By Cheryl Brown

It has been 50 years since the Supreme Court handed down a decision that initiated the post-emancipation defeat and demise of legal segregation that propelled the Civil Rights movement. On May 17, 1954, Brown V. The Board of Education in Topeka, Ks became the law of the land. No more dual systems and more dual systems but the canvas from the court was to move ahead and beyond that speed. That speed was read by Blacks to move fast and by Whites to slow down. News articles and television interviews reported that the nation was divided and that the order went with the great white groups to knock down the barriers and fight for equality. By Any Means Necessary (AMN) has been the national am­

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deceive the states by failing to
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would not happen and then
force them to do "much more than
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end institutional and cultural
segregation that is still in place, even
though the Supreme Court handed
down a decision that began to unravel
the decision that was ingrained in the
American soul, is Ward Connerly.

Brown then treated for Prostate Cancer

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Linda Brown Thompson, right, followed by her mother, Louise Montgomery, makes way for the front to the VIP section for special guests before the dedication of the Brown V. Board of Education

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Scholars Gather at UCH to Honor Work, Legacy of Stuckey

TOPEKA, Kan. — Mayor James McClendon, right, is applauded by Cheryl Brown Henderson, left and Free Brancatella, director of the U.S. National Park Service, as he is honored at the Brown Convocation, in his honor at the Brown Convention

BAMN, that the petitions attempted
to change society, "the tool to make a
difference in society, one that
does not require the consent of society,"
according to its creators, is Ward Connerly.

Ward Connerly, left, and Ward Connerly, right, at the Brown Convention.

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It's no longer a shock when fake oril'der fallen Church is caught. We can now even laugh off a joke. For some the appeal of religion is merely a marketing asset and therefore attracts opportunists. Many times these people are often supported by the wider community because they are often believed to be god's people. Apparently, no one really cares about religious or spiritual issues. Some of the more prominent religious symbols are religious entities or religious grand institutions. When the aforementioned blend into a church one only recognizes them beneath their holy mask.

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show on the origins of jazz will have played a crucial role in building a Humanities Research Institute, and Through the Storm: The Influence of African-American Art in History, faculty in July 1989 from University.

other factors. That's already in the circulators were obtained from black citizens. Court records show 70% of preferences in California. "It is not public employment, public education, at the root of Mr. Connerly's malice but that hatred of self that is widely financed campaign full of tension, or public contracting," and so on.

So far, the city has spent $262,192 through a summary tactics, "We deployed a multi-organization campaign to take advantage of partnerships between businesspeople, politicians and community leaders, demonstrators and radio stations."

"It's time for the segregationists to realize that there's no way out of the volatile atmosphere of political and racial violence," said Connerly. "It's only a speed bump, not a stop sign." Massie pledged to continue its efforts to defeat any ballot measure that might be placed on the ballot.

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"There is no environment for them to succeed. We need an educational environment geared specifically to educate African Americans," he said. How to get the needs of Black students met within the current system he indicates is hard. He calls No Child Left Behind a negative incentive that doesn't work especially with no money. His challenge is to see how to get information about these students, many of who are falling through the cracks, to the principals and the teachers.

Humphry says the 1954 decision doesn't work the way folks thought it would. Jamal Lilly agrees, "I think the decision has caused many of us to rest on our laurels and not remain vigilant.

We put too much trust in our government." Lilly, Director of United Human Family Network says, "the law has brought a long serious effort to sanction things that were inalienable rights.

With it is now a series of other things like gay marriages. The discrimination is not on a level with racial and gender discrimination. We keep relying on court decisions and legislation to guarantee our freedoms instead of the vigilance it takes to be in a democracy. In order for it to work we must all participate," said Lilly. Lilly says that because his generation didn't have the legal framework for integration. They don't have the zeal that older people have. "Who will be the standard bearer, who will carry the torch?" asked Lilly.

We're especially concerned because overweight adults have an increased risk for developing certain cancers, coronary heart disease, blood pressure, stroke (for men), type 2 diabetes, gall-bladder disease and osteoarthritis. As these numbers increase, unfortunately, we will continue to see a decrease in the health status of African Americans."

The California Nutrition Network for Healthy, Active Families is so concerned about this problem that the organization has issued some far-reaching but easy-to-achieve recommendations for California African Americans. Among the recommendations are many wonderful ways to be physically active and make healthy food choices every day.

"We recommend doing a variety of moderate-intensity activities such as gardening, jogging, riding your bicycle, or walking," says Lottie Cleveland, program coordinator for the California 5 a Day Be Active Campaign at the Los Angeles Weingart YMCA. "We believe adults and children will find it easy to incorporate physical activity into their daily lives once they realize the types of activities that count."

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We suggest activities that energize your heart and lungs, increase your strength, and improve your body's flexibility. Ways to do this at home include playing with your children or dancing to music with friends. Ideas for incorporating physical activity at work include using the stairs instead of the elevator and taking a walk during your break."

The 5 a Day Campaign says it's never too late to start taking the necessary steps to becoming more physically active and the benefits are great. Physical activity makes you look and feel great, helps you maintain a healthy body weight, gives you more energy, reduces stress and helps you relax, improves your overall health and can be a great way to have fun with friends and family.

The California African American 5 a Day Campaign empowers low-income African American adults and their families to eat 5 to 9 servings of fruits and vegetables every day and to be physically active at least 30 minutes a day for adults and 60 minutes a day for children. The promotion of fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity is so important because these behaviors help reduce the risk of many chronic diseases, including heart disease, cancer, stroke, type 2 diabetes and obesity.

The California African American 5 a Day Campaign, administered in part by the Public Health Institute and led by the California Nutrition Network for Healthy, Active Families in cooperation with the National 5 A Day Program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture Food Stamp Program. For more information, please call 1-888-EAT-FIVE or visit www.ca5aday.com.
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Musically ambitious festivalHB Black Love and Latin Film Festival, Poncho Sanchez will headline the site Playboi Jazz Festival 2014, which runs Memorial Weekend Summer Fest on Memorial Day weekend.

The three-day affair, now considered Pasadena’s second largest community event, has garnered more than 100,000 visitors and jazz lovers. The weekend musical event, marvelously performed by the traditional proceedings, jumps in the middle of the weekend, held in the large Brookside Bowl and adjacent to the Pasadena Aquatic Center. The sklearn of facilities includes an accessible parking lot, comfort stations, a rooftop lounge, exhibits and restaurants.

When the Playboi Jazz Festival first joined forces with the Old Pasadena Summerfest, we wondered if we could actually fill the audience area at Central Park for two, they are the same. Today, it is estimated that 20,000 people are expected to be in attendance at the weekend. The free event will be held in the large Brookside Bowl to accommodate the increasingly popular program Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

The spacious Brookside Park is located just south of the Rose Bowl and adjacent to the Pasadena Aquatic Center. An assortment of community events, available parking lot, comfort stations, a rooftop lounge, exhibits and restaurants are at your disposal.

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EYES & EARS OF MORENO VALLEY

I'm so excited today to have had the awesome pleasure of interview- ing long-time Ken Norton. Not only did I get a chance to interview him but also I had the pleasure of enjoying his presence at the very successful Downtown Fashion Show, greatly held at the Sheraton Indian Restaurant. Handing in the fashion show wasn’t enough to top the night off, I had the fortune to meet and speak to this legendary guy who enjoys after party and private dinner where he was the incomparable presence.

When I think of the words dapper and debonair, one image this man suited and booted, he held his distin- guished look like a fine wine that had stepped out of time and age, grace was his only descriptor as described as enchanting. He was known to many as “The Black Humidor” and this name is befitting of him for when you see his pres- ence you would know that you were in the presence of someone great, something great, some place great. He is one of the only men in the his- tory of boxing to have beaten the famous Muhammad Ali and a man who gave Muhammad all he had of his more challenging fights. Ladies and gentlemen of MV, I present to you, the one, the only, Mr. Kenneth Howard Norton.

Ken Norton’s first claim to fame was in 1970 when he fought and won a unanimous decision against Muhammad Ali in which he broke Muhammad’s jaw in the first round, a fight that would later be known as the “Tow Break.” Ken has visited MV on or least two separate occasions where he made it clear that each time he’s been here he’s met with such graciousness and warm people of MV that it keeps him coming back to our great city. Then attending a New York Fashion Show, he said that the show was a real treat for him and he was also pleased to be present so as to have the chance to put on.

Ken takes a lot of his entrance into the boxing and how it wasn’t his first choice of sports. Ken had won several scholarships to play basketball, football and baseball and after attending college for a brief moment, he decided that college wasn’t for him. One day while play- ing a video game, his father came home from work and asked him what he was doing home and Ken responded, “I dropped out of school.” Ken’s father’s response to that was nothing short of encourag- ing when he said, “If you ever go to school or you get a job.” With those encouraging words, Ken joined the Marines and history was made. Ken had not tried boxing before but was a quick study. Ken fights in his tone of his adventures in the Inner Corpo and how it either was “get kit boxing or get in the combat.” Ken chose boxing and the world has never been the same.

Ken trained hard, running to 4 miles a day and afterwards going to the gym and training for 2 hours and then going to class at the Moreno rats assembly plant. He trained pro only after a short time and fighting Muhammad Ali and win- ning that fight opened the door to what would mean a new life for him and his son.

Ken stated that as an only child in Jacksonville, Illinois where the popu- lation today (Ken laughs) is approximately 18,940 people and back then it was much smaller. Growing up in a small town gave Ken a grounded sense of family. Although Ken was married, then divorced, and then remarried, a wonderful family that is now a great success. Ken states that his son’s strength, courage and being strong character is a man to what he values most in a father and that his son is one of the greatest accomplishments of his career.

I am so happy to report, to God be the glory, for he has returned my second oldest grandson C☠lτεττιFranck Brown after one year in Iraq safely to Fort Hood, Texas. C☠lτεττι is the only child of my daughter Vanessa Carol Schuman of Tusca, CA.

Be Blessed

J.B.

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Bauget, honoring the High School Graduates of 2004. The program includes dinner and an award cere- mony. The program will be held at at the National Orange Show Event Center, 400 South St, Street, San Bernardino. For more informa- tion call (909) 875-1718.

June 26, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Whitney Young Family Health Center will conduct its 4th annual “Fun-in-the-Sun” Health Fair at 1755 Maple, San Bernardino. For more information call (909) 566- 7600.

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NAACP Observation of 50th Anniversary of “Brown vs. Board of Education” Decision Set

May 25th “Roy Wilkins Freedom Fund Dinner” in Beverly Hills Honors Accomplishments of Leaders in Education, Social, Economic and Entertainment Sectors

Los Angeles Final plans are set for the 50th anniversary observation of “Brown vs. Board of Education” decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. The Los Angeles branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has scheduled its annual “Roy Wilkins Freedom Fund Dinner” in Beverly Hills on May 25 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, 9876 Wilshire Blvd. in Beverly Hills, California. The theme of the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner is “Brown, 50 Years and Beyond... Freedom and Progress,” a reflection of where our country has been and where it is headed since this key decision was passed. Along with the momentousness of the evening, a combination of fun, entertainment and serious honors are scheduled. A VIP reception from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm hosted by the evening’s Mistress of Ceremonies, actress and childen’s activist Victoria Rowell, will kick off the 50th anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1954 decision on “Brown vs. Board of Education.” The late host Tavis Smiley will be honored with the H. Claude & Helen Henderson Humanitarian Award; Judge Albert D. Matthews with the Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Award; Dr. Theodore Alexander with the W. E. B. Du Bois Education Award; and actor Dennis Haysbert (FOX TV’s “24”) will receive the President’s Award.

In addition, the Los Angeles branch of the NAACP has commissioned various African American restaurants, including David Lawrence (Executive Chef of the Carnelian Room in San Francisco) and Chef Jeffrey Hyden (owner of Posh Urban Bistro) to prepare delicacies for the Dinner. Entertainment will be by 2004 “Lady of Soul” and Stellar Award” winner Gospo Centric, recording artist Destina Clark-Cole.

Honorary Event Chairs are record industry icon Clarence Avant and his wife, Jackie Avant. Dinner Co-Chairs for the 2004 Annual Roy Wilkins Freedom Fund Awards Dinner include the Brotherhood Crusade’s Danny Bakewell, American Express’ Susan Washington, Bashy Holdings’ Jeryl Busby, and Northern Trust Bank’s Stasia Washington.

Washington calls the decision, “One of the most important of the past 50 years, for it allowed individuals to develop themselves in their chosen fields through education. We celebrate our honorees as a tribute to “Brown vs. Board of Education’’ substance and magnitude with this event.” Ticket sales and information contact: The Baker Group at 310.216.4722.
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