walker's ten-year-long same-sex relationship creates the unavoidable impression that he was not the impartial judge the law requires. He was obligated to either recuse himself or provide full disclosure of this relationship at the outset of the case. These circumstances demand setting aside his decision.”

The core issue presented in the Perry v. Brown case is whether the U.S. Constitution requires the redefinition of marriage to include same-sex relationships.

“Under governing California law Judge Walker currently cannot marry his partner. But his ruling in this case, if ultimately upheld, would give him a right to do so,” Pugno pointed out.

“We deeply regret the necessity of this motion. But if the courts are to require others to follow the law, the courts themselves must do so as well,” Pugno added.

“We are not suggesting that a gay or lesbian judge could not sit on this case,” Pugno said. “Rather, our motion is all about the fundamental principle that no judge is permitted to try a case where he has an interest in the outcome. Surely, no one would suggest that Judge Walker could order state officials to issue a marriage license to him and his partner. Yet it must be presumed that that is precisely what has occurred.”

Proposition 8 was approved by over 7 million California voters in the 2008 general election, to reaffirm marriage in the California Constitution as only between a man and a woman.

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# Managing the MTV Generation

BY ODETTE POLLAR

Remember this scene? It is 15 years ago and you are going on your first job interview. You arrived 30 minutes early dressed in your finest button down style donning short hair. It was not possible to bathe longer, get cleaner or comb your hair any smoother. You filled in every blank on the application and spelled all the words right.

If you got the job you fully expected to remain with the company for many years, maybe for your entire career. Contrast this to a young applicant today. If I show up for the interview, who knows what I will be wearing, whether I will have hair and if so, in what color. When I fill out the application, the spelling is likely to be creative. Although I want a job, but it may not be the highest priority in my life. I may not be in this position for the long term nor am I seeing this opportunity as the beginning of a career I expect to remain in for fifteen or twenty years.

### Different Background

What explains this difference in outlook between individuals in their 20's and those in their 40's? The younger generation is more likely to have had both parents working, or to come from a single-parent family. Men and women who were born between the years 1960-1980 are 500 times more likely to have been latch key kids than those born between 1940-1960 according to government data. "Latch key" refers to kids who were left on their own between the time school ended each day and the parent(s) returned from work.

Growing up in that setting leads to autonomy. A whole generation has been able to be left alone to make decisions and assume greater responsibility. Additionally, entertainment does not center around other people but is now provided by the television set, a form of entertainment that is passive and immediate. This newer generation is used to a faster pace of life, to having their needs met quickly. This is the MTV generation.

### Different Outlooks

In the workplace these differences in viewpoint show up quickly. Younger employees want success now and on their own terms, but paying dues is often a foreign concept. They are less trusting of organizations, institutions and authority in general. They are very likely to challenge rules, policies and procedures. Although challenging, this group brings great energy and vitality to an organization.

### Helpful Skills

Share information and give straight answers. Younger employees will ask "why" more often. Skepticism or less than complete acceptance of a new policy or program, may not mean resistance. It might indicate a need for more clarity about their role, how it will affect them and what new ways this activity will allow them to contribute.

Younger employees expect more collaboration and influence over what, when and how they do work. They expect to continue making decisions and to have greater responsibility. Let them do so and encourage their participation as much as possible in decisions affecting their immediate scope of responsibility.

Not being steeped in a tradition of following orders, younger employees often need more autonomy. This fits right in with quality initiatives, empowerment programs and self-managing teams. Change is very comfortable for this group and the changes these initiatives bring are exciting.

Younger employees are often creative and interested in opportunities where their personal interests can be put to work. One way to foster this is to provide the latest tools, toys and technology for them to experiment with. Since they are easily bored, changing work assignments or projects is important. If possible, let them have some control over how their office is decorated and try not to bog them down in unnecessary rules or structure.

Younger employees need constant stimulation. When they do not find challenge in their current environment, they will skip to something better - a new department, division, or employer. Offer them training opportunities, GED programs and college tuition reimbursement, so that they can improve their skills and move up in the organization.

In spite of differences in upbringing, people are more alike than different. Everyone likes to grow and learn new things. Everyone is sensitive about their work, eager to do a job of which they can be proud. As a manager Think Smart and help people to shine. The rewards to the department and organization will be tremendous



Odette Pollar

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# Will CNN Ever Give a Black Night Time News Host a Chance to Shine Too?

**BY DR. BOYCE WATKINS, YOUR BLACK WORLD**

The New York Post has revealed that CNN is once again considering bringing in a person of color to one of their night time anchor spots. The move is long overdue, since black and brown people have been subject to the "All-white, all-night" phenomenon, where none of the major cable news networks have granted any of their nightly branded news spots to an African American host. This is nothing short of insulting, given that black people are very good at showing loyalty to those who don't feel compelled to return the favor.

As John King is being taken to the carpet for his disappointing ratings in the 7 p.m. slot, CNN's leadership is considering Soledad O'Brien as his replacement. Sure, Soledad isn't everyone's first pick, but she's professional, talented and quite intelligent. She deserves to have a shot. All the while, I'd be remiss not to mention my respected friend Roland Martin, and other talented CNN personalities, like Richelle Carey, Don Lemmon, TJ Holmes, and Tony Harris (who just left for Al Jazeera English).



**Roland Martin**

What's saddest is that rather than seeking out high quality black journalistic talent, CNN leadership is looking for (surprise!) black entertainers and comedians to fill the void. Reports are that celebrities like Chris Rock are being considered for the post, which might be a solid, but premature move by the network. I find it quite interesting that none of the nighttime slots have gone to white comedians (can you imagine Jerry Seinfeld on CNN?), but when it comes to black folks, our first job is to make other people laugh. Perhaps one day, a major network will realize that black people can be productive even when we are not singing, dancing or dribbling a basketball.

But we can't give up hope just yet.

"They are desperately trying to put together a show with Soledad at 7 p.m.," according to a CNN insider. "So she is getting another chance and will be shooting another pilot today."

One can only pray that someone within CNN understands how critical it is to give a black journalist a chance to be on the air. I find it amazing that no one has concluded that there isn't a black journalist on earth as talented as the less-than-flattering Nancy Grace or the overly-articulate Jane Valez Mitchell (whose exaggerated style of communication reminds me of The Jerry Springer Show). Finally, we must openly question why defamed former New York Governor Eliot Spitzer has a show, in spite of the fact that Rev. Jesse Jackson was fired from CNN for allegedly violating an ethics clause when it was uncovered that he had a child outside his marriage. So, Spitzer shows us that even white males with highly questionable ethics are preferable to the hard-working black folks (like Soledad, Martin and others) who've paid their dues within the organization and kept their noses entirely clean.

On a final note, there is another interesting racial dimension to CNN's black on-air personalities: Is it me, or is every black person on the network light-skinned? I'm not out to accuse anyone of anything, but there are quiet grumbings in the black community about whether or not a Wesley-Snipes lookalike would get the same consideration as someone who looks like President Obama. All throughout our nation's history, there has been a clear and undeniable bias in favor of light-skinned African Americans. That's a simple fact. I wonder if CNN is also subject to the same bias that affects millions of other Americans across the country.

CNN's effort to find the latest black man to make us all laugh takes me back to the DL Hughley debacle in 2008. In an ill-conceived effort to profit from the pending election of our nation's first black president, CNN made comedian DL Hughley the first black man to host a night time show. The show was not only as dry as used toilet paper in the desert, but the jokes were incredibly insulting and stereotypical. The fact that a group of CNN executives got together and thought this show was a good idea is nothing short of shocking. So, perhaps much-needed diversity in front of the camera must be supplemented by additional diversity in the board room. Either way, CNN has some work to do, and I'd be lying if I didn't say it was urgent.

*Dr. Boyce Watkins is a Professor at Syracuse University and founder of the Your Black World Coalition, with 55,000 members nation-wide.*

## Quotes for H.S. Senior Graduates

"To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight; and never stop fighting" - *E. E. Cummings*

"It is clear the future holds great opportunities. It also holds pitfalls. The trick will be to avoid the pitfalls, seize the opportunities, and get back home by six o'clock"

- *Woody Allen*

## 3+ Minutes with the Bible



### THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW NATURES

**BY RICHARD LOVE**

Concerning the conflict continually going on between the old and new natures in the believer, St. Paul says:

"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would" (Gal. 5:17).

Regarding this conflict in his own personal experience, he writes:

"For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do."

"For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

"But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members" (Rom. 7:19,22,23).

It has been taught by some that we need not experience this continual strife between the old nature and the new. They say: "Get out of the 7th of Romans into the 8th."

We would remind such that the Apostle Paul wrote Romans 7 and Romans 8 at the same sitting; that in the original language the letter goes right on without interruption -- without even a chapter division.

Thus the same apostle who exclaims: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1) refers in the same letter, only a few sentences before, and in the present tense, to "the law of sin which is in my members," and freely acknowledges the present operation of that law in his members, as we have seen above.

How then shall we get out of the 7th of Romans into the 8th? Paul experienced both at the same time, and so do we, for while we are free from the condemnation of sin, sin itself nevertheless continues to work within us, and we must constantly "mortify the deeds of the body" (Rom. 8:13).

## Shhhh!

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping."

## University Hosts American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event May 6 to 7

### Teams forming now; Members of the community are encouraged to participate

Carson, CA – California State University, Dominguez Hills will host an American Cancer Society Relay for Life event — from May 6 to May 7 — to celebrate survivors, remember those who lost the battle, and fight back in the form of raising money for cancer research, education, and programs.

Every year, Relay for Life brings together millions of people from around the world to do one simple yet very impactful thing — walk for 24 hours to raise awareness of cancer and raise money to help the American Cancer Society in its efforts to find a cure. From noon Friday, May 6, until noon on Saturday, May 7, teams comprised of staff, faculty, student organizations and members of the community will walk nonstop (team members can take turns) around the Sculpture Garden outside of La Corte Hall and in the process serve as a visible reminder that cancer affects everyone.

The relay will begin with opening ceremonies at noon, followed by a survivor's lap at 1 p.m. Cancer survivors are encouraged to participate in this first lap even if they have not signed up for a team. They are also welcome to submit their survival stories to the Relay for Life web page for the university, [www.relayforlife.org/CalStateDominguezHillsCA](http://www.relayforlife.org/CalStateDominguezHillsCA).

Cost to register a team is \$10, with each individual on the team also paying \$10. To start a team, join an existing team, or simply donate, log on to the campus Relay for Lifeweb page. Everyone from faculty to staff, student organizations to members of the local community can participate.

The Sculpture Garden is located in between La Corte Hall and the University Theatre off Toro Center Drive and across from Parking Lot 6. A campus map is available online at [www.csudh.edu/visitus/campusmap.shtml](http://www.csudh.edu/visitus/campusmap.shtml).

For more information on Relay for Life at CSU Dominguez Hills and how you can get involved, contact event chair, student Elizabeth Martinez, at [elizabeth.relay@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth.relay@yahoo.com).

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# Afro-Brazilian.com Launches To Bridge Gap Between Afro-Brazilians and African Americans

LAGRANT COMMUNICATIONS announced the launch of the first website dedicated to educating African Americans on Afro-Brazilian culture. The website is part of the agency's commitment to enriching the understanding of the diversity of the Latino and African American culture.

Afro-Brazilian.com will celebrate Afro-Brazilian culture through the development of original content by highlighting the history, culture and historical struggles of Afro-Brazilians. The website will also feature facts on Afro-Brazilians; Brazilian events taking place in the US and Brazil; updates on Brazilian politics; and the upcoming World Cup and the Olympic Games.



Kim Hunter, president/CEO, LAGRANT COMMUNICATIONS

Although Brazil has been a major tourist destination for decades, many do not know much about the country, the people nor its culture.

According to MercoPress, an independent online news agency, Afro-Brazilians represent the largest ethnic group in Brazil, more than 49 percent of the population.

Afro-Brazilians have a cultural influence on Brazil that spans from cuisine, literature, sports, and art, among others.

"Although Afro-Brazilians have a significant and influential presence in Brazil, they are grossly underrepresented by the media," said Paulo P. Lima, editor-at-large of Afro-Brazilian.com. "The website was created to raise awareness of the unique and rich Afro-Brazilian culture and the

historical parallels it shares with the African American community."

Afro-Brazilian.com will also provide opportunities for companies interested in reaching the Brazilian market. The website will provide a series of advertising opportunities that include web banners, editorial features, background sponsorships and contests.

"Our goal is to educate and encourage African Americans to establish a brotherhood and explore the rich African influences in Brazil. Many do not know that Brazil has the largest population of African descendants outside of Africa," said Kim L. Hunter, president/CEO of LAGRANT COMMUNICATIONS.

"Brazil will remain in the international spotlight for many years, so understanding the Brazilian people, specifically Afro-Brazilians, is crucial to any American planning to travel and explore business opportunities in Brazil."

For more information visit [www.Afro-Brazilian.com](http://www.Afro-Brazilian.com).

# Youth and Community Invited to Dialogue with Police Officers

Youth and community members are invited to dialogue with Police Officers on Monday, May 2, and Wednesday, May 4, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at The Neighborhood – A United Methodist Community Downtown, 507 Pacific Ave., Long Beach.

The dialogue is an effort to develop and promote awareness and understanding among Long Beach residents, youth and Police Officers. Youth and community members are encouraged to attend both nights. Space is limited and RSVP's are required. Free dinner and door prizes will be provided both nights. For more information or to RSVP, contact Michelle Friesen at [ccejintern@cacej.org](mailto:ccejintern@cacej.org) or 562.435.8184.

The dialogue provides a unique opportunity for youth and residents and law enforcement officers to engage in productive conversation about perceptions and expectations of each other while exploring ways to improve police-community relations. This is part of a series of dialogues that have been held throughout the city over the last six months, sponsored by the City of Long Beach Human Dignity Program, the Long Beach Police Department and the California Conference on Equality and Justice.

The City of Long Beach is dedicated to providing residents with resources to address quality of life concerns in an effort to create and maintain clean, safe and healthy neighborhoods.

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## Quotable: Rev. Al Sharpton on Rejecting 'Dancing With the Stars'



"Do you know how much money I could have made with a megachurch like T.D. Jakes or Eddie Long? Don't you think I could have done that? What I do is my passion, but it's also constant work, and if my reward is getting on television, it seems fair to me. There are enough black people dancing on TV without me."

Minister and civil rights activist Al Sharpton on declining to appear on the popular dance competition series 'Dancing With the Stars'.

## Curbing Bad Behavior/Oprah Winfrey's Effect

Humanitarian and media mogul Oprah Winfrey is a magnanimous human being. Her endorsement of individuals and products she likes is well documented. Oprah's stamp of approval is said to change the fortunes of millions of individuals all over the world. There are over 100 companies who have become instantly famous and financially successful after appearing on her television shows, either as a guest or as one of "Oprah's Favorite Things." Namely, her book club has had a positive effect on reading in America: a plethora of book clubs have been launched because of Oprah's Book Club. Her magazine, "O," was an instant success with the launch of its first issue; this is unheard of in the publishing industry. The list of Oprah's effect on individuals and products she champions goes on and on.

I had the opportunity to experience Oprah's effect twice. Once while I was working for PolyGram Records as a Publicist for singer/songwriter Oleta Adams and then again when I was Senior Director of Media Relations for legendary icon Mr. Quincy Jones' Qwest Records. In the former scenario, Oleta was booked on Oprah's show to sing her hit single, "Get Here." The next day after Oleta's appearance on The Oprah Show, PolyGram Records sold almost 100,000 Oleta Adams CDs. This sale boost propelled Oleta to her first Gold Album; an occasion our PolyGram staff thankfully



(Me) Ron Carter, Quincy Jones and singer/songwriter Oleta Adams

celebrated. In the latter scenario, I was on a historic tour with Mr. Jones - after 23 years of not touring he had consented to a promotional tour in support of his "Q's Jook Joint" CD. One morning while on the promotional tour, Mr. Jones called me to his suite and instructed that I send some flowers to Oprah at her office in Chicago. He then dictated a note to me that was to accompany the flowers. I remember the feeling today like it was yesterday. I felt elated - goose bumps et al - calling a Chicago florist to order flowers for Oprah and dictate a note to her from Mr. Jones. If you are not familiar with Mr. Jones' writing, let me say he is a MASTER of the spoken word. The note was beautiful. I'll never forget the opportunity Mr. Jones gave me to communicate with Oprah. It feels like yesterday (I believe I said that already)...excuse me.

As I witnessed what Oprah's endorsements have done for Lisa Price, CEO of Carol's Daughter; Lori Karmel, Owner of We Take The Cake and Jon Bresler, Owner of Lafco Enterprises among others, I am reminded of how her generous behavior - building an extraordinary relationship with her audience - has resulted in a force for good for many. Oprah calls it "Living Your Best Life."

Of course Oprah has detractors, but at the end of the day, in my humble opinion, she is doing more good in this world than many of the people who dislike her. Keep On Rising Miss Oprah Winfrey; your star continues to shine.

## Will a settlement settle the Bishop Eddie Long sex scandal?

BY RONDA RACHA PENRICE

"This ain't going to be no bad Friday for me, it's going to be a Good Friday," Eddie Long told his New Birth Missionary Baptist Church congregation Palm Friday during an early morning service. That same day, Judge Johnny Panos informed reporters that a settlement in the sex scandal where four young men have accused Long of coercing them into inappropriate sexual acts was within "field goal range."

Even for those giving Long the benefit of the doubt, the news of his decision to mediate with his accusers in February instead of fighting them as he proclaimed from the pulpit the previous fall when the allegations were made, had to raise an eyebrow. Long's refusal to step down or at least take a break from the pulpit has ensured continued media scrutiny, making the decision to settle even more suspect.

Those familiar with Long and the church prior to the scandal know the toll the allegations have taken, especially in this economic downturn. Long may appear to walk around as if nothing has happened but everything is not all right and it's not all scandal-related either. Like most Americans, New Birth was not immune to the harsh effects of the economic downturn.

Two years ago, in 2009, the Easter service was voluntarily down-sized. For at least 15 years prior, the service, hailed by some as "the largest Easter service in Georgia," was held at the Georgia Dome where the Atlanta Falcons play. Those services attracted upwards of 40,000 worshippers with many politicians, athletes and celebrities in attendance. T.I., Jennifer Hudson and Patti LaBelle were among those who made appearance during those high times, when the Easter service production price tag alone rang in at around \$200,000. One can only imagine the overflow of the collection baskets during these services.

"In this time of recession, we had to look at some different ways of doing things," Long explained at the time. "The unemployment situation, the mortgage situation has definitely affected our members. This money could be better utilized to bless more people, feed more people," he said. Even then, church revenue was down by 20 percent from the previous year. Needless to say, it can only be assumed that a sex scandal, a gay one at that, only accelerated the downward spiral.

Outreach services were a constant during New Birth's Easter activities in previous years and those continued this year. Last Wednesday, New Birth held a career fair in addition to continuing with the free health screenings, clothing giveaways and free haircuts, among other services, that Saturday. Perhaps it is possible that Long has not stepped down or taken a break not just out of sheer arrogance. Maybe he truly believes that only he can right this ship.

Still, quietly, fervent New Birth members have stepped away. For some who have shared their thoughts only under anonymity, it's not the scandal per se that has perturbed them the most. Rather, it is the handling of the situation and Long's inability to provide clear answers in that regard. These are complex times for sure and a lot is at stake and it's not all about just saving souls either.

The Stonecrest Mall is extremely close to New Birth and there's no way a service capable of seating 10,000 people didn't pack a positive economic wallop. Christians get hungry too and they also purchase clothing and other items. In addition to that, New Birth was a popular place for all kinds of events. Rainforest Films screened their film The Gospel there. Kirk Franklin and other gospel heavyweights regularly performed at New Birth. And some of that is still going on; most recently, a bridal expo was held there.

"You ain't messin' with me. I shall rise again, and I ain't going through this," Long thundered at one of his Easter congregations Sunday. Given his actions, it's easy to interpret this message as his strategy throughout this whole ordeal. It's very clear that Long decided a while ago that he wasn't "going through this," which explains his penchant to talk around the situation. Only when his back was up against the wall did he specifically address the allegations and even then it was muddled at best.

If his words, "You have to go down there and let the devil know that what they thought was gonna kill you, didn't kill you. What they thought was gonna bring terror to you, didn't bring terror to you, and you made the enemies public spectacle" are truly taken to heart, the only losers remain the young men at the center of this maelstrom. Even if their pockets are lined in the end, their silence has to do more harm than good.

At this point, it looks like New Birth, under Eddie Long's guidance, is weathering this storm. Just looking at the Easter service YouTube video makes it clear that enough people still believe and others are even still joining. If all the allegations against Long are indeed true, Judas won't be the only one who betrayed Jesus.



Bishop Eddie Long speaks Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta.

## CSULB Vocal Jazz Ensemble Earns Honors, Set to Perform Friday

From LBT Reports

A vocal jazz ensemble from Cal State Long Beach has been creating quite a buzz lately, recently earning top honors at the Next Generation Jazz Festival and being named

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# Lucy Florence Cultural Center struggles to stay open

Written by Rhonda Kuykendall-Jabari for Ron & Richard Harris

We are in a season of resurrection. The photo above was taken on Easter 1961; a past season of resurrection. We stood before our twin sisters with no knowledge of the many rebirths we would experience during this lifetime. We were young, protected, loved and unafraid. We stood before our twin sisters knowing nothing about the wonderful adventures in our future.



That was 50 years ago. Today, we are living proof of the Divine MotherFatherGod and the spirit of resurrection. We embrace countless lessons about life, death, fear and achievement along the way. We are boys, students, men, teachers, retail buyers, managers, dancers, coaches, designers, owners and creators. We've died and been reborn so many times we've lost count of our birthdays! This is a season of resurrection; but is it our season of resurrection?

We've lived in Los Angeles for nearly 30 years and it's our second home. Last week, we visited the original Lucy Florence (our mother) in our hometown of Atlanta, Georgia. Absence makes for interesting insight. We forgot how different things can be from city to city.

Small business is thriving in the ATL. Surprisingly, there were no invisible racial borders when it came to commerce. Money changed hands among, between, within and across ethnicities. Businesses were packed with people of different races. There was no 'Hollywood' expectation of free services to boast celebrity patrons. People didn't act like anyone owed them anything beyond the good or service for which they paid. Everyone pays and everyone benefits. Don't be mistaken, though. There was no chorus of Kumbaya, just a respectable exchange of currency for quality goods and services. You know, business.

**Comments on story above:**

**Black Barbie** - I live in LA and have been to visit Lucy Florence. I was surprised to see a nationally, perhaps internationally, circulated article about Lucy Florence. Lucy Florence is a wonderful artspace, theatre space, and cafe/tearoom located in historic Leimert Park. (You may be familiar with the area from the opening credits of "Moesha.") The area boasts many stores and community gathering spots, such as the regular drum circle in the park, that attract many to the area.

In order to help support and sustain Lucy Florence, please provide additional background information about the history of the name, it's owners, and their purpose in creating the space. Lucy Florence is also home to a screening room and a wellness spa. It's a community gem that should not be lost. Please help others find their way to this beautiful community beacon.

**Jadore** - I agree the article is poorly written. I had to read it over a few times also. @ Vivian and Rhonda The article does not tell me anything about The Lucy Florence center. I don't know what the intent was. Is the place in ATL or L.A.? What goes on there? What do they do? I've never heard of the place; but if you tell me where the place is located and what their mission is I would certainly stop by and check it out whenever I'm in ATL.

**Gichaya** - I live in NYC and I never heard of Lucy Florence either. After googling, I found that the boys in the pic are twins as well as the sisters. I have to agree with ja that this is not a well written or informative article. Vivian need to stop being so self righteous, as everybody doesn't live in LA. I'm sure there are cultural centers right here in Harlem that she is not familiar with.

**Vivian** - To all: This entire story is sad, as well as ridiculous. These fantastic brothers are trying to hold on to a place that I love. We should all be concerned about Lucy Florence. There are few places we can come together for our cultural needs. We know exactly why these things happen, we are too busy going to "others" when we need to support our own. I'm guilty also, but I'm about to make some changes so I can support my brothers. A couple

of years ago I had my first art show at Lucy Florence, and I was treated royally by both Richard and Ron. People we need to come together and support these brothers. As you drive down Crenshaw Bl. on your way to Century City, or Westwood, or wherever, stop by Lucy Florence for a moment, sit yourself down, and enjoy a nice cool beverage, or a slice of delicious cake or pie, or just stop by and say Hi. You go every where else right, yes right!!!! If any one reads this and would like information about the "New World Order" and what's next on the horizon, call Lucy Florence, and if there are enough interested people, I'll set up a seminar so I can share with you just what is going on, not only in the U.S., but all over the world. You will be amazed at what's truly happening, and I have plenty of see **LUCY FLORENCE** page 10

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Cynthia D. Love and Robin S. Thorne

## How To Have Good Sex After A Mastectomy

BY EVE MARX

Sex after a mastectomy is a thorny issue, not just because of the actual trauma imposed on the body by the surgery, but because of a woman's mental and emotional state following the removal and then reconstruction of her breasts. Depending on how she feels about her body post-surgically, it may take a woman months, if not longer, to feel comfortable engaging in sexual intimacy again.

First there are the physical issues that need to be addressed. Pain from post-mastectomy reconstruction is very real, and that's not an aphrodisiac. Expect the chest to be sore and tender for many weeks. The reconstruction can take place in steps and continue over a fairly long period of time. There may be a time when you have no nipples, and the surgical scars may itch and cause discomfort. There may be extensive loss of sensation, an off-putting and frightening consequence to post-surgical patients.

Purely physical sensation aside, mostly it is concern about the new constructed breasts and their appearance that cause both partners the most sexual anxiety. Partners need to communicate their reservations and fears to each other. While the woman may be most concerned about her appearance, her partner may be fearful of touching her and causing her pain.

Cancer patients across the board usually suffer a loss of libido. This is no different when recovering from a mastectomy. Chemo and radiation treatments post-surgery have their own unwanted side effects, including nausea, extreme exhaustion, and hair loss. The double whammy of first losing your breasts and then your hair is a tragic indignity and not a great incentive for lovemaking. Post-surgical depression is very common in breast cancer patients in the year following diagnosis. Depression, which often exhibits itself in irritability and fatigue, makes sex unappealing.

On the bright side, you may fall in love with your new breasts. Size-wise, they may be the breasts you always longed for, or they may be just like your old breasts before you had children or breastfed. Another plus is that many women report that although they may have experienced a loss of sensation in places where they had it before, new erogenous areas develop to compensate for the ones that are lost. You may find that you now enjoy having your cleavage stroked, or that touching your clavicle sends a new tingle down your spine.

It may take time, patience and sensitivity to begin to enjoy sex once again after a mastectomy but sexual fulfillment can be achieved if one has an understanding and loving partner and desires the life-affirming value of a satisfying sex life.

Eve Marx writes frequently about sex for ThirdAge.com.



give yourself 10 minutes each week to do a self exam, or have your lover help you check for lumps or bumps. Breast cancer can be prevented if found early.

## MESSAGE FROM ELLIE TOLENTINO, MANAGER HOUSING SERVICES BUREAU

Long Beach has diverse housing alternatives, but finding an affordable home remains a challenge for many. Increasing home prices and rents have made it difficult for many households to afford decent homes. That's where we come in.

In cooperation with the nonprofit corporation, The Long Beach Housing Development Company, it's our job to make affordable housing happen in Long Beach. We offer first-time home-buyer assistance programs, rehabilitation loans to property owners, as well as financial assistance to developers so that they may build new affordable housing units or acquire and improve existing units. The City of Long Beach is committed to facilitating the availability of decent and affordable housing for its residents and workforce. Please click on the programs to the left to learn more about how we may be able to assist you.

**Q&A for Borrowers about the Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan Borrowers Who Are Current on Their Mortgage Are Asking:**

What help is available for borrowers who stay current on their mortgage payment but have seen their homes decrease in value?

Under the Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan, eligible borrowers who stay current on their mortgages but have been unable to refinance to lower their interest rates because their homes have decreased in value, may now have the opportunity to refinance into a 30 or 15 year, fixed rate loan. Through the program, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will allow the refinancing of mortgage loans that they hold in their portfolios or that they placed in mortgage backed securities.

I owe more than my property is worth, do I still qualify to refinance under the Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan?

Eligible loans will now include those where the new first mortgage (including any refinancing costs) will not exceed 105% of the current market value of the property. For example, if your property is worth \$200,000 but you own \$210,000 or less you may qualify. The current value of your property will be determined after you apply to refinance.



ELLIE TOLENTINO

## KID GETS 45 YEARS FOR KILLING TUSKEGEE AIRMAN

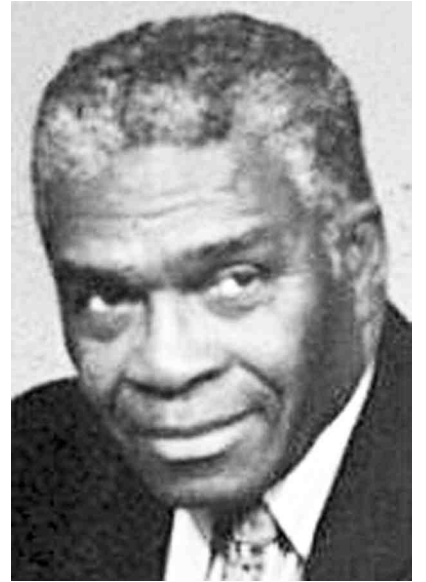
BY ARTEMIS COUGHLAN

TRENTON - William Bethea will be 45 years old before he can be considered for parole after serving the greater part of 45 years in prison he was sentenced today in Mercer Court for the brutal beating death of 84-year-old beloved Tuskegee Airman Jerry Eure in 2007.

Bethea, 20, of the 100 block of Walnut Avenue, Trenton, pleaded guilty to last month to his part of the elderly Trenton man's death so he and his cousin, Anthony Bethea, could steal the man's cell phone, car for a joy ride, portable computer and cell phone.

Police nabbed William after they tracked the suspect as he used Eure's cell phone while riding around the city in the man's car, said Assistant Prosecutor Brian McCauley.

The World War II veteran's body was found beaten to a pulp lying, with his neck slashed and head swollen, face down on his kitchen floor.




Tuskegee Airman Jerry Eure

## LUCY FLORENCE

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information about it. Tell the brothers you're interested in hearing this information, and I guarantee you will be amazed at what you don't know. God Bless!!!! Join in the Saturday morning function. What is wrong with you people? The time to get involved is "RIGHT NOW" We don't have our little black businesses as we once had, nor the night clubs, as a matter of fact, there are very few things we can say we own, because we don't own much of any thing any more. Stop using the internet, and ordering books from Amazon and Barnes and Noble, have Esa Won order books for you, they will you know. Please people get involved, do what you can, pray, can you or Westwood for whatever, stop by Lucy Florence.

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## Southern California Edison Helps Spring Cleaning Efforts with \$50 for Refrigerator Recycling

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROSEMead, Calif. — Spring is in the air. The old energy-hog refrigerator is in the garage. To help customers save energy and money on their electricity bills, Southern California Edison (SCE) offers \$50 and free pickup to recycle inefficient refrigerators and freezers.

“We’ve helped Southern Californians recycle nearly a million refrigerators. It’s one of the easiest ways to help the environment and to help keep costs down,” said Gene Rodrigues, SCE’s director of Energy Efficiency and Customer Solar. “An extra, old fridge uses twice the energy as a newer model and can waste about \$180 a year keeping a six-pack of soda cold.”

Smart shoppers can couple the \$50 recycling incentive with SCE’s \$50 rebate for buying a new ENERGY STAR-qualified refrigerator. The \$50 recycling incentive also can be donated to SCE’s Energy Assistance Fund, which provides grants to customers who are having trouble paying their bills.

### Refrigerator Recycling Facts:

A refrigerator uses about 19 percent of a household’s electricity, more than any other appliance.

A refrigerator or freezer bought before 1993 can use up to 50 percent more than a new Energy Star-qualified model.

Replacing a 10-year-old refrigerator with a new ENERGY STAR-qualified model saves enough energy to light the average household for 45 days.

Disposing of refrigerators in landfills is against California law; proper recycling of the foam insulation and refrigerant in the cooling circuit can prevent the equivalent atmospheric release of up to five tons of carbon dioxide. Nearly all refrigerator parts and fluids can be recycled.

For more information on how to recycle your refrigerator or freezer, and how to get the \$50 rebate for buying a new ENERGY STAR-labeled unit, please visit [www.sce.com/save](http://www.sce.com/save) or call (800) 810-2015.

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- April 7 Stevie DeVosion - DJ/Karaoke Host
- April 8 Charles Owens Jazz Quartet
- April 9 Dale Black Jazz Quintet
- April 10 Scott Martin - Latin Jazz Band - 5:30PM - 9:30 PM
- April 14 Stevie DeVosion - DJ/Karaoke Host
- April 15 Jeff Robinson - Jazz/R&B Vocalist
- April 16 Dale Black Jazz Quintet
- April 17 Dahni Piro - Jazz, R&B Vocalist - 1PM - 4PM
- April 17 iliana Rose/Cuban Jazz - 5:30PM - 9:30PM
- April 21 Stevie DeVosion - DJ/Karaoke Host
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- April 23 Dale Black Jazz Quintet
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- April 24 iliana Rose/ Cuban Jazz 5:30PM - 9:30PM
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- April 30 Dale Black Jazz Quintet

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## Redistricting Group to Hold Public Hearing in Long Beach

### From LBT Reports

Residents in the greater Long Beach area will have the opportunity to have their voices heard regarding redistricting Wednesday night, when the state Citizens Redistricting Commission will hold a public hearing at Long Beach City Hall.

Every 10 years following the census, new boundaries for various electoral districts are established to ensure fair representation for all citizens. Previously, lawmakers were charged with the responsibility, but recently enacted legislation in the state of California has now placed that power in the hands of the people via the citizens commission.

The new 14-member independent committee is charged with the responsibility of drawing the new maps of 53 congressional, 80 state Assembly, 40 state Senate and four state Board of Equalization district borders.

As the commission prepares to etch out the new boundary lines for each of these electoral districts, it is seeking testimony from constituents statewide.

The public hearing will run from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd. Translation and auxiliary aids and services will be available, though anyone who will need such services should call 866-356-5217 prior to the hearing.

Those who plan to provide testimony during the hearing can access a guide with instructions and tips on how to best participate by clicking here. A Spanish version of the same guide can be accessed by clicking here. A fact sheet on providing testimony is also available and can be accessed by clicking here.

The commission is scheduled to hold a business meeting in Long Beach earlier in the day that will be streamed live online at [WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov](http://WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov).

The first round of boundary maps is set to be released in June. The final boundary maps must be turned over to the secretary of state no later than Aug. 15.

Portions of the city of Long Beach stand to be redistricted into an Orange County jurisdiction, and two Long Beach elected officials have recently teamed to fight against this potential breaking up of Long Beach representation.

Long Beach Councilmen Robert Garcia and Gary DeLong earlier this week sent out letters via e-mail asking residents to join their effort to keep Long Beach representation in Los Angeles County.

“We are asking you to support that Long Beach representation remains in Los Angeles County and that pieces of Long Beach neighborhoods are not thrown into electoral districts in Orange County,” the letter reads.

Both men are asking residents to submit letters of support for this effort, which can be done visiting [GaryDeLong.com/redistricting](http://GaryDeLong.com/redistricting) or [RobertGarcia.com/redistricting](http://RobertGarcia.com/redistricting).

## 100 Black Men of Long Beach, Inc.’s Gala Photo Reflections

Photos by Michael Douglas and Richard Love





# Legal expert: Players far from goal line

COMPILED BY WILFRED PHILLIPS

The NFL players advanced the ball in their labor battle with the owners Monday. U.S. District Court Judge Susan Richard Nelson granted the players their motion for a preliminary injunction that lifts the lockout imposed by owners when negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement collapsed on March 11.



Wilfred Phillips

But it's premature for the players to do any celebratory dancing. "The players basically started on their own 20-yard line and I think they've just made a first down," said Gary Roberts, dean of Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis. "But they've still got a long way to go to get to the goal line."

As both sides try to wrap their hands around Judge Nelson's ruling, here's what figures to happen next.

A swift appeal. The owners will request Nelson to stay her ruling until they can make arguments before the United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. If Nelson turns the owners down, they will go to the 8th Circuit and ask for a stay while they appeal it.

The NFL and the NFL Players Association are far from a complete outcome in this NFL labor mess, Dennis Dillon says.

"Whether the stay is granted or not, I'm sure the 8th Circuit will hear an expedited appeal," Roberts said. "The court will set a briefing schedule, there will be oral arguments after the briefs are filed, and then we'll get an opinion on the appeal."

An interpretation of what Nelson's ruling means for NFL operations. Right now, it's not clear what will happen, and how soon it will happen, though league spokesman Greg Aiello said Monday night that players will be admitted to team facilities. As for the clubs, will they be allowed to start signing free agents?

"We know she's ordered the league to do something," Roberts said, "but it's not clear what they can or cannot do going forward now that they have to operate."

More meetings. Owners and players are scheduled to meet again May 16, four days after U.S. Federal Judge David Doty holds a hearing on whether players should receive damages in their related fight with owners over \$4 billion in broadcast revenue.

One thing is certain: This labor impasse is far from settled.

"You just don't know what's going to happen here," Roberts said. "There are so many possibilities."



Judge Susan Nelson. This undated photo courtesy of the U.S. District Court in Minnesota shows U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson.

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## CSULB JAZZ

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The ensemble and Pacific Standard Time and Jazz N' Tonic will perform at the University Theatre this Friday, April 29, at 8 p.m. General admission tickets are \$10, or \$7 for students.



## Quotes for H.S. Seniors

"Friendship is like peeing on yourself: everyone can see it, but only you get the warm feeling that it brings." - Anonymous

"Time is a great teacher, but unfortunately it kills all its pupils" - Louis Hector Berlioz



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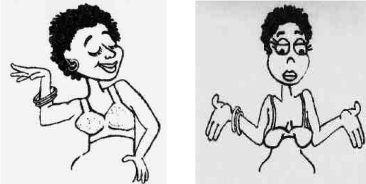
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