

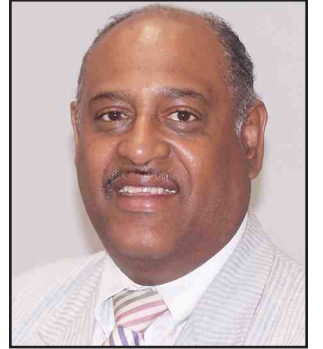
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## Kensley Hawkins: Asked to Pay for Incarceration With Jailhouse Earnings



Kensley Hawkins

**BY BOYCE WATKINS, PHD**

Kensley Hawkins (pictured) was sent to prison in 1980 for the murder of one man and the attempted murder of two police officers in Chicago. He had an 8-year-old daughter and was going to be in prison for a very long time.

During his time in prison, Kensley earned \$75 per month building furniture in Joliet, Ill. Somehow, he was able to save \$11,000 during his stay in the penitentiary as a small tribute to his daughter, who is now nearly 4 years old. But the state of Illinois is not satisfied and has asked that Kensley be required to pay for the costs of his incarceration.

The state is arguing that Mr. Hawkins owes them \$455,203.14 for the cost of keeping him in prison. The case has now reached the Illinois Supreme Court.

"The reason you want Mr. Hawkins to keep his money is because he's gonna get out of prison some day, and when he gets out of prison, we want him to have saved his money so that he can take care of himself; you don't want the public to have to pay for him," Hawkins' attorney, Ben Weinberg, told Fox Chicago.

The state of Illinois typically pursues those with more than \$10,000 in assets, and by saving his money, Hensley is now eligible to have it all taken away. The Department of Corrections is allowed to extract three percent of the wages that inmates earn during their time in prison, even though many of them earn roughly a day's pay for every month that they work.

In her very telling book, 'The New Jim Crow,' Ohio State University law professor Michelle Alexander goes into detail about how the racism of the old South has been replaced by a system in which those who've been convicted of crimes are allowed to be treated as less than human.

The 13th Amendment of the United States Constitution, supposedly abolishing slavery, actually says that slavery is still legal for those who've been convicted of a crime. This has provided a convenient loophole that allows the state to extract either free or shockingly

cheap labor out of a segment of the population, with most of the individuals being African American.

To see the Kensley Hawkins situation as a casual outside observer, the idea that a man has been forced to work for \$75 dollars per month already argues that the state owes him hundreds of thousands of dollars for paying him a salary that is even below the wages paid to illegal immigrants (which are nearly as horrible).

The half-million or more in wages and interest that have been extracted from Mr. Hawkins is more than enough to cover the cost of his incarceration. To charge him again would be adding a punishment on top of a punishment.

We've also got to ask ourselves just how productive a justice system can be when it is designed in such a way that our fellow Americans are given a life debt that they simply cannot pay. Rather than making the world safer, the criminal justice system has been effectively designed to create more criminals.

The racial implications are written all over the walls, since African Americans are the ones most likely to fill up the penitentiaries, with many of them being incarcerated because they could not afford an adequate legal defense.

This problem is especially pervasive in the state of Illinois, where one story after another has come out about police torturing inmates into a confession or putting men on death row who never killed anyone.

Rather than being rehabilitated in any way, many of these men and women find themselves in the streets without the right to vote, the ability to work or the chance to obtain an education. So, we effectively give the inmate and his/her family no way to properly re-integrate into society, other than wishful thinking.

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# BREAKING NEWS

**Governor Jerry Brown is all set to fire Major General Mary Kight and replace her with a white Colonel. Please help us to stop him.**

**She just got there 2/7/2010 last year, what's wrong with that picture.**

**DEAR 601.876 FRIENDS,**

Please help us to stop Governor Brown from firing the first female Adjutant General of the California National Guard and first African-American female National Guard Adjutant General in the Nation.

It has come to my attention that Governor Jerry Brown is all set to fire Major General Mary Kight and replace her with a white Colonel. This action will fly in the face of every minority officer in the California National Guard. Essentially, Governor Brown is saying to everyone that minority officers are incompetent and can not be trusted with running a military organization.

In the past several weeks, Governor Brown and his advisers have been looking at replacing General Kight. Why? Because she was appointed by the previous administration. Disregarding that Major General Kight is a competent and capable officer who has served at all levels of the military. Disregard that General Kight is the first and only African-American to be nominated and serve as the Adjutant General of a states National Guard. Disregard that Governor Brown's staff only looked at white male candidates to replace General Kight. Disregard that the designated replacement and all other candidates considered by the Brown Staff are white males. This is wrong. Even in the NFL and Major League Baseball owners at least talk to minority candidates before selecting a commander.

Governor Brown has placed so much emphasis on the Oakland Military Institute, a Charter School that he created, which is filled with young minority kids. These kids are being told that military discipline and focused academic work will provide them an opportunity to a better future.



**Major General Mary Kight**

But what better future is the Governor's staff telling these kids when he fires the first African-American woman to head a National Guard. At a time when the California National Guard is being wrongly attacked in the press, with substantial support from officers aligned with General Kight's expected replacement; why are we being relegated to the back of the bus.

What will happen to the few senior minority officers that remain in the California National Guard? Owe by the way: the senior minority officers include just one Latino Colonel (female), one African-American Colonel (Army) and one African-American Colonel (Air Guard). We will all be gone within one to two years. After that, there are two other African-American Lieutenant Colonel in consideration, one Latino Lieutenant Colonel, and one Asian-American Lieutenant Colonel. Why is this? Because white officers do not focus on minority recruitment and retention. We are closing down Armories and Readiness Centers in minority communities. Shouldn't our military look more like our society?

Finally, I will say that racial tensions in the California Military Department will increase significantly in the coming years. Already, the General Kight has had to deal with incidents of NCOs calling other NCOs the N-word with 10 or 12 people around as witnesses; someone spitting on the picture of the President of the United States in the Joint Forces Headquarters; the submission of a US dollar with the word NIGGER written boldly across the bill; minorities being denied promotion opportunities while similar promotions for whites have been moved forward.

Governor Brown's decision to replace Major General Kight will be a disaster for minorities in the California National Guard because there will be know one wiling to listen to our concerns. I wish you would register your concern.

**Basil kimbrew**

California Friends of the African American Caucus  
Democratic Political Consultant, National Second Chance Group

## St. Mary Medical Center Ranked Among Top 10% of Area Hospitals

**From LBT Health Reports**

St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach has been ranked No. 12 out of 138 Los Angeles-area hospitals in the recently released U.S. News & World Report 2010-2011 standings of U.S. hospitals, placing it in the top 10 percent of hospitals in the region, according to the hospital.

According to U.S. News, the hospital excels in the following adult specialties: cancer; ear, nose and throat; geriatrics; kidney disorders; neurology and neurosurgery; pulmonology and urology.

"The entire team here at St. Mary is extremely proud to be recognized in the top echelon of Southern California hospitals," said SMMC president and CEO Chris DiCiccio in a prepared statement. "We are pleased that U.S. News noted our exceptional performance in several areas, including cancer and pulmonology, as well as our commitment to patient care through a staff of highly trained, experienced physicians."

The publication states on its website that it evaluated nearly 5,000 hospitals to rank the best in 16 adult specialties from cancer to urology. Taken into account were death rates, patient safety and each hospital's reputation with more than 9,000 specialists.

In a synopsis on St. Mary found on U.S. News' website, St. Mary is said to have "performed nearly at the level of nationally ranked U.S. News Best Hospitals in seven adult specialties"

"It scored high in patient safety, demonstrating commitment to reducing accidents and medical mistakes," according to U.S. News.

In terms of patient satisfaction, the hospital ranks above both the state and national average. According to survey results, 70 percent of patients upon being discharged said they would definitely recommend the hospital to family and friends. Statewide, only 67 percent of patients said they would do so, and at the national level, 68 percent responded similarly. Some 7 percent of patients said they would probably not or definitely not recommend St. Mary, which is on par with the state average of 7 percent and just a bit above the national average of 6 percent.

Most U.S. hospitals currently sample survey recently discharged patients about their stay as part of a federal program, according to U.S. News.

In the latest year for which data was available, the Linden Avenue hospital had 11,591 admissions, performed 1,657 inpatient and 2,819 outpatient surgeries, and its emergency room had 42,448 visits, according to U.S. News.

In late February, St. Mary Medical Center opened a new Women's Heart Center specifically devoted to treating female heart conditions.

The 165-bed, for-profit medical and surgical hospital operated by Catholic Healthcare West and accredited by the Joint Commission has served Long Beach and surrounding communities for more than 85 years.

## Ray Charles' Mistress Brags About Stealing His Cash & Aborting Baby

**BY LAUREN MINOGUE**

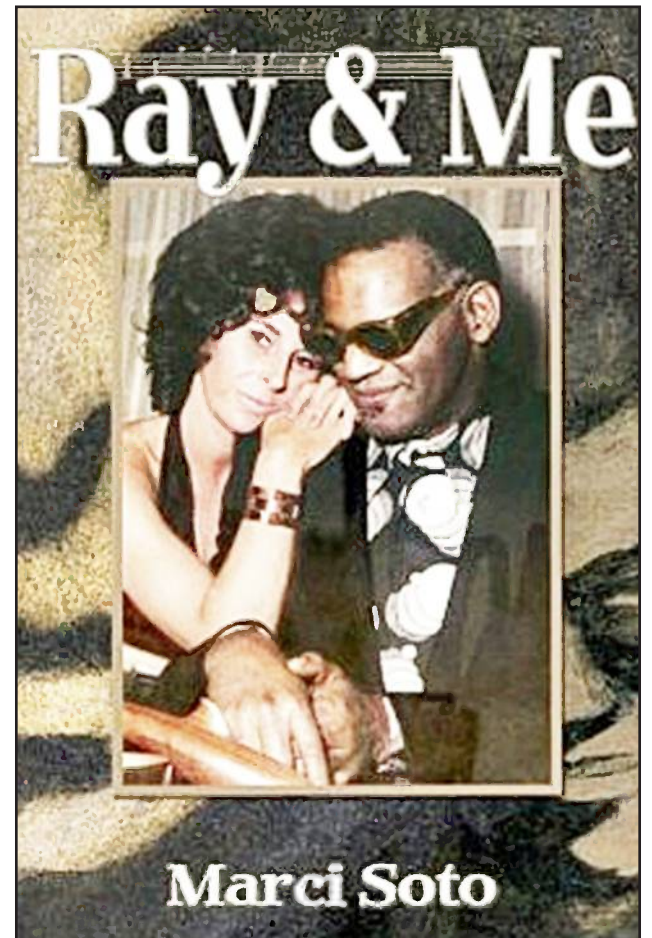
Ray Charles alleged mistress Marci Soto, has penned a memoir entitled "Ray & Me," where she dishes some very private secrets and even admits to robbing the blind soul star!

Soto writes that even though the pair were both married to other people when they met in 1968, they carried on a steamy affair for years, only ending in 1997, when she grew tired of his womanizing, although they reconnected close to the end of Ray's life in 2004.

In the memoir, obtained by Globe Magazine, Soto writes of stealing money from Charles, substituting \$1 bills for \$100s that he brought home from one of his concerts. She writes, "I certainly didn't feel like I was robbing the blind. I felt like he was ready to do something he should have done years earlier – pay off my house."

And if that wasn't enough to tell you what sort of a person Soto boasts of being, she also admits to aborting his baby, and never telling him. "I didn't even tell Ray – there was no reason to know. I definitely wasn't having a baby."

SMH! What a lovely woman. Not only did she carry on an affair with a married man, but she stole from him, expected him to pay her bills and aborted his child without telling him. And now she is trying to make more money off her association with him, even after his death, by selling private secrets. Classy



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# Straight Out Of Compton - Hope Is On The Way"

## California Appoints First African American Woman Special Trustee

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

COMPTON, CA - Dr. Genethia Hudley-Hayes and Compton Community College will host it's State of the District Address on Friday, April 8th, 2011 on the Campus of Compton College 10:00 AM

Dr. Genethia Hudley-Hayes, former President of the Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District and a turnaround consultant to the Chicago school system, to serve as Special Trustee of Compton Community College District, which is still in state receivership. In her first official move, Dr. Hudley-Hayes appointed a new Interim CEO, who 20 years ago served as the ball boy for the men's basketball team.

Compton lost its accreditation and had the power of the elected board of trustees removed in 2006, at which time several board members were prosecuted criminally for malfeasance.

Community Colleges all over the nation fill a void for the youth of color who without them, would not have the opportunity to get that first degree. Although California has the largest community college system in the nation, almost every state in the nation has a two year system. This leads the students of color to a four year degree with less financial hardship. Compton Community College is a story for the entire nation as it serves a predominately black and brown population and is the least represented on any four year university or college campus.

Dr. Hudley-Hayes said the only reason she accepted the appointment was to return a standard of excellence back to the school and get it accredited once again so that "Our children have equal access to the best post-secondary education found anywhere in America!"

Special Trustee Genethia Hudley-Hayes will provide a State of the District Address on Friday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Tartar Quad at the Compton Community College District, 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard in Compton. Students and members of the local communities served by the District are invited to attend. Those planning to attend must RSVP to 310-900-1600 ext. 2005.

The address will include an update on the Compton District, the partnership between the El Camino Community College District and the Compton Community College District, and information relative to the process to accreditation.

The address will be followed by a tree planting ceremony as a symbol of inspiration for the future of the Compton District. "Trees are a symbol of nature's strength and longevity; there could be no better lasting record of a new beginning than establishing a parallel growing entity," said Hudley-Hayes.

# Drunk Driver Slams Into Tree, Kills Female Passenger

### FROM LBT'S CRIME REPORTS

A Los Angeles man driving under the influence of alcohol slammed into a tree in Long Beach Friday night, seriously injuring himself and killing his female passenger, police said.

Long Beach police officers responded to the single-vehicle traffic accident at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Wardlow Road at about 11:44 p.m. April 1, according to information provided by Long Beach Police Department spokeswoman Nancy Pratt.

When the officers arrived at the scene, they found a 1991 Toyota Camry that had crashed into a tree. Both occupants, a man and a woman, sustained serious injuries and were transported to a nearby hospital by Long Beach Fire Department

ADVERTISEMENT paramedics, Pratt said.

The investigation has thus far revealed that the driver of the Camry, the male, was driving without his headlights on and was speeding as he headed north on Atlantic. As the Camry sped through a red light at Wardlow, it narrowly missed colliding with a 2005 Toyota Scion that was traveling westbound on Wardlow on a green light. The Camry swerved to the right to avoid hitting the Scion, veered off of the roadway and smashed head-on into a palm tree, Pratt said.

The male driver, 29-year-old Heriberto Cervantes of Los Angeles, sustained multiple injuries to his upper body and was Saturday listed in serious but stable condition. His passenger, 22-year-old Dana Acosta of Anaheim, sustained multiple internal injuries and was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at the hospital, Pratt said.

Cervantes was arrested for felony gross vehicular manslaughter, felony drunk driving and driving on a suspended license, Pratt said.




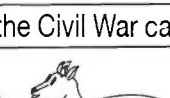
The accident occurred just a week after the LPBD on two consecutive weekends conducted roughly eight-hour DUI saturation patrols funded by a grant. Those patrols removed from the streets two drunk drivers per weekend and resulted in eight drivers the first weekend and six the following weekend being cited for driving while unlicensed or driving on a suspended license, according to the LPBD.

A number of residents have complained that the patrols were ineffective due to only two drunk drivers per patrol being taken into custody.

Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to contact Long Beach Police Accident Investigation Detective Brian Watt at 562-570-7355.

**"The jump is so frightening between where I am and where I want to be...because of all I may become I will close my eyes and leap!"**

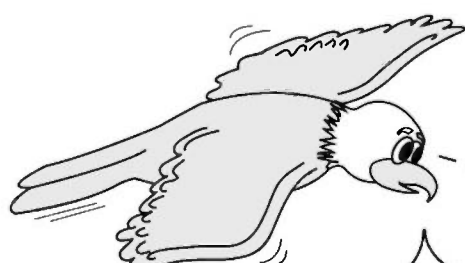
- Mary Anne Radmacher

We learn a lot watching reenactments...     ...of the Civil War camps and battles.

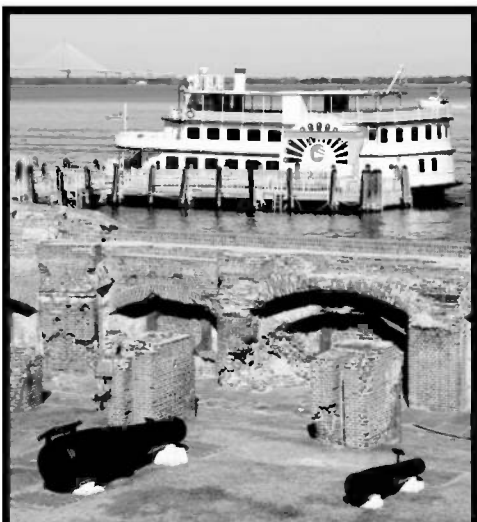
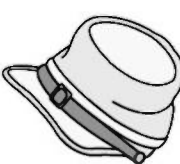
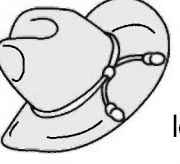

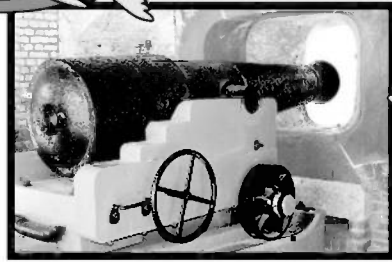

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 4. Many southern states relied on slaves to grow rice, cotton and \_\_\_\_\_. They believed they had the right to keep their system.  
 5. Angered by Lincoln's election, seven southern slave \_\_\_\_\_ left the union and formed the Confederate States of America.  
 6. \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to keep the union together. He did not agree that states had the right to leave.  
 7. Just days after the states left, U.S. Army Major Robert Anderson and a few troops secretly took over a small \_\_\_\_\_ - called Fort Sumter - on an island near Charleston, South Carolina.  
 8. The people of Charleston did not want these troops on the island and Cadets from The Citadel (a military college) fired upon \_\_\_\_\_ that tried to supply the fort.  
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# Was Obama Right on Gaddafi?



**KEN BLACKWELL**

By Ken Blackwell  
 "I don't think anybody disputes that Gaddafi has more firepower than the opposition," President Obama said at a recent White House news conference.

"I believe that Gaddafi is on the wrong side of history [emphasis added]. I believe that the Libyan people are anxious for freedom and the removal of somebody who has suppressed them for decades now. We are going to be in contact with the opposition, as well as in consultation with the international community, to try to achieve the goal of Mr Gaddafi being removed from power," the president offered in response to journalists' questions.

First, the president's comments at his news conference were most revealing. Let's examine that supposition: Are the Libyan rebels on the wrong side of history in the Arab world?

You don't have to get too

far into Princeton scholar Bernard Lewis' many penetrating histories and analyses of the Arab world and Islam before you recognize a pattern. For 1,400 years, we have seen an unvarying succession of rulers—Beys, Deys, Wazirs, Sultans, etc.—who have held power in this vast region. None has come to power through anything like consent of the governed. Pericles of Athens? No. The Roman Senate? Not in the least.

The history of this region is replete with one strong man after another who came to power through force and who remained in power so long, and only so long, as he had the ruthlessness to kill or exile any rivals for power.

So when our president tells us that Gaddafi is on the wrong side of history, we have to ask: Whose history? Muammar Gaddafi is certainly not out of sync with the unbroken history of his region and culture.

Second, Napoleon's cynical comment that "God favors the side with the larger artillery" seems at least worth considering here. Napoleon may actually have had greater artillery support at Waterloo than his British and Prussian foes, but he was nonetheless defeated by charging, bayonet-wielding British infantry.

We have yet to see in the ranks of the Libyan rebels—who seem to spend much of their time dangerously firing their rifles in the air—the kind of discipline, skill, and determination required to take down an entrenched tyranny.

Obama's own Director of National Intelligence, the hapless James R. Clapper, put his chips on Gaddafi's surviving in testimony before Congress last week.

The White House was at pains to "walk back" Clapper's statements, but he clearly said he expected Gaddafi to prevail.

Third, and this is most intriguing, where does that "wrong side of history" idea come from? President Obama was at pains to tell the National Prayer Breakfast of his conversion experience. He certainly sounded sincere. But "The Wrong Side of History" trope is drawn from Karl Marx. It presumes that there is a dialectic—a great impersonal, inevitable force moving through time and space. It presumes that history is going one way. Thus, to Marxists, you can be "on the wrong side of history."

Not all "wrong siders" must be Marxists, of course. At the beginning of the 1990s, it was fashionable among big thinkers to speak of "the end of history." It seemed then to some that democratic free enterprise systems had proven themselves superior by defeating Nazism and outlasting Communism that there would be no reasonable debate about the future shape of governments and economies—only a variety of ways to get there.

That was before 9/11. That was before the U.S. and the Free World were confronted with a global conspiracy against religious freedom, constitutional government, and human rights.

I have confidence that we must and shall prevail over jihadism. But I would not say that our victory is assured by some inevitability of history. Ronald Reagan often said that every generation has the task of defending freedom. That task now falls to us.

Talk of the "wrong side of history" can only induce passivity. And it also invites the charge of arrogance. After all, who is this president to decree which way history is going?

So far, the history of this administration in foreign policy has been one of muddling through. It's hard to be on "the 'right side of history'" (if such there could be) when most of the time you are straddling the fence.

# Fifteenth Annual Black Writers On Tour Conference Is Larger Than Ever!

## Bring The Whole Family—There's Something for Everybody

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Rosie Milligan brings the Black Writers On Tour Writers' Conference to Carson, California—a Los Angeles neighboring city. This powerful one-day event will be held on Saturday, April 16th 2011 from 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M at the Congresswoman JMM Community Center, 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90746. This conference will be more dynamic than ever, with more than **300 Black authors, agents and publishers** gathering for a powerful one-day event. The publishing industry has changed; the Internet, Social Media, E-books and Print-On-Demand have taken the publishing industry in a completely new direction. The days are gone forever for aspiring writers to have to beg and to wait to have their work published—and now major publishers are "shaking in their boots."

This conference has been designed to provide writers and aspiring writers with the practical information they need to be successful in the literary industry. This year's theme is, "**Literacy is Everybody's Business—Who Will Tell Our Story?**" There will be local authors and authors from across the country participating. For past events we have had 5,000-6,000 in attendance.

This year's highlight: "**Children Writers Showcase—Listen To The Children!**" There is a free writing class for children ages 10-15. Children wishing to enter the writing contest and win cash must submit their stories or poems no later than March, 15th, 2011. We are encouraging teachers to have their students enter the contest. Our youngest author was 7 years old. Our children are our future writers; they are the ones who will continue the preservation of African-American culture, via telling their stories and helping others to tell their stories.

Chat with Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry, Children, Hip-Hop, Urban Street and, Christian writers. Attend the Poetry Jam Competition—WIN CASH! There will be open exhibits and authors signing throughout the day.

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## LONG BEACH POLICE DISPATCHER GRADUATION



### FROM STAFF REPORTS

On Wednesday, March 30, 2011, the Long Beach Police Department gained three new employees who graduated from the Department's yearlong Public Safety Dispatcher training program.

A graduation ceremony recognizing the new dispatchers, Jennifer De La Torre, Kimberly Hodgden, and Leilani A., was held at the Emergency Operations Center at 2990 Redondo Avenue in Long Beach. Family, friends and coworkers attended the event, which highlighted the dispatcher's accomplishments.

The three began the process as dispatcher recruits about a year ago, after passing an extensive background investigation, followed by months of rigorous training and testing regarding Police policies, procedures, codes, equipment, and city geography. The dispatchers are also trained to process after-hour Public Works emergencies, to use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), the L.B.P.D.'s Safe Reunion/Long Beach emergency locator service, Reverse 9-1-1 System, and other programs as well. In addition, the recruits also learn to differentiate between civil and criminal issues, understand caller psychology, and prepare officers for the often-dangerous crime scenes they respond to.

Dispatcher recruits are required to receive 120 hours of state-mandated training and, in addition to taking calls, they also must master the use of the radio. This requires reading, typing, and speaking simultaneously while processing crucial information to officers in the field.

"Public Safety Dispatchers are the lifeline for the officers as well as the community which they serve. We are here today to celebrate the accomplishments of our new dispatchers who will provide that crucial link," said Police Chief Jim McDonnell.

## LONG BEACH GLBTQ ORGANIZATIONS WORK AS ONE

### New online calendar provides one-stop service for local event info

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Long Beach, CA — Finally, one click can bring Long Beach residents all the goings-on in the local GLBTQ community—from the bar scene to the boardroom. Effective April 1, 2011, [www.OutLBCalendar.com](http://www.OutLBCalendar.com), will be serving as the online source for all the activities, events, services and opportunities for the GLBTQ population.

Always up-to-date and available to anyone at anytime, participants in the calendar include The Center Long Beach, LBLGP (Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Inc.), and LBCBN (Long Beach Community Business Network). Postings range from announcements of "Bear Bar" nights every second Saturday at Club Ripples to meetings of the LAMBDA Democratic Club.

The calendar is the brainchild of event production consultant Elisa McConneha. "My vision," says McConneha, "is to give people one place to find out both where the parties are, and where to volunteer. The calendar's purpose is twofold: to coordinate the activities of the GLBTQ organizations in Long Beach and, more importantly, to give residents one resource for all their many offerings."

**When a man throws an empty cigarette package from an automobile, he is liable to a fine of \$50. When a man throws a billboard across a view, he is richly rewarded.**

~Pat Brown

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**THE SEA BIRD JAZZ LOUNGE**  
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 730 E. Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90802  
**The following is the calendar for March 31/April 2011**

- March 31 Majic Bullet Theory -Nu-Jazz & Funk, Also Karaoke Host Chad Bishop
- April 1 DJ Hurricane/Karaoke Host - T-Cane Entertainment
- April 2 Dale Black Jazz Quintet
- April 3 Dahni Piro - Jazz, R&B Vocalist - 1PM - 4PM
- April 3 iliana Rose/Cuban Jazz - 5:30PM - 9:30PM
- 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
- April 22 Rita Edmond - Jazz Vocalist
- April 23 Dale Black Jazz Quintet
- April 24 Olivia/Vocalist & Aragorn/Guitarist - 1PM - 4PM
- April 24 iliana Rose/ Cuban Jazz 5:30PM - 9:30PM
- April 28 DJ Hurricane/Karaoke Host - T-Cane Entertainment
- April 29 Harry Thompson - R&B/Jazz Vocalist
- April 30 Dale Black Jazz Quintet

All performances are from 9:00PM - 1:00 AM unless otherwise indicated.  
 Please check the website for any updates during the month.  
 For More Info: (562) 243-3335 or (949) 680-5705  
 Or visit [www.seabirdjazzlounge.com](http://www.seabirdjazzlounge.com)

## UCC (United Cambodian Community) Critical Needs Financial Assistance Program

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Are you having trouble paying your electric or gas bill? Do you need temporary help buying food?

The UCC Financial Assistance Program may be able to help you with your food, personal hygiene, and utility bills. We created this program to help individuals and families make it through these tough times.

We will give priority to individuals who are elderly or disabled, and to families with young children. Also, your income must be low.

If you are not so sure if you qualify, come and see us. Perhaps we can help you in other ways.

#### Please bring the following documents with you:

**Electric Bill, past due-** Please bring the complete bill, pages 1 and 2. The bill must cover at least 22 service days with meter reading.

**Gas Bill, past due-** Please bring a complete bill, pages 1 and 2. The bill must cover at least 22 service days with meter reading.

**Monthly Income-** You must be able to show us the income for everyone in your home that receives income. The information should cover the last 30 days.

**Rent Receipt-** For the current month.

**Picture identification-** A driver's license, passport or other form of photo identification.

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For more information please visit us or call for appointment:

United Cambodian Community  
 2201 E. Anaheim Street, Suite 200  
 Long Beach, CA 90804  
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~Stuart Henderson Britt

The Long Beach Times is the oldest, largest, and most read Black owned newspaper in the Long Beach Area.

## Dr. Milligan Hosting Free Legal Consultation Clinic Sat. April 2, 2011 Urgent Message!

Free Legal Consultation Clinic with top attorneys this Sat. April 23, 2011 from 11 am to 2pm. Call for appointment 323-750-3592. An opportunity that many would jump hoops for!

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| 3. Medical Malpractice       | 4. Trusts             |
| 5. Probate                   | 6. Real Estate Issues |
| 7. Criminal Record Cleaning  | 8. Foreclosure        |
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Dr. Rosie Milligan

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## Synergy Group is for Business minded People

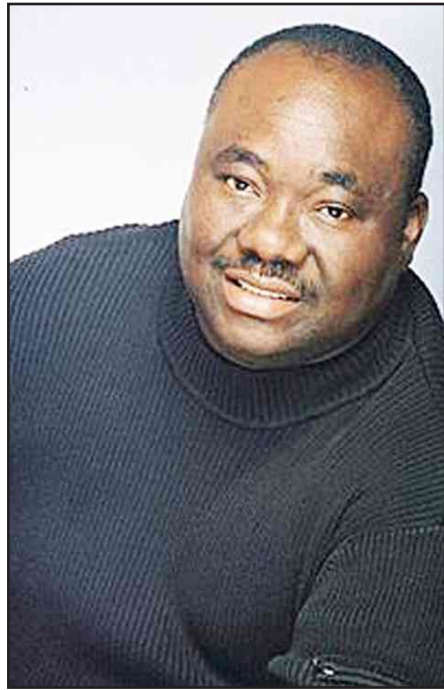
Friday, April 8, 2011 at 6:00 PM

We provide great opportunities for business owners, professionals and entrepreneurs to meet and exchange referrals, resources and ideas.

We hold Networking Meetups, Business Mixers, and Business Tools for Success workshops and seminars. Networking is an integral part of all our events.

You are sure to make new contacts and develop quality relationships with like-minded individuals who, like yourself, are looking to expand their businesses. You get 2mins to promote and draw traffic to your business.

Please join and participate. We look forward to meeting you and learning about you and your business. Members: \$5.00 per person. Guest are free to attend. Meeting is at 5865 Katella Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630.



Mr. Vial

## Inspiring Woman: Maya Angelou Happy Birthday, Maya Angelou!

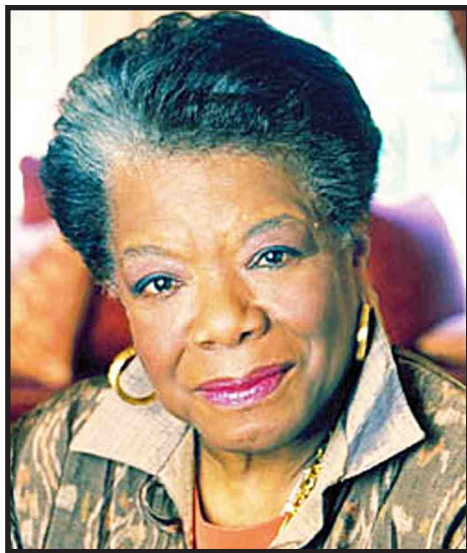
BY KATHRYN H. CUSIMANO

Maya Angelou has been a professor, a waitress, an activist, a scholar, an author, a dancer and above all, a poet. Angelou's 83rd birthday is Monday, April 4th, so we're taking some time to remember why she continues to inspire us.

Angelou has been on the front lines of American history for decades, and has become famous for her poetic chronicles of American society. Angelou inspires us because she has never been afraid to follow her own path. After becoming a teenaged mom, Angelou toured Europe and Africa in a production of Porgy and Bess. Soon after, she danced with legends Martha Graham and Alvin Ailey. Angelou worked in Egypt and in Ghana for several years before meeting Malcolm X and returning to the U.S. with him to help him build the Organization for African American Unity.

After Malcolm's assassination, Angelou joined Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Angelou was devastated by King's assassination, and her friend, famed author James Baldwin, suggested she write in order to cope with her loss. This led Angelou to write I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings. Published in 1970, this autobiographical work detailed her brutal childhood. She followed this success with Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'Fore I Diiiie in 1971, a volume of poetry which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. Angelou has written over 30 books in all, including several volumes of poetry, along with several screenplays and film scores. Angelou is the recipient of over 30 honorary degrees.

Angelou is a friend and mentor to Oprah Winfrey, who often quotes Angelou on her show and in her magazine. After a lifetime of exploring creativity in multiple media, Angelou continues to be an inspiration for us all. Celebrate Angelou's birthday by watching her recite her poem "On the Pulse of Morning," which she wrote for President Bill Clinton's inauguration in 1993. You can read the text of this definitive American poem here. Here's to Maya Angelou - we hope she has a wonderful birthday, and we thank her for being an inspiration to us all.



Maya Angelou

**It used to be that people needed products to survive. Now products need people to survive. ~Nicholas Johnson**

## 3+ Minutes with the Bible



### THE TRIUMPH OF FAITH

BY RICHARD LOVE

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I John 5:4).

There are many who look upon faith as an abstract sort of thing. Some suppose faith is merely looking on the bright side of things; to others it is will-power; still others confuse it with a person's view-point.

In the Bible, faith is simply believing God. "Faith" is the noun and "believe" the verb. This is seen in Rom. 4:5, where the Apostle Paul declares:

"To him that worketh not but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

The above passage from I John 5 also makes this plain, when seen in its context:

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

"Who is he that overcometh the world but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God" (Vers. 4,5).

It is, then, the believer in Christ, and only the believer in Christ, who can overcome the world. Unbelievers are swept away by the attractions and the pretensions of this world- system, but the believer in Christ need not be.

St. Paul declared by divine inspiration that unbelievers follow "the course of this world," directed by Satan, "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2).

We do not mean to imply that believers are not often tempted to follow "the course of this world." Indeed the world would sometimes entice or intimidate us, but "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

## Homeless Court

The Homeless Court (HC) program was created by the Los Angeles County Superior Court, the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, the Los Angeles Public Defender's Office and advocates for the homeless including Public Counsel and the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA).

This program helps impoverished individuals with a history of homelessness to clear tickets and warrants for minor offenses such as traffic tickets, infractions, and various minor misdemeanors including jaywalking, riding the metro without a fare, sleeping in public places, illegal use of shopping carts, possession of an open container of alcohol in public, obstructing traffic on the sidewalk, sleeping on a bus bench, as well as any warrants that arise for failure to resolve these offenses. For more information please visit their website: [http://dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/grow/homeless\\_court.cfm](http://dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/grow/homeless_court.cfm) or call (213) 485-8263.

## First United Methodist Church's 143rd Anniversary FROM STAFF RELIGION REPORTS

COMPTON - First United Methodist church of Compton invites the public to join them for their 143rd year Anniversary Worship Celebration April 10th at 3 P.m. FUMC Compton is one of the oldest churches in all of California and maintains a proud history of ministry and civic involvement to the city of Compton and the surrounding communities.

The theme for the anniversary is "In the Right Place, At the Right Time, with the Right People" and the guest speaker will be Rev. Byron Smith, Sr. from Curry Temple CME Church, who is a dynamic, young speaker, often recruited to talk about his humble beginnings in Champaign, Illinois ND his personal journal of servitude which now has him leading his own church I Compton!

Anniversary Chair, Kelvin D. Filer is inviting everyone to come and witness the message from Rev. Smith "... it is good to be reminded of where we are as a society and to renew our commitment to contribute to our community and contribute ... NOW!, says Filer. There will be a reception of food and fellowship immediately following the anniversary service.

FUMC is located at 1025 S. Long Beach Blvd., in Compton, CA 90221. The Senior Pastor is Rev. Christopher Carter and Associate Pastor is Rev. Epeli Uhamaka. Please call (310) 639-0775 or (310) 639-0777 for more information.

### Greater Open Door Church of God In Christ

132 Artesia Blvd - Long Beach  
(562) 423-8653

1st Sunday Worship..... 8am

2nd Sunday Worship.....10am

Sun Evening Worship.....6:30pm

Tues Bible Study.....7pm



Rev. Garon Harden Pastor

### St. Luke Holy Baptist Church

1401 West 34th St  
Long Beach, CA.  
(562) 427-3759

Sunday School.....9 am

Sunday Worship.....10:45am

Tuesday-Youth Ministry.....6 pm

### Grace Memorial Baptist Church

1021 E. 19th St.  
Long Beach, CA 90806  
(562)591-4774

Rev. Willie Larry McIntyre, Jr., Senior Pastor

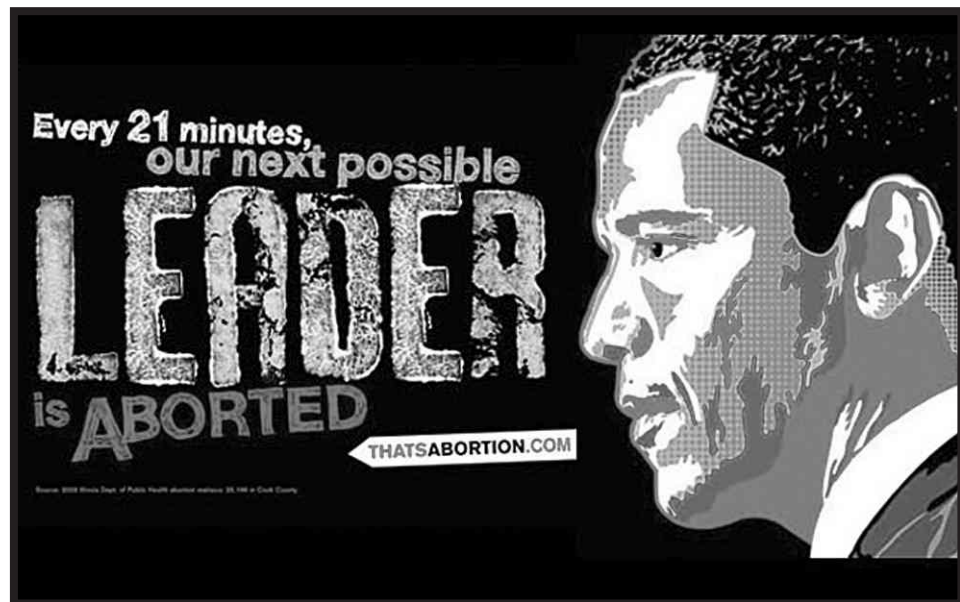
Christian Life Study.....9:15 AM

Sunday AM Worship.....11:00 AM

Wed Bible Study..... 7:30 PM

Fri Bible Study..... 6:30 PM

## Another Day, Another Race-Baiting Abortion Billboard



'Criminalizing Mothers' and 'Future Leaders' courtesy of Stacey Muhammad.

BY AKIBA SOLOMON

Life Always, the anti-abortion group responsible for the black danger-womb billboard in New York City, is at it again. Today, if all goes as planned, four men—Pastor Stephen Broden, Rev. Derek A. McCoy, Rev. Caesar LeFlore and the hilariously named Rev. Isaac Hayes—will unveil the first of 30 new billboards on the South Side of Chicago.

This one features an image of Chi-Town's own President Obama along with the words, "Every 21 minutes, our next possible LEADER is aborted." It incorporates red, black and green, the colors of the Black Nationalist flag.

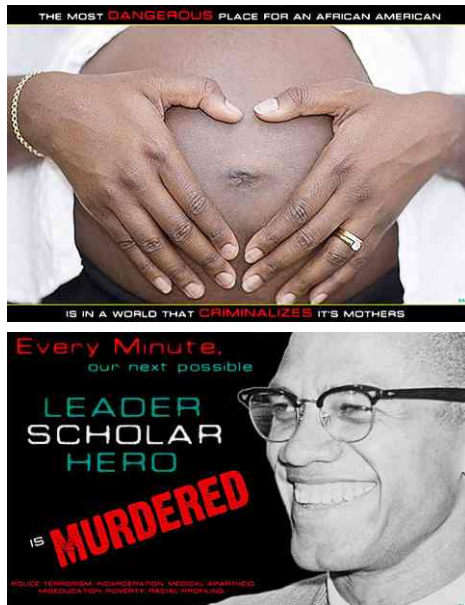
Pimping out Co-opting Obama's image is ironic, of course. Although he's been criticized for compromising on the Hyde Amendment, he's said he's pro-choice. And as Miriam Zolia Pérez recently wrote, the black flank of the anti-abortion movement spreading the genocide meme "doesn't look all that different from the mainstream, and mostly white, version—similar language about abortion, morality and reproduction; similar strong Christian influence."

The first billboard, which declared, "The most dangerous place for an African American is in the womb," ran on Welfare Queen fumes. The latest capitalizes on the African American community's legitimate fears about how white supremacy, gun violence, police brutality and mass incarceration endanger the lives of black men.

Independent filmmaker and photographer Stacey Muhammad ("I Am Sean Bell") remixed the latest billboard to convey that reality.

For good measure, she also riffed on the first one.

Maybe Muhammad's versions will catch on with the Life Always crew and their counterparts on the white, Christian right since they're so passionate about the quality of black life.



## Rejuvenating Your Finances

BY LAWRENCE HENRY

Spring is in the air, and the budding plants and trees may remind us that this is the season of new beginnings and possibilities. Unfortunately money doesn't grow on trees, but spring may be a fitting time to re-evaluate your finances and look for ways to infuse your household budget with more "green."

Following are a few tips to help with your financial spring cleaning:

### Review your budget

It is prudent to periodically review your household budget and determine if it is working for you and if there are areas where you could spend smarter and save more. Also take some time to revisit your short- and long-term goals for large expenses, such as college, purchasing a home or retirement, and make sure you are setting aside enough for them in savings.

### Grow your savings and investments

One of the simplest ways to make more money is to make your money work for you. Regular investments into savings and investment accounts early on can lead to future wealth, so take a look at your investment portfolio and look for ways to maximize your investments. Make an appointment with your banker, financial planner or broker, who can offer guidance about how to invest and save money. You can also obtain information about investments, savings, and other financial information online or through books. Many community colleges and adult education programs also offer financial planning courses that you may consider.

### Learn a new trade or enhance a skill

In this competitive job market, it is wise to acquire new skills or enhance existing ones that may make you more valuable to an organization. Take advantage of job-related courses that may be offered by your employer, neighborhood community colleges or from vocational and trade schools. If you must maintain full-time employment, investigate evening, weekend or online courses that may be available in your area of interest.

### Earn extra income

Explore ways to turn a passion into additional income by starting a side business. Utilize your skills and expertise and market yourself or your product. A side business can help provide a creative outlet and additional income to help build a savings, provide a cushion for a rainy day or offer an extra source of income upon retirement.

The foregoing article is intended to provide general information about rejuvenating your finances and is not considered financial or tax advice from Union Bank. Please consult your financial or tax advisor.

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## Workers' Rights are Under Threat Across the World

In UK, US and Europe, the depletion of collective bargaining threatens workers' economic security and their human rights

BY KEITH EWING

Dr Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis on this day in 1968. He was there to support striking sanitation workers, fighting for the right to have their union recognised by their employer; fighting for the right to collective bargaining.

Today is also a day of international solidarity with the public service workers of Wisconsin, whose right to bargain collectively has been stripped away by legislation sponsored by state governor Scott Walker, a man who has led the great state of Wisconsin to pariah status.

But as we stand in solidarity with brothers and sisters in Wisconsin, we do so in the knowledge that theirs is not a struggle confined to a single US state. Nor – as the neoliberal strategy of Governor Walker stretches to other states – is it a uniquely US problem. It is a global problem, demanding a global response.

European workers too are seeing the erosion of hBeach Blvd., in Comard-won collective bargaining rights, also as a result of the greed of the bankers, who have emerged from the financial crisis unscathed. In the UK the erosion of bargaining rights is taking place by stealth. Although collective bargaining machinery still exists in local government for example, friends in public service unions tell me it is a long time since they had a collective agreement on pay or on other terms and conditions of employment.

Public sector unions are finding themselves on the sharp end of "section 188 notices", in which employers issue notices of mass dismissal (of thousands of employees at a time), and offer to re-employ the workers concerned on inferior terms. These new terms are imposed without the agreement of the trade union or the workers, who have no choice but to accept. Sometimes it involves a repudiation of a collective agreement, which the union is powerless to defend. Collective agreements in this country are not legally binding, and the only sanction open to workers and their unions – industrial action – is so fraught with legal dangers as to often be beyond use.

Protective legislation is used as a licence by employers to undermine collective agreements and terms and conditions of employment.

But it is not only in the UK where the bankers are calling the shots. In Greece, workers and trade unions have been told by the European Commission that their labour laws are to be made more flexible, which means their collective agreements must become more

decentralised, which means in turn that fewer people are to be protected by collective bargaining.

This marks a global assault on the human rights of workers everywhere. Claims about violations of human rights are not to be made lightly, for fear of devaluing a fragile currency. But workers' rights are human rights, and the right to bargain collectively is recognised by international law as an essential aspect of the right to freedom of association.

At international level the right to bargain collectively is expressly recognised by the two core conventions of the ILO, the UN agency of which 183 countries are members, all bound by a constitutional principle to promote freedom of association. Conventions fleshing out that principle impose duties on member states, which include a duty to promote collective bargaining.

Even the traditionally mild-mannered and consensual ETUC has adopted an uncharacteristically strident position, condemning the EU "competitiveness pact" as an "attack on collective bargaining" leading Europe to a "dead end".

On the day before he died on 4 April 1968, Dr King addressed the sanitation workers of Memphis and famously said:

"You are demanding that this city will respect the dignity of labour. So often we overlook the work and the significance of those who are not in professional jobs, of those who are not in the so-called big jobs. But let me say to you tonight that whenever you are engaged in work that serves humanity and is for the building of humanity, it has dignity and it has worth."

Dr King's vision of the dignity and worth of labour can only be realised by the very architecture that governments throughout the world now seem determined to destroy. In this country, our forebears saw clearly the importance of trade unions, and the role of collective bargaining as a means of raising wages, equalising incomes, stimulating demand, creating jobs and reducing unemployment.

But as Dr King realised, the case for collective bargaining is not simply an economic one. It is about social justice. It is about repudiating the idea that labour is a commodity, competing in a Darwinian "labour market". Above all, it is about ensuring that everyone is treated with equal respect, and paid a fair day's wage for a fair day's work.

## MLK III and Andrew Young to launch new black TV network



Martin Luther King III

### BY CHRISTOPHER WITHERSPOON

First there was BET, and then TV One. Now it looks like there will be Bounce TV. Get ready for a new African-American television network to be added to your TV listings this fall. Bounce TV is a joint venture headed up by Ambassador Andrew Young and Martin Luther King III and will feature a mix of live sports, theatrical movies and original programming targeting African American adults 25-54 years of age.

The Atlanta based television network plans to distribute content through the digital signals of local television stations. Bounce TV has acquired the TV rights to 400 African-American oriented films from Sony Pictures, Image Entertainment, NBC Universal Domestic Television Distribution and Codeblack Entertainment.

Viewers can expect to view movies from NBC Universal including Ray, Do the Right Thing, Glory, The Hurricane, Ali, Boyz'n The Hood, Car Wash and more. Codeblack Entertainment has licensed films and documentaries to Bounce TV featuring Bill Cosby, Morgan Freeman, Vanessa Williams and Terrance Howard, and comedies and dramas starring Jay-Z, 50 Cent, Charles Dutton, Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis.

In an interview with Broadcasting and Cable, King says "My father envisioned the day that African Americans would play major roles in entertainment within ownership, not just serve as entertainers on the stage or in front of the cameras. That's what makes this even more exciting to me as we embark on this new endeavor of an independently owned and operated broadcast television network featuring African Americans."

## REVERSE 9-1-1 Can Help in an Emergency Emergency Notification System

'Reverse 9-1-1' Emergency Notification System Will Augment Long Beach Emergency Communication Capabilities

Long Beach residents and businesses will receive telephone emergency announcements through a "Reverse 9-1-1" system that the City is implementing to augment its emergency notification capabilities. Reverse 9-1-1 announcements can also reach cell phones, TTY/TDD service or Internet phone service, but the numbers must be registered first.



**Friday is world cancer day**  
Dear God, I pray for a cure for cancer. Amen

## Frederick Jermaine Carter: Was This a Suicide or a Lynching?

### BY BOYCE WATKINS, PH.D.

The black community in Greenwood, Miss., is on edge and angry after the death of Frederick Jermaine Carter (pictured) who was 26 years old and found hanging from a tree in what authorities have labeled to be a suicide.

The community, though, isn't buying the police's story and claims that he was actually murdered.

The Final Call is reporting on the death of Carter, and even Michael Pimbleton Jr., the mayor of Sunflower, Miss., said there is more going on than meets the eye:

"This is 2010 and we still have black people hanging from trees? They're saying he hung himself, but I have doubt in my mind that he actually did that. That wasn't his character. This wasn't a suicide, this was a homicide," Mayor Pimbleton said to The Final Call.

Carter was found on December 3, with his body hanging from an oak tree in North Greenwood, which is a predominantly white section of Leflore County. He actually lived in nearby Sunflower County, and North Greenwood is known as an area that black people are sometimes afraid to visit. Carter was with his stepfather, who said that he wandered off from an area in which they were both working.

County Sheriff Ricky Banks told the media that a mental condition led to Carter drifting off and hanging himself. He also said that there is no evidence that there was a crime committed, but the community is outraged that the location of Carter's death was never taped off as a crime scene and they also believe that the investigation was inadequate.

"Because there has been no investigation on the part of the local officials in to this as a crime, we're calling on the federal government to conduct an independent investigation. We want the U.S. Justice Department to look in to this," attorney Valerie Hicks Powe said to The Final Call.

Greenwood has a stain on its national reputation when it comes to aggressive behavior toward African Americans.

Just 10 miles north of the town is where Emmett Till was murdered in 1955. Till's alleged killers were acquitted of the crime, even though the boy was shot in the head and had his eyes gouged out. Till's attackers were angry that he'd allegedly whistled at a white woman.

Mississippi is a state that stubbornly hangs on to its racist roots, with the state's governor, Haley Barbour, tossing some of the nastiest,

most unprofessional and aggressive insults at President Barack Obama.

Carter's family denies that he has a mental problem. They also want an independent autopsy and outside investigation. State Senator David Jordan has offered to help the family, claiming that he doesn't buy the story being presented by authorities either:

"There are a lot of unanswered questions. He reportedly had rope in his pocket but didn't have anything to cut it with? Why wasn't the scene of the crime blocked off? That tree limb is nearly 12 feet high. I'm 6'2" and I can't see how I could maneuver to do that, so how could a boy his height hang himself like that?" said Jordan.

The mysterious death of Frederick Jermaine Carter shows all the classic signs of significant injustice.

Given the history of Mississippi as it pertains to African Americans in the justice system (both as victims and perpetrators), it is quite conceivable that authorities are misleading the public. Small town justice can be fickle, particularly in the South.

I wouldn't be surprised if officers were covering for a family member of a prominent city official or somehow felt that their activities would escape the scrutiny of the broader American public. When we were involved with the case of Heather Ellis, the college student who was nearly sentenced to 15 years in prison after cutting a line at Wal-Mart, I received an enlightening education on how justice is delivered to African Americans in tiny, historically racist towns.

While it is not a foregone conclusion that local authorities are engaged in a cover up, it is abundantly clear that they did not conduct an investigation that is thorough enough to satisfy Carter's family.

Given the lack of credibility of the Mississippi justice system and the questionable nature of this crime, it is fully expected that outside officials engage in further analysis of what happened to this young man. If Carter really did commit suicide, then the sheriff has no reason to be concerned, so he should be the first to support further probing.



Frederick Jermaine Carter

## LBDP SEEKS PUBLIC'S HELP IN IDENTIFYING MURDER SUSPECTS

### FROM LBT'S CRIME REPORTS

LONG BEACH, CA - On Saturday, January 22, 2011, shortly before 8:00 p.m., Long Beach police officers responded to a convenience store in the 1900-block of East 4th Street regarding a call of shots fired. When officers arrived, they discovered the body of 53-year-old Sor Phouam, who was a well-known and long-time store employee. Sor had sustained a gunshot wound to his upper torso and was taken to a local hospital where he later died.

A preliminary investigation revealed that two male suspects entered the business with the intent to commit a robbery. They approached the counter where a male customer

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