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## LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING

## Afro-American National Anthem

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,

Till earth and heaven ring,

Ring with the harmonies of liberty:

Let our rejoicing rise

High as the list'ning skies.

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the hard past has taught us.

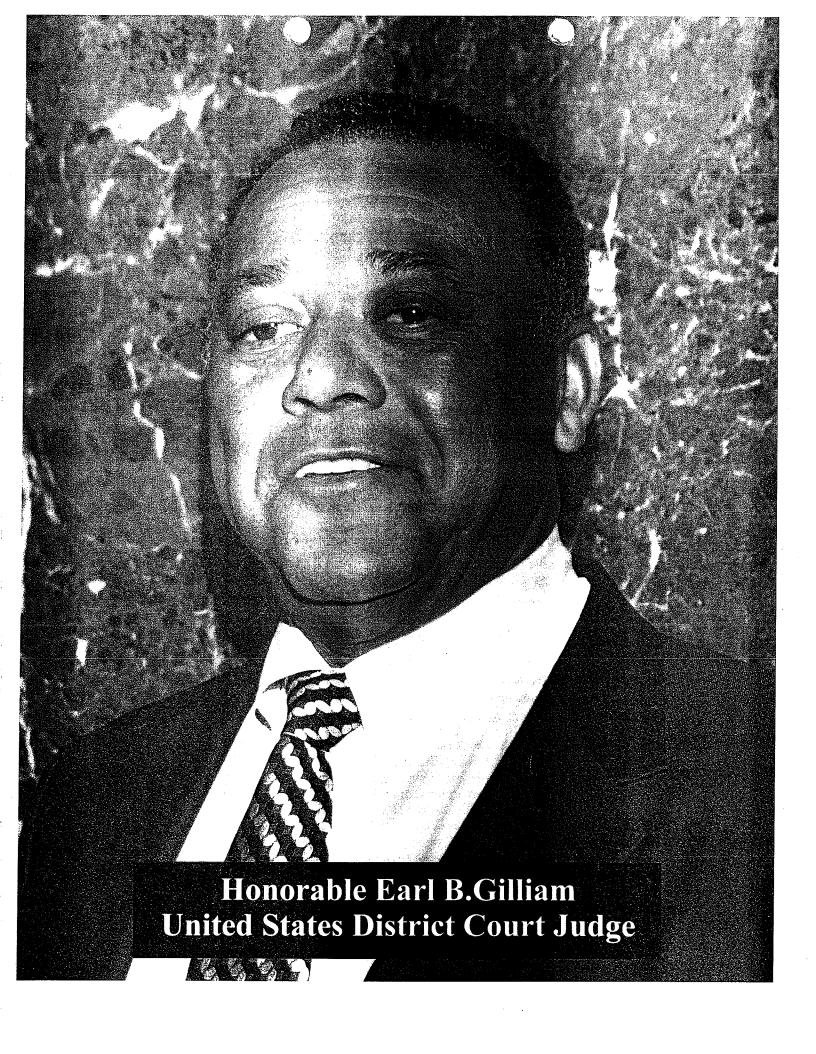
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

facing the rising sun

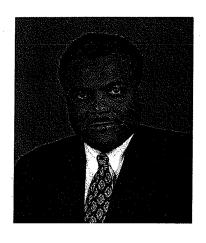
Of our new day begun.

Let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years.
God of our silent tears.
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might.
led us into the light.
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand.
May we forever stand.
true to our God.
True to our native land.



## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Harold G. Murray

Greetings members and friends of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. It is fitting that we celebrate our "Twenty Years of Empowerment" at a banquet. The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association has over the course of the last twenty years nourished the lives of African-American attorneys and the San Diego community, spiritually, politically, socially and professionally. I welcome you to our Twentieth Anniversary Celebration.

The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for the last twenty years has enabled African -American lawyers to speak with one voice on matters that effect San Diego's legal community, and the community at large. During the past twenty years we have addressed many issues which go to the heart of what is necessary to build a fair and just society: racism, sexism, diversification of the legal system, citizen access to the courts, education of the minority community regarding legal issues, education of the majority community regarding the concerns of the African-American Community.

Thanks to the foundation built over the past twenty years, The 1995-1996 Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association had an outstanding year. Our members were visible and vocal advocates for Affirmative Action. We voiced our strong opposition to cutting of the Legal Aid Society budget. We educated members of the community regarding the legal system at our "Neighborhood Law School." We raised funds for The Jackie Robinson YMCA; cosponsored a Christmas party in the community in which over 400 children participated. The bar raised money for the United Negro Scholarship Fund; co-sponsored the rehabilitation of an elderly citizen's home through the "Christmas in April" program. Members were elected to state and national leadership positions. We provided speakers for community forums. Our association participated in the San Diego County Bar Association Ethnic Minority Relations Council. We have established communications with the Port of San Diego regarding issues of trade and economic development. We have strengthened our alliances with the other professional organizations. These and many other accomplishments are attributable to a strong and committed board of directors and an involved membership.

THE TIMES WILL NOT TOLERATE COMPLACENCY. Many of the gains hard fought for over the past twenty years are being vigorously attacked. California State Propositions 209 and 187 are only warning shots across the bow. We must anticipate and prepare ourselves for many serious challenges in the coming year and into the next century. We will be able to meet these challenges, with the **commitment** of our past, present and future members of The Bar Association.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work over the past year. And in addition, I want to express my gratitude for the trust you have placed in me. It has been a pleasure and a honor to serve as President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association.

Harold G. Murray

President, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association.

## History

## EARL B. GILLIAM BAR ASSOCIATION SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association of San Diego County, Incorporated ("EBGBA"), was originally established in 1976 as the Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County. The Association was formed for the purpose of equipping its members with practical tools, educational programs, and informative publications to assist in the practice of law and to take public positions on appointments to the judiciary, the proper administration of the court system, and other issues confronting the community and profession.

In 1982, the Association formally changed its name to Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, in recognition of the Honorable Earl B. Gilliam, the first African-American United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of California. Judge Gilliam is also the first African-American to have served as a San Diego Superior Court Judge.

Today, the EBGBA continues to be extremely committed and dedicated to: "Defending the legal and human rights of African-Americans; eliminating the root causes of poverty, powerlessness and racism; preserving the high standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession; and promoting the professional and personal interests of individual members." The EBGBA is committed to taking a public stand on issues confronting our community and profession.

The EBGBA continues to make many positive contributions to the citizens of San Diego County:

## NEIGHBORHOOD LAW SCHOOL (NLS)

NLS was created in 1990 by Randy K. Jones, former President of the Association. It is a seven week course, during which people from throughout the community learn about various areas of law, such as property law, criminal law, family law, business and tax law, health care law, and employment discrimination law. The NLS provides citizens with knowledge about the legal system and their rights and responsibilities within it. NLS will enroll students in its seventh annual program in May 1997.

## • KATHY PAYNE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This program awards scholarships to four academically outstanding San Diego law students who have demonstrated a commitment to their community. The scholarship is named in honor of a former Board Member who was suddenly stricken with multiple sclerosis in 1990. The scholarships are usually given in February in conjunction with Black History Month.

## • PUBLIC FORUMS AND SEMINARS

The Association sponsors numerous public debates for local candidates running for various offices. The Association co-sponsors seminars throughout the year with other bar associations in San Diego County on topics such as eliminating bias in the work place and promoting diversity in the profession.

## • VISITATION PROGRAMS

Members regularly travel to inner city schools to speak to students of all ages on the importance of staying in school, setting goals, avoiding drugs and alcohol, and developing self-esteem. The members have the opportunity to share their experiences in life and thus serve as role models for students.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION FAIR BASKETBALL CLASSIC

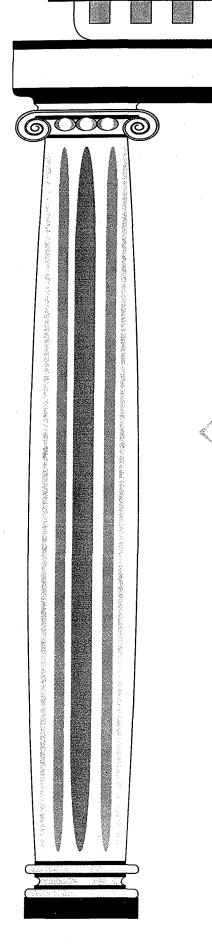
This event provides an opportunity for citizens of San Diego to meet and talk with members of the African-American professional community in informal setting. In addition to basketball games, information booths are set up by various African-American organizations and businesses to promote visibility and thus enhance the effectiveness of these organizations and businesses have in the community.

- ANNUALLY SPONSORS THE JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
- PARTICIPATES IN THE ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARADE

The Association looks forward to many more progressive and commitment filled years of serving the San Diego community.

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## Program

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## 7:00 PM - DINNER

Fresh Romaine Lettuce with Herbed Crouton and Parmesan Cheese Served with Olive Oil Caesar Dressing Rolls and Butter

## BREAST OF CHICKEN WELLINGTON

Breast of Chicken/Wrapped with Puffed Pastry and Baked to Perfection Served on a Black Truffle

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Broccoli, Fresh Baby Carrots, Yellow Squash with Red Bell Pepper
Oven Roasted Red Potatoes

Tuxedo Torte with Chocolate Sauce on a Painted Plate New York Cheese Cake with Raspberry Sauce on a Painted Plate Fresh Brewed Coffee, Assorted Teas, Decaffeinated Coffee and Iced Tea

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## Thurgood Marshal Award

Antoine M. Devine is Parliamentarian of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. Mr. Devine received his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance in 1979 from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, Finishing third in his class. He went on to receive his Advanced Certificate in Bank Administration in 1981 from the American Institute of Banking in Washington, D.C., finishing second in his class, and his Juris Doctor from the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas in 1991.

Mr. Devine currently coaches basketball for five to seven year old boys and girls at the Jackie Robinson YMCA and serves as advisory counsel to the Lincoln High School Boy's Basketball Foundation. He has also served on the Legislative Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association. He has worked with Junior Achievement of Jackson, Mississippi, the Board of the Director of the Boy Scouts of America, Jackson Mississippi Chapter, United Way, and as Assisantant Scoutmaster of the St. Andrews United Methodist Church Boy Scout Troop of Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Devine believes that children are our future, and that serving as a positive role model to young children enables to them to envision a world without limitations, and gives them a foundation upon which they can base their dreams of higher education, good citizenship, success in life, and service to their community.

A former Senior Compliance Examiner with The National Association of Securities Dealers in Texas and Intern at the Securities & Exchange Commission in Washington, D. C., Mr. Devine has completed offerings of securities in amounts ranging from five to fifty million dollars in companies ranging from cosmetics to Internet technology, and also represents plantiffs in securities arbitration cases held by the NASD, the, the New York Stock Exchange, and the American Arbitration Association.



Antoine M. Devine

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

## Carolyn Y. Smith

President, SEDC

Carolyn Y. Smith was appointed President of SEDC by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors in February of 1994.

A graduate of Point Loma High School and San Francisco State University, she is part of a cadre of local talent that has come to the fore as San Diego begins to assert itself as one of the more important of America's cities in the new global economy.

The Southeastern Economic Development Corporation, or SEDC as it is known locally, is the organization responsible for the redevelopment and revitalization of an area east of downtown San Diego. Fifteen neighborhoods make up the southeastern community. It is an area that is undergoing major change as businesses and home buyers begin to discover one of the city's best kept secrets. With its new industrial parks and spectacular views, the area has begun to capture the imagination of relocation experts throughout the state.

Carolyn Smith has been with SEDC for the past twelve years starting as a Project Manager. She was promoted to head the Planning Department in 1987. In November of 1993 she assumed the position of Executive Vice President while the Board conducted a state-wide search for a new President. From over two hundred applicants Ms. Smith was one of the finalist selected to participate in the interview process. In reviewing the qualifications of the finalist the Board made note of some of Ms. Smith's accomplishments.

She has been responsible for:

♦ the successful adoption and



Carolyn Y. Smth

implementation of the Central

Imperial Redevelopment Project;

- providing SEDC with a potential \$108 million expansion in tax increments;
- the development of SEDC's Housing Policy and the successful completion and implementation of the accompanying 3-year strategic plan;
- an award from the American Planning association for the Market Street Corridor Project;
- the acquisition of over \$100,000 to SEDC from various grant funding sources;
- the successful negotiation of the SDG&E Owner Participation Agreement which resulted in a \$2.2 million savings to the Redevelopment Agency. The

Board vote to select Ms. Smith was unanimous.

Since her appointment Ms. Smith has brought in over \$12 million in new money to the corporation. And specifically, she has:

- put together the final agreements to make way for the construction of the new Lucky grocery store, the first major supermarket to locate in the southeastern area in over a quarter of a century. SEDC broke ground on the new Southeastern Plaza in January of 1995. The 55,000 square-foot store opened in October and is located on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street at the juncture with the 805 Freeway.
- been responsible for a \$500K increase in land sale proceeds to the corporation;
- increased the dollar amount of SEDC's Silent Second Home Mortgage Program designed to give local residents every chance at securing a new or existing home within the southeastern community.
- ♦ successfully negotiated the award of over \$1.2 million in CDBG funds for local development efforts in the neighborhoods of southeastern San Diego.
- conceived, directed, and completed SEDC's entrance into the municipal bond market resulting in a \$9 million bond issuance.

## JANICE ROGERS BROWN

## ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT

How does a young woman who spent her formative years growing up on a farm in Alabama become the first African-American woman to be appointed to the California Supreme Court? "I have had the good fortune to gravitate toward the work I love to do," explains Janice Rogers Brown. "My best advice is to try to do the work that brings you joy, and it will all work out."

What is it about law that brings out the joy in Associate Justice Brown? "Wordsmithing is one of my most favorite things," she responds. "Since I was a little kid I've written short stories and poetry. I was attracted to many different disciplines. I toyed with the idea of getting a master's in Creative Writing or a doctorate in Economics, but my practical side won out. I went to law school."

Associate Justice Brown was first attracted to the law as a young child growing up in Alabama in the fifties. "I was hearing about lawyers in a very positive way." she recalls. "There was a sense of optimism in those days. I could feel that things were changing, and lawyers were part of making it happen"

One lawyer, in particular, impressed the young Janice Rogers Brown. Fred Gray, a licensed attorney as well as an ordained minister, represented Rosa Parks during the Montgomery bus boycott and was also an attorney for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Fred Gray was proof positive to my family that you could be a lawyer and also be a decent person. Absent his example, it is likely that I would never have pursed the law as a career option.

Brown feels she had a happy childhood though - except for the summers when all of her boisterous cousins came to visit - she spent most of her time alone. "To say I was introspective is an understatement. I love to read and read everything I could find. I spent my time reading and dreaming. I do not remember ever being bored." In many ways, life was idyllic, but like everyone growing up in the South during the era, she experiences a certain amount of dissonance. "Home I experienced as a quiet, secure place. Away from home I came to understand there was nothing on which people like me could depend. On the surface things often seemed serene, but there was always a menacing undercurrent."

I remember a bumper sticker that became popular when courts began ordering facilities to be desegregated. White lettering on a black background that said: R.E.S.I.S.T.



Janice Rogers Brown

The White Citizens Council (The Klan's more present-able auxiliary) encouraged people to display the bumper sticker to show their opposition to integration. Of course, they were fighting a mostly silent, doggedly valiant tide moving in the opposite direction. Black people had been resisting segregation for years. My grandmother was resigned to going to the black hospital because it was the only place trauma care was available; she sent me to a segregated school because there was no other opportunity to get an education. We could, however, live our lives without seeing a movie if it meant being relegated to the balcony. She refused to drink from colored fountain; sit in the colored waiting room; go around to anybody's back door.

Without receiving one lecture on the subject, Brown says she learned from the people, around her that bowing to the inevitable is not the same thing as surrender. You may have to bend sometimes, but you can never be broken unless you submit. Do not submit. Resist.

Whatever you plan for, work for, and make the effort to accomplish, you can achieve. Trust in God. Rely on yourself. Set your own standards. Pursue your own passion for excellence. Expect the best of yourself and refuse to live down to someone else's standards or stereotypes.

Initially, Brown saw the practice of law as an opportunity to be a social activist. Her model was the lawyer as agent for social change. In law school, she discovered the law's affinity for the past — its basis in legal precedent, its deference to *state decisis*.

"The idea of courts as engines of rapid social change came largely, I believe, from our impatience," says Brown. "We have experienced some watershed periods — in the 60's and in the 30's as well — where concepts such as justice and fairness, which as at most times abstract concerns, were brought into sharp focus. Our morality collied with the reality of our lives in a way that it never had before."

"The reality of the Bull Conners, the dogs, the fire hoses, the church bombings were stark, and the status quo was so entrenched, people lost faith in political solutions. During the unique time, the courts seemed to be the moral outrage of the vast majority of people in the country."

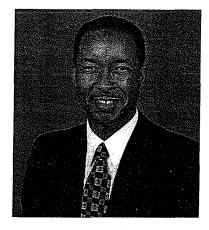
Associate Justice Brown was first appointed to the bench in 1994, when Governor Pete Wilson named her to the Third District Court of Appeal. She was confirmed as Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court on May 2, 1996. Brown served as Wilson's Legal Affairs Secretary for four years prior to her joining the judiciary and had held a variety of high level positions in state service.

"I attribute a great deal of my success to timing," says Brown. "I entered the legal profession at a time of heightened consciousness and benefitted from the emphasis on diversity. I wanted to be in the public sector, and the public sector was particulary receptive."

:Like most of the people of my generation, particularly women and minorities, I was driven to do well - both for myself and for the aspirations of those I might represent." Recently, she came across a reference to the women's club phenomenon. Apparently, in the early 1900's such clubs became very popular. Many middle class black women organized clubs to promote education and civic responsibility. Such clubs were the precursors of the Niagara Movement and ultimately the NAACP. They had a wonderful motto: "Lifting as we climb." That idea strongly appeals to Brown. "It emphasizes the obligation to reach a hand down to help those who follow, but it also acknowledges our responsibility to keep going. Upward,"

"Which takes me back to my best advice — find something you enjoy to be your life's work. If you can do that you will have the best of all possible worlds. I feel very privileged to be able to do what I'm doing. It's a wonderful life. Not necessarily an easy one, but I'm still having fun."

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ELECT



Ben Johnson

It is in deed an honor and privilege to serve as President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. From your review of the pages in this booklet, you get a preview of the rich history of this association and its continuous struggle to empower the African-American community so that its members can live the American dream- - - the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness.

I am reminded of a story about a young man who lived a long time ago in a faraway land. This young man went to the forest and said to his spiritual master, "I want to have unlimited wealth, and with that unlimited wealth, I want to help and heal the world. Will you please tell me the secret to creating affluence?"

And the spiritual master replied, "There are two Goddesses that reside in the heart of every human being. Everybody is deeply in love with these supreme beings. But there is a certain secret that you need to know, and I will tell you what it is."

"Although you love both Goddesses, you must pay more attention to one of them. She is the Goddess of Knowledge, and her name is Satasvati. Pursue her, love her, and give her your attention. The other Goddess, whose name is Lakshmi, is the Goddess of Wealth. When you pay more attention to Sarasvati, Lakshmi will become extremely jealous and pay more attention to you. The more you seek the Goddess of Knowledge, the more the Goddess of Wealth will seek you. She will follow you wherever you go and never leave you. And the wealth you desire will be yours forever."

"There is power in knowledge, desire and spirit. And this power within you is the key to creating affluence."

As President, it is my desire to focus the association's attention on the search for knowledge, the sharing of that knowledge with our community, and supporting those who are of a similar mind and spirit. As you know, this is not an endeavor I can achieve by myself. I must have the help and cooperation of the association and the community. I look forward to working with all of you, together we will build a community where everyone will be prepared to pursue life, liberty and happiness.

Ben Johnson President Elect

## California Association of Black Lawyers

Congratulates it's two board members

Harold G. Murray

on his successful year as president of the

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and

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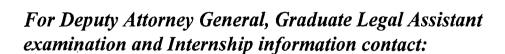
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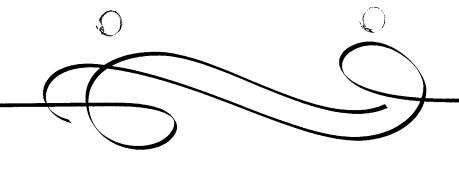
May your 21st year be a successful one!



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## Congratulations

on a

Successful Year

Harold G. Murray

President

of

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Congratulates the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association on it's Twentieth Anniversary. We commend the association on it's continued commitment to "Defend the legal and human rights of African-Americans and the rights of all Americans."

Brown Publishing Company is proud to be the publisher of this year's annual awards banquet book. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Harold G. Murray, President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, for allowing a new company such as Brown Publishing to showcase it's talent.

Brown Publishing Company was established on May 5, 1996, with the purpose of providing interesting and informative literary vehicles for the California legal community.



Horace Brown Publisher

Brown Publishing Company also publishes the CABL Journal Magazine for the California Association of Black Lawyers. The inaugural issue premiered at the California State Bar Convention on October 10, 1996, where over 300 copies were distributed and well received.

Horace Brown, the President and Publisher of Brown Publishing Company wishes the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association continued success.

## Cassandra Knight

Congratulations on a great year on the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association Board of Directors! We love you Sandi!!! Mom & Andre



L-R: Rod Shelton, Stephanie Dixon, Cassandra Knight, and Keith Lollis

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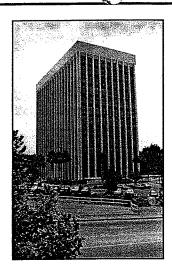
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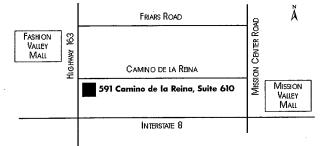


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## "KING" STAHLMAN

A San Diego Legend

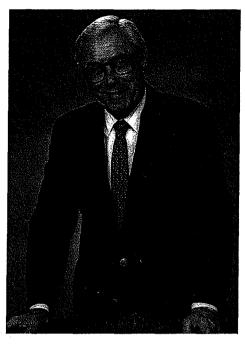
When the term "Bail Bonds" is mentioned George "King" Stahlman comes to mind.

"King" Stahlman is the oldest, active licensed bail bondsman and has been in bail bonds longer than anyone in the state of California.

"King" Stahlman was born in Glendale, California on June 26, 1923 to strict German parents. While growing up "King" attended school in Hollywood, California. Some of his classmates included names like Judy Garland, Micky Rooney, Lana Turner, and Jack Webb. Stahlman being ambitious left school in the 10th grade in 1941, to join the navy prior to the attack at Pearl Harbor. Stahlman was serving aboard the USS Cushing. During a battle off the coast of Guadalcanal the USS Cushing was sunk. Stahlman was one of forty-four survivors out of a crew of 220.

Stahlman then spent sixteen months in a naval hospital in Auckland, New Zealand where he recovered from his ordeal. After being discharge from the hospital he reported to the USS Lunga, where he saw action at Iwo Jima, Philippines, and Okinawa. With the end of World War II "King" Stahlman, received an honorable discharge from the Navy on August 16, 1946.

"King" Stahlman began his bail bond business in October of



George "King" Stahlman

1947 at a local Los Angeles bail bond agency. His starting salary was twenty-five dollars per week. His duties there included odd jobs around the office such as sweeping and running errands. Bit by bit, "King" Stahlman advanced as a salaried employee. Through his hard work and determination, "King" Stahlman became a licensed bail bondsman by the State of California.

"King" remained in Los Angeles until 1952, when he relocated to Oceanside, California. Here he opened the Oceanside Bail Bond Agency serving the North County of San Diego. "King" Stahlman later sold the Agency and proceeded to open "Stahlman Bail Bonds," at 300 West "C" Street downtown San

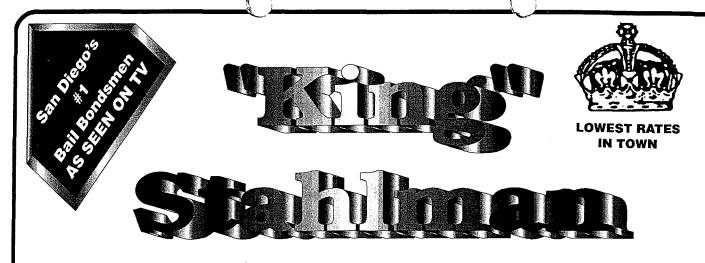
Diego. After a successful year Stahlman moved to his present location at 1140 Union Street, where he has been for the past 36 years.

Always showing community interest, "King" Stahlman made an unsuccessful bid for Mayor of San Diego and the Board of Supervisors in 1967 and 1969.

"King" Stahlman is married and has two children. His wife Beverly and son George Jr. works in the business. His daughter Cara Mia is married and lives in northern California.

"King" Stahlman is very active in local politics and he is currently the president of the Local Chapter of the San Diego Bail Agents Association. The local chapter is a very active group within the county of San Diego. He is the only bail bondsman in San Diego County ever inducted into the United States Bail Agents Hall of Fame.

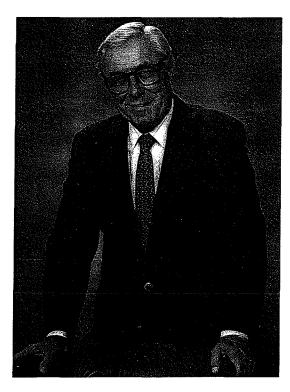
"King" Stahlman is an avid golfer and admits that he is not the best but avid. However, he is considered an expert bail bandsman in California specifically in San Diego. "King" Stahlman says to drop by his office next to the County Courthouse for a cup of coffee and interesting conversation anytime.



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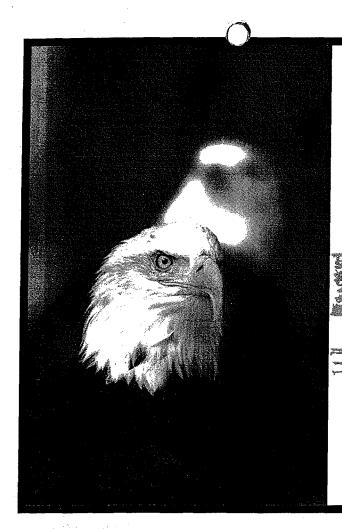
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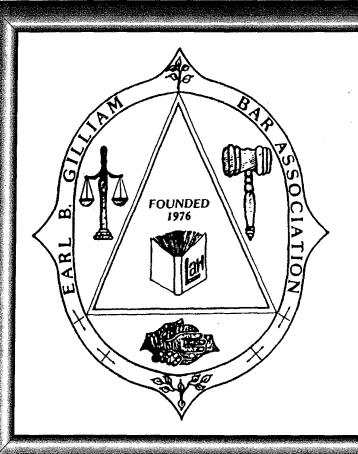
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hues of blues
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