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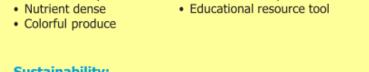
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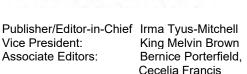




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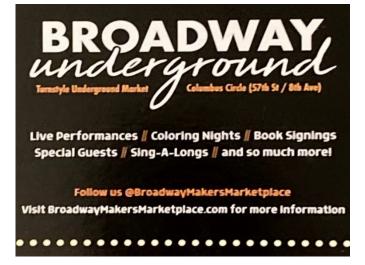
PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT

No is not an option! This is a phrase that comes to mind when I consider President Biden's rare authority to impose a Moratorium on Voting during the November 2022 and 2024 elections. His authority is stifled by the America's U.S. Supreme Court ruling on States Voting Rights.

Over 50 years later, neither Blacks nor millions of other working class minority Americans foresaw the recurrence of diminishing voting rights. The Constitutional U.S. 1964 Civil Rights and 1965 Voting Rights Acts were ignored by the ironical, diabolical 2020 Republican leaders who attempted to disavow President Biden's victory. They engaged in oppressive Republican County leaders of States rights who demanded votes be recounted before certifying a winner. They blocked pregnant mothers, the elderly, and others from drinking water while standing in anticipated longer voting lines. Exhaustive, stymied, Blacks were forced to travel as much as 25 miles from communities that were funded with their residential tax dollars.

Such U.S. Congressional silence regarding reprehensible reminders of working-class Blacks at risk, Blacks forced to vote in suspicious, racist, and KKK environments of yesteryear - evoked my "NO IS NOT AN OPTION" quest for a 2022 and 2024 "U.S. Voters Moratorium" to seek justice to vote. Also, protecting Blacks from wealth-draining, internet and password privacy intrusion, and corrupt telephone technologies billing negatively impacts our quality of life as never before. These are issues that our elected Democrats have yet to address. God bless, Irma





The Greater New York Chamber of Commerce Small Business Leadership Forum Awards Breakfast

eld on April 29, 2022, at the General Society Library in Manhattan, the GNYCC event commenced with the Hour Glass Restaurant's tasty assorted egg omelets, and continental breakfast treats. Whereas Mark Jaffe President, and Helen Natt, Executive Director of the Greater New York Chamber of Commerce continue promoting great business opportunities for Chamber members. Panelists were Kevin Kim, NYC Dept. of Small Business Services; James

Hendon, NYC Veterans Commissioner; Chris White, Empire State Development Regional Director; Joseph Tagwell, NYC Small Business Committee Chair; Julie Menin, NYC Councilwoman; Joel Eisdorfei, NYC Mayor Eric Adams' Senior Advisor and 2022 Small Business Champion

Awardee; Neil Gilbert, NYS Workers Compensation Board Hendon.

Voza Rivers' Vice President of Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce and President of Harlem's Arts Alliance spoke prior to Vy Higgensen, MAMA's Organization and Executive Producer of her *Mama I Want to Sing Musical*, a Greater New York Chamber of Commerce 2022 Small Business Champions Award. John Sideris of Hourglass Bistro and Bar Jeff Lindor of The Gentlemen's Factory; Ed Dennis of Berkeley's College; and Servpro's Anderson Vega and Jeremy Bressler also received their Greater New York Chamber of Commerce 2022 Small Business Champion Award. The Orthodox Jewish Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce also hosted this event.









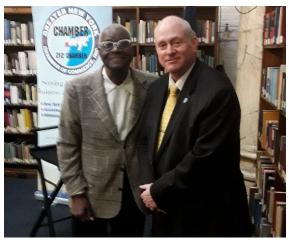
















RECESSION PROOF FOUNDER ENTREPRENEUR PAID HIS ALL-BLACK TEAM \$2.5M IN PAYROLL AND \$1M IN COMMISSIONS IN 2021

hile the 2021 Pandemic stifled millions of Americans struggling with debt, enter wealth strategist and "Recession Proof" founder Marcus Barney. His "Recession Proof" corporation's 2021 year-end payroll was 2.5 million and \$1 million sales commissions to his all-Black employees' team.

In Atlanta, Georgia Barney's multimillion-dollar Recession Proof program consists of financial literacy, personal and business funding, investment strategies, coaching, and more. Since the start of the pandemic, Americans amassed an additional \$660 billion in new debt, according to *Moneygeek*, while 42 percent of U.S. adults with credit card debt increased their balances. Recession Proof on the other hand, helps entrepreneurs turn debt into *Dreams come true*. "The average American is nearly \$100,000 in debt, which can literally destroy lives, families, and neighborhoods. That's why I created Recession Proof - to help bridge this massive wealth gap, to train more successful entrepreneurs, and to empower others to turn their finances and their lives around." Marcus announced.

At age 16, Marcus' business specialized in antique/luxury car sales. At age 18, he earned a real estate license. In 2018, his "recession-proof" mentality led to launching his 2021 Barney Aviation Group. His strong focus on philanthropy, is apparent given how much Marcus volunteers and donates to nonprofit organizations, schools, holiday events, and more with an ongoing dedication to giving back and helping others. "I know what it's like to struggle, but I've also been fortunate to see the other side," he added. "That's why I'm so proud to invite others to join our thriving community of people who want to create generational wealth, find their feet on a strong financial foundation, and write their personal and business success stories."

Recession Proof for:

With his goal of spreading financial literacy to those who know what it is like to be disadvantaged, and broken in America, Marcus Barney created Recession Proof, out-of-the-box strategies to change credit into cash, live luxuriously without spending extravagantly, and build generational wealth. He recently received the 8 Figure Club Award from Clickfunnels and Russell Brunson. Visit: RecessionProofXtreme.com/sale

NYSE FIRST BLACK BOARD CHAIR'S APPOINTMENT AND REGULATORY EXPERTISE

Since December 2021 the New York Stock Exchange. NYSE, has been well monitored to say the least, by its first Black American Chairperson, Sharon Bowen. As the world's largest lucrative \$36 trillion stock exchange serving 2,400 corporations,

I'm among persons still spellbound regarding how this financiallegal genius managed to further the pinnacle of her career with such a prestigious appointment.

Here's hoping that when 2023's Times Square New Year's Eve Celebration is held, Sharon will be featured as a Special VIP, further demonstrating how well America's top businesses committed to financial diversity has accommodated qualified and welcomed Blacks to become recognizable leaders of the world's global market.

New York Globalizes gold coin wager, represent approximately 50% of Blacks and multi-cultural, business academic professionals nationwide, also unaware about Sharon's stunning career, much less how she previously conducted Federal Reserve regulatory services as was one of 10 Black regulators in the U.S.

Bowen earned a BA from Virginia Univ., Masters and a Jurist Doctorate from Northwestern Univ. She is a Diversity Matters professional, New York State Bar Association's 2018; Diversity Champion Award and Metropolitan Black Bar Association's. 2008 Lawyer of the Year Award, notwithstanding her longtime partnership and corporate directorship of Latham & Watkins, LLP.

In 2014 the U.S. Senate confirmed President Obama's appointment for Sharon Bowen's Commissioner of the U.S. Commodities Futures Trading Commission *CFTC*. *There, she* sponsored a Market Risk Advisory Committee. In 2017 she accepted a new director position of the Board of Intercontinental Exchange, *ICE*.

Irma Tyus-Mitchell

MAGIC JOHNSON & MIKE TYSON ADDRESSING BLACK BUSINESS OWNERS AT RECESSION PROOF 4TH ANNUAL CONVENTION May 27-28th IN LAS VEGAS



haring their competitive fire and strategies for success, professional athletes Earvin "Magic"
Johnson and Mike Tyson were confirmed as keynote speakers for the upcoming 4th annual Recession Proof Convention. The May 27-28 scheduled event at The Mirage in Las Vegas, wealth strategy celebration from "Recession Proof" founder Marcus Barney will welcome an all-star line-up of attendees and speakers.

Johnson led the L.A. Lakers to five NBA

championships before later serving as the team's President of Basketball Operations. After contracting HIV (and later beating the virus), Johnson launched the Magic Johnson Foundation to help fight against HIV and AIDS and remains a well-known and well-loved broadcaster in addition to being a worldwide successful business mogul.

A former professional boxer, Tyson is known as one of the greatest heavyweight boxers of all time. He holds the record as the youngest boxer to win the WBC, WBA, and IBF heavyweight titles at just 20 years old. His nicknames include *Iron Mike, Kid Dynamite* and *The Baddest Man on the Planet*.

"We couldn't ask for more fascinating speakers at this year's Recession Proof Convention. We know they will both bring fire and wisdom, personality and insight to their conversations on personal growth and wealth strategy," Barney said. "And that's not all! Our speaker line-up this year is truly better than ever, and our members will learn a lot and have a great time while doing so."

Recession Proof Convention speakers include: <u>Million Dollaz Worth of Game</u>: Find the best life tips from this weekly podcast hosted by legendary Philadelphia rapper Gillie Da King and his cousin, social media influencer and disruptor Wallo26. <u>Drink Champs</u>: Known as the most professional, unprofessional podcast, Drink Champs is hosted by hip-hop and reggaeton recording artist N.O.R.E.

The multi-million-dollar Recession Proof program comprises financial literacy, personal and business funding, credit to cash strategies, coaching, and more. Recession Proof reported a 2021 year-end payroll of \$2.5 million and sales commissions of \$1 million to his all-Black team of entrepreneurs. Further, Barney has mentored more than 10,000 others on building wealth, getting out from the crushing load of debt, and how to

become successful entrepreneurs. What it is like to be economically disadvantaged: Marcus Barney created Recession Proof, out-of-the-box strategies to change credit into cash, live luxuriously without spending.

MINDTUNING PHILOSOPHY

The MindTuning guru/spiritual teacher, founder and creator of the MindTuning Philosophy is Kingmelvin Brown. Mind Tuning is the most powerful conversation about the human phenomenon, you've ever heard!

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eris Bernard, founder of <u>LERIS</u> <u>Media</u>, a Black and womenowned, public relations and digital marketing firm, is celebrating having won the *PRNEWS* CSR & Diversity Awar. She has been named to Agency Elite's Top 100. Her company created the

Epilepsy Foundation's first full campaigns addressing epilepsy in Native American The campaigns spoke to Native Americans in both English and Tribal languages. The total views of the campaign through newspaper, radio, PSAs, and social media were 1,665,000 throughout the southwest and great plains of America. Currently, the total population of Native Americans is an estimated 9.7 million people. Recently, LERIS Media created four multi-city media campaigns with articles, print, and digital ads written in their respective languages for Chinese

American,
Pacific
Islander
American,
Hispanic /
Latinx
American,
Native
American,
and Native
Hawaiian
populations.
To see their
campaigns,

"These campaigns are important to LERIS Media because we are committed to ensuring that health prevention messages effectively reach multi-cultural communities; it is a matter of life and death,"

communities in recognition of National Epilepsy Awareness Month.

"African Americans and Native Americans suffer from the same health inequities and are disproportionately affected by many of the same illnesses. Culturally, we share a similar distrust of the US healthcare system. It takes an extra effort. A nuanced and culturally astute strategy for the messages to breakthrough." visit <u>LerisMedia.com/multicultural-marketing/</u>

The industry's only editorial roster of the top 100 PR and Communications agencies in the country is published by *PRNEWS*. This year, LERIS Media was selected for the Agency Elite Top 100 based on its multicultural marketing expertise. Erika Bradbury, Editorial Director of *PRNEWS* says. "The firms this year stood out for their work on the most important issues of today,

including DEI initiatives, social impact causes, and COVID-19 relief work, as well as their understanding of the importance of being nimble in an always-on media world." Leris expresses, "Words cannot express our appreciation of these honors. We would like to thank the Epilepsy Foundation for the pleasure of working with them on these campaigns. These awards affirm that LERIS Media's communication strategies for multicultural communities are impactful. We look forward to continuing to work with non-profits and companies who want to reach multicultural communities in a costeffective manner."

About

LERIS Media is a Marketing and Public Relations Firm of communications strategy, digital marketing, and media relations services that create and distribute media campaigns to minority communities of all races and creeds. For more information,

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onique Denton, a Life Transformation
Coach for Black women entrepreneurs and
business professionals known as the
founder of Embrace Your Cake, announced
the success of her Sisters Inspire Sisters (SIS)
Network and its goal to have 1,000 Black
women empower one million globally.

Monique says that she is committed to increasing awareness, brand visibility, and opportunities for Black women. Her SIS Network platform is the gateway for this demographic to have their voices heard.

The platform accomplishes this through Amazon Bestseller book anthologies, virtual summits, the weekly *SIS Table Talk*, and live events allowing women to share their knowledge, expertise, stories, and brilliance. All of this is accomplished through true sisterhood and support.

Most recently, the Sisters Inspire Sisters Network awarded three Black female entrepreneurs with a micro-grant of \$1,000 each to expand their business. They're seeking female speakers, authors, businesswomen, professionals, and coaches to share their vision and stories with the world.

"I believe that the success and opportunities for black women will no longer be stagnant and predicated on how others view us." Monique affirms. "We will share, write, package, publish and create a legacy for black women by black women. We will determine how our voices are heard. This is our Chicken Soup for the Soul."

The next SIS Anthology and Virtual Summit focuses on self-love, manifestation, etc.

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valuable information regarding, Loss Prevention, Construction Site Security, Executive Protection, Uniformed Security Guards, Trained Emergency Response Officers, Commercial and Residential Properties, Retail Site Security, Education Facility Security, Healthcare Facility Security, Community and Cultural Groups Special Event Security.

"I am deeply passionate and very experienced with security techniques, and in this uncertain world I want to help businesses, community organizations, and individuals to stay safe, and prevent any unnecessary losses," said Barron, pertinent to why America Force One is committed to following the principles of integrity, innovation, and team spirit.

Barrow's 30 years of experience in Security Operations entails his demonstrated history of working in security and investigation industries. Visit AmericaForceOne.com



BLACK-OWNED PLANT-BASED MANUFACTURER CLOSE \$6M SERIES A FUNDING ROUND

uane "Myko" Cheers and
Danita Claytor are cofounders of Everything
Legendary, a blackowned plant-based
food brand with
legendary flavor that
recently closed \$6
million dollars in Series
A funding. The round was
led by CircleUp Growth

Partners, with additional investments from the venture capital arm of General Mills, 301 Inc Shark Tank Executive Producer Mark Cuban. Shark Also, International Entrepreneur and Record Executive, Russell Simmons joined the all-star team as a Senior Advisor.

The rapid rise of Everything Legendary, the nation's fastest-growing plant-based meat company, began in early 2021 when they were hand-making burgers in their kitchen. Ten months later, they from zero to 1500 Safeway, Acme, Giant, Target, Ralphs, Kings, and Balducci shelves, with additional placements that arrived in 2022. In less than a year, the company grew from a family kitchen operation to a brand to national retail markets, three co-packers, and high-profile team.

There are a lot of people trying to get into the \$5 billion+ plant-based food market," explained co-founder Duane. "What has our investors excited about us is they can see that we aren't just another plant-based product...we are looking to

disrupt the multi-billion-dollar industry with unprecedented flavor, premium ingredients, and high-energy marketing that sets our brand apart. Having partners like CircleUp and General Mills, that work with some of the biggest brands in the world is an amazing honor."

Karen Howland, CircleUp's General Partner explained, "The Everything Legendary team is taking a new, fresh approach to the plant-based meat category. Their bold packaging and unique brand messaging allows the product to stand out in a crowded space. The company has seen more rapid distribution growth than other better-funded businesses and we know this team won't stop until they are on top. CircleUp is proud to support Duane and Danita in this next phase of growth."

Martin, Chief Brand and Disruptive Growth Officer of General Mills, said, "We're thrilled to partner with Everything Legendary. Their plant-based, chefcreated products are a natural fit for 301 INC, where our mission is to discover and elevate remarkable founders with innovative offerings. Given that Black Americans are one of the fastest-growing vegan demographics in the country, we believe Everything Legendary is poised for substantial growth."

The new funding will be used to support a planned launch in 5,600 grocery stores by summer 2022. The company will also introduce new, delicious products like sausage, boneless wings, and breakfast patties. And they will deploy street teams

that will help spread the word of their legendary burger in the same fun energized ways the founders have used to elevate the brand to date.

About General Mills

The company is guided by its Accelerate strategy to drive shareholder value by boldly building its brands. Household name brands include Cheerios, Nature Valley, Blue Buffalo, Haagen-Dazs, Old El Paso, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Yoplait, Annie's, Wanchai Ferry, Yoki, etc. This Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, General Mills generated fiscal 2021 net sales of U.S. \$18.1 billion.

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AS AIRED ON OPRAH'S TV, 7-YEAR-OLD GIRL INSPIRED HER "TOY OF THE YEAR" NOMINEE MOM'S BLACK DOLL COLLECTION



2021

was a prosperous year for Orijin Bees Doll Collection that launched with Target

stores. Having aired on Oprah's *My Favorite Things List*, Orijin Bees Doll Collection *is a* 2022 Mom's Choice Award finalist.

Following her mom Melissa Orijin's unfulfilled Black doll search for her daughter, Melissa recalls how "Previously, without even a passing glance, one would notice that black dolls had one type of curly hair texture and maybe just one skin tone. "No matter how much I searched, I just couldn't find dolls that showed the vast diversity of Black and Brown girls. "Through Orijin Bees, we want to provide dolls that are truly representative of Black and Brown girls. Baby Bee Dolls are available in a variety of skin tones, hair colors, and curly hair textures. We ensure this because we know this collection teaches self-love and inclusion during play. We are striving to fill the gap by creating products representative of children that didn't feel included during play before Orijin Bees was born. Ultimately, our goal is to support the development of confident children that grow up to become the leaders of tomorrow. "Dolls are so important during pretend play. They teach children about their place in society, encourage nurturing, help develop gross motor skills, and the list goes on! Children often imagine themselves through their dolls.

"We need diversity in toy boxes because the world is a diverse place. Children learn about the world as they play. If from the beginning, a child is taught about the importance of diversity and the value of celebrating our differences, wouldn't we live in a much better world? I think so." A recent Forbes article featuring Orijin Bee Dolls states, "More impressive than most recently being on Oprah's Favorite Things, is seeing the impact these dolls have made on Orijin's daughter and children across the world. Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles tell Orijin about the sheer joy and excitement their child show when they see a doll that looks like them. "It's as much a positive experience for the adult as it is for the child. They get to see their child represented in a doll, to know that it will positively impact how they see themselves. As adults, we know the importance of playtime for children. We focus on everything from the skin tone to the hair textures, facial features, and outfits. It's heart-warming to hear a customer say that their girls can't leave the house without their dolls, that they take them everywhere with them. Parents have

told us that having a doll with the same hair as they have has helped." Likewise, Melissa explained that creating dolls with features representing Black and Brown girls increases Orijin Bees' Baby Bee popularity, which has quickly attracted multicultural customers expressing much praise for these dolls. Orijin Bees' acronym stands for: Our Representation Is Just Inclusion Normalized, Beautifully Empowering Every Soul



Learn about the savvy radio DJ and TV personality K. Foxx's career and how to order her popular private limited-edition copies *I'm Every Woman* retro calendar featuring some of the finest Black beauties in music and film, at: http://www.kfoxx.com/about/

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Acrylic Abstract: *Where Waterfalls Land*, 16x20 - \$315.00 + S/H Ready to hang canvas. Ready to ship. Blue/Yellow/White/Green – <u>Glossy finish</u> Artist: *Ella D. McGhee* | Contact: 475-209-7004





Acrylic Abstract: *Nature's Harmony*, 10x20ea - \$180.00/set + S/H Ready to hang canvases. Ready to ship. Blue/Yellow/White/Green – <u>Glossy finish</u> Artist: *Ella D. McGhee* | Contact: 475-209-7004



My late husband was a sculptor & painter. His unclein-law was the famous Al Hollingsworth. Mr. Hollingsworth was well known for his painting of the great dance company, Alvin Ailey. In 1994, I was very moved by one particular painting [shown on the right]. It spoke to my soul, which is what art is supposed to do, so I asked him could I purchase the lithograph. "Of course," he said, so that's what I did.





Hour Glass Restaurant Review

By King Melvin Brown

On a late April 2022 evening, I experienced one of the best restaurants in New York City. I consider myself an authority in discovering great cuisines, particularly since I once owned a restaurant. But this is not about me. A restaurant called The Hour Glass made my top 10 list. Check out my ratings in the following categories:

- ✓ Cleanliness: Their cloth tablecloths were crisp and white, and the men's bathroom was extremely well kept.
- ✓ Hospitality: The staff was extremely kind and friendly.
- ✓ **Food:** The extensive menu accommodates various cuisine preferences, and this reassured me that whatever we chose for the evening, we will be satisfied. I'm still dreaming of their delicious crab cakes!



- ✓ **Ambiance:** Now, I am a traditional person, and Hour Glass has that classic old charm style with an antique flair. Hour Glass outside decor is as stunning as indoors. The side-walk cafe is very romantic and charming.
- ✓ **Friendliness:** The forty-year-old owner, Mr. John, and his adorable parents greeted and chatted with me and my guest and treated us like family.
- ✓ **Location:** As you know, in real estate location, location, location means everything. The Hour Glass is at a prime, convenient location on 346 W 46th Street, New York, NY.

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LAS VEGAS' NEWEST BLACK-OWNED, SIN CITY SEAFOOD KITCHEN + LOUNGE, OPENING



n May 14, 2022, by popular demand, Sin City Kitchen and Lounge opened its doors. More than a restaurant, this Black-owned establishment is what the owners like to call their secret sauce of flavor + vibe. The opening was designed for Vegas locals, tourists, VIPs, and celebrities. In the heart of downtown Las Vegas at 353 E. Bonneville Ave., three minutes from Freemont's famous street, Sin City Seafood Kitchen + Lounge is a seven day weekly, first of its kind venue. Its fusion of culinary seasoned seafood includes shrimp, lobster, fried oysters, chicken and waffles, specialty

Phylicia Rashad's 2022 Skeleton Crew Best



Actress Tony Award, since her 2004 Tony

fter arriving in the midst of Act I., Scene 1, at the *Skeleton Crew* Brooks Atkinson Theatre in Dec. 2021, I was finally seated after waiting in vain for a New York Global.Biz freelancer who left before she entered the theater, among persons lacking the critical *C* vaccination. Nevertheless, I did not avoid seeing *Skeleton Crew's* gripping

emotional Broadway production. Though, prior to my arrival. a New York Global.Biz associate assured me by phone, if no reviewer arrived, he'd submit his review because he had recently saw a Skeleton Crew review. I agreed, but his review never arrived.

Our draft review should have stipulated that Playwright Dominque Morrissey and Director's Rueben D. Santiago *Sketon Crew* required rapt attention from start to finish. Situated in lightly

lit scanty Detroit auto-shop kitchen, as an office, occupying the first floor of an apartment building, is quite startling. Scenes opens with Adelsolo Osakalumni's grievous dancing as Faye wistfully express her worries about her distressed co-workers' near-future, permanent layoffs. Chanti Morre, as Shanita, was poignantly pregnant; angry Joshua Bas Dez; Brandon J. Dirden as Reggie also as the foreman demands that his employees work more productively, despite possible layoff attempts to make a

good impression. Challenging Joshua to expose his reality, similarly, occurs with his expectations from Faye, agreeing they've crossed each other's paths many years ago. Their dispute unveils Faye's haunting recent homelessness, while the plight of Skeleton Crew's small staff lingers, against the backdrop of how thousands if not millions of Blacks coped with Detroit's 1970s ailing auto industry.

Pretty iconic Phylicia Rashad, as Faye, illustrates how she a Howard University grad further honed her *method acting* thespian skills in the 1970s at the famous Negro Ensemble Company that I also attended.

In 2004, Phylicia received a Broadway's Tony Award Best Actress, starring in the *Raisin in the Sun* revival. She has several Emmy nominations, among others for her Mrs. Huxtables TV series role.

If *Skeleton Crew's* marquee, omitted her name and photo, like other guests I would have remained confused about the unrecognizable plaid shirt and khaki pants attired. The soft spoken, matronly, witty, and dicey, yet patient employee-advisor, and homeless Faye, is Phylicia Rashad.

Irma Tyus-Mitchell

SIX Broadway's 2022 Best Broadway Musical Tony Award







Though it's a talent completion to determine which of King Henry's six wives

suffered the most, during her solo performance, since 2017 Tony Marlow and Lucy Moss are famous artistic famous college entrepreneurs.

During the past 20 years, multi-national major tech, architectural, medical, media, sports, real estate and other firms' wealthy CEOs and President were college students with joint ventures.

Toby Marlow and Lucy MO SIX Broadway Musical Pop Concert encompassing 500 years of broken hearts, features six former Queens: Adrianna Hicks, Catherine of Aragon; Andrea Macasaet, Anne Boleyn, Abby Mueller, Jane Seymour; Brittney Mack, Anna of Cleves, Samantha Pauly, Katherine Howard, and Anna Uzele as Catherine Parr



hilariously yet ironically competing for a grand prize based on demonstrating how their marriage and love for King Henry VIII caused his ignoble destruction of their lives. Note: my 1970s Times Strangers copyrighted published play was that which I previously entrusted not to resembled SIX. Such distinct difference between

these plays exist.

Highlighting the 2022 Tony Awards for Six Best Musical, I'm no longer stuck on determining which one of these gifted, perky, gorgeous dancing singers was the stop tar. Their dazzling individual acts included three group songs, and each performer was subjected to standing ovations.

Anticipate splendid jewel-laced pop artsy costumes creating it a SIX original couture high fashion statement, when their currently-in progress SIX musical film hits theaters.

Irma Tyus-Mitchell

DIONNE WARWICK: Power In The Name

by Eileen Shapiro: Photos by: David Vance

Six Grammy Awards,

Life-Time Achievement Award Winner singer, actress, tv host, former UN Global Ambassador for Food and Agriculture, and *Twitter Goddess*, Dionne Warwick

> released an exhilarating and inspiring new song and video entitled

"Power In The Name" along with two other powerful names in the music industry Krayzie Bone (Bones Thugs-n-Harmony) and Nomad, aka Damon Elliot, music producer. The song comes to us via the "Kind Music Group" label, and the proceeds of the song benefitting charities that provide shelter and clothing, 60 years after she, the world-famous song diva, Dionne Warwick was the first female artist signed to a \$5MM record deal. "Power In The Name"

"Power In The Name"
comes at a time when the
planet is mending and
adjusting to a time where
Heaven had been engulfed in
flames and frost found and

its way under all of our doorsteps. The song is uplifting and powerful...a spiritual quest where God himself propels the chariot.

Ms. Warwick has recently come off of her last hit single "Nothing's Impossible" featuring Chance the Rapper which was a result of a Twitter collaboration. She has recently appeared on *Good Morning America, Seth Myers and "Saturday Night Live.*" She performed in Vegas during the holidays at the Raiders/Colts game and had a seat on the "Masked Singer" Rose Parade float. Ms. Warwick continues to reinvent herself as well as her future.

I love your new song so much!

Wonderful, that's good to hear. Thank you

I have a feeling Damon wrote it?

Yes, he did. He and Krazie wrote it, many years ago. I think it's needed for one thing. As it turns out Krazie and Damon reconnected after many years of knowing each other and Damon called me and said he'd just spoken with Krazie and that Krazie

reminded him of that song. He felt that it really, really needed to be done now.

It's so perfect for now.

No doubt. These are words that need to be heard and felt, and I'm so proud of those two young boys. I really am.

Damon has a really beautiful voice.

Yeah, he does. I'm discovering that both of them are able to sing. It was an epiphany. Where did all of this come from?

Damon's voice and your outfit in the video surprised me most of all. Aside from the uplifting and inspirational vibes, what are you hoping that the listener takes with them after hearing the song?

That they'll practice what is being said. Getting back to being like human beings and caring about each other. Doing for and with each other, these are the things that we have to do. We are people. All of a sudden it becomes complete chaos, and it can be turned around. It can with positive words, prayer, praise, it's necessary.

I certainly hope that it touches people in that fashion. There is power in the name of Jesus...there is! Fortunately, I feel that this

is a song whose words are far beyond race, color, religion, creed

I think it has the ability to sing to people generally.

Wouldn't that be nice.

Yeah, it really would. I am so hopeful that is the case with this particular song.

When are you running for President? ...not a bad idea.

Yeah, the Queen of twitter announces she's going to run for President ...why not?

You are always reinventing yourself and your future, And that's so great. So first of all, where is all the inspiration coming from in doing all of these songs lately with these really cool rappers?

You know I was the one, and I singularly say I. First time I look at myself it's only me. I decided to give spankings to all these little rappers, with this so called "gangster rap", and let them know how I felt personally and how it's permeating the

entire world. All of these things they were saying about people, it just was not nice. I thought "no", we have to do something about this. Let us talk. So I was the one, and everyone thought I lost my mind, who went up against these rappers. But it wasn't a case of where I was talking against them. I had several meetings with a lot of them over the years. I told them "If I didn't care about you I wouldn't even take time to talk with you." "But there are some changes that you need to make on your own or with a little bit of guidance, and I think I'm old enough to give you just a little bit of that. And they started listening to me. They finally understood that I was not dissing them. I wanted to know what dissing meant, finally either Snoop or Krazie told me that it meant disrespect. I said to them "so then why not say that?" That's when they understood that a grown-up was in their presence, and that I had something to say to them, and I wanted them to speak to me. It finally got to the point where there came a mutual respect understanding of each other. It seemed like a natural evolution that I would open myself to them. In fact, I did that long before my association with these kids today. We re-recorded "What The World Needs Now is Love Sweet Love", it was wonderful. Both the East Coast and the West Coast were all in the same room with us doing "What The World Needs Now", and it was a magical, magical moment. It just let you know how things could be and should be. So, my relationship with these babies today is the extension of what I started many years ago.

Good for you...I'm liking this running for President thing more and more.... Secondly all of a sudden you became a Twitter superstar, and I think that you take Twitter more seriously than most. How did that come about?

I do take it very seriously. Had my nieces and nephews over one afternoon. They were in my living room giggling away. They were just laughing and having the best time. I came out of the bedroom and said, "what's all the laughing about." Brittany the eldest of the nieces at that time told me they were on Twitter. So, I asked her where Twitter was. She explained it to me, and she showed me what they were laughing about. I looked at it and I was not that pleased with what I was seeing, what was being said on this thing called Twitter. I said, "show me how to do it, I want to laugh too." She said, "you really want to know?" I said, "yeah I do." So, she showed me how to do it and I finally decided on my first one to just make my presence known. I kind of put it out there that there's a grownup in the room now and what I'm seeing put out there I'm not pleased with, I'm going to start asking questions, and I expect to get answers. I want you to also know that you can ask me questions and you will get answers. That really was the genesis of it. I started getting responses from these kids asking all kinds of questions, having basically to do with the business. Then there were some serious questions regarding their parents and what their parents thought, and I would respond to them. I would let them know that their parents were exactly that, their parents! So that respect should be given. I just wanted to give you that ounce of knowledge so that hopefully you would use it. That started the ball rolling. I would always end whatever I

do, and I do this in general life, in conversations, in meetings or anything of that nature, with a smile. I wanted them to understand that. You can say what yougotta say however, remember to end it

Knowing everything that you know now, what advice would you give to baby Dionne

Exactly the advice that she was given as a baby. I practiced that too. I was always told "you be who you are, you can't be anyone other than who you are." I truly believe that.

That's actually true and really good advice. So how did you wind up on "Saturday Night Live?"

Well they decided that they wanted to do a parody on Dionne Warwick with the Dionne Warwick show. It really came as a surprise to me that they wanted me to come on as a guest. It was a bunch of fun. One of my friends called me and was watching "Saturday Night Live." She told me to turn it on. I told her it was so late and I'm going to sleep. She insisted that I turn it on. I turned it on in there I was. I think I laughed louder than the audience did. It was just so much fun, and it was a wonderful thank you to me. It just kept Dionne Warwick in people's faces. That was wonderful. They did it in such a wonderful and classy way. It was fun and it was easy and there was nothing for me not to like.

You are an idol to so many people. There is no one on the planet who doesn't know your name or at least one of your songs. So, I was wondering, do you have an idol?

Oh, my goodness! You know somebody asked me that a long, long, long time ago? The first word out of my mouth was yes, my mother. She was and still is my idol. She is the lady I was around 24/7. She is the one who gave me the reason for being, for doing what I do. She spoke to me in a fashion as a parent but also as a loving friend. She played both parts. I revered her. That's the truth.

What projects do have for 2022 and beyond?

I'm going to do a gospel CD and the genesis of that is "Power In The Name." I'm hopeful that I'll be able to call upon esteemed gospel friends to be a part of it. I've already spoken to Kirk Franklin and we're speaking to Don McClurkin, and I think it's going to be a very powerful project. Again, that is necessary. People need to hear some positive words coming out of music today.

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by Eileen Shapiro



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AKON: LOVIN' THE LOVE ON VALENTINE'S DAY AT FOR THE STARS FASHION HOUSE

by Eileen Shapiro





mid the glamour and dazzle of the 60-foot Crimson Carpet illuminating the heart of Melrose in Los Angeles and framing the walkway to "For The Stars Fashion House" created by the couturier and creative director Jacob, in walked superstar pop, rap, and R&B icon Akon and his lovely wife.

The Senegalese/American Singer, songwriter, entrepreneur, philanthropist, producer originally rose to fame in 2004 following the release of *Locked UP*, the first single from Akon's *Trouble debut*

album. Akon is credited for over 300 guest appearances and

more than 35 *Billboard Hot 100* songs as well as five *Grammy* nominations. As the first solo artist to hold both the number one and two spots at the same time on *Billboard* Akon is listed by Guinness World Records as the *Number One* selling artist for master ringtones in the world.

Akon is currently working on his "Akon City" a project that will be built in Senegal and that was inspired by the movie "Black Panther." "Akon City" will be designed as a futuristic upscale destination that will be solar powered and environmentally friendly. "Akon City is an extension of the sea into the land with waves diving deep into the roots of each building, making It dance on the music of Akon to celebrate the rise of Akon City reflecting nothing but happiness bringing no less than success." Akon For The Stars Fashion House was created by Jacob. The unique and out-ofthe-box creations have been worn by stars including Beyoncé, J Lo, Katy Perry, Shakira, Cher, Halle Berry, Britney Spears, Nicole Kidman, Nicki Minaj, just to name a few. The creations are theatrical, musical, and never to be seen before or again. While celebrating Valentine's Day at Jacobs soirée extravaganza I was fortunate enough to meet Akon and he was kind enough to have a conversation. "Jacob is like my brother. He is the most amazing guy. I also wanted my wife to meet him as well because Jacob and I have been doing business together a long time. He is probably one of the most talented designers that I personally know."

Does he design your clothes?

He doesn't make all of my clothes, but some of them. I always come in and step in his closet. For me if I could dress like this every day, I would.

So what projects are you working on currently?

Right now I'm working more on projects that are a little bit out of the entertainment with *Akon City*, and bitcoin and crypto coins. But we're looking to drop a new album this year.

Have you had your ultimate stage fantasy yet?

Actually, I have. It was to dive into the audience of 100,000 people in Africa, and I was able to accomplish that

Did you get pictures?

There are pictures everywhere

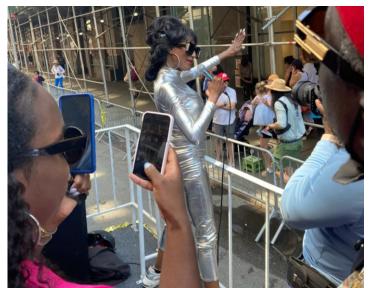
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"People" is the very essence of unity, both in its lyrical approach and in Lewis' fusion of so many different genres and influences of sound and style. Serving as a perfect platform for her sultry and soulful vocals, "People" is in one moment a Synth Pop track with a Rock edge, and at other moments a Funky Soul groove with electric guitar riffs. At times, Lewis' voice takes on a raspy and satisfying growl, while at other times her beautiful contralto soars over the keys with such beauty that it brings a tear to the eye. "People" is one of those tracks that comes at you from out of nowhere and immediately makes you want to know more about the artist who wrote it.















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RANDY EDELMAN: "AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES"

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Stage, Manhattan, where his soul touches audience hearts. In return his guests ultimately hold him and his piano hostage on stage. Dubbed *Best Live Set in 2021 by* Rock NYC Randy is swiftly becoming the *hottest ticket in town*.

Randy always plays as if in the presence of a master, the craziest thing is that he is one of the masters, keenly gifted to communicate others' feelings through his music.

Around the World In 80 Minutes is a celebration of his work, a self-portrait of his mind, the Epiphany of his convictions, and the backstage stories of

his monumental career, thus far.

As a pop star he showcases his hits, Uptown, Uptempo Woman and as seen on the iconic British music chart series Top of the Pops, (along with rockers including David Bowie, Michael Jackson, Rolling Stones, Green Day, Jimi Hendrix, etc.). As a pop song writer for some of the most popular artists of today he features songs including A Weekend In New England, recorded by Barry Manilow; Isn't It a Shame, recorded by Patti LaBelle; and Hip-Hop artist Nelly; You recorded by The Carpenters; The Woman on Your Arm, recorded by Bing Crosby, and a cascade of others. He also performs his global post pandemic hit Comin' Out the Other Side" and his new pop/R&B romantic tragedy How Could I Let You Go; both which are getting rave reviews.

As one of the world's most illustrious film sound designers he has written and orchestrated the music for over 100 blockbuster movies in every genre imaginable and for some of the

biggest producers, screenwriters and directors (Ivan Reitman, Rob Cohen, Jonathan Lynn). Included in an inconceivably long list is Last of the Mohicans, My Cousin Vinny, Ghostbusters II, 27 Dresses, The Mask, Twins, XXX, Kindergarten Cop, Gettysburg, While You Were Sleeping, Dragonheart, and the catalog never ends. Randy does several medleys of the music from these films and also includes the theme from hit television series MacGyver. The only thing omitted are his themes from the Olympics, ESPN and NASA.

His music might not be that of a spiky modernist, or a redundant minimalist, but he writes in a neoromantic idiom, with sensitive lyrics as close to passion as it could be. Along with his fragrant behind the scenes tales, he makes the crowd think with its sympathy and not its reason. He guides them through a roller coaster of emotions, tears, laughter and love.

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considered responding to
dozens of my New
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Alma Matas seeking more
James P Johnson and other
New Brunswick legends

In 1987, I briefly read

some of James Price Johnson's bio, while researching data for what became my Tribute for the famous ragtime/classical jazz pianist Eubie Blake on his what would have been 103rd birthday that aired on noted Bob Law's WWRL Radio, Show, with Rosetta Lenoire and Emma Kemp.

Finally, 35 years later, I'm gratefully sharing New Brunswick's, Grammy, Jazz, Hall of Fame James P. Johnson, the world's leading creator of stride piano and jazz piano musician, facts from those archives.

Born in 1894, his father William H. Johnso, was a storekeeper and mechanic and his mom Josephine, a maid and church choir singer. As their age 5-year-old child prodigy, he quickly memorized the piano chords and instructions his mother taught, after she brought home a piano. About 25 years later, Johnson branded Ragtime music conversion into stride piano, while pioneering swing jazz piano's popularity, well into his early 1950s.

At age nine, Johnson began following other piano players, after his family relocated to Jersey City. That year, after he was hired to perform at a neighbor's party, he was hired to play piano at a brothel, thus initiating more brothels and bar gigs prepping him for what became his litany of live performances, record and film composition studio performances, among symphony and orchestra concerts receiving throughout the early 1950s,

He was influenced by and followed Eubie Blake and Lucky Roberts when his family moved to San Juan Hill, Harlem. By 1914 his interest in other music genres, included studies with Vino Ziannio, an Italian pianist and ragtime pianist Charlie Cherry. Meeting Lila White, performing during at a Newark, NJ show, let to their marriage three years later. In 1918 he and friend Willie the Lion Smith were featured on joint music tours, yet decades later were competitors at Greenwich Village's Blue Note and Commodore Records Contest.



To date, musicologists equate Johnson's music mastery, as an indispensable bridge between Rag time and Jazz His legacy

students were Fats Waller, Art Tatum, Donald Lambert, Louis Pat Flowers, Cliff Jackson, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Ralph Sutton, Charlie Parker, Joe Turner and others as his students.

At 23 he recorded piano rolls for Perfection, Aeolian and Artempo Records produced and recorded his *Runnin Wild's*_musical's *Old Fashion Love* popular hit and introduced *The Charleston* his world's famous popular hit. His 1932 *Yamekraw* - A Negro Rhapsody, followed by *Harlem Synphony's* Negro Rhapsody and 1935 *Symphony in Brown* were among *Johnson's* 400 piano slides and 300 music compositions for recordings, clubs, concerts and film compositions, includes *Carolina Strut* and *The Charleston*, the unofficial Roaring 20s national anthem.

Major stars appeared in more than one of Johnson's music scores for *Show of Shows*; *John Barrymorre*, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Myrna Loy; *Dancing Lady*, John Crawford, Fred Astaire, 1933; *The Big Road Cast of 19*38, W C. Fields, Dorothy and Bob Hope.

In the 1930s W.C. Handy's Black Swan records recorded his music. Known for playing consecutive nights, Ethel Waters said, "Johnson's music made you sing until your tonsils came out."

As music director of his *Plantation Days Reviews*. his show experienced an extended five-year tour after Plantation Days Reviews was held in England. also featured in England.

Meanwhile civic records still list poet Joyce Kilmer, Kirk Douglas, and Donald Highsmith as New Brunswick's few famous persons. Yet U.S History differs given music genius Johnson's various of Fame Awards in his heyday and posthumously

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MOTHER & SON'S CHILDRENS BOOK AGAINST VIOLENCE

uthor J.J. Shegog, a former teacher at Chicago inner-city schools, has a new picture book entitled Silly Little Squabbles. She was inspired by her 3-year-old son, Umani. The book helps children fight violence and enhance their social skills, and J.J. says that she and her young son, who is co-owner of their publishing company, are helping children to transition more smoothly into adulthood. Even more, their new book helps children to resolve conflicts with their peers and siblings in a healthy manner that can be applied to all aspects of life.

In a world of anger, violence, and social conflict, J.J. believes that books can help strengthen the fabric of society. "I believe books can be used as a tool to teach our kids how to handle their feelings and emotions in a positive way," she explained.

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Andrea has also written two books, also sold on Amazon: Teach Your Toddler to Read Through Play and Fun and Easy Ways to Teach Your Toddler to Write, each containing over 30 activities, tips, and resources exposing children who enjoy reading and writing.

She's a mother firmly believing that all children are born creative geniuses. She advise parents to apply appropriate techniques to foster it. therefore, inviting parents to make the world a learning playground for children. Andrea's blog and non-profit SimplyOutrageousYouth.org, has helped thousands of parents expose their children to PLAYFUL, an in-depth and accelerated learning.

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This was a wonderfully detailed account of not only how to

teach your child to read, but also how to connect with your child, support your child in a lifetime of loving to learn, and useyour time caring for your child in a meaningful, fulfilling way. I am inspired as a mother, and I wish I'd known about this sooner! I thought it was very well written, and the flow was perfect. The book flowed seamlessly from one chapter to the next, and I felt like it was organized perfectly." -Stacey Kopp

"This is a wonderful guidebook for parents who want to help their children begin learning at an early age through play. It is an introduction on how to nurture a love of learning and proficiency in reading in children, which in turn will open the door for your child to be exposed to and learn about a variety of topics. Andrea incorporates several learning styles in order to pave the way for a lifetime of learning. I look forward to incorporating some of these techniques into playtime with my little learners." -Danielle J.

"This book documents the journey of an engaged parent who used creative and fun ways to introduce her son to books. This led to the child's continuous interest in letters, words, sentences and naturally, reading. If you are willing to invest the time in incorporating the tips in this book with your child, he or she will also develop an interest in books and learn to read during the early stages of brain development. This book is an excellent example of the African Proverb "Each One Teach One."-Linsey Mills

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TESTIMONIAL

On May 19, 1985, a tractor trailer backed into my vehicle as I was heading to my son's 5th birthday party. The accident left me nearly paralyzed and bedridden for five years. After countless weekly doctor assessments over several years, my chiropractor, Dr. Stephen Pruden, suggested that having a child would strengthen my back and put my healing progress on a positive trajectory. Throughout my pregnancy, I went to Dr. Pruden five to six times per week to have my back adjusted. Today, I can proudly say that I am still thankful, and will forever be thankful, for his chiropractic expertise in nursing me back to health. Dr Pruden gave me another chance at life. Barbara Brown Smith







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the President & CEO of Music Brings Life Inc. (MBL) which is a tax-exempt blood awareness organization in New York State that is changing the paradigm for blood donations and is geared to replicate its proven model across the United States. MBL has opened a Georgia State Chapter and partnered with Macon City's Mayor Lester Miller, the Harriet Tubman Museum, Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia, and the Macon-Bibb County Board of Education.

State-by-state, MBL and its New York City's co-creators (collaborators/partners) Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patents Network, Special Baby Entertainment, and Maimonides Medical Center are committed to revolutionizing the blood industry by engaging high school and college students with interactive discussions, live music and entertainment; helping them to convert from one-time donors to lifetime donors.

From Blood Awareness assemblies to outdoor concerts, it was the youth of New York City that initially responded to MBL's innovative call-to-action in 2016 – "Heroes Donate Blood: Donate 1 pint of blood and save3 lives"; raising over 5,000 pints of genotypically matched blood distributed to local hospitals. The Heroes

Donate Blood Program is expanding to 24 High Schools in New York City, with a goal of 5,000 pints of blood from October 2022 to June 2023 as well as a search for the sickle cell trait among NYC students.



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TWO RN SISTERS INVENTION HELPS PATIENTS, FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS







Peggy Cauthen & Cathy Foster, founders of JP Healthcare Solutions and the creators of the EZ Lift Vest[®]

Registered nurses and sisters Peggy Cauthen and Cathy Foster, Principals and Founders of JP Health Care Solutions recently revealed what inspired their already patented uniquely stylish EZ Lift Vest, sold in the U.S. and Canada. "Our journey started after graduating from high school, somewhat uncertain about our future career plans. Sharing such uncertainty with our mom, resulted in her surprised announcement that she always wanted to be a nurse. Needless to say, respecting our mom's wisdom, motivated both of us to pursue nursing careers, and we can honestly say that nursing became more than a career for us, but rather a calling.

"We did not anticipate circumstances that would alter our career. For years, we thought we were prepared for anything pertinent to our profession, until we became caregivers for our Mom. Peggy and I found this experience to be a little different because she was not just a patient. Caring for Mother, was personal because she was our loving Mother and our patient."

Cathy described how caring for their Mother became physically challenging for all of them. "Those repetitive moments such as transferring her from bed to a chair or lifting her from a sitting to a standing position were, too often, physically and emotionally draining, We tediously performed strenuous physical health care tasks. We soon realized the need for safer and more secure ways to avoid injuring our mother and ourselves caused by frequent lifting, pulling and tugging her, while attempting to avoid creating bruises, skin tears an possible painful dislocations to our Mom's shoulders." They also became accustomed to simultaneously and awkwardly

working hard to avoid their own risky joint and back injuries.

"Despite our extensive research for alternative options, none of of them sufficiently suited our needs. As determined daughters and nurses, out of exhaustion and sheer desperation, we devised and created our own solution," Peggy recalls.

"Finally, we were happy that our overwhelming time consuming meetings, consultations and facility trials resulted in receiving three U.S. Government Patents for our EZ Lifts Vests."

Phenomenally the EZ Lift Vest includes a wealth of testimony regarding the E_Z Lift Vest's invention. It minimizes the challenges endured by patients, health care workers and also nursing professionals like themselves, former care provider. EZ Lift Vest's durable versatile quality product, enables safer and easier means of assisting mobility challenged patients, while enhancing patients, loved ones and caregivers' quality of life, with their safe patient handling, E-Z Vest, during various repositioning and transfer maneuvers.

"Established in 2013 our JP Solutions products, available in different sizes are proudly manufactured in the U.S. and sold year-round in 48 states and Canada. Our JP Health care Solutions business' name was affectionately chosen in honor and memory of Julia Pearl. our precious mother." Peggy affirmed. Visit: www.ezliftvest.com

By: Irma Tyus-Mitchell



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U.S. PATENTS' INVENTION BY TWO SOUTHERN REGISTERED NURSE SISTERS, SOLD IN 48 STATES AND CANADA



Alternative to Gait Belt https://www.ezliftvest.com The EZ Lift Vest® is designed by health care professionals to improve mobility and stability for the patient and caregiver during repetitive patient transfer maneuvers and those at risk for unintentional falls.

A Safer & Easier Way To Assist Patients With Standing & Mobility, Reduces the risk of injuries to both caregiver and patient, Safe & Easy-To-Use, Comfortable Fit. Made In

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The EZ Lift Vest® is a simple, user-friendly, manual patient lift garment that is versatile and efficient in the use of time and space. The EZ Lift Vest® is designed to assist physical therapist health-care workers, caregivers and family members in serving individuals - children and adults who are moderately mobility challenged or at risk for unintentional falls.

Challenges with walking, balance and coordination are often caused by specific conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, Cerebral Palsy, Dementia, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Parkinson's disease, Stroke, Traumatic Brain Injury and others. With the assistance of the EZ Lift Vest®, caregivers assist individuals with forward weight shifting, balance and safety.

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Testimonial

Dennis Beske, Horicon, WI used the EZ Lift Vest during turkey hunting. After sitting in a chair all day, getting up is very difficult for me. With the vest, my brother was able to pick me right up. I need to get low to get in and out ofmy tent. My brother was able to hold on to one strap and get me in and out much easier. My arms and body don't ache when I am lifted. My brother said it worked good also. www.ezliftvest.com; info@ezliftvest.com Tel: 800.792.2970





Peggy Cauthen & Cathy Foster founders of JP Healthcare Solutions invented and patented the EZ Lift Vest

"As health care professionals who invented our three U.S. Patented EZ Lift Vest, we understand the challenges and risk factors caregivers experience on a daily basis. Our mission is to provide a safer and easier way to assist the mobility challenged and enhance the quality of life for patients, loved ones and caregivers through safer patient handling during repositioning and transfer maneuvers."



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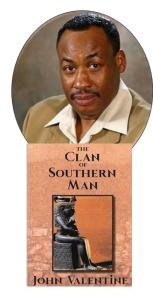
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Testimonial Michael Rubin, St. Louis, MO

"Our special needs son who is now 42, has, on occasion needed some help with using a gait belt. But, this past Thanksgiving our son slipped in house and broke his leg and required surgery. The recovery has been very slow and very tough with assisting this grown young man with mobility. Then we saw your EZ Lift Vest®. At first I thought it would make little difference. But, how wrong was I. This vest allows me to walk behind our son and assist him in walking and right him regardless ofhow he is leaning. This is due to great construction of the vestand the many fabric handles to grab on. This has saved my back over and over and our son enjoys this far better than a gait belt. I can transfer him in and out ofcar far easier now and manage him while bathing, cleaning and toileting. My deepest appreciation to you and your staff for your diligent well thought out work." Visit: www.ezliftvest.com; info@ezliftvest.com Tel: 800.792.2970

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AUTHOR JOHN VALENTINE SAYS HIS BOOK IS THE FIRST TO TRACE BLACK PEOPLE FROM 200,000 YEARS AGO



pon celebrating
June 19, 2022
as Juneteenth Day, in
the U.S, The Clan of
Southern Man: And the
Origin of Black
Culture, written by
cultural historian John
Valentine, takes the

reader on a fascinating journey through time and untold history. Valentine says that his book is the first and only book to trace the history of Black people all the way back to the beginning of the human line, over 200,000 years ago.

Using the very latest scientific and genetic data available, *The Clan of Southern Man* claims to conclusively prove that not only were Blacks the first

humans on earth, but they invented many of the tools, processes, social systems, arts, and sciences that led to human civilization... long before there were any other "races" on the planet. Among those contributions, extended was the development of the extended family organization which helped ancient humans survive for thousands of years under trying conditions in the Motherland, and later leave the continent and differentiate into the many subspecies we are today.

According to the book's editor, Professor Reginald Martin, M.F.A., PhD., and full professor of English at the University of Memphis, "This is no usual history of Blacks onto these shores of misery but is instead a history of the earth and the place of Blacks in it. Where they come from, whom they have always been, and where they are going if they aren't careful and do not listen to Valentine."

Valentine says that his book is also the first to tell the story of the so-called "African Eve," the black woman who lived about 200,000 years ago... more than 10,000 generations ago. His argument is that this unheralded black woman has genetically been proved to be the ancestor of all humans living today.

Valentine's book is a total indictment of racism... practiced against him... and his people. He tells a gut-wrenching, emotional story of growing up in poverty in the rural south, and how a racist system limited his achievements and stymied his growth as a man and a human being.

The Clan of Southern Man has received glowing reviews and comes at an absolutely critical time in Black History. It lays out a clear and workable blueprint for a renewed, reinvigorated, and redirected fight against systemic racism, and bolsters the fight for economic and social justice for Blacks worldwide. Valentine believes it is this disconnection from their true history and accomplishments that serves as the biggest detriment to their effort to regain their proper place in human history.

CHECK OUT THIS DEBUT NOVEL

by Shawn Mills! Rich Hall, a young black man, attempts to break free from the pull of drugs, crime, and street life. (Soft cover: 265 pages) Warning: Strong language not suitable for children.

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CHILDHOOD BEST FRIENDS RELEASE NEW 594-PAGE BOOK CELEBRATING BLACK LOVE AND ROMANCE



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group of Black authors
who grew up as childhood
best friends have decided to
write a book together that
accurately depicts Black
women. Their new
book, BT and Lo and Other
Love Stories, tells the story

of Bryce Thomas ("BT") and Loretta Dubois ("Lo") and explores their journey of marriage, love, pain, forgiveness, depression, and more. Lo is a breathtaking, talented 25-year old actress, the sixth child in a family of eleven children. BT is a handsome, successful, 33-year old Wall Street attorney, who sweeps Lo off her feet. They are sailing toward marriage when their love story comes to an abrupt halt. Well-meaning relatives and not-so-well-meaning suitors, do all they can to separate the two lovebirds.

The book's three authors — Aleta Mack, Dawn Slade, and Amanda Hayes — have co-written a love story that is sure to please. "We wrote *BT and Lo and Other Love Stories* to capture the stories of people we know and love," says Aleta. "We feature the love stories of both young and older couples, because everyone, at every age, craves love," says Amanda.

BT and Lo and Other Love Stories (ISBN 978-0-9861486-9-9) was released on February 14, 2022, as a 594-page book, Visit: BTandLoBooks.com















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yesha Rodriguez, one of the leading children books' authors, has sold over 100,000 copies of her Top 10 Amazon's best-selling self-esteem children's and men's books. As a talented diversity author, speaker, and educator, she is committed to helping children build their self-confidence through her range of products.

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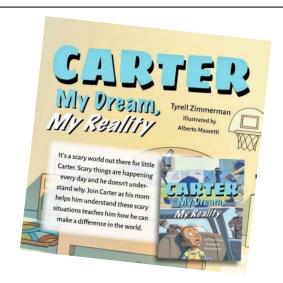
Affirming and inspiring our youth to become the greatest versions of themselves is my goal."

-AYESHA RODRIGUEZ

Among her 10 best-selling books, Ayesha's Aye Am Collection includes diversity-affirming clothing and apparel brand. As a founder and president of Jaye's Legacy, non-profit organization, she aims to lessen early literacy, bydonating books and serving underrepresented children and families.

The global book publishers' market has witnessed a series of evolution growth as a multi-billion-dollar industry's children and young adult books markets are major contributor to the market.

The Business Research Company reports 2020s global children and young adult books market size at \$16.88 billion and projects a \$21.95 billion book market by 2025. Accordingly, over the years, Ayesha's efforts as an author have caught the attention of *The Huffington Post* news outlets. Positive Affirmations for Brown Boys and I Am... Positive Affirmations for Brown Girls. My Brother My Trip to the Eye Doctor and Beautiful Brown Skin are among her growing media lists, also available in English and Spanish for international readership books are ideal for purchases by parents of children eight years old, educators, librarians, schools, child therapists or psychologists and more. Visit: AyeshaRodriguez.com





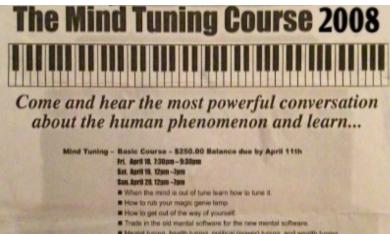




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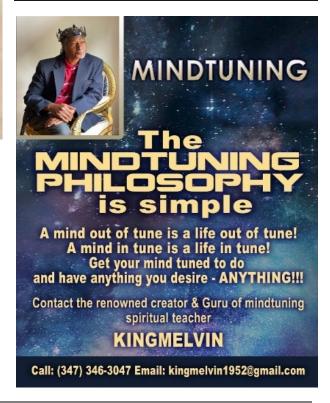
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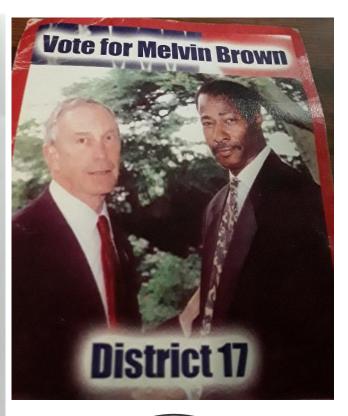
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NEW YORK CITY'S MAYOR ERIC ADAMS' FAITH LEADERS GUN VIOLENCE SUMMIT

By Barbara Brown Smith



n March 22, 2022, Rev. Monrose Gilford, New York
City Executive Director's Office of Faith and Basic
Community Partnership, conducted a Moment of
Silence for New York City Mayor Eric Adams
"Faith Leaders Anti-Gun Violence Summit. This
historic event was also hosted by Moderator Dr.
Charles Calbreath, Associate Dean of Nyack
College, Dr. Marie Lii Wong Provost City
Seminary of New York, also New York Coalition of
Asian American in the Pacific Island.

Opening Remarks were made by Rajan Matthews, President of Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary. There followed speeches by Reverend Marie A Tatro Vicar for *Community Justice Ministry, Episcopal Diocese* of Long Island, Brooklyn Queens, Nassau and Suffolk County. Reverend Frederick Davey Chair Community of Police Relations and Committee of Innovation of New York Senior Strategic Advisor Union Theological Seminary. Minister Yolanda Richards Director of Memberships in Strategic Partnerships. Reverend Patrick Mahoney, Director of Christian Defense Coalition Washington DC.

Pastor Gilford's moral justification seeking community involvement was well defined, once the event host, New York City's Mayor Eric Adams, formally introduced himself, sitting next to my brother, King Melvin, who, honorably stood up for Mayor Eric Adams. "I don't need you to stand for me.

I stand for you." announced Mayor Adams, as he reached the podium. Suddenly, I realized, "That you can't judge a book by its cover". The thought occurred that Mayor Adams, was destined as one of New York's exemplary mayors, since his grassroots Brooklyn childhood, to NYC police captain, Co-founder of 100 Black Men in Law Enforcement, first New York State Senator, denouncing "Anti-sagging".

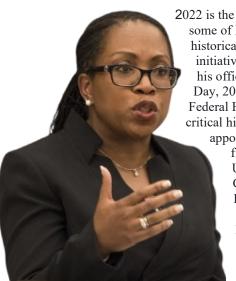
I cannot recollect any Mayor illustrating such Rarely dismal results regarding our humanitarian need to end gun violence and other criminal indifference regarding their undeserved community constituents. "Tour of duty is a must, going down in the subway system, homelessness, food pantry, walking the beat, talking and dealing with people's pain. Being a humble servant for the people, too many of them are worried about getting their hair and nails done, and we're not just talking about women - it's men. There are too many chiefs living in an ivory tower - not doing a damn thing. Thousands of city children are homeless and in foster care. Establishing partnerships with an action plan must be evaluated. Organizing on the ground must find ways for the community to be more proactive to survivors and predators. What creates these conditions for certain type of violence and healing from this type of trauma? What does it look like?"

This historic event was sponsored by the Faith Alliance of Nyack College, New York ADI/ NYD New York Disaster New York Board of Rabbis, Episcopal Diocese of Long Island



KETANJI BROWN

FIRST BLACK FEMALE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE



2022 is the year to applaud some of President Biden's historical Civil Rights initiatives, ranging from his officiating Juneteenth Day, 2022 as a U.S. Federal Holiday, to his critical historical

appointment of the
first Black female
U.S. Supreme
Court Justice
Ketanji Jackson.
President
Biden's decision
respected how
well her judicial
clerk services for

the recently retired U.S. Supreme Court Steven Beyer resulted in becoming one of the U.S. most prominent respected judges. His decision also affirms his great acknowledgment for President Obama, the 44th U.S. President, for whom Biden successfully served as his Vice President for two terms.

Strikingly similar to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Jackson, President Obama, was a Harvard University's Ivy League alumni scholar, Harvard Law Review editor and recipient of Harvard's 1991 Jurist Doctorate. He began practicing law shortly after graduation. Jackson is a Magna Cum Laude graduate. In 1996 she received her Harvard Juris Doctorate.

The significant realization of Ketanji's Jackson's judicial career, and background ascertains how well she will review, analyze, express oral arguments, and cast votes for U.S. Supreme Court cases. Let us ignore those who regret her righteous ascension to the top tenured U.S. Supreme Court seat, as manifest destiny. Perhaps a *Higher Power*, dignifies Ketanji Jackson's U.S. Supreme Court seat, six years after her Harvard alumni, two-terms' former U.S. President Barack Obama's administration.







U.S. SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEMBER COREY BOOKER'S STATEMENT ABOUT KETANJI JACKSON.

APRIL 07, 2022

Washington, DC. - U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement:

"For the first time in America's history, a Black woman will sit on the highest court in our nation's land. Like many Americans, I feel immense pride and so much joy at this historic occasion.

"As Judge Jackson ascends to the United States Supreme Court, I see in her the affirmation of our ancestors who suffered the indignities of this country yet sacrificed to bend the moral arc of our nation towards justice. They knew that America, though haunted by its past failings, was not bound by them and believed that a day like this would eventually arrive.

"Judge Jackson brings to the court a unique set of experiences. She has clerked at all three levels of the judiciary, including for Justice Stephen Breyer. In 2005, she became a public defender, embarking on the noble work that is a cornerstone of our justice system. Since then, Judge Jackson has continued to serve our nation, first as Vice Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission and then on the federal bench. Her sterling credentials have earned her broad support, and this will be the fourth time that the United States Senate will confirm her to a role she was nominated for in a bipartisan manner.

"Throughout her confirmation hearings, Judge Jackson has displayed poise and grace, and I commend President Biden for nominating her. He has found the right person to serve as the 116th Justice of the Supreme Court, and I am overjoyed to cast my vote in favor of a brilliant jurist who will inspire generations to come."

https://www.booker.senate.gov/news/press/booker-tatemenon-the-confirmation-of-judge-ketanji-brown-jackson-to-be-associate-justice-of-the-united-states-supreme-court

NAN'S APRIL 2022 CONVENTION SUCCESS



NAN Convention 2022 opening ribbon cutting ceremony with Rev. Sharpton, Rev. Dr. W Franklyn Richardson, Jennifer Jones-Austin, and NAN's board and chapter leaders w/ Rev. Jesse Jackson and NYC mayor Eric Adams.

Civil Rights leader Rev. Al Sharpton and the National Action Network (NAN) concluded its Annual National Convention in New York City last Saturday, with three priorities in advancing Dr. Martin Luther King's mission of a just, equitable United States. These represent the overall themes of the four-day convention, which ran from April 6th through April 9th and brought together more than a dozen members of the Biden administration, U.S. Congressional leadership, and key figures in business, labor, religion, criminal justice, and the Black church. remainder of 2022. "We must now protect the right to vote, reform our criminal justice system so people don't live in fear of both crime and the police, and make sure companies actually live up to their commitments to social justice. I thank the dozens of speakers, panelists, and honorees for moving this conversation forward. It's now time to act."



Rashida Jones, Pres, MSNBC and King Melvin Brown



Rev. Al Sharpton struts the runway at the closing of the convention's fashion show by Sharpton Entertainment



Pastor Donnie McClurken preaching at revival night



Rev. Sharpton, Aisha McShaw with the Keepers of the Dream Honorees of 2022: Yolanda Adams, Brian Flores, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Camille Joseph- Goldman, and Bryan Stevenson



Rev. Jesse Jackson with Hazel Dukes and Malaak Shabazz at NAN's national convention 2022.



NAN's national convention 2022 youth day opening ceremony with Ashley Sharpton, Minister Tylik McMillan, and youth leaders from across the country.



errence D. Byerson is a true son of Harlem, having been born, bred, raised and still residing there.

Terrence has a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from The City College of New York and a Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership from Fordham University's Graduate School of Social Services and Business Administration.

Terrence serves as the 3rd Vice President of the founding chapter of One Hundred Black Men, *OHBM*, of NY, an organization whose initiatives focus on education through mentoring, wealth building strategies, fostering economic development and raising awareness of health issues affecting our Black and Brown communities. His work with OHBM includes but is not limited to conducting resource fairs, suit giveaways, wellness events and food drives for the community.

Terrence believes in uplifting and empowerment of anyone that may have a perceived barrier to success or independence. He is a workforce development professional with over 25 years' experience in corporate, labor and non-profit sectors.

As Community Relations Manager for STRIVE, a workforce development organization located in East Harlem, he is responsible for developing and cultivating relationships with elected officials, community-based organizations, government agencies and other entities He is responsible to ensure that STRIVE has the necessary resources to

provide the wrap around services needed by their participants to achieve and maintain career success.

Byerson served as Program Director for STRIVE's Future Leaders Program where he prepared 18–24-year-old youths, who previously experienced criminal justice system issues to successfully enter into the construction, medical and culinary industries.

Terrence believes "anyone can be successful with the right tools and encouragement, and success is relevant to that individual, as no one can define the success of another"

Terrence Byerson 3rd Vice President - OHBM NY





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White Families Whose Ancestors Were Slave Owners' Website To Make Amends

he talkingthetruth.org website provides a platform for descendants of slave owners to examine their relatives' beliefs, evaluate those actions and offer a concrete plan to make amends — thereby contributing their voices to renounce America's history of slavery.

"Speaking Truth opens a new space for individual reckoning, an airing of difficult truths and a path forward to national reconciliation regarding slavery and racism in our culture," said Michael Zirulnik, Ph.D., a founder of this project. "The website will be a source of documentary evidence of our country's moral journey with its potential for transformation by inviting Americans to

share their stories and open channels to discuss structural racism in America, explore opportunity for equity and renounce injustices committed by prior generations of oppressors."

Conceived by Zirulnik, Rea Bennett and Bobby

Walker, the website hosts several soul-searching videos of individual stories as descendants "who bear the weight of their relatives' actions while continuing to benefit from the economics of slavery, "It is an opportunity for individual Americans to explore their ancestors' actions and their present day economic and cultural advantages as beneficiaries of the enslavement of people," he said.

The Speaking Truth team endeavors to build a library of, at the very least 500 to 1,000 participants, although Zirulnik explained they're seeing specific limits because Speaking Truth does believe that thousands of people in the U.S have stories to share," Speaking Truth is not meant to offer redemption, nor seek to replace narratives of enslaved people and their descendants. The project proposes a template for ongoing, rigorous discussion regarding the merging of national responsibility and atonement. while encouraging an outlet for individuals to consider or deliver on meaningful actions toward equity," Spirulina revealed.

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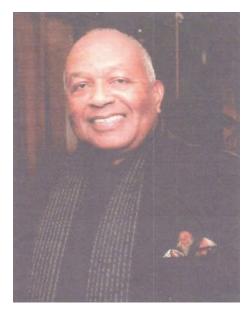
Currently Bond Containers is giving investors shareholder opportunities

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