

One Church International Presents a Free Community Celebration: 'The Seven Year Experience'

Pastor Touré Roberts and One Church International present "The Seven Year Experience," a celebration commemorating seven years of serving The Arts & Entertainment community. The event will be held on Friday, September 30, 2011, 8 p.m. -11 p.m. at The Atrium at the California Market Center, 110 E. 9th Street, Los Angeles.

"I would have never imagined how much would transpire and be accomplished in just seven short years after planting One Church International in North Hollywood," said Pastor Touré Roberts. "On the evening of September 30, we will pause to celebrate the accomplishments of our journey thus far, the exciting release of our first music project, and the vision of the great things that await our future."

Hosted by actor Omari Hardwick, "The Seven Year Experience" will chronicle the souls, industries, and nations this dynamic, culture-transforming movement has impacted for seven strong years. Guests will enjoy an elegant evening of



Pastor Touré Roberts

food, live performances, guest speakers, and testimonials. It will culminate with a special mini-concert to unveil the much anticipated "One Experience" album.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit www.sevenyearexperience.com or RSVP via email at RSVP@sevenyearexperience.com. Visit One Church International online at www.onechurchla.org.

El Camino College Compton Center Encourages Foster Youth to Explore the Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success (YESS) Program

El Camino College Compton Center is one of nine educational institutions in Los Angeles County to offer The Foundation for California Community Colleges' Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success (YESS) program. The YESS program is designed to provide foster youth ages 16-21 with academic and life-skills training so that they may successfully transition into adult life. An upcoming orientation for the YESS program will take place on September 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Foster Care Building at El Camino College Compton Center, located at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221. All attendees will enjoy complimentary dinner and school supplies. The YESS Program at El Camino College Compton Center is open to foster care youth between the ages of 16 and 21 residing in the cities of Compton, Lynwood, Paramount, North Long Beach and Car-

son. Registration is required to participate in the YESS program. Foster youth who enroll in the 14-week program are introduced to college and community resources, which will support their success. Students are able to earn high school and college credits, as well as gain scholarship and financial aid information. If students enroll in 12 or more units they may be offered a job at ECC Compton Center, which is a huge incentive for them to continue their education. YESS also offers interactive and hands-on training in basic life skills. Students build confidence by participating in experiential activities related to housing, money management, employment counseling and exploration, job skills, daily living skills and parenting. The short-term goal is to give foster youth the tools they need to overcome hurdles they may face at different points along

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Obama Pitches Jobs Bill at Hispanic Caucus Gala



President Barack Obama opened his speech at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's annual gala Wednesday night with a joke reminding everyone that Rey Decerega, the institute's program director, had accidentally broken his lip during a basketball game last November. "Not many people can give the President of the United States stitches on his lip and get away with it," Obama said.

Obama could have been talking about how Latinos successfully pressured him into suspending deportations for some 300,000 people this summer— Obama was at the gala to talk jobs to elected officials who represent the group hardest-hit by the recession. Census figures released this week say that 27 percent of Latinos were living in poverty in 2010; other figures indicate that the housing crisis stole 66 percent of Latino household wealth and that the unemployment rate among Latinos is at 11.3 percent, compared with

the 9.1 national average.

In his gala speech, Obama reiterated his speech before Congress a week ago, when he presented this American Jobs Act, a series of employer and employee tax cuts and investment in infrastructure-building, designed to help jumpstart hiring. "The idea behind this bill is simple: to put more people back to work and put more money into the pockets of those who are working," Obama said. "It will create more jobs for construction workers and teachers and veterans and the long-term unemployed. It will give tax breaks to companies who hire new workers and to small business owners and to the middle class. And it will help restore confidence in our economy so businesses will invest and hire."

The bill, which he says would give the typical working family a \$1,500 tax cut next year, is crucial to Latinos, Obama said. "I don't have to tell you these are

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Californians for Population Stabilization Announces CAPA Awards Competition for College Students in the Golden State, with Top Prize of \$5,000

CAPS (Californians for Population Stabilization) today announced the launch of a statewide college competition for the California Population Awareness Awards. Through the CAPA Awards, CAPS aims to increase awareness among college students of the state's rapid population growth and to encourage students to explore the



sources and implications of continuing growth.

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millions of sardines swam into the harbor and died.

“Eventually there wasn’t enough oxygen in the water and they were unable to breathe,” said Gin. “Millions of these sardines suffocated and died because there were so many of them crowded together. We estimate that there were 175 tons of dead sardines.”

But Gin said he was heartened when over 700 local volunteers flooded the beach with big nets and scooped up the dead fish. A local trash hauler carted away the sardines and turned them into fertilizer, which was then given away to Redondo Beach residents to sprinkle over their lawns and gardens.

As for why the sardines died, Gin said it continues to be the mystery of Redondo Beach. “Scientists at the University of Southern California have been working to try to figure that out,” said Gin. “They’re still trying to determine what brought the fish into the harbor.”

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families to eat healthy meals.”

May Cookies can be purchased at Erewhon Natural Foods Market at 7660-B Beverly Blvd. in Los Angeles, at Market Gourmet at 1800 Abbott Kinney Road in Venice, and at Bob’s Market at 1650 Ocean Park Blvd. in Santa Monica.

May Cookies are sold on Thursdays at the Century City Farmer’s Market in Century City and on Sundays at Brentwood Farmers Market located at San Vicente and Montana Streets.

Don’t forget to look for the May Cookie booth on Oct. 1st and 2nd at the Alternative Women’s Expo at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

The May Cookie company can be reached at (860) 306-3916 or online at www.maycookie.com.

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ing IAMA President, I would like to once again thank all of our over 100 Churches in Inglewood and the surrounding areas for having compassion and making a difference in our more than 13,000 children by adopting one of our 20 schools as active partners.

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tough times. You know how hard this recession has hit families—especially Latino families.

“I’m asking everybody in the Latino community—not just here, but all across the country—lift up your voice,” said Obama, whose approval rating among Latinos has slipped from a high of 82 percent in January 2009 to 48 percent this month. “Make yourself heard. If you think it’s time to pass a jobs bill that will put millions of Americans back to work, call on Congress to do the right thing,” he said.

In her blog, Labor Secretary Hilda Solis recently detailed the ways in which the administration says the bill would benefit Latinos:

- Employer tax cuts, incentives to hire and make new investments, would benefit 250,000 Latino-owned small businesses.
- An extension of unemployment benefits would affect 1.1 million Latinos—most of whom have been unemployed for six months or more—and their families.
- An extension of the payroll tax cut would increase the paycheck of 25 million Latino workers.

She also wrote that Obama recently told her that “as tough as things have been on Latino workers, I know our economic future depends upon them.”

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California’s population has nearly doubled in only about 40 years, and projections point to more growth – the state adds about one person a minute, or nearly half a million each year. In 1910, California was relatively wide open with not quite 2.4 million people. Fast forward 100 years, and nearly 39 million people called California home in 2010. Projections indicate a population of potentially 60 million by 2050.

“The students in our institutions of higher learning are very important to how California evolves,” said Marilyn Brant Chandler DeYoung, CAPS Chairman of the Board. “They can and will influence the future of the state, the country and the world.

“Unfortunately, unlike during the 1960s and 1970s when population growth was widely discussed, in more recent decades, it’s become politically incorrect to discuss the implications of overpopulation. So much of the younger demographic is unaware of how rapid population growth has impacted California’s economy, our environment, our public schools, health care facilities, prisons, highways, wetlands, biodiversity, water resources, energy consumption and state and national parks – virtually every aspect of life. With the CAPA Awards competition, CAPS hopes to get the overpopulation issue back on people’s ‘radar screens.’”

To enter the CAPA Awards competition, students in California colleges and universities may submit an original short video or radio spot, write an Op-Ed, or design a Facebook initiative or Twitter campaign that focuses on the causes of overpopulation in California and its effects on the environment, wildlife and quality of human life and the future benefits that a sustainable population would bring.

The top award is \$5,000 in the video category. A winning entry in the radio category will garner a \$3,000 award. The Op-Ed, Facebook and Twitter categories each have an available \$1,500 award. Additionally, the first 100 qualified entries will be entered in a random drawing for an iPad 2 (three will be given away).

The CAPA Awards college competition is open to all students enrolled at least half-time in a university or college (state or private), a community college, or a trade or career-based school located in California who are at least 18 years of age by the time of the competition submissions deadline.

Complete information for awards submission is at <http://www.capaawards.com>. Submission deadline is November 30, 2011.

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their path. While the long-term goal is for participants to graduate from high school, begin earning a college degree or technical certificate, as well as become self-sufficient and gainfully employed. The YESS program moves toward these goals with a three-pronged approach called the three R’s, which stand for rigor, relevancy and relationships. As the program’s website conveys, the three R’s communicate a positive and proactive message: “YESS, together we can empower youth to better understand the impact of their choices, access post secondary education, build permanent relationships with caring adults, and obtain the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to succeed.” In Los Angeles alone, nearly 2,000 foster youth are emancipated each year. Without academic or life skills support, as many as 50 percent of them become homeless, have serious money problems, or end up incarcerated. The YESS program aims to prevent those problems by better preparing foster youth for independence. For more information visit:

<http://www.foundationccc.org/WhatWeDo/YESS/tabid/602/Default.aspx>.

For more information about the YESS program at El Camino College Compton Center, call 310-900-1600, Ext. 2767.

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School Founders (Men) Alumni and was attended by over 160 former students and guest. Dustin was the first band and orchestra director at Locke High School. During his tenure the Locke Saints Marching Band gained worldwide recognition by winning the right to march in the Rose Bowl two consecutive years. Many notable Locke musicians went on to pursue professional careers such as Patrice Rushen, Leon (Ndugu) Chancellor, Sidney Muldrow and Gerald Albright. Locke High School opened its doors for the first time in the fall of 1967. The Founders Alumni (Classes of 1969 & 1970) is comprised of the first students to populate the campus. Alain Leroy Locke High School is the first senior high school to be named for an African-American in the Los Angeles Unified School District. The Locke High School Founders Alumni meet for breakfast every first Saturday of the month at the Watts Coffee House. For more information contact Donnie Anderson 310-650-5661.

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by Aaron Sorkin (“The Social Network”) and Steven Zaillian (“Schindler’s List”), working from the book by “Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game” by Michael Lewis, certainly helps the dramatic scenes resonate.

Credit also goes to Brad Pitt, an actor with underappreciated range who nicely gets us to like Beane while understanding his harsh business moves. It may be asking too much for an Oscar nomination for such a straightforward role, but Pitt’s screen presence is the glue that holds all the pieces together.

“Moneyball” does what many likely thought impossible: It makes a story about baseball science profoundly moving and interesting. Remember: You don’t have to like baseball in order to enjoy a great, extremely well told story that happens to be about baseball.

Did you know?

In preparing for the role, Pitt hung out in the A’s front office and observed Beane in action and chatting up his colleagues.

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