



**New Prices  
Effective  
May 1, 2014**

## Martin Cleaning Service

**Carpet & Upholstery  
Cleaning  
Residential &  
Commercial Services**  
Minimum Service CHG.  
\$45.00  
A small distance/travel  
charge may be applied

### CARPET CLEANING

2 Cleaning Areas or  
more \$30.00 Each Area

**Pre-Spray Traffic Areas**  
(Includes: 1 small Hallway)

**1 Cleaning Area (only)**  
\$40.00

Includes Pre-Spray Traffic Area  
(Hallway Extra)

**Stairs (12-16 stairs - With  
Other Services): \$25.00**

**Area/Oriental Rugs:**  
\$25.00 Minimum

**Area/Oriental Rugs (Wool):**  
\$40.00 Minimum

**Heavily Soiled Area:**  
Additional \$10.00 each area  
(Requiring Extensive Pre-Spraying)

### UPHOLSTERY CLEANING

Sofa: \$69.00

Loveseat: \$49.00

Sectional: \$109 - \$139

Chair or Recliner:  
\$25 - \$49

Throw Pillows (With  
Other Services): \$5.00

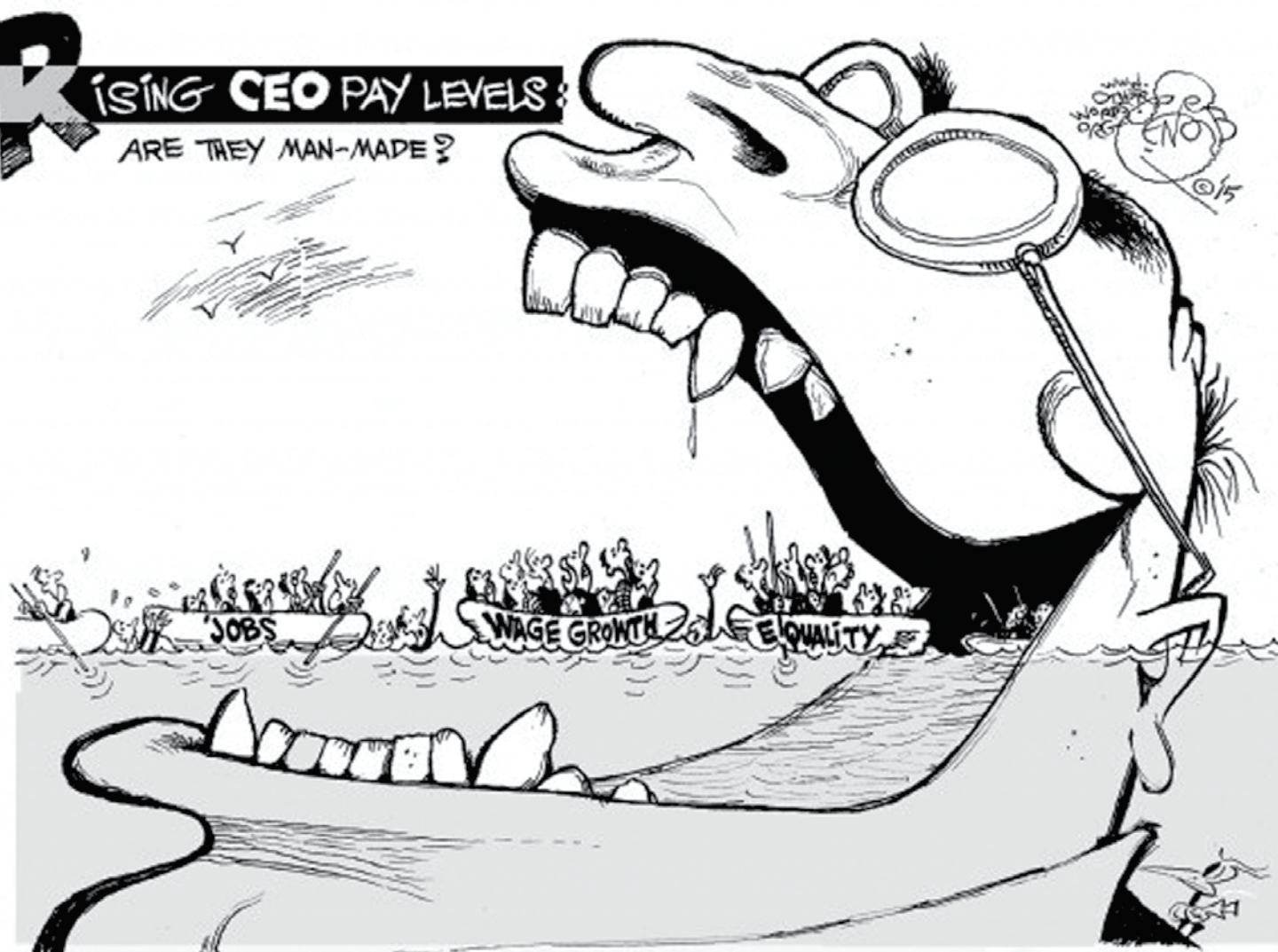
### ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- Area & Oriental Rug  
Cleaning
- Auto/Boat/RV Cleaning
- Deodorizing & Pet  
Odor Treatment
- Spot & Stain  
Removal Service
- Scotchguard Protection
- Minor Water Damage  
Services

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# OPINION

**R**ISING CEO PAY LEVELS:  
ARE THEY MAN-MADE?



## Working Harder, but Falling Further Behind

A dark cloud  
behind the  
economic  
recovery

BY MARC H. MORIAL

*"It is necessary to reaffirm that employment is necessary for society, for families and for individuals. Its primary value is the good of the human person, as it allows the individual to be fully realized...Therefore, it follows that work has not only the economic objective of profit, but above all a purpose that regards man and his dignity. And if there is no work, this dignity is wounded. Indeed, the unemployed and underemployed risk being relegated to the margins of society, becoming victims of social exclusion."*  
— Pope Francis, March 20, 2014



Despite the dizzying array of clearance sales and bargains to be found in our nation's malls and department stores, Labor Day is no creation of our retail industry. It is our nation's annual tribute to the working class, American worker, whose physical and largely manual labor built this country's infrastructure and built a labor movement

that spurred social and economic achievements for all American workers—regardless of job sector.

As we celebrate labor and America's slow but steady climb to newfound economic prosperity during its most sustained period of job creation this century, we discover a dark cloud inside the silver lining of our recovery: The prosperity of the American economy is not being shared equally.

Too many people are working harder, but are falling further behind. Too many people remain at the distant margins of the job market—particularly in our communities of color, where unemployment remains at crisis level, even as our economy continues to rebound.

The unemployment rate in our country currently sits at 5.3 percent, its lowest rate since May 2008. But take a deeper dive into those numbers and the tale of two recoveries is clear and unmistakable.

While the unemployment rate for whites is at 4.6 percent, the Hispanic unemployment rate is at 6.8 percent and the black unemployment rate is 9.1 percent -- double that of white job seekers. The unemployment rates for African-Americans and Hispanics are nothing if not discouraging and telling. These communities, especially hard hit during the last

recession, are not benefiting from our economy's rebound.

The ability to secure work that provides a fair, living wage—regardless of gender—is an asset to the worker, the worker's family, neighborhood, community, and ultimately, our nation. We are an immensely stronger America when access to work is not excluded to some, but rather, extended to all.

That is why the National Urban League has proposed a 12-point Blueprint for Quality Job Creation. Our plan offers a dozen dynamic and imaginative measures to benefit those most profoundly affected by recession but left out of the ensuing recovery, while also remedying many of the underlying causes behind the recession's inordinate and amplified impact on the communities we serve.

The blueprint calls for restoring the Summer Youth Jobs Program as a stand-alone program; creating 100 urban jobs academies to implement an expansion of the Urban Youth Empowerment Program; and developing a dynamic, national public-private jobs initiative to create jobs, train urban residents and stimulate economic growth in the areas of technology and broadband, health care, manufacturing, transportation, public infrastructure and clean energy.

Our proposals would also boost minority participation in informa-

tion and communication technology industries; reform, revise and reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act to prepare and retrain workers for 21st century jobs;

create Green Empowerment Zones; expand small business lending; initiating tax reform that reduces rates across the board and eliminates tax loopholes; establish and promote multilateral international trade policies that expand the market for American goods and services; enact the Urban Jobs Act; expand the hiring of housing counselors nationwide; and fund direct job creation in cities and states.

We continue to urge Congress and the White House to adopt these measures without delay. The standard of living many of us take for granted today was won for us through the determination and organized protests of the American worker. The solidarity of the workers of the past must be reborn in our political discourse today as we collectively strive to open blocked pathways to work, success and the American dream of economic mobility.

We must all work together—individuals, politicians and corporations—to ensure the possibility of work for fair wages for all who seek it.

Marc H. Morial is president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League.