

NAACP General Meeting Launches Programs

The Long Beach Branch NAACP is hosting its general membership meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. this Sunday, Oct. 20, at Ernest McBride Park, 1550 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

The meeting is open to the pub-

lic and will highlight the branch's youth programs, including a new lifestyle change program featuring meditation classes, health-living workshops and college and scholarship prep.

Program supporters includes

Sixth District Councilman Dee Andrews, Long Beach Youth and College Council, Antioch Church and the California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ).

To reserve a seat, RSVP to mnaacp@gmail.com.

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Architect and engineering firms participated Oct. 10 in the 6th annual Long Beach CANstruction competition benefiting Food Finders at MADE by Millworks art gallery and gift shop. More than 15,000 pounds of canned goods will be used to design and build unique structures with the theme of "Dr. Seuss" and all the canned food is to be donated to Food Finders following the event.

Our Mailbox

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mont Shore would like to extend their thanks to the businesses supporting their efforts and working with them!

**Mike Crosby, Treasurer
Friends of Long Beach
Business Lesson**

Dear Editor,

I am a retired history teacher/football coach. I confess I am fairly ignorant of the intricacies of the business world. I took one business class in college (Investments) and then I saw the light. History and political science classes made more sense.

Over time, I have made some loose observations toward the business world: 1. The restaurant business is difficult; 2. Don't invest in anything that has wheels; 3. The future world ruler will be the CEO of Amazon; 4. Baby boomers are becoming irrelevant. There also seems to be a sym-

biotic relationship between businesses located in a tight community such as Belmont Shore. When the Acapulco Inn (A-I) owners were evicted, both neighbors went down. It didn't stop there. The south end of Second Street looks like post-war East Berlin. The best and busiest building on the south end is the fire station.

The good news is that a renaissance is coming. It will start when the business owners/managers work on relationships with the locals. Those are the people who will keep them busy during the week. And the locals should do their best to support their favorite restaurants and retailers. We are a walking community, so let's walk instead of drive outside.

Save your car, its not a good investment, remember? Oh I forgot, I got a D in that class.

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