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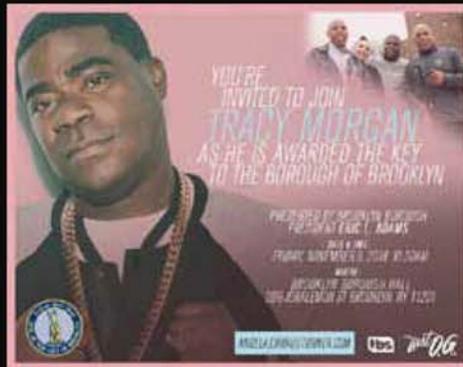
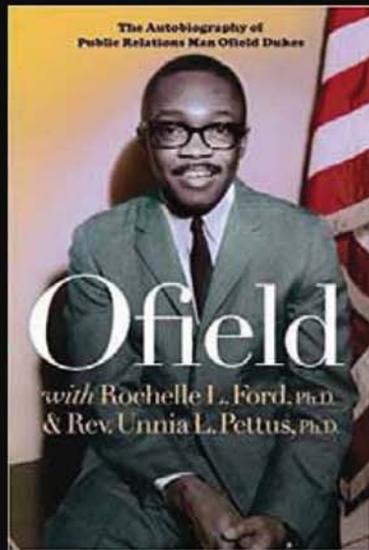
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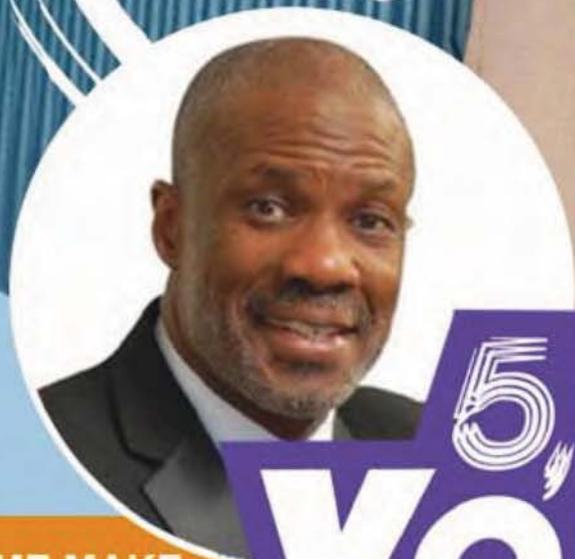
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PUBLISHER'S WELCOME STATEMENT

By February 2018, New York Global.Biz resumed plans to publish our coveted African American Record Breakers issue. Though concerned that our limited staff size, budget and ad revenues only, glossy, free-copy magazine would impose risks, we proceeded to feature 50 Generation Y to Baby Boomers' Black pillars. Yours Truly's frequent computer malfunctions, repairs and purchases, and our first graphic designer's huge hourly rates increases nevertheless, resulted in our repository of approx. 100 Black businesses, educators, artists, authors, inventors and others, including AWS Mining, Edison Ballroom, WFWP among multi-cultural Record Breakers' in this issue. Astounding headlines and releases arrived describing Blacks' trend-setting inventions and services, also improving millions of lives. Unlike thousands of our Black wise, skillful, indigenous ancestors and slaves, rarely adequately compensated, nor publicized for their fine contributions, today's Black Record Breakers are respected, recognized, paid and celebrated.

Our passion included exceeding our standard 48 pages to 60, due to our second graphic designer's refusal to re-paginate, upon reducing too large fonts for magazine publishing. Yet the excitement of Black Record Breakers includes support from wise Dante Lee, CEO and President of Black News.com, who's wealth of publicists' Black clients, seeking coverage, also became our *dream come true* news service. Mind boggling, stories about contemporary Blacks also arrived from BlackDocs.org., Blavity, EUR Web, Black Good News and New York's Museum of Public Relations. To date, Tri-State New York's iconic Black publicists, namely, Terry Williams, Pauline Whitfield, Irene Gandy, Victoria Horsford, Flo Anthony, also Black Noir Magazine publisher, Bob Tate, former Black Elegance Magazine publisher, Don Thomas, Rachel Noerdlinger, Shirley Scott, Mark Nobles the Black PR Society, etc. saturate Black media with distinguished Blacks.

Ten years ago, my Black History awareness increased, as executive producer for Staten Island, NY's spoken word artist Dow Kevin Buford's Black Innovations that Built this Nation CD, citing 100 inventions by Blacks. His CD inspires listeners and fans dancing to historical Black Innovations that Built this Nation's R&B, jazz and light hip-hop recorded beats, as his baritone-based voice resonated his spoken words. Buford's CDs and personally designed posters, listing 100 inventions by Blacks frequently sold out during his standing ovations' performances at schools, theaters, churches community and detention centers.

Research answers why many Black Record Breakers are omitted in Guinness World Records, requiring lengthy proof positive claims and applicants' minimal to costly fees for inclusion. While NYGB lacks qualifications to rank our featured Record Breakers, we are pleased to pay tribute to our:

21st CENTURY RENAISSANCE RECORD BREAKER

NYGBs tribute to Rev. Albert B. Sharpton, President and Founder of National Action, NAN, as Society's 21st Century Renaissance Record Breaker, is a timely honor. Rev. Sharpton's noble deeds in 2018 embraced his humble consent not to resign after NANs Board of Directors asked him to withhold his resignation request until 2020. Rev. Sharpton's choice also reflects his unbridled valiant resilience. Apparently, a successor for the world's famous Rev. Sharpton, may be one of NANs Board and Dr. Franklyn Jefferson's most difficult decisions ever.

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NANs Atty. Ed Hardy & Guest



Al Sharpton with Spike Lee



Notable RECORD BREAKERS

ARTICLE BY TIFFANY RICHARDSON

As New York's Global.Biz's Headline's Columnist, since our first bi-monthly July/August 2011 Phenomenal Women issue rolled off the press, amid our media's twists and turns and breakthrough reorganization I am pleased to present four Record Breakers. Their inspirational and "hands-on" contributions to society are "wholesome". Though strangers to each other, they commonly share vision, wisdom and compassion, not only to me, but for hundreds, and in some cases thousands of people, whose lives experienced significant transformation, inside and outside of New York, notably:



DR. ROSETTA GARRIES

My first cousin, Record Breaker Dr. Rosetta Garries, M.D, in Harlem, is far more than just an innovative plastic surgeon who has developed a ground breaking Very Pretty Skin Care line to compliment her practice.

Dr. Garries is a plastic surgeon who exclusively practices non-invasive facial and body rejuvenation. She completed her general surgery residency at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. and two plastic surgery fellowships at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital, N.Y. and Eastern Virginia Medical School in Virginia. Prior to attending Medical School, she attended college as a Fine Arts Major.

When someone has a purpose and a true passion for what they do and are devoted, it's evident, it's palpable, it evokes feeling. That's what you sense when you meet and speak to Dr. Rosetta or when you walk into her atelier.

Dr. Rosetta's patients range from high profile TV and film stars, music industry giants, prominent professional athletes, Wall Street power brokers to young professionals. Some of her patients feel that if enhancing their beauty and confidence, were not her profession, it would be her hobby, and she would perform some services for free.



DR. GARRIES & SERENA WILLIAMS

After decades of successfully treating patients of all skin types, it was a natural segue for her to develop a line of skin care products

that would allow users of it to maintain the same youthful glow at home or on the road. Thus was born the Very Pretty Skin line of products. Very Pretty Skin is achieved through an exfoliating process that rejuvenates the skin to promote tight, wrinkle free, pliable and glowing skin at any age. The results don't lie, this soon became Dr. Rosetta Garries trademark. Her products are included in the 2014 Oscar Swag Bag, MTV Awards, Jay Z Bowl Concert, and The Elite Drama Awards. Her passion is evident in every jar and tube.

Her skin care may be purchased online at www.veryprettyskin.com or Instagram @verypretty. Dr. Garrie's goals include serving patients in Africa, and other eastern hemisphere nations.



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Guests at FIT's Prof. Alvin Rogers' blogging event in Harlem.



DR. RUDY HAWKINS

The Motor City of Detroit's world renowned Record Breaker and multi-talented icon, Dr. Rudolph Hawkins, composed the acclaimed Edwin's Hawkins' *I'll Take You There* international hit song. He has accompanied and performed with the legendary Josephine Baker, Bette Midler, Mahalia Jackson, James Cleveland, and provided musical direction for over 20 stage productions. He's also worked with Vickie Winans, Clifton Davis, Cab Calloway and other celebrities.

Dr. Hawkins earned a music degree from Wayne State University, and attended the Detroit Conservatory of Music and Northwestern School of Music, and a recipient of several honorary degrees.

As was one of the composers for the longest running *Mama I Wanna Sing*, *Off Broadway Musical*, Dr. Hawkins was the musical director of the only gospel version of *Jesus Christ Superstar* starring Edwin and Tremaine Hawkins. He notably recalls performing with the *Rudy Hawkins and Phoenix Singers* among his great international performances.

Among his numerous awards, Dr. Hawkins received The Spirit of Detroit Award from Detroit's Mayor Coleman Young, and letters of recognition for his contribution to music, from

President Bill Clinton. Dr. Hawkins was a tremendous influence in the New Covenant Baptist Church of Detroit as its Minister of Music. Affectionately called Rudy, he is truly a force to reckon with. He enjoys culinary arts, and known for his delicious Rudy Rolls, often served at our Richardson's family holiday gatherings. Currently, Dr. Hawkins is preparing a music score for his next big production, as a believer that life's rewards are derived from hard work, perseverance, and faith in God. His life is a living testimony of his beliefs, and he is truly a Record Breaker.

Dr. Hawkins may be reached at Rudolph_Hawkins@yahoo.com.



CORINTHIA CALHOUN

Record Breaker Corinthia Calhoun, hails from Lansing, Michigan. Corinthia is a special person. She is unselfish in her approach to helping those in need. Corinthia sphere headed *Outrageous Love Ministry*, a program for women of domestic abuse, drug addiction and prostitution. Several hundred people have received this service to date.

Through her program women have a place to go where they can get the help they need. The *Outrageous Love Ministry* teaches them how to love themselves. They're taught how to live in the world despite their past and that there is greatness in each and every one of them. They learn how to fight their addictions and

how to prepare themselves so they can be independent and most importantly have a safe place to live.

Mindful that there are young men who are also in need of help, Corinthia opened *Adams House* to help prepare young men redirect their lives.

Shekinah Home Care in East Lansing, Michigan was established in 2016 for seniors and individuals in need of assistance, her staff of more than 30 people are committed to helping their clients to maintain independence in the security and comfort of their home with compassion.



Ms. Calhoun & Patients

Shekinah Home Care delivers professional services to seniors who otherwise would be forced to go into nursing homes or in deplorable conditions.

Aside from her busy schedule, Corinthia authored several books *"From the Streets to The Pulpit"*, *"The Process, Approaching the Throne of Grace"* and *"30 Day Devotion"*. Looking forward to the future, Corinthia hopes to one day build the first black owned Adult Assisted Residence in Michigan.



BISHOP MARCUS HILL

Photo Credit: Brenda Williams

Record Breaker Bishop. Marcus Hill is the senior pastor and founder of a Nondenominational Christian Ministry in Buffalo, NY, called The King of Glory Community Church. He enjoys leading others to Christ, forming ministries. He's developed a Ministry for women, "The Love Cup" dealing with issues such as Sex Trafficking, Domestic Violence, Nutrition and Health, Legal Rights and more. Similarly, he provides a ministry for men, called "The Comfort Zone." Bishop Hill is consecrated to the office of Bishop over the 2nd Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Buffalo NY, for the Kingdom Dominion Covenant Ministries Fellowship, where Gerald Phipps is Primate. Bishop Hill has a Master's Degree of Organizational Leadership and a Bachelors in Business Administration. He attended seminary at the Regent University and received an Honorary Doctorate from the United Christian Ministry Institute. Bishop Hill has spent 10 years as an educator in Science at the Nativity Miguel Middle School of Buffalo, NY. He hosts his Radio Show and does a variety of Public Speaking Engagements which includes Motivational Speaking. He is a volunteer football and basketball coach for Buffalo's Middle School and young adults.

Bishop Hill's Ministry and Educational Comprehension of Marriage and Family Therapy, successfully counsels couples regarding appreciation of trusting each other avoiding communication breakdowns, infidelity and more. He is the Co-Author a book called **"One Last Try"** a guide book for singles and married couples with their relationships. Bishop Hill prays that readers will better understand by looking at the relationship through the eyes of their significant other. Bishop Hill is available for speaking engagements, relationship consultations and workshops by emailing loveexists@yahoo.com.

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**BISHOP HILL'S BOOK.
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"THE DANGER OF DYSFUNCTIONAL LOVE"

Relationships today, are not like they use to be. At one time, you could meet someone by happenstance, and live a life full of love and laughter. Now- adays, because of the fast pace society we live in, and the "seemingly" lack of "qualified" potential mates, we resort to finding love on social media networks. For this reason, we must be wise in our choosing, because the truth of the matter

is, you don't know what this persons mental or emotional state may be. Consequently, you could end up in a dysfunctional love affair, all because you didn't pay attention to the danger signs. In fact, there are many dangers that plague relationships, which could be detrimental to growth in business, ministry and genuine friendships.

Have you ever cooked something you like, but later found out you added too much of the wrong ingredient? Well, that is almost how it is when you add a jealous, insecure, controlling, yet manipulative person into your life. The problem with staying with someone who's like this, is it will potentially drain you to the point of losing yourself, being unhappy and feeling defeated; leaving you to throw the time invested away. Though, it's better to have a breakup, rather than a break down.

Now, when dealing with an emotionally abusive person, it's important that you understand, that they will oftentimes try to isolate you from family, peers and hinder any business deals that are outside of their control. You'll be falsely accused, belittled, threatened with divorce, separation or worse. But, you have to remember, that you are not the problem, you are the solution to the problem.

When you recognize that this person is lying, creating drama and sabotaging the relationship with no compromise, you have to let it go. My friend, you can't save them. You may believe you can, you may think all you have to do, is love them more by complying to their requests, but in actuality, you're falling more and more into their hand of deceit and deception.

Yes, I realize that leaving can be hard to do, especially if you already feel hopeless in a helpless situation. Therefore, this is more than enough reason for you to seek happiness in a healthier environment, which is alone, until you heal from this situation.

In the event that, you meet someone who displays any of these concerns, please beware that you're potentially headed for a dysfunctional relationship. Don't make excuses as to why you should stay, because if you do, it will cause you to lose who you are.

You must learn to love yourself properly, by detoxing from this as fast as you can. If you don't pray, start. In addition, begin doing something constructive for yourself, changing your routine and learning new ways of caring for your mind, body and spirit. Do this immediately, especially if you just got out of a toxic relationship.

If you're still in it, please ask a lot of family history questions. Find out if they grew up with abuse in their home, or dealt with abandonment, because what the real danger

"You don't deserve to be in a toxic relationship, where you're being accused falsely all the time, no solutions are found, you're threatened with abandonment or where the relationship never reaches the honeymoon stage."

of being in a dysfunctional relationship is, your becoming like them in your new relationship, ending up emotionally unavailable yourself.

Now ask yourself, is that what you want?

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21st CENTURY RENAISSANCE RECORDBREAKER



Sharpton presents NANs \$5,000 check for slain NYPD Officer Familia's Children in 2015

Rev. Sharpton's leadership trajectory began as the youngest, age 10, youth minister, at the Brooklyn New York church his family attended. His commitment to eradicating racial voting rights illegalities, may have germinated as a 14 year old, youth director, for Brooklyn's Congresswoman Shirley Chilsom, also the first female U.S. Presidential candidate, and as a 16 year old, youth director for Rev. Jesse Jackson's non-profit.

On a Saturday afternoon in July 2018, at NANs Harlem-based House of Justice packed house guests routinely gathered for Rev. Sharpton's weekly *No Justice No Peace* live broadcast rally. That was the day when Dr. Alvin Ponder, VP of NAN NYCs Chapter enthusiastically agreed with my mention that Rev. Sharpton, would be NYGBs 21st Century Renaissance Record Breaker.



By December, 2018, in the midst of this delayed issue, as explained in our Publisher's Statement, I was shocked by those clueless pundits' response to Rev. Sharpton's news headlines, about the sale of his book to NAN, which in their opinion, was too meager. Likewise, they were more startled by his second announcement, regarding the current negotiations for his documentary and major motion picture film. They'll learn how they underestimated Rev. Sharpton, the sought after quintessential minister, also respected by literary, media and film industry celebrities and executive producers. Perhaps they're unaware of NAN as North America's leading *Go To Organization*, when alarming racial incidents and tragedies occur.

Rev. Sharpton and his non-profit's popularity soars each year, upon welcoming free of charge, thousands of nonmembers at NANs Annual Convention, held at New York's luxurious Sheraton Center. There, thousands of NAN members. VIPs, sports and entertainment celebrities arrive in droves. Some of them experienced standing-room-only accommodations also at NANs crowded room plenary sessions, criminal justice reform, corporate diversity and employment, education, economics, health care, housing immigration, voting and evangelist, gospel singer Dorinda Clark's spiritual revival in 2018. NYGB has not exploited attending those vitally important forums at least two days in a row, given our staff shortage; soon to increase.

"Do not talk with food in your mouth," exclaimed Rev. Sharpton, over loud speakers inside the elegant Sheraton Hotel banquet room, as hundreds of guests chatted and devoured themselves with savory braised salmon or fillet mignon meals. Celebrating the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. since 1968, at NAN'S 2018 Keepers of the Dream Awards' recognition and award gala, honorees were Brooklyn's Christian Cultural Mega-Church's Pastor Rev. A.R. Bernard; rapper Common; Richelieu Davis, Owner of Essence Magazine and Sudio Brands; Kerry Kennedy, President of Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights; MSNBCs Joy Reid; Robert F. Smith and CEO/Chairman Vista Equity Partners. VIP and guests speakers included: Martin Luther King, III; U.S. Atty. Gen. Eric Holder, Rev. William Barber, NYCs First Lady Chirlane McCray; Academy Award nominee Samuel Jackson, stage, screen and singer icon, Harry Belafonte Academy Award winner film titan Spike Lee; Essence Magazine Emeritus Editor-in-Chief Susan Taylor; MSNBCs Chris Hayes and Chris Matthews, DNCs President Tom Perez.

It's not frivolous to suggest captivating Rev. Sharpton, as the Godfather of Social Justice's

power minister, who's book, documentary and major motion picture bio has great potential, also as a tv series. Here's lies an enthralling reference to how Rev Sharpton and the late Canon Baptist Church Pastor, Rev. Dr. Wyatt T. Walker, also Dr. King's Strategic Civil Rights Minister, as NANs first Chairman in 1991 established NAN. 1999 was the year that Dr. Franklyn Richardson, Pastor of Mt. Vernon's Grace Baptist Church, became NANs Board Chairman.

Strategically, Rev. Sharpton's organization would thrive with Dr. Martin Luther King's Civil Rights' blueprint non-violent social justice for Blacks and other minorities. NAN quickly became a dignified, awesome non-violent entity after several Bensonhurst, Brooklyn's teenagers tragically ended Yusek Hawkins life. NANs 17 extensive anti-racism protests marches ceased after Rev. Sharpton was critically harmed by a 27 year old drunk man.

In 2001, to stop the U.S. Military's bomb testing in Vieques, Puerto Rico, Rev. Sharpton with Robert Kennedy, Jr. and a few protesting politicians were arrested. Though they were sentence 30 days, Rev. Sharpton spent 87 days in a Brooklyn jail. NAN and Rev. Sharpton's supporters were not pleased with reports regarding his strict self-imposed jail food fast. A Puerto Rican judge imposed more jail time for Sharpton, citing his previous NYC protests record. I reluctantly accompanied one of his male members, also my public relations client, after awkwardly watching them protest so long. Finally, I realized that Rev. Sharpton and NAN, are legally non-violently fighting for the present and future of justice for Blacks and others. By 2003, Puerto Rico's Governor agreed with U.S. President Bill Clinton to stop U.S. Military bomb testing in Vieques.

Nor did he press charges against that Black 1980s Civil Rights leader whom, I, among millions, watched attack Sharpton live, during Morton Downy's popular broadcast TV show, due to Sharpton's pro-reparations views. Back then,



Martin Luther King III And guests at 2018 NAN Conference

Sharpton was frequently interviewed on Host Bob Law's WWRL Night Talk Radio and explained his relationship with the legendary Godfather of Soul James Brown, for which his trade mark hair-style (currently modified) denotes his respect for Brown, who encouraged Rev. Sharpton's Civil Rights activism. Brown became a mentor, whom Sharpton met as a friend of James Brown's son, who passed. His first wife Mrs. Kathy Sharpton, is a former background singer for James Brown's band. Since NANs early days, Rev. Sharpton and Mrs. Sharpton's daughters grew up with NAN, and are among NANs management staff. The Sharptons welcomed their first grandchild in January 2019, two days before draft printing NYGBs delayed Dec. 2018 issue.

Thousands of NANs huge roster of VIPs executives and corporate sponsors are ranking members, some for whom NAN has motivated to increase their business' or entity's diversity inclusion of hiring and adequately compensating Blacks, Latinos and other minorities employees, executives and contractors.

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Presidents: Debora Brasil, Eddy Petion, Cynthia Petion, Daniel Beduschi, COO

"Without mining, digital currencies can't move," announced Cynthia Petion, Vice President of AWS Mining, during her Brooklyn, NY clients' last-minute arranged seminar, attended by 55 guests, on a chilly evening last September. She satisfied the curiosity of New Yorkers determined to meet AWS Mining's Team Nova's cryptocurrency team, generating at least \$10M per month, in less than two years.

Though scheduled for an international flight a few hours later, her arrival from her West Palm Beach office, included plans to train AWS Mining's Tri-State New York clients. "What we do is necessary to secure the network," reassured Cynthia, who's AWS Mining's business partners include Eddy Petion, her husband, and Debora Brasil. Their top-tier Team Nova, also operates with global business partners, committed to providing this service.

Eddy described the stability of AWS Mining that is undeterred by market fluctuations. "As long as this market exists, AWS Mining assumes a powerful role. The internet would have to shut down, before eradicating online currencies.

Like most Americans, Cynthia's introduction to digital currencies and the cryptomarket occurred during the past two years. They were previously aware of Bitcoins, years after digital currencies' popularity soared in 2008, becoming one of the world's most profitable investments.

To date, although 60% of Americans have heard of Bitcoins, most are unfamiliar with how to profit with Bitcoins and other digital currencies? Therefore, approximately 5% of Americans own online cryptocurrencies, and even less Americans own Ethereum and Ripple, both recently gaining an edge in cryptocurrency markets. Finally in late 2016, following their quest for appropriate legitimate digital-cryptocurrency investments, Cynthia, and Brasil launched their cryptocurrency investment, with determination to learn how to best manage their investment. Their cryptocurrency clients include previous digital-cryptocurrency investors, also attracted to AWS Mining's diverse earnings portfolio.

Their journey began after Daniel Beduschi, AWS Mining's COO and Founder, contacted Debora Brasil, to

discuss developing strategies for his new global AWS Mining's enterprise, to attract persons interested in owning cryptocurrencies. AWS would sell mining plans to the general public. Debora expediently invited the Petions, her entrusted business partners, to participate in this venture. Cynthia spontaneously accepted the challenge, before her husband entered in what he deemed a speculative financial venture. A year later, Beduschi and AWS Mining's Team Nova established their world-wide educational forum that maximizes and safe-guards investors' cryptocurrencies producing greater yield.

"Two years ago, we had no clue about Bitcoins," said Cynthia. "Our U.S. travel itinerary is somewhat outdistanced by our global travel, teaching people like we've done in Africa, Asia, and other continents, the necessity of gaining financial independence with cryptocurrencies for as little as \$40, though the average investment is \$1,200."



Cynthia Petion, VP Of AWS Mining



Daniel Beduschi, COO

BUSINESS AND FINANCE RECORD BREAKERS



Recently, in Nairobi, Kenya, a prospective cryptocurrency guest stood up and shouted to a packed audience with hundreds of people, "These people are here to save us from poverty!" Cynthia's team response to his compliment transformed their business mission into what blossomed as their obligation, to earnestly enable Kenyans and other AWS Mining clients to more than substantially profit with various cryptocurrencies.

Cynthia left her job of 17 years, six months after being introduced to Bitcoins. Team Nova is a bonafide testament to this life-changing industry crossing socio-economical barriers and providing families with income typically inaccessible to them. Within two years, AWS Mining emboldened cryptocurrency's open market, for anyone, regardless of educational background, work experience, or financial status.

However, Team Nova struggled from the start -- grimly recovering from their challenges of operating online and related businesses, before AWS Mining. "You must be extremely careful about whom you're dealing with, to avoid scams. We enjoy working with AWS Mining because of their transparency and integrity. They continue to more than adequately secure this business and its future," Debora elaborated.

Many Americans are still confused about cryptocurrencies. Most skeptics refer to past experiences or stories heard by others denouncing crypto.



However Team Nova's global partnership sources have rapidly increased, because they successfully reassure partners and clients to stop fearing. "Don't just take our word for it. See for yourself. Book your next fabulous vacation with us. You may become interested in cryptocurrency investments for a cause or non-profit.

Our immense data centers are open to any member determined to visit and see the extraordinary, yet practical mechanisms of a real digital-cryptocurrency mining farm network. It's absolutely exhilarating, walking through rows of loudly humming mining rigs, knowing that each one is producing income for our clients." explained Cynthia.

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Rev. Sharpton with NY City Comptroller Scott Stringer



NY's entrepreneurs Malachi and L.I. cameraman Gary Battle

In October 2018, Terrance Howard and Meek Mills were recipients of Rev. Sharpton's and NANs Annual Triumph Awards. That month MSNBC-TV promoted him to his Sunday 6:00 pm, *Politics Nation News Show*, following his Saturday *Politics Nation Saturday 6:00 Show*, during his 7th Year.

Though Sharpton's 16-18 hour day is replete with meetings, conferences, funerals, etc. Sharpton's *never a dull moment*, commanding oratorical and preaching style entails riveting citations of Civil Rights injustices, laced with pragmatic metaphors and poetry. He literally embodies the spirit of Dr. King valiant heroics and charismatic gentility. Given his and President Obama's 2018 U.S. educational reform plans, NAN could easily establish survival and economic agenda academies, or employment and special counseling centers in some of their 110 U.S. chapters or their four headquarters. 2018's political campaign frenzy, entailed Rev. Sharpton and NANs protest visits to Florida's Governor Rick Scott, on behalf of Florida ending it's Stand Your Ground laws resulting in the non-guilty verdict of the vigilante who fiercely ended young Trayvon Martin's life.

At this juncture, readers might ask what would have happened to America's Blacks, Latinos and others if Rev. Sharpton and NAN never surfaced? Aside from improving life in general for millions, in the U.S. review Sharpton's Amadou Diallo, Sean Bell, Stephon Clarke, Eric Garner, Michael Brown, New York Central Park Five, Flint Michigan's Water Crisis, DACA's immigration and other rap-sheet contributions. Do the math. Rev. Alfred Charles Sharpton's humongous and sometimes low-key non-violent, Civil and Voting rights marches keeps manifesting transformation of some U.S. municipalities' justice and police departments, corporate and non-profit diversity negotiations within most sectors. In recent years, he has also adopted an excellent health regimen, as he whom NYGB respects as Society's 21st Century Renaissance Record Breaker, or a leading Godfather of Social Justice, with NAN, his badge of honor brand.

By Irma Tyus-Mitchell

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2018 MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES IN BUSINESS AND ENTERTAINMENT (MOBE) SYMPOSIUM CONNECTED MAJOR BRANDS TO AFRICAN AMERICANS' NEARLY \$1.2 TRILLION DOLLARS' BUYING POWER



Dion Clarke, Harlem Fine Arts Show; Yvette Moyo, Founder, MOBE & Real Men Cook; Dorinda Walker, Prudential; Lela Coffey, P&G; Curtis Symonds, Chairperson, MOBE Symposium

Prudential Financial, Inc and co-sponsor P&G welcomed more than 250 entrepreneurs, marketing and advertising executives at the 2018 Marketing Opportunities in Business and Entertainment (MOBE) Symposium recently held at Kiyoo Sakaguchi Hall at Prudential Tower, Newark, New Jersey. Host Dorinda Walker, Prudential's VP of Cultural Insights and Activation, Brand Marketing and Advertising announced during her welcome remarks that "Prudential is honored to host the 2018 MOBE Symposium in our hometown of Newark, NJ! We understand MOBE's mission -- the importance bringing together entrepreneurs and large corporations to cultivate strategic business alliances .. and value being a part of efforts that support the economic progress of the black community."

Walker was flanked by Yvette Moyo, Co-founder of MOBE and Real Men Cook; Curtis Symonds, Conference Chairman and CEO & Founder of HBCUX Network; and Lela Coffey, Brand Director, Beauty Multicultural of P&G, the Symposium's co-sponsor.

Legendary cable executive Leo Hindery of InterMedia Partners, Alfred Edmond Jr. SVP of Black Enterprise and Louis Carr, President, Sales at BET also presented keynote addresses. Panelists included senior executives from BET Her, Essence, Morgan Stanley, iOne Digital/Hello Beautiful, American Heart Association, BlackDoctor.org, NBA Players Association, WNBA, NFL, NASCAR and the Newark Office of Film and Television.

The inaugural MOBE Awards recognized veteran advertising and marketing executives. Harlem Fine Arts Show donated framed artwork to award recipients. Pepper Miller, President of The Hunter Miller Group and Ken Smikle, President and Founder of Target Market News received The Spirit of D. Parke Gibson Award. Chuck Morrison, former UniWorld Group executive, Burrell Advertising and Coca-Cola USA, and Carol H. Williams, President of Carol H. Williams Advertising received MOBE's Legends Award. Long-time MOBE supporter Clyde Allen, President & Founder of Allen & Partners, received the MOBE Corporate Pioneer Award.

Yvette Moyo stated, "Sharing information, acknowledging our brilliance and that we drive the tone and tenor of this country in entertainment, fashion, and sports; this is the MOBE Way. Understand that our power to work together, to recognize and leverage our buying power, to celebrate and do business with each other and those who respect our value will be the key to our financial survival."

Since 1992 MOBE delivers business building, education and mentoring resources to African-American marketing, technology, sports, entertainment, entrepreneurial and other professionals with growing businesses. MOBE'S Symposium provides a place to initiate strategic alliances with larger corporations covering with MOBE'S marketing, technology, sports and entertainment professionals and new business' professionals' start-ups. An estimated \$200 million in business was generated for African-American companies as a result of associations conceived at MOBE symposiums.

Prudential Financial, Inc. NYSE/PRU, a financial services world-wide leader for over century, has more than \$1 trillion of assets. Prudential's diverse and talented employees service individual and institutional customers with life insurance, annuities, retirement-related services, mutual funds and investment management and other services. Prudential's iconic Rock symbolize strength, stability, expertise and innovation.

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A MOBE Symposium is scheduled in April 2019. Smaller events are held year round. **Visit: mobesymposium.com**

RLJ AND FELCOR'S STOCKHOLDERS MERGED WITH RLJ'S LODGING TRUST'S MULTI-BILLION DOLLARS' NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE ENTERPRISE



Robert L. Johnson, Exec. Chairman, RLJ Lodging Trusts

The August 8, 2017 merger between Black billionaire, Robert L. Johnson's RLJ Lodging Trust's 122 premium focused and compact service hotels in 21 U.S. states, plus Washington D.C., and FelCor Lodging Trust's, 35 primed upscale, globally renowned hotels, and premier independent hotels was historic.

Currently headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland RLJ Lodging Trust's 157 combined properties still operates with Robert L. Johnson, the African-American Executive Chairman and Co-Founder, of RLJ Lodging Trust.

RLJ Lodging Trust, a leading hotel lodging trust, publicly traded NYSE;RLJ stock, since 2011 may own one or more of those Courtyard Marriott, Renaissance, Marriott Hyatt, Hilton and Wyndham hotels' arrival in New York City and elsewhere. The eminent Robert L. Johnson is former Co-founder and Chairman of BET, the first Black owned cable TV station, investor and philanthropist. He also owns the Urban Movie Channel's (UMC) streaming network.

The ninth of his parents children, from Hickory, Mississippi. Johnson, has a BA in Social Studies from the University

of Illinois, and Masters' in Public Affairs' from Princeton University. He was Public Affairs Director at PBS Broadcasting, Communications Director for the National Urban League, Press Secretary for U.S. Congressman Walter Fautroy, Vice President for the National Cable and Television Association.

About 17 years have passed since my peers and colleagues overlooked celebrating Robert's \$3 billion BET sell to Viacom. His legacy as the first Black billionaire occurred about a year after the late Reginald Lewis' astounding \$2 billion dollars Beatrice Foods' purchase. We were among persons periodically airing thoughts about our quests for diverse BET TV programs. We under-estimated the value of the immense \$3 billion dollars Johnson received for selling BET, oblivious to that 99.9% of the world's population, who will never envision, earn or received a \$3 billion purchase nor gift. I was another Black press writer, who recollected that bitter-sweet 1970's era, when some major Black hair care and other firms were sold to billion dollar corporations.

Through 2005, Johnson serving as BET'S Co-Chairman, helped expand BET's programming. In 2007 his \$30 million investment in Africa's Entrepreneurial fund, was for the creation of more entrepreneurs from the Liberia. As the first Black owner of a major sports franchise, Johnson sold his Charlotte Bobcats sports franchise to NBA Star Michael Jordan, He charitably assisted actor Morgan Freeman's preparation for the Bahama's 2011 Hurricane, and his fashion tie lines raised capital for a Malaria fund.

In August 2017, three months later after Yours Truly stopped emailing and calling RLJ for an interview, and exhaustively working on NYGB business until nearly 6 am, I was awoken by my ringing phone, about two hours later. An RLJ

businessman on the line was responding to NYGB'S telephone and email requests for an interview. Unable to conceal my fatigue, and search for my appointment book, I apologetically told him that we'd call back to schedule an interview. Our hectic schedule resulted in my decision to have a NYGB writer interview Mr. Johnson. She called to no avail.

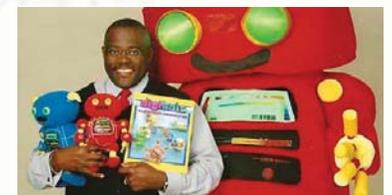
NYSE:RLJ stockholders receive 95% of profitable earnings and dividends, as generous U.S. tax incentives for persons investing in hospitality hotel trusts.

By Irma Tyus-Mitchell

P. DIDDY COMBS \$1MM PLEDGE OPENING BRONX CHARTER SCHOOL

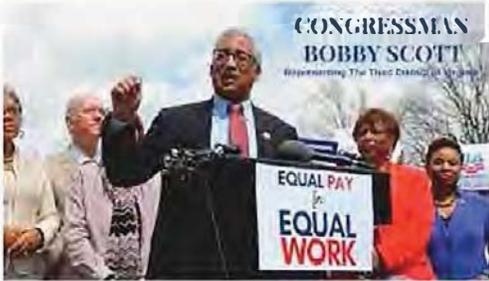


P Diddy Combs' pledged \$1 Million for his Bronx's Capital Preparatory School's 160 students in September 2019 to expand to 650 students within five years. Capital Preparatory School in Harlem opened last year. "I came from the same environment these kids live in every day," said Combs, who established his first Harlem Charter School in 2016 and Bronx Charter School in 2017. "I understand the importance of access to a great education and the critical role it plays in a child life," Combs stated, as a Hip-Hop music industry's wealthiest, near billionaire titan, through 2017, also resulting from his Sean Combs fashions, and other brand.



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HR 1242 400 YEARS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY COMMISSION ACT



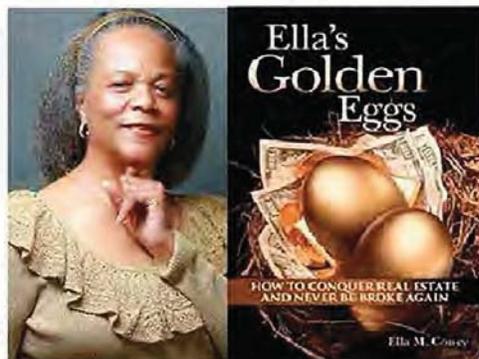
Between Dr. King's Birthday Holiday and Black History Month 2018, while enroute to NYS' Senator Hamilton's Black History in Public Schools' rally at Brooklyn's Dr. Betty Shabazz's school, I was determined to participate. The rally would feature Malcolm, the proud NYC Black teenager, recently appearing in the news, since his teacher reprimanded him to never wear his Malcolm X tee-shirt to school again. Suddenly my cell phone video featured a Black middle age woman, somberly announcing this as important day, for Blacks. She cautioned how Blacks should concern ourselves with the new HR 1242 legislation. Though designed to help Blacks, she advised us to be skeptical of how HR 1242 should best serve Blacks, because historically, we've been promised great things since slavery, many of which never occurred.

That night, Google's online reports that Robert C. (Bobby) Scott, the Black Democrat Congressional House Rep. introduced and sponsored what may become the most sweeping U.S. Constitutional Law paying tribute to African-Americans' 400 years of slavery via HR 1242's 400 Years of American History Commission Act bill. Congressman Scott's bill evoked the calm after the storm, challenging Congress and the President to critically assess and acknowledge the power of African American ancestors' uncompensated prevailing contributions, upon building America for free, thus creating generations of wealthy non-black business scions.

Specifically, on January 8, 2018, President Trump's final authorized HR 1242 followed U.S. Congressional approval. However, to date, several key sources are vaguely familiar with HR 1242 possibly resulting in a banner 2019th year for African-Americans. Might we consider HR 1242 becoming the literal "olive branch" legislation, thus influencing some our America's top 5% wealthy persons and entrepreneurs to contribute some form of reparations to Black Americans in the aftermath of U.S. Slavery, Jim Crowism, Voting and Civil Rights legislation?

Congressman Scott, never forgot his ancestral Virginia bearings, though Democrats nor Republicans publicly announced HR 1242. His January 8, 2018 HR 1242 Public Law 115/102 bill passed in the House of Representatives with 47 Democrats and 6 Republican co-sponsors on May 1, 2017.

The Commission must develop and carry out activities through the U.S. commemorating the 400th anniversary arrival of Africans in the English colonies at Point Comfort, Virginia in 1619, by planning programs to acknowledge the impact that slavery and laws that enforced racial discrimination had on the United States; encouraging civic, patriotic, historical, educational, artistic, religious and economic organizations to organize and participate in anniversary activities; assisting states, localities and non profit organizations to further the commemoration and coordinate public scholarly research on the arrival of Africans in the United States and their contributions to this country.



Ella M. Conroy, Black Millionaire's Book "How To Conquer Real Estate"

HOOKEED ON BOOKS

17-YEAR OLD BLACK CEO LAUNCHES NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR OTHER YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS TO COLLABORATE AS CO-AUTHORS

By Tamara Zantell



Zandra Azariah Cunningham, a Buffalo, NY teen a CEO, of her award-winning Zandra skin care line, has launched a nationwide search for young entrepreneurs to collaborate as co-authors of her new book: *The Science Behind It*. At age 9, in Buffalo, she began manufacturing what since became more than 40 plant-based natural skin care products.

Potential co-authors between 6 to 19 years of age, must have an established brand idea or company, and proven passion for their community. Twenty finalists will receive exclusive mentorship on all aspects of building a brand, marketing and selling the book, for which Zandra shares her experience of starting Zandra Beauty. *Black Enterprise, USA Today, NPR, ABC's Nightline, NBC's Today Show, Nickelodeon's Harry Show, Steve Harvey's Funderdome, Seventeen and Girls Life Magazine* featured Zandra. She is a UN Foundation's Teen Advisor. Her Beauty Ambassador Program donates up to 10% of profits to support girls' programs. **Visit: thesciencebehinditcollab.com**

BLACKGIRLSUNSCREEN ENTERS SKINCARE MARKET WITH BEAUTIFULLY ABSORBABLE SUN PROTECTION FOR DARK SKIN



Shontay Lundy, creator and founder of BlackGirlSunscreen

"As an African-American woman, I often had trouble finding skincare products that cater to my complexion, and that includes sunscreen," said Shontay Lundy, creator and founder of BlackGirlSunscreen. "And while many people of color know that our melanin can't fully protect us from the sun's rays, we might not wear sunscreen because we simply don't want to deal with a white residue. That's why I was passionate about finding a solution."

Lundy, a Florida-based entrepreneur, hiker, swimmer, outdoor yoga enthusiast worked with a chemist creating a formula offering a high-level of protection minus the oxybenzone, parabens and white residue. While this formula was specifically created for darker skin tones, it can be used by people of all shades. "It's beautifully absorbant, so that it complement the beauty and richness of all skin tones," said Lundy. **Visit:**

BlackGirlSunscreen.com

NEARLY ONE YEAR SINCE MASTER P'S NEW "DAY RUNNER" APP READY FOR WALL STREET -- HAS THE POTENTIAL TO RIVAL UBER



Among his dozens of businesses, record breaker music mogul and entrepreneur Percy "Master P" Miller, Marvin Walker, and the Day Runner Technology Team have created an app that's a game changer for the fast-paced courier and delivery service customer. Day Runner is ready for Wall Street,

and investors are eager to get in on the boom, with this privately held American on-demand transportation company that has the potential to rival Uber.

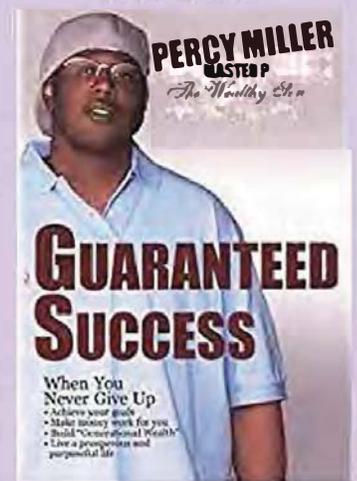
Day Runner is more than a ride share and delivery app connecting users with the industry's most professional contractors for fast, and reliable service. Day Runner not only provides 24 hour around-the-clock rides and delivery service that individuals, and business owners need. The app also assists with a variety of needs, including but not limited to: supplies picked up and delivered before opening and/or close of business; meal deliveries; vehicles dropped off to the dealership for service; and back up or replacement driver for other courier businesses.

Day Runner puts businesses and individuals in a position to operate more effectively, by saving time and making more profits. If you need a ride or have a package that needs to be picked up and delivered, Day Runner App is the new way to go, including those seeking employment, etc. **Visit: DayRunnerPA.com**

In 2017, since Miami's Shontay Lundy, the creator/founder of BlackGirlSunscreen skin care introduced her product, Black males are among pleased customers. Some heard her on airwaves or read about her. Others approached her at trade expos or during her pop up display booths.

Adding a new twist to Black skin care, Lundy proves that people of color have searched for desired indigenous sun screen protection for too long. BlackGirlSunscreen's natural ingredients product is made in the USA. Her product does not create visible chalky residue similar to traditional sunscreens skin care, when applied to Black skin. It's why the demand for BlackGirlSunscreen raises eyebrows, as a product providing sheer SPF 30 protection for people who want to stay safe, have fun in the sun- and look good while doing it.

HOOKED ON BOOKS GUARANTEED SUCCESS: WHEN YOU NEVER GIVE UP



REWARDANCE ONLINE SHOPPING SERVICE'S FIRST BLACK OWNED BONUS REWARDS PROVIDER, ALSO SERVING FORTUNE 500 FIRMS



John Cornelius McCaskill, Founder and CEO of Rewardance

John Cornelius McCaskill, is the 28 year-old Black CEO and Founder of Oklahoma City's Rewardance Corp., the first Black-owned firm, nationally providing shopping rewards points for consumers shopping at major stores, restaurants and other establishments.

McCaskill, the seventh among Mr. and Mrs. McCaskill's 12 children, who grew up learning the importance of creating and sharing resources worked at Target, AppleBees and other consumer firms, while studying computer technology at college. His self-taught coding skills mastered during his college studies, helped him designed an innovative grocery rewards platform.

Shortly after Rewardance opened, the wealthiest U.S. mega-global firm acquired their cash bonus awards to increase their customers' satisfaction. A year later, the fledgling Rewardance firm amassed American Outfitters, Avon, Bloomingdale's, Calvin Klein's, Converse, CVS and Kohls accounts.

Rewardance's online shopping bonus points attracts clients in droves. Their consumers are quickly

notified, regarding their accumulated points' rewards, earned from shopping at their favorite stores, etc. The list includes valued-added coupons, deals and other vital reward points. Consumer members visiting Rewardance's websites and making purchases there, receive corporate points, plus points provided by non-Rewardance registered businesses.

McCaskill's strategic plans for Blacks and Hispanic businesses, are well underway. "Rewardance increase fun and customer loyalty for today's on-line shoppers, receiving our generous points' rewards in various upscale and other department store chains, grocers, restaurants and service businesses," McCaskill announced.

NAILAH ELLIS-BROWN SIGNS HER ELLIS ISLAND TEA'S NATIONAL DEAL WITH SAM'S CLUB



Nailah Ellis-Brown, Creator of Ellis Island Tea

Nailah Ellis-Brown is the only African American entrepreneurial female beverage maker in the United States with her manufacturing plant in Detroit, Michigan. During the U.S., Great Recession, about 10 years ago, Nailah started her Ellis Island Tea, Jamaican Sweet Tea.

In 2016 Nailah Ellis Island Tea landed on *Forbes Magazine's Under 30 list*, *Forbes' 2017 All Star list* and *2017's The Root 100 list*. Previously Whole Foods, Kroger, and Miger, and major U.S. airports were among 500 stores selling Ellis Island Tea, before Nailah inked Sam's Club's deal. By the end of 2017, Ellis Island Tea's 64 ounce hibiscus-based beverage bottles sold rapidly in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio Sam's Club stores. Ed Romero, Sam's Club Sr. VP General Merchandise Manager, confirmed he enjoys the tea's complex flavor and fantastic color, to such degree that he stocked most of Sam's Club's 600 U.S. locations with Ellis Island Tea.

"Ellis Island Tea is an antioxidant rich, beautiful red tea with a smooth, exotic flavor. Bringing high quality, unique items that are exclusive to Sam's Club is what we're all about," Romero explained. "We think our members are going to love this item. And we're proud that Nailah uses our Member's Mark All-American Fancy Clover White Honey as one of her ingredients."

While others doubted her potential for success, Ellis-Brown deeply realized her resilience, and determination. "Growing up in Detroit, I knew nothing was going to be handed to me. I expected doors to be closed and knew I would need to work hard and never take 'no' for an answer," she said.

In 2008, as a 20-year-old college dropout living in her mom's basement, she endeavored to become her own boss, with a Jamaican Sweet Tea recipe handed down from her great-grandfather, Cyril Byron, a Jamaican immigrant. At night Ellis-Brown brewed tea in her mother's kitchen, and sold it from a cooler in the trunk of her car around Detroit. She'd returned home every night with an empty cooler and cash - more than enough money to buy the ingredients to brew more tea.

Ellis Island Tea is the only Jamaican Sweet Tea made in America, as an all-natural bottled tea made from hibiscus with a smooth, refreshing flavor, brewed at her company's Detroit headquarters. **Visit www.EllisIslandTea.com**

BROOKLYN, NY'S SENATOR HAMILTON CREATED THE NATION'S FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING WELLNESS TECH HUB IN BROWNSVILLE, NY



MAJOR BLACK-OWNED TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIRM DONATES FREE PHONES TO PUERTO RICAN FAMILIES

By Neil Foote



*Freddie Figgers, founder of
Figgers Communication*

Freddie Figgers, owner of one of the nation's largest privately held African-American cell phone companies and networks, is now competing with the four top largest cell phone corporations. He was an early respondent to Puerto Rico's 2017 Hurricane devastation. The 26 years young man sent 500 satellite phones with unlimited calls, texts and data to help families affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. "The hurricane destroyed the entire island's telecommunications network," said Figgers, 28, founder of Figgers Communications, that designed his phones and developed his network.

"We're trying to do all we can to help these families communicate with each other, and especially their loved ones."

Four years ago, Figgers developed the custom-designed "F1" phone that has automatic anti-texting functionality and super-fast charging. He will release his F2 waterproof and shatterproof phone. Figgers is currently one of the few Black-owned telecoms manufacturing its own phones and providing Figger's services.

Figgers, adopted at an early age, who was found lying by a trash can at two days old, observed Puerto Rico's devastation, as critical, and told himself to do something. Freddie announced "The SIM cards are fully activated for 90 days, free of charge. "We all need to do our part to make sure that Puerto Rico gets back on its feet." These SIM cards and phones will be distributed in San Juan to individual families and at San Juan Airport.

At age nine, Freddie, a childhood prodigy, deconstructed a part an old IBM personal computer five times that his father bought at a local Goodwill Store. On the sixth time, he fixed it. At 13, Florida's Net Quincy department hired him as a computer technician and network administrator, setting up the city's network and helping residents. At 16, his Figgers Computers' firm repaired computers and installed wireless area networks. By age 17, his cloud-based hosting design, stored data for more than 70 clients - law firms, car dealerships and dozens of other companies. At 18, he created his own computer operating system.

Figgers' distinctive Voice over Internet Protocol network transmits voice to and from the USA from more than 80 countries' landline and mobile connections.

In 2011, the FCC approved Figgers' application to own Spectrum, resulting in the company's first cellular tower. The company provides cellular, mobile broadband, home phone and international calling services. It uses proprietary 4G LTE Network as wireless communications standard.

BLACK WOMAN'S CONSTRUCTION FIRM'S \$27 MILLION FAA CONTRACT

By Raja Moussaoui



*Nancy Espie Underwood, President
Underwood General Engineering &
Environmental Consultant Services*

In 2017 California's Nancy Espie-Underwood secured a hefty \$27MM FAA construction contract for Underwood General Engineering & Environmental Consultant Services (UGE ECS), in this male dominated industry where few Black women construction entrepreneurs thrive. Nancy's UGE-ECS, multi-disciplinary environmental engineering and consulting headquarters in LA, contracts services in the U.S. and abroad. UGE-ESC specializes in federal program management, major project control, occupational health safety, industrial hygiene and hazardous materials abatement and training.

This FAA contract covers removing contaminated diesel tanks, installation of above-ground storage tanks and integrated monitoring systems at runway checker boxes. UGE-ESC performed installation of above-ground storage

tanks and integrated monitoring systems at runway checker boxes. UGE-ESC performed installation on the runways of every airport governed by the FAA in California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii and American Samoa.

UGE-ECS has seven full-time employees and regularly employs sub-contractors performing SBA federal funded contracts. A five year multi-million dollar contract, with the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) agency is underway. She's an advisor to California's Environmental Health and Safety Agency, with certifications from California State, etc. Large public sector clients include the city of Compton, the city of Redondo Beach, the California Dept. of Transportation, Washington State's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), etc.

Nancy's business travels include Germany, Rio de Janeiro, El Salvador, Havana and Amsterdam. UGE-ECS has international contracts with the U.S. Dept. of State, training local asbestos abatement contractors working in conformance with U.S. regulatory standards when renovating embassy buildings.

AUG 29, 2018 AUCTION TO PRESERVE THE NATION'S FIRST BLACK OWNED VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL



*Professor
Oliver Wendell Dillon*



*Viola Desmond,
First Black Woman To Be Featured on
Canadian Ten Dollar Bill*

Following the recent announcement of basketball star LeBron James' new free *I Promise School* in Akron, Ohio, James will provide students' free uniforms, transportation, and more, including a food pantry for their family. Unfortunately nearly 110 years passed since Professor Strange and Professor Dillon did likewise, in Kentwood, Louisiana, for *The Tangipahoa Parish Training School for Colored* - Kentwood's first Industrial Training School for African-Americans is closing. "Today the school is up for auction and has caused a great deal of pain and heartaches for the African American community," said Deon Johnson, Executive Director of O.W. Dillon Preservation Organization. "They're auctioning off our legacy and history."

In 1910, Professor Armstead Mitchell Strange, born in 1884 in Louisiana, at age 18, graduated from Alcorn College. Thereafter, upon visiting the Tangipahoa Parish, in Louisiana Professor Strange, together with several white business owners donated money to establish the first Industrial School for Blacks, in the U.S. The school offered specialized training for students. The professor raised money, purchased and erected the Tangipahoa

Parish Training School for the Colored - Kentwood Industrial School for Blacks.

1911-1912 marked the start of secondary public education for southern Blacks, also supported by the Slater Fund's philanthropic fund for the advancement of Negro education. The Tangipahoa Parish Training School for the Colored -- Kentwood's first Industrial Training School for African Americans, also named a building after Professor Strange. This school provided teacher training for their graduates to staff Black schools in southern rural towns. Mainly sharecroppers and farmers' children attended this school. Boys trained and studied scientific agriculture, farming, horticulture and dairying. Girls trained and studied sewing, domestic economy, cooking, dairying, raising poultry. Genealogy researcher Leonard Smith and historian Antoinette Harreii, reveals Professor Strange, as one of Mr. Tiiiman and Miiiie Hunter Strange's 17 children. His brother Tiiiman moved to Chicago and became a physician. Professor Strange started other southern schools and colleges, historically permitting generations of Blacks to become educated. In 1917 Professor Oiiiver Wendeii Dillon arrived, assuming control over

one-room, one-teacher, two months a year Kentwood Industrial Training School. With \$1,000 from the Brooks Scanlon Lumber Co. and the Natalbany Lumber Company, he hired three more teachers and extended the school term to a full nine months for 200 students.

In 1919, the school board appropriated \$1,000 to construct a two-story, five-classroom building at the school. Another \$1,200 resulted in purchasing 85 acres of land, adjoining the school. After appealing to a local board to buy a machine, to make cement blocks, Professor Dillion's Black labor force made 40,000 cement blocks, to erect a building to educate area children.

Harrell's research cites Mahalia Jackson, the world's greatest gospel icon's performance at the Tagipahoa Parish Training School for Colored -- Kentwood's Industrial Training school during the 1960s. "A lot work built this school," stressed Deon. "Professor Oliver Wendell Dillon and men of the community made the bricks and mortar to build the school. Please help us to keep this historic school and preserve our legacy. Save this school from a frantic baseless August 29, 2018 auction. Visit:

OWDillonPreservation.org



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BLACK FEMALE INVENTOR'S "GOTCHA" FINDS CHILDREN, PETS, WALLETS, CELL PHONES, ETC.



Taylor Baloney, may become the most reassuring inventor and CEO of Find My Everything Corporation's *Gotcha's* device that expediently helps users locate missing or stolen wallets, purses, luggage, keys and other items, including pets, children and people of all ages. This small practical, exceptional tracking device curbs frustrations and anxiety Americans experience while seeking the location of lost or stolen items and love ones.

Available in assorted designs and colors, *Gotcha's* Find My Everything fulfill one of Society's popular, yet long overdue void, when people frantically search for loss or stolen items. The device's moderate beeps become louder upon detecting those items and persons anywhere in the U.S, with national cellular coverage, with its GPS technology, running in the cloud with users' cell phones and tablets' data. *Gotcha's* Find My Everything's mission includes becoming a world premier technology solution to locate people's commonly lost items, and "I believe it deserves vigilant consideration and attention," Taylor stated, who previously recovered her I Phone, with its Apple manufacturer's cell phone tracker.

In 2016, Taylor pondered means to satisfy locating typical lost or stolen items other than cell phones, to make our lives less stressful. She established Find My Everything Corporation and started researching and developing her venture. The finished product included a design studio's marketing collaboration. Unlike cell phones equipped with tracking services to locate a person's stolen or missing cellphone, *Gotcha's* expanded tracking services provide maximum expedient searching, activated with cell phones and tablets. This process reduces mental and costly chaos upon searching in vain for lost or stolen item, often resulting in filing dismal police reports, and expensively repurchasing such items.

During this amber alert era, where missing children, adults and pets prevail, too often with grim outcomes, Find My Everything's destiny is being carved in stone. A female Google Security Product Manager and Engineer tested *Gotcha's* GPS, by having her kindergartner wear *Gotcha's* daily, for one week in school. "With the device on my mobile app. I was able to see every vvh where she went, and my daughter was able to send emergency calls and messages to me," Marcia explained, while praising *Gotcha's* repeat beep mechanism to play back locations. Her recommendations, advise parents like her to appreciate knowing their children are safe and in places they need be.

"As a compassionate professional and community advocate, we are focused on achieving our goal by taking action in the present that will create sustainable and bright future." Taylor affirms.

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Leland Smith for NFL player turned astronaut

DR. HERBERT HARRIS' MILLIONAIRE MENTORSHIP PODCAST SHOW



Dr. Herbert Harris, host of Bashan's Radio Podcast's *Millionaire Mentor* show, is a lawyer, professor, author, songwriter, and network marketer. He specializes in teaching how to refine, yet maximize, values of happiness, success and wealth we experience, but sometimes overlook. On The podcast Millionaire Mentorship Radio Show, Dr. Harris, reveals a plethora of empowerment and wealth principles.

Over 30 years ago, NYGB's publisher from New Jersey, attended her first Black motivational instructors' Dr. Harris and partner, Mr. Rao's Build Power Motivational Course at Harlem's Theresa Hotel. Weeks later she no longer feared traveling by subway. Their course dynamics became her gateway to apprehensively receiving her first public relations client's offer, despite her limited expertise, as revealed to her client. Some of her free-lance articles were published In Build Power's Enlightenment community newspaper With a mission to help six million

people develop optimal mindset and life skills shifting their lives from and confusion, to growth and clarity, Dr. Harris' empowerment and wealth messages radio show provides platforms for individual attention via one-on-one coaching and group strategizing through his public speaking and Millionaire Mastermind Group Coaching. His philosophy is that life is a skill to be mastered, when individuals understand and apply laws of success principles. His interest in others' success, includes working within the framework of educational institutions, politics and networking marketing leaders.

Network Marketing was Dr. Harris' foundation vehicle for developing a series of financial gains which enfolded the principles from, *The Twelve Universal Laws of Success*, his international Best Seller, Top 10 list for network marketers, business strategists, and personal development. He has motivated thousands, if not millions of people to further realize his personal development, relational wealth, and financial success life skills. As a top Life Advantage network marketer, Dr. Harris is among successful African Americans with more than 5,000 individuals on his team, continuing to improve their health and increase their wealth. "The best is yet to come." says Dr. Harris. Visit: Email: info@acquillafaye.com

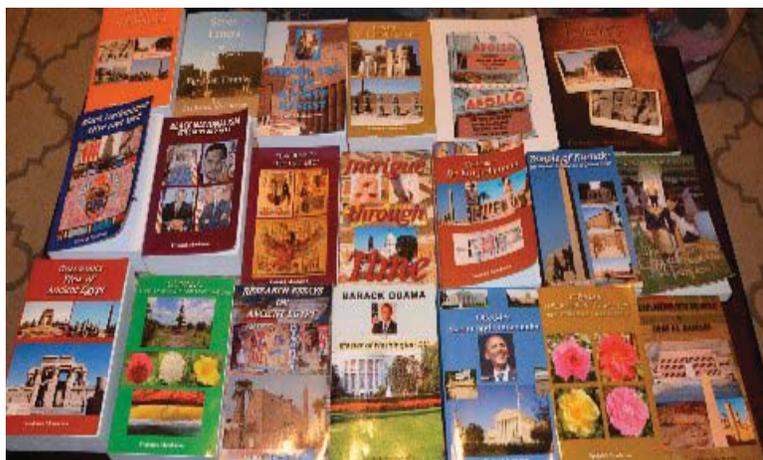
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Dr. Olakunle Akinboboye, Chairman of Cardiovascular Disease Board

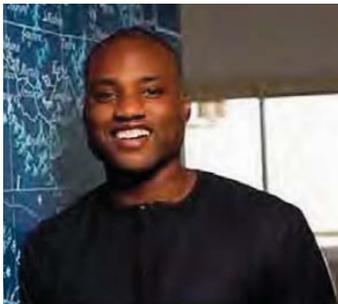
The American Board of Internal Medicine, ABIM, established in 1936, appointed Dr. Olakunle Akinboboye, the first Black Chairman of their Cardiovascular Disease Board, certifying qualified cardiologists in the U.S. The 12 members' board is responsible for conducting, and certifying examination for all cardiology trainees nationwide, and carrying out periodic knowledge assessments of all practicing cardiologists in the United States. It is a specialty board of the ABIM.

Dr. Akinboboye is certified in cardiovascular disease, hypertension and sleep medicine. He is an associate professor of clinical medicine at the Weill Medical College of Cornell U. in NY, and medical director of Queens Heart Institute/Laurelton Heart specialist in Rosedale, Queens, NY. He's a past - president of the National Assn. of Black Cardiologists, ABC, and Chair of the Clinical Trials Committee of the organization. He serves on the International Board of Governors of the American College of Cardiology, as the liaison for Africa.



Brooklyn author Prof. Dr. Fred Monderson 34 books include his four President Obama books.

A graduate of the College of Medicine at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, Dr. Akinboboye completed his internal medicine residency and part of his cardiology fellowship at Nassau County Medical Center, State University of Stony Brook at Columbia University. He completed his fellowship in cardiology, and two years of nuclear cardiology and advanced echocardiography training. He obtained a Master's degree in Public Health from Columbia and Master's in Business Administration from Columbia Business School. Commenting on his appointment to the Cardiovascular board chair, Akinboboye said he is proud to have the opportunity to chair this very important Board.



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PROVISIONAL PATENT FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN ENTREPRENEUR JEMIAH BATTLE'S HEART DETECTION, HEART ATTACK PREVENTION BRACELET



Jemiah Battle, Inventor of Life E-Bracelet

According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the No. 1 killer for all Americans, and stroke is the also the leading cause of death. The statistics for African Americans are more frightening. "Something had to be done. I have suffered many losses with family members and friends, and decided it was time to get proactive," said Jemiah Battle, CEO of VK3 Innovations. Jemiah invented the Life E (Eternal)-Bracelet which will save lives in real time and promote self-care. Currently, in the embryonic stage, the Life E-Bracelet is seeking funds licensing, marketing distribution and operating expenses.

Jemiah, author, transformational emotional life coach and CEO of VK3

Innovations, has been on a mission to revolutionize and change the world with his renowned emotional fitness workshops. "My company specializes in bringing life changing products and innovations to the market in a bid to improve, safeguard, and enhance one's health and mental well being through self care. Through education, my goal is to create awareness, with information, about heart disease in the black community; and how minorities, especially women, are at high risk of stroke or heart attack. I think the Life E-Bracelet can help save many lives, bring mindfulness to stress, emotional health, and wellness, My goals include exponentially reducing the statistics, and saving lives with the Life E-Bracelet," beams Battle, recently awarded a provisional patent for the first of its kind, Life-E Bracelet.

His innovative bracelet provides a wristband for monitoring vital signs to help alert users to the risk of an impending heart attack. The bracelet/wristband includes a digital display monitor and various sensors to monitor blood pressure, pulse, stress, and other heart related readings. One key feature of this design is that the band lights up various colors to indicate different levels of heart rate/blood pressure. The band illuminates in red, yellow, green, and blue in order to alert its user as to what they should do. The band notify users when their blood pressure is reaching a dangerous level and/or they are at risk of a heart attack. The device includes a wireless notification system to alert family or emergency contacts of an urgent situation. The wristband is adjustable, in size, to accommodate different individuals. Visit www.jemiahbattle.com, and www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-life-e-bracelet-health

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By Neil Foote



Tracey Watts, founder of CarMarshal.com

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Terrence Clarke, Chief Technology Officer of CarMarshal.com, is

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Finally, when the prospect is ready to purchase, a certificate arrive from that dealer locking and confirming that dealer's price. Customers optionally pay \$39.97 seeking access to CarMarshal.com's aggressive negotiating program. However, unsatisfied buyers receive a refund fee from CarMarshal.com. "We know how much people hate to buy a car, We're doing the heavy lifting. All a person has to do is sign the paperwork and pick up their car," explained Watts, who envisioned establishing CarMarshall.com several years ago. While shopping for a car, two dealers were bidding to get his business. After he purchased his fine vehicle less expensively, he realized he had discovered means to affordably help car buyers get the best deal possible.

Watts' owner-financed company is currently preparing to help customers have the opportunities to purchase the Katanka - an electric SUV - in the U.S. The Katanka is manufactured by Dr. Kwadwo Safo, Ghana's only auto manufacturer. **Visit:**

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BLACK ENTREPRENEUR'S ONLINE SYSTEM EXPEDITES BUSINESS LOANS AND CREDIT



Aaron L. Sanders, founder of the Entrepreneur Development Institute

Aaron L. Sanders, CEO/Founder, of the Entrepreneur Development Institute's (EDI) unique free online system's instructional and educational platforms, expediently assists minority and small business owners with pre-qualifications for loans and credit optimization.

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Gwen Jimmere, founder of Naturalicious

Satisfying decades of demands for safe natural hair product for Blacks, Gwen Jimmere, CEO-Founder and owner of Naturalicious, tipped the scale, as the first African-American woman to hold a patent on a natural hair care products that satisfies natural hair care for Black women. Her naturalicious all natural hair care products will be sold nationally, in Sally Beauty stores.

"This is a dream! I literally started Naturalicious with practically nothing -- only \$32 in the bank and a 2-year-old baby on my hip," Jimmere recalls. "I lost my job just 30 days before my divorce was final; and without any income, I found myself several months behind on my mortgage. Then I got the foreclosure papers. I was at rock bottom and had no where to go. I was literally on my way to being homeless. But having started Naturalicious the day I was laid off with that \$32, our customers have been there the entire way, supporting us and being so loyal and dedicated to our mission of creating time-saving beauty solutions for busy women. That was four short years ago, and I'm now so thrilled to be able to serve them at an even higher level."

Naturalicious' balance of safe, organic ingredients' soft and gentle hair products reduce as much as 80% of the time consuming washing and styling natural hair process. This all-in-one system only sold in Sally Beauty stores combines 12 products in three steps: Step 1: Moroccan Rhassoul 5-in-1 Clay Treatment - a patented formula, Step 2: Moisture Infusion Styling Crème and Step 3: Divine Shine Moisture Lock + Frizz Fighter. Among 600 reviews on Naturalicious' website, some viewers state how this product changed their lives. One star review from Jamie B exclaims, "This stuff is like magic in a bottle!"

Jimmere appears among Beyonce, LeBron James and others listed as the 100 Most Influential African Americans in the U.S, in The Root.Com media. Her sensational Naturalicious hair patent's story has been published in Essence, Ebony and Entrepreneur Magazines. Visit www.naturalicious.net

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Teledactyl Co-founders,
Alan E. Bottorff and Dr. Seth Crapp

At the 2018 National Medical Association's (NMA) 116th Annual Convention attended by hundreds of African American doctors Teledactyl Blockchain, LLC'S health tech block-chain and cryptocurrency company launched its initial coin offering (ICO). Co-founders Alan E. Bottorff and Dr. Seth Crapp joined forces with a group of experts at the Convention. The NMA is the largest and oldest organization serving 50,000 Black physicians and patients. Teledactyl's unique block chain platform securely stores medical records and correspondences between patients and physicians

through encrypted transmissions. The technology incorporates the Teledactyl token (TDC L), a digital asset allowing patients to pay physicians directly for medical services as a complement or instead of insurance.

"There is a major problem in health care where physicians are not able to take direct payment many times because of the complications of going through insurance and third-party payers," Dr. Seth Crapp says. "So what we wanted to do was offer doctors and patients the opportunity to restore the provider-patient relationship. Optimizing the patient-physician relationship is the foundation of the Teledactyl mission statement."

Teledactyl is a compatible block-chain and health care ecosystem that allows for the creation of additional mobile or web-based apps or decentralized apps to be used on the block-chain network. Dr. Crapp says, "The Teledactyl ecosystem includes applications, telemetric and the block-chain itself with patients' records and a financial component in the token." Teledactyl tokens are purchased, traded or exchanged through Waves' platform mobile iTunes App Store or Google Play store, or downloaded for PCs.

A quick, four-step instructional video is available on Teledactyl's website for assistance. Physicians are being recruited nationwide to accept Teledactyl tokens as a form of payment. Teledactyl provides a secure medical record storing alternative to current systems. CEO Bottorff says, "What we find now with EMR technology and cloud-based systems is that they are centralized databases, where Teledactyl is a decentralized database. What that means is that our blocks, where we store information, are secured and encrypted. It has been said that it would take potentially million of years and all the technology and computer power in the world to break into a block-chain."

According to the 2018 Quarter Two Breach Barometer released by Protenus, more than 3.14 million patient records have been hacked, leaked or compromised by unauthorized access between April and June. The report states, "Health care organizations must remain vigilant, looking for best practices in health care privacy that will allow them to audit every access to their patient data. Full visibility regarding how their data is being accessed and used will help organizations secure patient trust while preventing data breaches from having costly consequences for their organization." Visit www.teledactyl.com

HOW BYRON ALLEN BOUGHT THE WEATHER CHANNEL



Byron Allen

Persons familiar with Byron Allen, A-list comedian, writer, and TV Host and Producer of *Entertainment with Byron Allen*, were surprised with his Entertainment Studio's \$300 million purchase of the Weather's Group's, parent company of Weather Channel. Currently in 81.2 million homes, this

deal occurred 43 years since Byron's television career began. Entertainment Studios, an established emerging industry leader's media firm, previously comprised seven cable networks. Ten years prior NBCU, Blackstone Group and Bain Capital bought the Weather Channel for \$3.5 billion. In 2016 IBM paid \$2 billion for the weather.com website and Weather Underground from TWC.

Wikipedia reports that Entertainment Studios founded by Allen in 1993, also launched his first *Entertainers with Byron's* series. Entertainment Studios is the global, largest independent producer/distributor of first-run syndicated programming for broadcast television, with Emmy Award and Emmy nominated shows, among 32 television series.

"For eight years I've tried to sell the same show, once a week, one hour talk show with comedy and music, to read music," Allen reminisced. "I went around to every syndicator in the U.S."

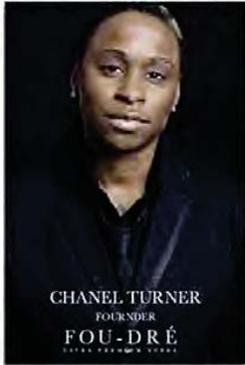
On September 29, 1989 Allen, co-executive producer and host of his pilot series opened in New York, LA, and Chicago, the top three U.S. markets. Allen's show premiered on 155 stations in most U.S. households. His 1992 *Jammin* picked up as *Kickin' It with Byron Allen*, landed on the longest-running U.S. television series list.

He was 14, when *Good Times'* Jimmy Walker's impression resulted in hiring him, on his team of young writers, including Jay Leno and David Letterman. Meanwhile Allen, the young comic and former B student, at Fairfax High School in LA, turned A student, at the USC, refused countless offers to write and work in television Education was his priority.

At 18, while in college, Byron worked two days' per week at NBC. His television debut as a hilarious Black motif middle-class comic on Johnny.

Carson's Tonight Show was successful. Byron co-hosted what became his successful new Emmy nominated *Real People* TV show. Real People's interview episodes were filmed throughout the U.S. during the summer, without hindering Allen's college studies.

September 22, 2018 3RD ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN WINE & SPIRIT FESTIVAL IN D.C.



Chanel Turner, Founder, Fou-Dre Vodka

The September 22, 2018, the Third Annual Black Wine and Spirits Festival, opening at Union Dock in Washington, D.C. is worth its weight in gold. Surprises and opportunities galore, include thousands of guests meeting or networking with guests, alcoholic beverage industry professionals, some of the eminent Black owners of participating wine, liquor and beer manufacturers.

The Annual Black Owned Wine and Spirits literature reveals how African-Americans assumed a vital role in the U.S. wine and spirits industry since the early production of rum, during the slave trade, and our love affair with cognac during U.S. Prohibition. Communities of color have been the heartbeat of spirits in the U.S. alcoholic beverage industry. Last year, one U.S. owned Black spirit firm, rose to number two.

Whereas several wine, spirits and beer manufactures are returning as sponsors and vendors during 2017's Black owned Wine and Spirits Festival, tops among them, Chanel Turner, as Event Sponsor is Founder/CEO of FOU-DRE VODKA. In 2009 at age 25 Chanel was the youngest female owner of her own spirit firm. She's the first Black woman owner-operator of her vodka brand.

The Festival Producers' initiatives to expose more Blacks' alcoholic beverages firms, also refer to the summer of 2015 when digital powerhouse Black Wall Street released 20 Black owned wine and spirit brands, attracting 41,000 Facebook shares within weeks.

This limited six hour gala, minimizes intoxication. Various cuisines are served. Entertainment is also scheduled at this mesmerizing event. The Festival's objectives are to increase visibility and it's awareness of Black-owned wine, spirits and beer companies; provide an organized platform for consumer interaction and education with sampling opportunities and tasting demos and to encourage intro and intra community partnerships and industry alliances.



Crowd at the Annual African-American Wine & Spirit Festival

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Brandon + Naima Townsend, Founders of Texas Wholesale Furniture Company

Husband and wife Brandon and Naima Townsend, owns the thriving Texas Wholesale Furniture Company in Houston, Texas. These top-tier furniture brokers specialize in providing high-end residential and commercial furniture, from 200 U.S. manufacturers. Unlike traditional retail furniture stores, Texas Wholesale Furniture Company helps consumers purchase factory direct furniture at wholesale prices.

This power couple, strategically devised efficient means for consumers' accessibility to new wholesale priced furniture. The process included developing their social media platforms for jobs and business opportunities nationwide. By 2020, Texas Wholesale Furniture projects having 500 brokers and sales reps. throughout the U.S.

As Prairie View A&M University newlyweds, The Townsends purchased their first home, with plans to buy high-end designer furniture at factory direct prices. Several Houston retail furniture stores promised 70% off. "The ads and TV commercials were often a tease to get customers into the store and upsell," Brandon says.

Naima recalls purchasing a custom living room set factory direct for \$1,800. Later, she saw the same set at a major Houston area furniture store for \$3,699. Momentarily her plans formulated.

Soon the Townsends were helping friends and family avoid over-spending retail prices for furniture. Eventually, representing 20 manufacturers, they created delivery and sales jobs. They started conducting their business, with what they described as a *Black Wall Street* game. To date, empowering and partnering with Black community businesses, the Townsends contracts and employ several opportunities for young entrepreneurs. Visit TexasWholesaleFurniture.com.

BAKARI PACE ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT CLUB'S MANHATTAN MEETINGS



(right) Bakari Pace, Alternate Investments

In 2017 Bakari Pace's Alternative Investment Club funded over three dozen projects, introduced at his weekly two hour meetings, inside the famous music magnate's iconic hip-hop rapper, songwriter, and producer Jay Z's plush 40/40 Manhattan Restaurant's conference rooms. To date, over 3,000 guests/ members have attended Alternative Investments' Tuesday nights meetings.

"Alternative Investment Club is the largest investment club in New York City, made up of investors from wealthy families' offices, angels, VCs, CEOs, C Suite executives, hedge fund managers and private equity groups," Bakari confirmed. Bakari is a prominent Morehouse College grad who sold million dollars deals during his first job, spanning 10 years. His Graves Capital Group's name is in memory of the school he attended at Morehouse.

Investors and Entrepreneurs may be among 10 guests presenters featuring 10 minute presentation. Rooms are typically crowded, accommodating 40 people. Bakari explained that Alternative Investments prefers investing in capital businesses and real estate. Visit: www.meetup.com/AICNYC



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August 12, 2018 at Martha's Vineyard's Harbor House, was the final date and destination for this year's Ninth Annual Harlem's Fine Arts Show, the world's largest African-American Diaspora's traveling art exhibition. That three day event, featuring dozens of local and international fine artists and collectors, followed HFAS' June 2018 Washington, D.C. and March 2018 exhibition in White Plains, New York.



Dion Clark, Founder HFAS

Founded by Dion Clark in 2009, the four day Kick-off February 15-18, 2018 HFAS' Show was traditionally held at Harlem's historic Riverside Church. Clark's event brochure's Welcome Message states. "HFAS has a long standing, saying that it promotes and provides *cultural nutrition* and that art, has the power to heal." As has become the norm, inclement winter weather seldom deters peaked attendance at HFAS galas, where some enthralled art aficionados and fans become so enthralled on breath-taking original artworks causing us to seldom see most exhibits on a single day.

Event producer-curator for HFAS' 2018 Annual Art Exhibition, Dedra Tate, Unlimited Contacts' CEO entertainment and media powerhouse's splendent February 15th, Healing Power of Art and Medicine's reception featured New Jersey's native, Rob Nelson, as Master of Ceremony. Young Nelson, host ABC-TV's Channel 7s Good Morning Saturday and Sunday morning programs. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. of Brooklyn hosted the event and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. of Staten Island co-hosted. Beautiful Journey's jazz group and Cliff Lee Plus Three's jazz quartet performed. Long Island's Black owned winery, Mr. Biggs & Son sponsored wines.



Dedra Tate, HFAS Producer, Curator

Once *On this Island* Broadway Musical's Tony Nominee Norm Lewis' special performance was followed by HFAS' Salute to Africans American in Medicine, Dr Monique Collier-Nickles, Dr. Angela Diaz, Dr. Robert Goroe, Dr. Kevin Holcomb, Dr. Edward K. James, Dr. Dennis Mitchell, Dr. Suzette Olu Busola Oyeku Dr. Van Dunn, Dr. Michel C. Reed, Dr. Daphne Scott, Dr. Yvonne Thornton, Dr. Karen Young. Awards recipients included Medicine Lifetime Achievement Award for Dr. Gerald Deas; Community Service Awards for Rev. Floyd M. Flake and Rev. Elaine B. Flake; Business Lifetime Achievement Award for Ruth Clark.

Among this year's 80 artists and collectors featuring and selling original sketches, drawings, paintings, ceramics, sculptors, photography and architectural visual arts in Riverside Church's Cloister and South Halls were: Adrienne Lockett, Alfred Addo, Alyce Faye Jarrett, Amber Ja'Ski, Andrew Nichols, Anwar Frazier, Bryan Collier, Buchi Upjohn Cary Michael, Corinthia Peoples, Damon Hendricks, Diana Todd Pope, Daryl Mynthia Daniels, Diana Shannon Young, Diedria Pigues, Don O'Bannon, E&S Gallery, FrankbFrazier, Garielle Baker, House of Art Gallery, Joachim McMillan, Jay Roberts, Jonathon Romain, Kennard Copeland, Kevin Williams, Khalid Sabree, Leroy Campbell, Lyvan Munlyn, Martha Wade, Michael Bradley, Michael Cox, Minnie Watkins, Nkosi Imported Crafts, Otis Williams, Patricia Brintle, Richard Beavers Gallery, Roederick Vines, Sharanda Wilburn, Sharon Robinson, Thomas Williams, Tarah Singh, Timonthy Giles, United Haitian Artists, Inc. Walter Kolours Fine and Yemonja Smalls.

The Ninth Floor featured 14 South Africans' artists: Bongzi Bengu, John Adams, Izak Fourie, Phulani Liebenberg, Ndabuko Ntuli, Edith Schmidt, Caelyn Robertson, Vanessa Berlein, Joy Meyer, Sharon Berry-Ellis, Leila Fanner, Lioda Conrad and Wilhelm Schmidt.



Bryan Collier, Artist-Author

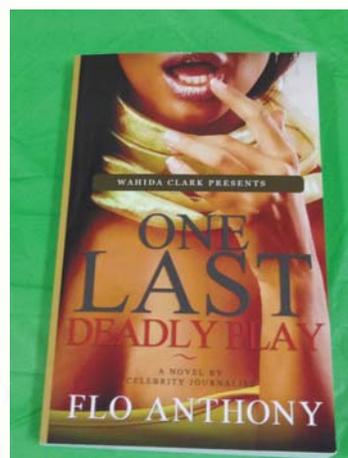
February 16th HFAS Youth Empowerment Day was hosted by The MBA, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, One Hundred Black Men of New York and the Universal Hip Hop Museum co-hosted. Ilysa Shabazz, Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz's daughter, launched her online and book signing.

Saturday's February 17th HFAS' jammed packed itinerary comprised WBL's extensive Family Day. A *Black Life Matters* Summit's seven health practitioners provided free Hepatitis C, HIV, blood pressure tests and screening. World renowned musician-producer-arranger Quincy Jones and Quincy Jones, III, *Health is the New Wealth*, short film was shown. The 158 Purple Door hosted a four hours' Youth Sip and Stroke Painting Experience. Harlem Book Fairs, Book Sales and autographs took place. Stephanie Harris -Byers, host of the Book Channel interviewed artists-as book authors. That night's intimate VIP Reception included a repeat-command performance from Grammy award singer/songwriter Gordon Chambers.

Sunday's February 18th HFAS paid tribute to African-American Nurses, and special performances by Trevone Perry and Team DP.



Yemonja Smalls, Author-Artist



Howard University's graduate, Dedra Tate, Executive Producer/ Curator of the 2018 Harlem Fine Arts Show does not flaunt her iconic entertainment legacy. By 2018, research confirmed that we were clueless about her brands, during NYGBs 2013 summer meeting with Dedra. Our entertainment promoter/ event planner sought advice for our non-violent music fundraiser plans. Years ago, during her prominent father, Bob Tate's social gatherings the room occasionally buzzed with persons telling others "There's Dedra, Bob Tate's daughter, Dedra, who works with Queen Latifah," or "Bob Tate's daughter is over there...the one who works for Queen Latifah's label."

Specifically, Dedra left her Motown Promotions, Radio and General Manager position, of seven years, before joining Flavor Unit Entertainment position. She's MTV Network's former employee. During her 11 years, as President and General Manager, Tate expanded Latifah's New Jersey based Flavor Unit Productions' Entertainment with tv and film ventures. She's one of a few powerful Black business women, in music, spanning three decades.

Tate helped launched world-famous, musician, composer, arranger and producer Quincy Jones' Vibes Magazine.

Honored among a few *Girls Behind The Mic's* survivors of Hip's Hop's rough era, Tate is a film and tv producer, script writer, artist manager, event planner and columnist for New York Beacon Newspaper. Having worked or consulted with Bobby Brown, New Edition, Johnny Gill, Stevie Wonder, Stefanie Mills, as well as hers and Aretha Franklin's publicists, quite likely, several celebs attended and received autographs on art purchased from curator's Deon Clark's and Dedra Tate Harlem Fine Arts Show the world's largest touring Black art show.

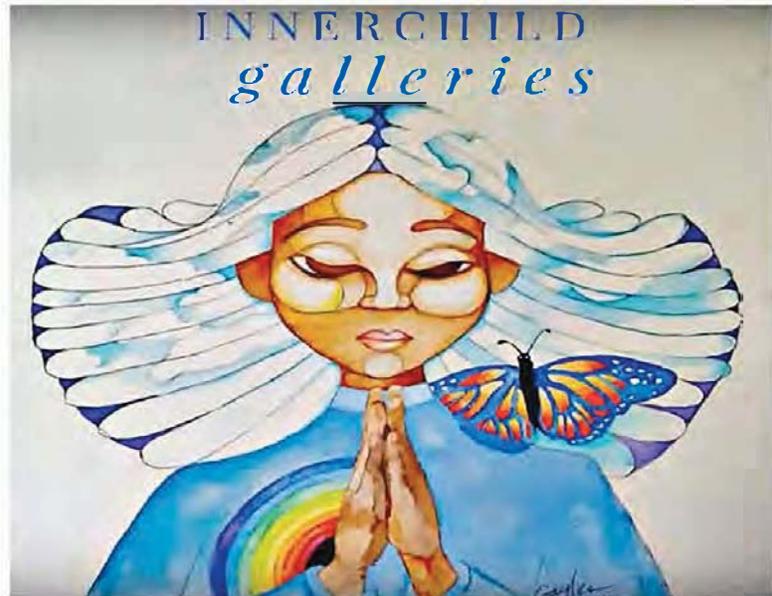


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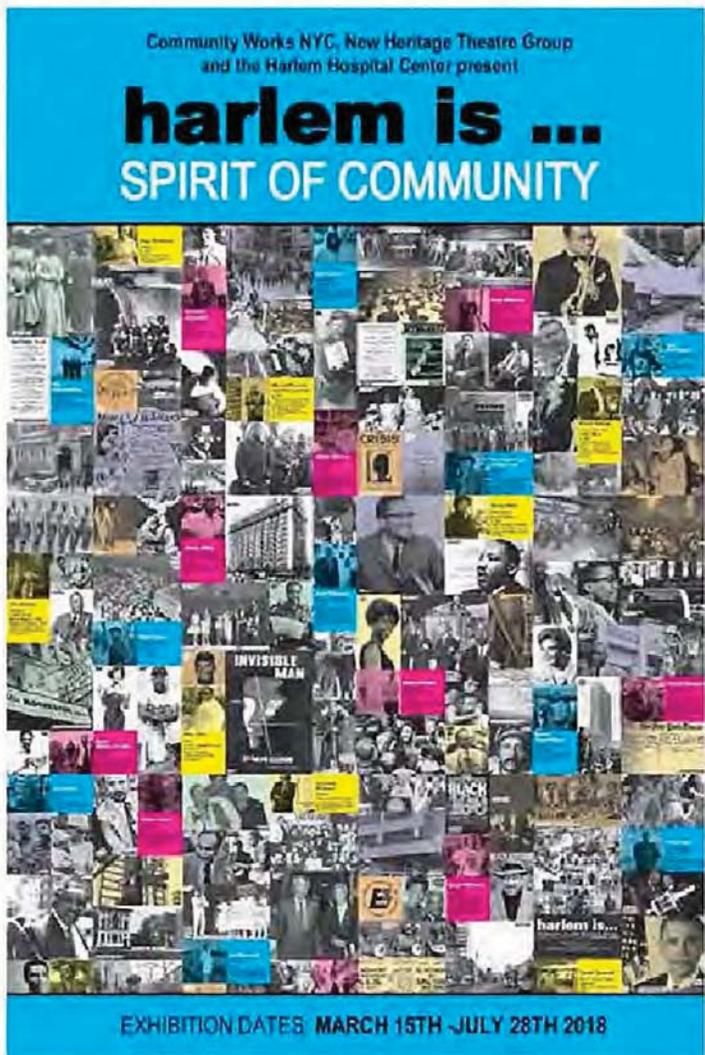
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MY FABULOUS POST THANKSGIVING AND NEW YEARS' AT THE EDISON BALLROOM

2015 New York Eve, just before 12 midnight, as Joe Battaglia and The New York Big Band dazzled Manhattan's full swing Edison Ballroom, I was inevitably shoved among their crowded aisles and packed floor, while photographing frenzied Black tie and casual garbed guests awaiting 2016's televised "Live in Times Square" gigantic Ball drop. Most of their \$325 per ticket guests had feasted on celebrity chef's Mina Newman's four course seared salmon or herb roasted chicken dinners with asparagus, scalloped red potatoes, desserts and unlimited bar cocktails. I was delighted that Edison's General Manager, Bill Kaelblein had preserved my dinner and fruit souffle cheese cake. Their champagne flowed, as did their near and far traveled, talented Edison Ballroom and Salsa dancers who kept moving, until this lavish New Year's bash ended.

"What goes around, comes around," attests to the grandeur of the huge Edison ballroom established in the 1930's as an Art Deco, "high-society" elegant ballroom, next door to the Edison Hotel, until decades later, when the Ballroom relocated to Restaurant Row. By 2008 the popular Edison Ballroom returned to its hefty multi-million dollars' elegantly renovated West 47th Street's origin. as an expanded 18,000 sq. ft. entity, with a huge dance floor, VIP and mezzanine seats up to 600 guests, and 1,000 Concert guests.

For more than a decade, Russell Simmons attracted thousands of fans to his Edison Ballroom's RUN DMC, Curtis Blow, LL Cool J, Ashanti, Ludracris concerts. Millions of fans viewers watched Simmons' Comedy Central TV, and Oxygen TV series that filmed Vivica Fox, Amber Rose and numerous A and B Lister's on Edison's premises. Simmons' private Janet Jackson Concert was held here, plus numerous private fundraisers and other events at this historic venue.

Friday, November 27, 2015, I was mesmerized by Edison Ballroom's hazy sky and royal blue stage lighting and fascinated by Joe Battaglia's 16 piece tuxedo attired band during my 1-1/2 hours stay. Donning his White tuxedo, bow tie and black slacks, Joe's iconic portrayal of his trumpet's jazz and pop standards, was as impressive as his band Sinatra, Glenn Miller, Shirley Bassey, Tony Bennett, Count Basie and Nat King Cole among

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acclaimed jazz, pop and R&B 20th legends' songs. Vocalist Keren Zobataro's show-stopping Let's Dance, Donna Summers' rendition was followed by songs showcasing her fine background vocals' performances for Macy Gray, Elton John and Alicia Keyes. Some of DLI'S ("Direct Latin Influence") band members play with Ito Quentin, Eddie Ramirez and other Latino jazz legends. Latinos represent Battaglia's and DLI bands' loyal fans, attending the Ballroom's annual Valentine's, Easter's, Thanksgiving's and New Years' Eve galas.



Bill Kadlein, Ballroom General Manager



Edison Ballroom Bar Staff



(left) Edison Ballroom Sales Manager

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THE SOUNDBITE'S JAZZ AND BLUES CLUB IS OH SO JAZZY



Barbara King, Singer/Songwriter & Owner of The SoundBites

During the second week in January 2018, after peering through the Sound Bite's gray exteriors and glass windows, at 737 Ninth Avenue, Manhattan, and similarly nodding at some of their pleasantly smiling guests entering and leaving, I eagerly stepped inside, prepared to congratulate the owner. During recent years, none of the area's Club owners on Ninth and Tenth Avenue, especially those contented with Karaoke entertainment, responded to my suggestion to book live jazz acts. An introduction to NYC'S *Blacks in Music and TV's* Julian Phillips and singer/songwriter, Barbara King, The Soundbites' husband and wife *power couple* owners, surprised me.

I was invited to their Grand Opening's press night, where the lovely, statuesque Barbara King's sensational singing dominated their crowded, noisy guests' room. While chatting with a male TV and film video technician, I met, at the only available seat at the bar, he began clapping after what I thought was the end of Route 66, on the radio. So I started clapping, before I accepted a server's plate of crunchy macaroni and cheese, and what I thought were

jerk chicken wings. Upon placing my plate on the bar, Barbara approached us. "Barbara, I love your singing!" he exclaimed. My comment that I can't wait to hear you sing, led to learning it was Barbara, who had sung Route 66. Apologetically, I admitted that I thought Route 66 was played on their radio. "No! It was Barbara! She can sing anything! Barbara, I play your music so often!" he declared.

After three more visits, I satisfied my intrigue, regarding The Sound Bite's jazz and blues twists...as more than what meets the eye. Some of their framed paintings hang on brick walls, within their earthy avant garde Sound Bite's band section, equipped with their sleek Baby grand piano, and set of drums.

For the record, The Sound-Bites' jazzy broad strokes entails live jazz performances, good food and a new take on television news, jazz and blues.

Since Spring 2018 I've enjoyed their delectable fresh chicken nuggets and fresh salad greens for \$10.95, and Happy Hour priced drinks are available throughout the day. Nutritionally speaking, some of nutritional biochemist's Alex Ott's

healthy infused cocktails specials should satisfy vegans and others endeavoring to drink healthier wine and spirits. Lez Love, New York Global.Biz writer, and celebrity hairstylist, Mr. Vincent, Harlem St. Nicks' Pub Owner, became aware of such drinks at their 2018 *Super Bowl Watch Party*, the night before yours truly's February 5th's birthday.



Sound Bites' Guests

Julian Phillips, is the first Black in media to host a Fox TV show. He is also an Emmy Awardee Fox TV anchor and former WPIX-TV reporter. He is the Sound Bite's chef responsible for Cajun-Southern-Italian fusion foods. Their frittata brunch specialty includes complimentary champagne.

A food fad may occur given The Sound Bite's introduction of yummy, non-fried blackened chicken wings, topped with several not-too common wing sauces. In the near future, my macaroni and cheese may be topped with either lobster, shrimp, alligator or andouille sausage. Thereafter, I'll try their raved about blackened salmon. with either lobster, shrimp, alligator or andouille sausage. Thereafter, I'll try their raved about blackened salmon.

The Sound Bite's TV news celeb posters at the end of their bar, comprise a litany of eminent and iconic

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Vincent, Harlem's St. Nick Pub Owner, Barbara and Julian & Lez Love

celebs' names, a testament to Mr. Phillip's TV fame. Among jazz and blues aficionados expect some guests previously indifferent to jazz, America's original music genre, seeking celebrity photos. Others may endeavor to socialize with celebs and whomever, with it's expanded seven days a week operation. Guest artists may appear among featured artists at this jazz and blues dining venue.



The Sound Bites Guests

Amid New York's proliferation of restaurants with live music, renaissance jazz venues are more transparently popular and the Sound Bites arrival rekindles memories of 2007 when restaurant legend Alberta Wright, and her famous son, actor Michael Wright and the Five Heart Beat's star's classy nearby Jezebel's dining and music club closed. Ms. Wright's venue for nearly 25 years, was that era's unforgotten most upscale, dining and entertainment establishment on Clinton Hill's Hell's Kitchen, Ninth Avenue Strip.

**excerpt of Trip Advisor review
by Irma Tyus-Mitchell**



The Sound Bites Guests

Finally, many Manhattan's Midtown to Harlem residents no longer travel to 34th St., Chinatown and NYC's Go-to-the-Bus for reduced Washington, D.C and Baltimore Bus Rates



Daniel, Foody's owner, with employees

Summer's 2018 arrival of Foody's Dumpling's on 42nd and 41st Streets, on Ninth Avenue, Manhattan already averages 4 to 5 stars ratings on Goggle. They're raving about this clean small efficient affordable dumpling house, where 12 dumplings at \$7.99 is among top menu items and \$1.00 seaweed generous miso soup is a throw-back price treat, for lovers of healthy miso soup. Foody's right side facility's interior features a striking black and white exotic energized human figurative art mural by of New Jersey.

Around 7:00 pm that evening, Daniel the mid-30s owner, who stood in front of the store, pleasantly remembered me and introduced me to his two male employees whom he was orientating to start working on the first day that Foody's expanded its evening hours. As promised, I returned near closing, observing Foody's sporty and business attired customers order take out dishes, while others sat eating at their food bar counters.

The meatiness of my chicken dumplings was unexpected. I was accustomed to eating smaller shrimp and chicken, or shrimps and vegetables dumplings at Chinese restaurants. Daniel explained that the crescent moon shaped dumplings' original

shapes, dates back to centuries ago. He said that China traditionally serves dumplings when celebrating Chinese New Year. He described Foody's vegetarian and other dumplings containing ginger, chives, etc. After tasting one of those 12 chicken dumpling from my package, I was overwhelmingly ingratiated. Yet as an African-American female, I still missed my grandmother's chicken and dumplings, cooked quite differently.

Highlighting family traditions, Daniel was inspired by his parents' former successful long-established Chinatown restaurant. Researched data, among theories, dates back to AD 225 when jiaozi, the original name for northern Chinese dumplings, originated from Zhang Zhongjing, a great Chinese medicine man. During cold winters Zhongjing treated China's poor suffering from frost bitten ears with his remedy stuffed inside a thin crescent moon/ear shaped dough. They too ate dumplings to celebrate the Chinese's New Year. Some Chinese eat their dumplings after their main course. The popularity of Chinese dumplings are served as appetizers, etc.



Artist: Joaquin_Lin
review by Irma Tyus-Mitchell



Sam (on right) at his Film Investments Networking Gathering at Broadway's Sardi's Restaurant

WHY GALAXY'S AMERICAN CUISINE RESTAURANT, THRIVES AS THE OLDEST NINTH AVENUE DINER FROM W. 36TH TO 56TH STREET FOR 42 YEARS?



Equipped with Free WIFI for their guests, the Galaxy is a comfortable, somewhat tranquil, and sometimes packed busy diner. Among their fine American cuisine foods, starting with breakfast, since my first day in 2003, I'm still stuck on their homemade baked, and largest, moist raisin bran

and blueberry muffins served in NYC'S diners, cafes or restaurants. A few years ago, I stopped modestly eating half or taking half of my muffin home. If I'm having breakfast it'll take about a half-hour to finish my Galaxy's wholesome bran muffin.

For the record: A baked natural healthy muffin's texture is neither soft, nor flaky. Bran's outside crust is firm, but not hard. Refilling our cups with their seemingly gourmet coffee, at *no added costs* underscores the value of buying a cup of coffee at diners vs. paying full-price for an additional cup of coffee at counter cafes.

In 1981, my preference for bran muffin occurred when I bought my first natural, large healthy muffin from a restaurant at south west 44th St., downstairs from RCA'S Music building in Manhattan. Back then U.S' corporate secretaries and others' day started with bringing eating breakfast, at our desk or a lunch room. After sharing half of my

bran muffin with my co-worker secretary, soon her boss, Ralph Abalone, CEO/Chairman of Ogden's Fortune 500 Conglomerate, at 277 Park Ave., Manhattan, fell in love with that restaurant's bran muffin. For several months before I resigned, my boss, Stanley Frankel, Public Relations VP of Ogden's Fortune 500 Conglomerate, became aware that I was delivering Mr. Abalone's bran muffins that he bought us.

Galaxy's fast paced waiters never somberly arrive at our table. They're pleasant demeanor focuses on correctly taking orders, as waiters accustomed to diners overwhelmed by Galaxy's popular large corn beef or pastrami Reuben sandwiches. Seafood diners may agree that the Galaxy's popular shrimp scampi, served with potatoes or rice, and their mesclun salad or soup, or Alaskan salmon fillet, with lemon and white wine sauce are favorites. Penne a la vodka with either vodka or brandy sauce with chicken, rates high among diners.

Today, 15 years after I began dining here, I've yet to hear two of the remaining owners of Galaxy, describe their Galaxy journey. Prior to the past two decades, Galaxy witnessed the transformation of Ninth Avenue's Clinton Hill's/Hell Kitchen area, into it's current middle-class commercial and residential district where high rents thrive in tenements, luxury, high-rise and commercial buildings. It is the neighborhood where Alicia Keys grew up.

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Harlem's Princess Jenkins (white blouse) also attended HAAs 2018 Self-Publishing workshop



Vanilla Carter
By Sherry Lewis

Vanilla Carter, aka, Aaron Thornton, a Long island, NY native, has a Screenwriting degree from Ithaca College. His Superhero meets 90s Eurodance performances are held in upscale, Hollywood CA nightclubs,

Super talented and creative, whether its comedy or acrobatics, Vanilla's exciting and entertaining show is unsurpassed. His exotic flawless makeup artistry is created with his hands and coordination, as well as his visionary ideas designing his stunning, colorful and vibrant wardrobes,

Vanilla's charismatic captivating good looks, lights stages, as a Ru Paul contender, he's also available for Reality TV appearances. His goal to own a broadcasting company is not frivolous. He's determined and believes, he's on his way. His philosophy, "Always stay true to yourself, Find happiness from within, unrestricted from what you want to achieve based on sexuality or gender,"
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BASERA'S NINTH AVENUE INDIAN RESTAURANT



Impeccable best describes Manhattan's Ninth Avenue's Basera Indian Restaurant. On September 14, 2017 though a NYGB writer had previously dined at Basera, we

agreed that we should meet there. Other than my long-term absence from Midtown's Bombay Palace that I first visited during the 1980s after my secretarial assignments at Warner Brothers' work day ended, I frequently dined at several downtown Manhattan's Indian Village restaurants thru 2009 and one special Brooklyn restaurant through 2016. Therefore, dining in Manhattan's Indian restaurant became my "thing of the past,"

Enter Basera Restaurant, 745 Ninth Avenue in Manhattan. While it would be vague to say that my dejavu for Indian restaurants recurred following my limited dining experience at Basera, for the record: Basera clicks! Earnestly, if an "Indian Restaurant Hall of Fame" exists, Basera's recognition is overdue because:

On September 11, 2017 - Basera's Black male host invited me inside, thus causing my promise that I'd returned,

Basera's generous bartender served my colleague a larger than average serving of Rose that lasted throughout her meal,

Surprisingly, Basera's moist, yet mildly crispy vegetable bhajias, and tandoori's orange spiced lamb, inside their sliced naan bread servings rekindled my delight for Indian food,

Indian soulful ambiance includes their tall bamboo arrangements,

*excerpt of Trip Advisor review
by Irma Tyus-Mitchell*



DJ Jesse at Gossip Restaurant

LEGAL PLUS



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Finally, for couples eager to marry at a distance, online weddings are legal. Military couples and those who frequently travel at a distance from their love one, welcome to Mr. & Mrs. Banks' convenient means of binding husband and wives, within days. These wedding obstacles are a *over*,

While studying for her second degree as a JD candidate, during a portion of her legal research, Mrs. Banks discovered a case study of a young man, which made her concerned about marriage equality. The outcome of his fateful case resulted in Mrs. Banks extensive legal research and education to improve others' lives affected by marriage inequality.

By 2012, WebWed, pragmatically became Mrs. Mr. & Mrs. Banks' invention technology to enhance and legally seal marriage and equality benefits. Their mobile technology, legally weds couples online.

Mrs. Banks' advocacy for marriage equality, for all, people regardless of race or gender led to her discovering a loophole via an United States' Massachusetts law. As a legal officiate, she began marrying individuals in person and on Google's Hangout. The June 12, 2015 Equality Law that passed in the U.S., motivated Mrs. Banks' to officially register her WebWed legal entity business, on June 29, 2015,

The demand for Mrs. Banks WebWed continues, as her innovative platform providing an affordable legal stage for marriage equality. At present, Mrs. Banks continues to build her WebWed team that is unprecedentedly transforming the marriage industry, with convenient weddings, also for military solidiers and wives internationally, prison incarcerateds, students, long-distance sweethearts career professionals and more, visit, www.webwed.com

EXHILARATING WORLDLY NEW YORK CITY'S TIME SQUARE



Times Square is similar to a New York City's marathon reality tv show's illuminated tourist landmark, with dominant flashy digital billboards and captivating news feeds. In recent years, among thousands of people entering Times Square, briefly, or routinely, its public atrium ideally accommodates wealthy, middle class, or impoverished persons, as though they're "one."

By 2015 food concessions arrived in this strip, where Bubba Gump Shrimp, and McDonald's were the only available restaurants. Times Square's visitors, eat, socialize, read, operate cell phones, and some doze off while seated in one of their hundreds colorful patio seats and tables. Some spectators between crowds watching talented Hip Hop break dancers or singers and musicians perform. Most performers earnings are evident, as some delighted spectators drop coins, but usually a dollar bill. During cold weather, it's common to spot pedestrians sitting at Times Square's patio tables - an implication that "Life is fair, in Times Square." A small Times Square police precinct stays open, around the clock. Though the City limited its auto traffic in this compound, from 9:00 am, to well past midnight, its Seventh Avenue and Broadway streets and sidewalks are often crowded.

Since 1904, NYC authorities, entrepreneurs, locals and tourists aptly consider Times Square as Manhattan's business and pleasure strip, that generates millions of dollars' per day, also derived from its influx of retail chains since 2013. Moreover, Times Square's unparalleled business' impact dates back to the dawn of the 20th Century, since Alfred Ochs, Founder/ Publisher of The New York Times moved his respected newspaper, to what soon became One Times Square. NYC'S Mayor George McClellan, avidly renamed Longacres Square's Times Square. The first Times Square New Years; Eve ball was created and hosted by the New York Times.

History chronicles how sophisticated females and dapper attired males, loved and frequented Times Square, where Model T Fords, among luxury autos filled these streets. 1950's arrival of Eighth's Avenue's 40th to 42nd Streets New York/New Jersey's Port Authority increased Times



(Left) In blue, daughter of Times Square Church's Rev. Hamm who's stirring sermons are heard during Sunday's 6 pm service

Times Square Church's Senior Pastor, Carter Conlon with parishioners on left and right



Jimmy Corner's 87 yr-old/operator of his 47 yr at Times Square Venue

Square's popularity and congestion. One block away lies the Port Authority, where thousands of people enter or pass Times Square's hub, en route to their jobs or elsewhere. disrupted after the late David Rockefeller, CEO/ Chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank, philanthropist and global /art collector, created his wealthy moguls, bi-partisan politicians and attorneys' think tank that restored Times Square and NYC'S fiscal stability.



In 1987, the late Rev. Wilkerson' established his spectacular, inter-denominational Times Square Church. Among it's 10,000 plus congregants, some as former "at risk" Times Square New Yorkers, became devout members.

Each year Times Square's 51st Street Church, attracts thousands of international visitors, also via satellite broadcasts. About 24 years ago, Senior Pastor, Carter Conlon, was invited by the late Rev. Wilkerson, (the Church's founder and senior pastor) to join his ministry. During the mid 1990's Rev. Conlon attracted hundreds of ministers whom participated in a Day of Prayer for NYC, in Times Square.

Times Square's expanded urban renewal trajectory commenced during Mayor Dinkins' last two years. Subsequently, NYC'S Mayor Guilani's anti-criminal campaign included his vigorous re-emergence of Times Square's commercial properties that closed their some businesses. NYC Mayor Bloomberg further upscaled Times Square and Mayor DiBlasio increased Times Square's appeal with colorful and hundreds of modern patio furnishings.

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THE DOCTOR & SMOOTEE



DOC: After receiving a BA in Business Administration and serving in the United States Army, 82nd Airborne, "The Doctor" began spinning records throughout the Metropolitan area for local clubs, parties and other venues.

"The Doctor" worked for The State of New York Civil Courts where he was employed for 20 years and played music after working hours and weekends.

SMOOTEE: Co-owner of Smootee Tunes Publishing Co. and in 1982, Smootee published the song "Must Be the Music" by Secret Weapon with Prelude Records. Currently, Smootee is a Registered Property Manager and manages co-op apartments in Manhattan.

You can catch "The Doctor" spinning his music at **The American Legion/Colonel Charles Young, Post #398** where he is a member, every Friday from 6pm to Midnight. The Post is located at 248 West 132nd St, in Harlem, NYC. The Doctor has been the Friday night DJ at The Post for 18 years.

Until March, 2014, The Doctor and Smootee were the DJ and Karaoke



Hostess at the Legendary **Twenty20 Latin Club** located at 20 Warren St, downtown Manhattan near City Hall. Smootee & Doc were there every Thursday after work for 11 years. Twenty20 closed its doors due to high lease demands and moved to the Bronx. Smootee & Doc also hosted karaoke at Farafina Café & Lounge on Amsterdam Ave in Harlem, at 150th Street, WXYZ Lounge on 125th St., and currently host the Karaoke Dance Party at Post #398 every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

The "Doctor" has a large variety of music - Jazz (his personal favorite), Classic Oldies, House, Disco, Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Reggae, Raggaetone, Hip-Hop & Rap (clean versions, only), Motown, Frank Sinatra, Swing, Irish, Italian, Jewish music, etc. "Doc almost has them all!" Also, Doc & Smootee's Karaoke consists of a wide variety of songs and over 5,000 plus songs in their Karaoke Catalog.

Also, Doc is the sound engineer for the Harlem Renaissance Orchestra on many of their events and Smootee is the Mistress of Ceremony at Weddings.

Some of the Venues Where "The Doctor" Has Played:

Alhambra Ball Rooms, Antuns, Astoria Manor, Bianca's on the Park, B. Smith, Champion State Park, China Chalet, Coral House, Crown Plaza, Dantes, Eastwood Manor, Frankie & Johnny's (Pine), Harlem State Building, Julianos, Lenox Lounge, Marina Del Rey, Maestros, Mr. Babbington's, PJs, Tavern on the Green, Terrace On the Park, The Kennedy Center, The National Black Theatre, The Riverbank Grill, Tiano Towers, Trump International Hotel, The Waldorf Astoria. Several Yachts & Boat Parties, corporate picnics and many more! The Doctor has also played for several events in other states along the east coast.

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The Harlem drum band has been around for many years, play every day in front of the Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building on 125th Street, Harlem.



Colonel Charles Young, The American Legion/Post #398



(Left) Rashida Strober, Founder of GreaterDiversity.com, Jacob's Restaurant

Though her one woman show at Maysles Theatre and dining at Jacob's restaurant on Lenox Avenue occurred last fall, Rashida Strober is still the world's leading first dark skin activist, actress and author. Since annoying many fans in 2015 regarding commentary about rapper Kendrick Lamar, in recent years she's been emulated for exposing the challenges and wherewithal of dark-skinned activists in her books and speaking engagements.

Visit: www.greaterdiversity.com



81 year old Samuel Hargress, Jr., from Mississippi owns/operates Harlem's oldest Black jazz/blues nightclub since 1968 .



Guitarist Tyrone Garron, former BT Express musician, also known as The Secret, at Paris Blues, Harlem



Patrons in Harlem's Oldest Black jazz/blues night club

FATHER AND DAUGHTERS' BLACK-OWNED POTATO CHIP BRAND 50,000 BAGS SOLD IN A FEW MONTHS !



Symphony Chips Founders, Dondre Anderson and his two daughters, Amina and Amari

Dondre Anderson and his two daughters are celebrating Symphony Potato Chips, their Black-owned family business based in Atlanta, GA. In April 2018, less than a year since they opened, 50,000 bags of Symphony Potato Chips had been sold.

The gluten-free chips, sold in individual quantities and wholesale orders, are made with potatoes, oil, blended onions, garlic, parsley and other ingredients.

The Anderson family is getting national attention for their business success. They participated in ESSENCE® Path to Power 2018. Entrepreneurship and Business Conference in New Orleans.

Amina and Amari will give free potato chips to aspiring entrepreneurs at YWCA, during their: *How they became successful black female entrepreneurs.*

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Joe's Gourmet's Original Classic fish fry and newly launched Gluten Free version's is experiencing astounding growth. In 2015, commencing with seven local Atlanta grocery stores, this manufacturer's product expansion in over 2,200 is phenomenal.

"Persistence is everything when getting your product in stores," admits Maranda Dowell.

"Your passion for your product can be shown through persistence, and that passion will be contagious to your buyer." While brick and mortar sales are the key to growing Joe's Gourmet brand, the company also has a laser focus on e-commerce.

"Our brand is growing faster than our retail reach," says Joe, who's online sales have increased by 500% after their Shark Tank and Good Morning America's appearances. Amazon ranks Joe's Gourmet Fish Fry, top ten, in their coatings and baking category. The 2018 Essence Music Festival on Walmart.com featured Joe Gourmet as one of its first products featured in the Supplier Inclusion Showcase, at the 2018 Essence Music Festival on Walmart.com. Visit: joesgourmet.com

FAMED NEW ORLEANS CHEF WINS JAMES BEARDEN'S AWARD

By Taylor Sylvain



Chef Nina Compton at the James Beard Award Event

New Orleans' Chef Nina Compton of Comere Lapin Restaurant made history as the first Black woman to be designated as the best chef in the South at 2018 James Beard Award. The James Beard Foundation awards are considered the Oscars of the culinary world. Compton and Mashama Bailey of the Savannah Restaurant the Grey were among five Black chef finalists ever, for the Foundation's awards.

Boston-based food writer, Korsha Wilson stated, "Compton's speech placed her immigration story the front center. "I never dreamed that coming from a very small island of St. Lucia, of winning this award," she said at the podium. Her New Orleans restaurant, Compere Lapin, is named for a character in Creole and Caribbean folk tales. On the menu, she blends Caribbean and Southern food with French technique." Compton and her husband Larry Miller have opened Bywater American Bistro, their second restaurant in New Orleans, as a casual American cuisine dining venue. In 2015

Compton a native of St. Lucia, moved from Miami to New Orleans to open Compere Lapin's, reflecting her Caribbean heritage, and French and Italian experiences. She was Bravo's Top Chef: New Orleans contestant. Compere Lapin

sophisticated eatery serves New Orleans accented flavors in the Old No. 77 Hotel & Chandlery on 535 Spitouslas Street in the city's Warehouse district.

In regards to other Blacks taking top honors that night, Wilson adds, "Their complicated and beautiful act of reclaiming Black food ways and serving it to the public is too powerful to understate. They're chefs who are making food that represents them people who are connected to and inspired by the African diaspora."

In January 2016 New Orleans' Chef Leah Chase was a recipient of the 2016 James Beard Lifetime Achievement award. Known as the *Queen of Creole Cuisine*, Leah Chase is a chef, restaurateur and TV personality revered as one of the best in her profession.

Established in 1990, the James Beard Awards recognize culinary professionals for excellence and achievement in their fields and further the Foundation's mission to celebrate, nurture and honor America's diverse culinary heritage through programs that educate and inspire.

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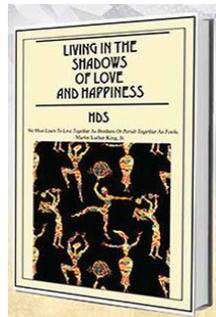
Puerto Rican Freakin Restaurant, Vendor at 2018 Ninth Avenue Street Fair

HOOKED ON BOOKS



NYC Icon Releases New Book
Harold Span, founder of SASCO Inc

New York's Harold D. Span is a husband, the father of a teenage son, and the founder and CEO of SASCO, Inc. which has been judged by A.T. Kearney as 1 of 3 Best Worldwide Promotional Products Suppliers. He received his BS in Management from Tuskegee University and is a Pfizer Fellow of Dartmouth College's Amos Tuck School of Business Admin.



HOOKED ON BOOKS

FROM DRUG ADDICTION TO ENTREPRENEUR SUCCESS



Author and entrepreneur Bryce Todd new book: "The Blueprint 4 Perfect Lemonade: What I Learned From Jay & Bey" to overcome failures of his former life of crack addiction and multiple incarcerations. His plain, ordinary, uncut language describes coded messages within eight power-filled songs by Jay Z and Beyonce, as psychological tools that helped transformed his mind from slave to the streets and the system, to becoming a servant to humanity and a successful business entrepreneur.life. **Visit: blueprint4perfectlemonade.com**



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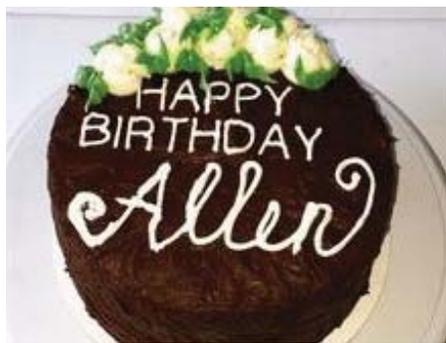
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LARRY LUGER PLAYS EDISON HOTEL & LARAVISTA RESTAURANT



Larry Luger, Guitar

Queen's New York native, Larry Luger's original guitar music recording featured on the award-winning *Bridges and Tunnels* videos previewed at the 2002 New York Independent Film and Video Festival. Luther's resonant guitar was designed by famous guitar maker Paul McGill. Decades have passed since Luger's rare hard post guitar playing has stunned Newsweek, Billboard's, New York Times and Rolling Stones music critics.

In June 2018, we also learned that Luger, is a seasoned jazz and pop standards crooner. While rushing from Manhattan's Edison Hotel's crowded lobby, we stopped suddenly hearing a baritone's singer play his guitar, with a male flutist. While taking photos, we realized that the musicians were entertaining generous Edison Hotel's guests, with their Happy Hour wine and pasta salad bar.

A week later with Luger's invite, the charming, Italian Laravista/Broadway Joe's Restaurant Row venue's fresh



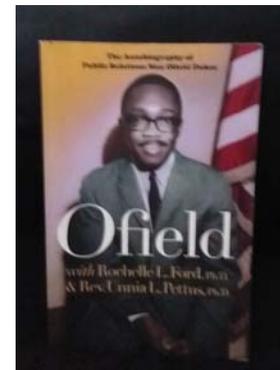
Sandy Jordan, Bob Arkin and Larry Luger ceasar salad was as satisfying as Soprano songstress Sandy Jordan and Luger's swinging jazz. Cabaret Scenes Magazine wrote: "LaRivista/Broadway Joe's is the perfect place to visit...with Sandy Jordan doing the vocals with two great jazzmen, Larry Luger on guitar and Bob Arkin on bass...both men can swing."

For several years, Luger has performed weekly at the Edison Hotel and three other Manhattan venues. He features jazz artists each week, during his weekly radio show. He's performed at Harlem Jazz Festivals and Jazzmobile gigs with Satchmo Mannan, recorded with Freddy Cole, Nat King Cole's brother, and has performed with Lionel Hampton, Al Hibbler, Lou Donaldson, John Hicks, Gloria Coleman and other jazz icons. The City's New School of Design has featured Luger's jazz lecturers.

by Irma Tyus-Mitchell



Bartender at Edison Hotel



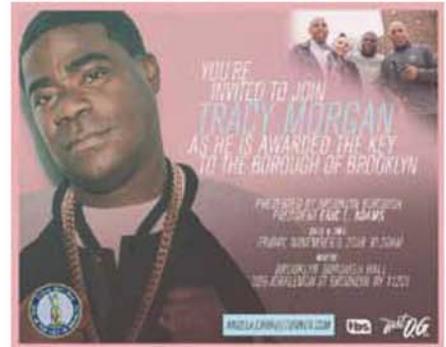
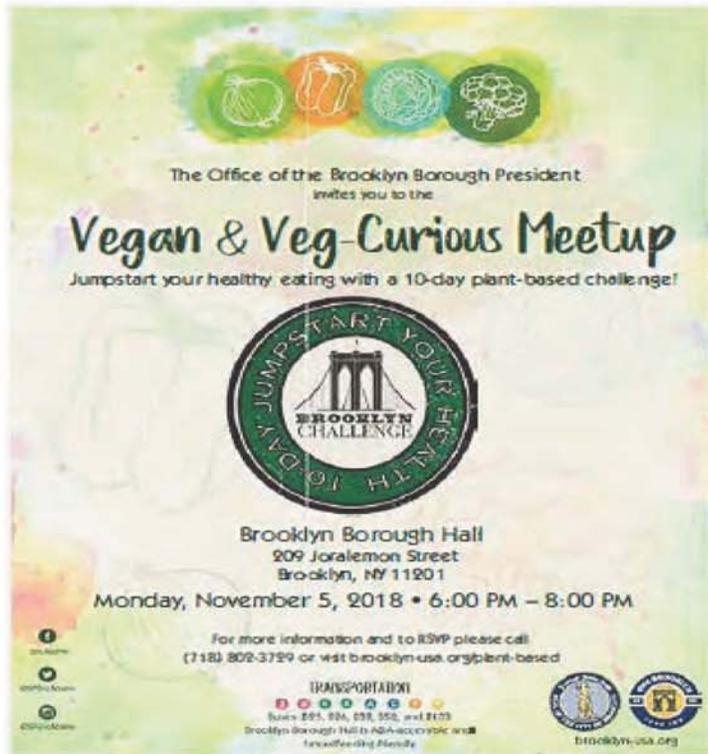
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New York's Museum of Public Relations published the auto-biography, of Ofield, edited by Syracuse University Professor Dr. Rochelle L. Ford and Rev. Unnia L. Pettuf. Dukes's huge client portfolio included government, entertainment, sports, media, political, major corporations and others. As a leading civil rights publicist his clients included, Senator Hubert Humphrey and President Lyndon B. Johnson, who staunchly advised Congress to pass 1964 U.S. Civil Rights and 1965 Voters' Rights bills.

Ofield's enthralling bio reveals his difficult persuasion with Washington D.C.'s Mayor, the police department and other key sources who resisted the merits of hosting the NBA's Washington Wizards' first victory parade, in the nation's capital

Motown Records became an international brand, given Mr. Dukes' exemplary publicity provided for Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross and other famous entertainers. To date Ofield's fame and wisdom paved the way for many African American publicists and journalists, many whom have credited Dukes, as a mentor, student, and an inspiration.

BROOKLYN IMAGES



On his 50th birthday, Tracey Morgan, humbly accepted Brooklyn's Borough President's Eric Adams' key to the city, "I just want to thank you all for coming out here in the morning in the rain. This key is for representing," said Tracy, as his eyes filled with tears. Tracy, creator and star of *The Last O.J.* TBS series, is that which generously donates to various Brooklyn Programs. During the summer, co-hosting a comedian show in Bedford Stuyvesant, where he grew up, resulted in raising an additional \$14,000 for *the Fortune Society* that helps former inmates adjust to civilian life. *The Last O.J.* and Brooklyn's State Bags donated \$8,000 in bags and *The Last O.J.* tee shirts. Morgan expressed concern regarding Brooklyn's transistional gentrification.



Mexican Day Festival Desserts Served



Songstress and bass player from Mexico performed at Brooklyn Borough President, Eric Adams' Mexican Heritage Gala



Ms. Peaches' repeat performances at Brooklyn Borough Pres. Eric Adams annual Black and Women History Month Galas



Eric Adams, Brooklyn Borough President, former NYS Senator, Co-Founder of 100 Black Men in Law Enforcement & NYC Police Captain

Eric Adams, Brooklyn, NY's Borough President graciously named a street after Hip Hop's most gifted, bass rapper, about a year after he proclaimed Biggie Smalls Day in Brooklyn. Whether he's being cited or referenced, millions of people respectively recollect Christopher Wallace, aka, Biggie, endowed with Hip Hop's powerful, resonant vocals, depicting crimes and anxieties. Hip Hop's popularity, previously dominated by West Coast rappers, was also rivaled by Biggie's *Junior Mafia* hit, certifying that East Coast Hip Hop nationally prevails

Although missed by millions worldwide, Biggie the St. James Place Brooklyn virtuoso, rap icon native, still inspires millions of fans to accept how his extraordinary wisdom and music impacted and never left us, often shown when not-too-crowded dance floors, become too-crowded, when DJs spin Biggie's *Life After Death*, single released weeks after his tragedy, *Life after Death* was Hip Hop's first Diamond single. According to Wikipedia, over 13 million albums and 17 million Biggie Small's legacy records were sold.



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WHY MOVIE PASS MUST LAST



When one thinks of the fledgling MoviePass' subscription based company attracting over two million U.S. movie theaters' subscribers in seven years, the words: *phenomenal success* may surface, before becoming familiar with their history. However, African Americans Stacy Spikes and Helmet Watts' recognition as eminent founders of MoviePass, in 2011, currently the 21st Century's leading movie theater network never prospered from returns on their investments.

On the bright side initially providing one film per day, monthly MoviePasses for their \$50 monthly subscription plan's generous allowance, many of their frequent three films per week subscribers saved hundreds of dollars per month, attending movies nearly for free. Accordingly AMC, the world's largest movie chain franchise initially resisted participation, while Regal and other American large franchise movie houses increased revenues with MoviePass customers, during this expanded era since the late 1990's when movie attendance began dramatically declining.

Helios and Matheson Analytics' said to be haphazardly financially risky, costly, recent acquisition of 91.6% of MoviePass, as their parent company, seemed inevitably necessary to keep MoviePass solvent.

Currently facing various lawsuits Helios and Matheson reduced MoviePass' monthly subscription rate to \$9.95 from \$50, as revealed to NYGB by a MoviePass customer

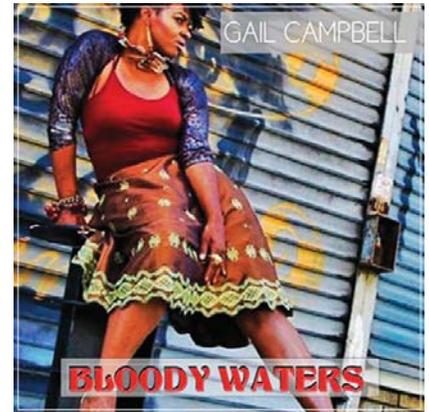


Stacey Spikes, MoviePass Founder service phone representative. Movie Pass' New York City offices confirmed that Movie Pass' new owners scaled MoviePass' subscribers attendance to three major motion picture films per month. However, major movie houses still overwhelmingly benefit from Movie Pass' free marketing, promotions and customers, without honoring any financial obligation to Movie Pass that pays theaters full ticket prices for their subscribers.

Apparently Movie Pass limited it's success by not receiving a mere \$100 monthly movie theater administrative fee. Barely operating on their once \$50 per month, one film per day revenues through the first quarter of 2018. While MoviePass generated over \$50 million dollars via subscriptions their operating costs sky rocketed. If 2,000 participating U.S. theaters among approx. 5,500 U.S. movie houses paid MoviePass a \$100 monthly registration fee, Movie Pass would have generated an additional \$200,000 operating capital per month, offsetting their customer's overused movie subscriptions costs. *"How 2 Million People Loved MoviePass Nearly to Death,"* published by Bloomberg News in May 2018 raises the issue regarding whether Spikes and Watts' vision, to satisfy their intent to altruistically generate minimal profits for their firm, while increasing profits for America's declining movie theater attendance?

Similarly, while MoviePass struggles

to stay afloat, AMC and Cinemax have already introduced similar movie discount subscriptions to their customers, after reaping such rewards from Movie Pass.



Elizabeth, NJ's singer-songwriter Gail Campbell released *Bloody Waters*, her first, highly anticipated debut single. This soulful, rock-n-roll vibes' sound tracks rates 4.2 on i-tunes and 5-star on Amazon, single is also available on Tidal, Google, Spotify and other music streams.

Critics compare Campbell's retro-style vocals to Tina Turner, Janis Joplin and Mahalia Jackson, music divas. Though she grew up loving Hip-Hop, she's a gospel church choir singer. As a teenager her uncle encouragingly realized her singer-songwriter talent. Likewise, *Bloody Water's* emotional intense lyrics and vocals epitomized Gail's growing up in Newark, NJ where diverse music genres were popular. Her father was a DJ and mom, a singer. An educated and wise mother, Ms. Campbell also featured on Fire's hit single, by Chops Tha Savior (STR4L), explains, "In my quest to become the woman I was created to be, I often felt, as if I was drowning. I had to fight to stay alive, but I didn't drown...I kept going." Her difficult experiences highlight *Bloody Waters'* name.

Producer Stanley Ipkiss plans to add more Gail Campbell's originals, she performs live promoting her music throughout the U.S. She was a featured performer at *Newark's Summer of 2018 Annual 24 Hours of Peace Concert*. "With this debut EP, Gail Campbell is in her own lane.... and others will have to run to try to catch-up to where she is," says Andre McCray Cestque-Trust aka FACE from local NJ station, 8 Squad Rebel Radio. Email: gailcampbell01@gmail.com

by Irma Tyus-Mitchell

TOP 10 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS THAT EVERY BLACK WOMAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



Mrs. Beyoncé Carter

Nationwide (BlackNews.com) -- Every year, thousands of scholarship programs around the world help students obtain much-needed financial aid. Many of these programs, however, are specifically for women. And some of them are just for Black and other minority women.

#1 - Beyoncé Formation Scholars Program: open to young women who plan to attend one of four participating colleges and major in creative arts, music, literature or African-American studies. Four scholarships will be awarded. To apply, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2017/04/beyonce-formation-scholars-program.html

#2 - NBNA Scholarship Program For Black Nurses: offers 14 scholarships each year to students pursuing a career in nursing who are members of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc. The scholarships are based on merit and financial need. To apply, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2013/02/nbna-scholarship-program-for-black-nurses.html

#3 - Women Techmakers Scholars Program (by Google): open to women who are studying computer science, computer engineering or a closely related technical field. Applicants must be

currently enrolled in or accepted as a full-time student. To apply, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2017/06/women-techmakers-scholars-program-by.html

#4 - Jeanette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund For Low Income Women: awards scholarships every year to low-income women who are 35 years of age or older. Named after Jeannette Rankin, the first woman elected to Congress, the fund has awarded over \$1.8 million in scholarships to over 700 women since 1978. To apply, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/05/jeanette-rankin-womens-scholarship-fund.html

#5 - Girls Inc. National Scholars Program: offers scholarships to female high school seniors graduating from affiliate high schools located throughout the U.S. and Canada. Candidates must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or Canada. To apply, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2017/08/girls-inc-national-scholars.html

#6 - National Hook-up of Black Women Scholarships: available to graduating high school seniors who plan to enroll in an accredited college or university in the fall after graduation. Two different scholarships are available.

To apply, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2017/02/national-hook-up-of-black-women-scholarships.html

#7 - AWG Minority Scholarship Program For Women: encourages young minority women to pursue courses of education and careers in the field of geosciences. The program, not only provides financial aid to assist with tuition and book, but also matches students with mentors who can offer guidance and support. To apply, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/04/awg-minority-scholarship.html

#8 - Rihanna's Global Scholarship Program: applicants must be citizens or natives of the following countries: Brazil, Barbados, Cuba, Haiti, Grenada, Guyana, or Jamaica. They also must have already been accepted into an accredited four-year college or university for the entire upcoming academic year. To apply, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2016/05/rihanna-clara-lionel-foundation-global-scholarship-program.html

#9 - NANBPWC Scholarships For African American Females: offers four different scholarships for outstanding females of African American descent. Each scholarship is merit based and requires completion for an essay.

To apply, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2017/02/nanbpwc-scholarships-for-african-american-females.html

#10 - HBO Writing and Directing Fellowships For Minorities and Women:

open to writers and directors 21 and older. Candidates must be able to work in the U.S. Candidates for writing fellowships may apply online by sending a resume, a writing sample, a completed release form and a personal essay in 500 words or less explaining what has influenced their storytelling. To apply, visit

www.scholarshipsonline.org/2016/02/hbo-writing-and-directing-fellowships.html

#11 - Carole Simpson Scholarship:

established to help minority students overcome obstacles in their career path in electronic journalism. The scholarship is open to college students who will be sophomores, juniors or seniors and are pursuing careers in radio, television, or digital journalism. To apply, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2017/11/carole-simpson-scholarship.html

view hundreds of scholarships at www.scholarshipsonline.org

Rapper Jay-Z and Mom's 2018-19 Special Scholarships



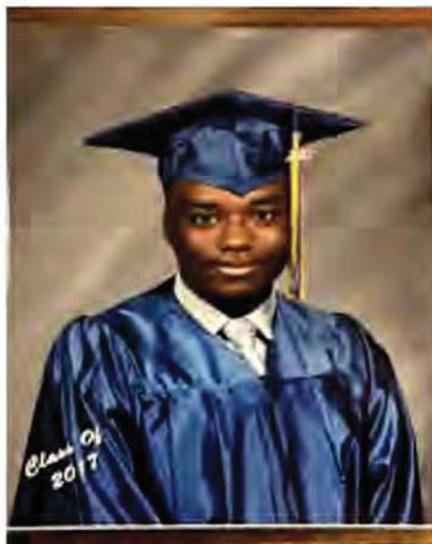
Among generous scholarships available in the U.S. The Shawn Carter Foundation Scholarship provides financial support to high school students as well as undergraduate students entering college for the first time. The purpose of this Foundation scholarship is to help underserved students who not be typically eligible for scholarships.

Students who have either graduated from high school or earned their G.E.D. may apply. Minimum grade point average is 2.0. Students must have a strong desire to go to college and earn their degree. Students must also have a desire to give back to their communities.

Mrs. Gloria Carter and son, rapper/business titan/philanthropist Jay-Z are offering a unique opportunity to students who were incarcerated or faced critical life challenges, but still want to pursue higher education. The Shawn Carter Foundation scholarships offers student support, unlike 99% of other educational funding programs for students with less than 3.0 grade averages. The Carter Foundation is a firm believer in helping young people not only reach their career goals but also establish a secure future.

Students up to age 25 may apply. The scholarship can be used for tuition, room and board, books, fees and other college-related expenses. All high school seniors, undergraduate students at two-year or four-year institutions and vocational or trade school students are eligible. Visit: JayZScholarship.com

Carlos Lopez, Jr's Education and Legal Fund



It's an "essential must" to send Carlos Lopez, Jr. to a private college prep school, subsequent, top tier accredited university, and Disney World, (that he's requested since 2014) as a deserving youth scholar. However, several static legal and financial matters must be resolved for Carlos Lopez, Jr., his grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Lopez, and her family, also enabling Carlos Lopez, Jr. to fulfill his educational and legal goals.

In June 2003 Carlos Lopez, Jr.'s distraught mother's critical and severe mourning continued during his hospital stay. May 1, 2003, a month before her June 8, 2003 C-Section birth of Carlos Lopez, Jr., his 19 years' young father, Carlos Lopez, Sr., her fiance, was mistakenly and fatally shot by a New York City (NYC) police officer, chasing another Black male. Shortly after his childbirth, Carlos Lopez, Jr.'s mother, too emotionally unprepared to raise her infant, received what some may consider *divine intervention* from his grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Lopez, who raised him since childbirth, among her surviving five children in their urban Brooklyn apartment.

The Pastor of their Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Brooklyn, NYC's regretful letter acknowledges the tragic loss of Carlos Lopez, Sr., as their Church's wise, thoughtful and kind usher and choir boy. Traditionally, he and his siblings were devoted members of Saint Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church. Mrs. Lopez's siblings, including her husband and she, and her parents were married at Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Church.

Keenly attentive since his kindergarten years, Carlos Lopez, Jr. is notably gifted and talented. As 2017's Eighth Grade Class Salutatorian, at Brooklyn's Stephen D. Catur's School, his scholarly awards include science, algebra, sports, hygiene, etc.

Carlos Lopez, Jr. is also a rare student recipient of 2017's United Federation of Teachers' (UFT) Awards. Already envisioning himself as a lawyer, his creativity peaks, shown with his initiative that created his photos featuring his father's legal case. Though Carlos Lopez, Jr.'s popularity is remarkable, noted with his social skills and wittiness, his close friends refuse to ignore him when detecting Carlos Lopez, Jr.'s lengthy solemn moments.

In 2004, a famous Black criminal attorney's endearing compassion entailed retaining Carlos Lopez, Sr.'s case, Pro-Bono. Unfortunately, the following year that attorney passed. By 2014, they depleted the Lopez's legal research expenses.

By late 2014, National Allotment Insurance and The Number One Star Corporation helped Mrs. Lopez raised \$10,000 for the release of Carlos Lopez, Sr.'s legal transcript from the respected law firm, presented the matter to Brooklyn's Federal Court, concluding Carlos Lopez, Sr.'s innocence. This 14-1/2 years frustrating intriguing case lingers.

Durling and since those 10 years that elapsed before and after Carlos Lopez, Sr.'s case was heard in 2014, too few NYC lawyers nor civic leaders expressed interest in trying a case previously handled by that famous attorney, without reviewing Carlos Lopez, Sr.'s case transcript.

To date, Mrs. Lopez still seeks means to legally accept NYC'S compensation award for her grandson, resulting from Carlos Lopez, Sr.'s tragedy. A few years ago, Mrs. Lopez strongly resisted a City Agency's temporary removal of Carlos Lopez, Jr., from her household, following her health and domestic crisis. Instead she should be a recipient of mothers destined for Mother of the Year Awards, as an exemplary mother, and grandmother, resiliently healthier than her asthmatic and occasional blood pressure issues. Her soft spoken courageous wisdom and charm is respectfully that of a mother of five, whose husband passed a few years ago.



Quite likely, Mrs. Lopez and her husband, genetically empowers her children, reflecting Carlos Lopez, Jr.'s child prodigy wherewithal. He's something to talk about, including our appreciation for NYC'S teachers, staff, classmates, friends, neighbors and other sources who have been supportive. See Carlos Lopez's Education and Legal Fund, email carolinelopez1983@yahoo.com



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Dr. Claud Anderson Answers 101 Black History Questions you Never Thought to Ask

A Black History Reader: 101 Questions You Never Thought to Ask. This brilliant book, by Dr. Claud Anderson, published by PowerNomics Corporation of America, Inc, clarify the issue of race,



guides and motivate readers to take action to solve a problem that has damaged America for centuries. Dr. Anderson, best-selling author of PowerNomics: The National Plan Black Labor, White Wealth and noted political strategist and entrepreneur, explains why race is an enduring problem in America.

He further reveals why the country is embroiled In Confederacy, slavery, immigration and athletes taking-a-knee among racial issues. A Black History Reader's Q & A format, easy read book, with 101 answers, reflect its unique background and perspective to be added to Dr. Anderson's national best-sellers and text books spanning over 20 years.

The author's words jump off the page from the start, as he explains a key purpose of the book "is to guide readers through the nation's Constitution-based social construct that established and fixed the racial relationship between Blacks and Whites from the foundation of the country. In A Black History Reader, answers not based on traditional thinking, are often startling, intellectually stimulating and engage readers page after page.

Dr. Anderson, a bold thinker, who analyzes historical patterns, explains the increase in anti-Black expressions since the historic 2016 election. He excites a younger generation of Blacks with PowerNomics® concepts he developed as racial issues' solutions. In her PowerNomics Concert Tour, Hip Hop artist Lauryn Hill promoted Dr. Anderson's work nationally and internationally. Her special concert guests included Nas, Dave Chapelle, Nick Grant and Chronixx and others. **Visit: powernomics.com.**

Recruiting Black Engineers For NextEra Energy

Connect.com today announced a new partnership with NextEra Energy, Inc. (NYSE:NEE) to leverage HBCUConnect's reach and penetration in Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the African-American professional community. This program helps NextEra Energy recruit the best talent for its current and future nuclear engineering and operations career opportunities.

"This is a very unique opportunity for African-American engineers, especially those with an educational or professional background related to nuclear energy," said Will Moss, founder of HBCUConnect.com. "We plan to build a talent pool of nuclear engineers with varying experience levels and connect them with hiring managers at NextEra Energy." The relationships that are formed in rewarding careers for more African-Americans. Partnership with NextEra Energy offers hundreds of opportunities that candidates can apply for on HBCUConnect.com

Founded in 1999, HBCUConnect.com is the first and largest media outlet targeted toward the HBCU community, boasting over 1.5 million registered members Visit: hbcuconnect.com/nextera

Dee C. Marshall's Win Rock & Rule Power Fundraiser to Teach Girls' Financial Literacy in Newark

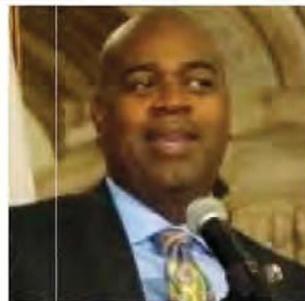
Last March, Newark, NJ's Mayor Ras Baraka, welcomed Dee C. Marshall, CEO of Diverse and Engaged LLC, together with Prudential, RWJ Barnabas, LE Technologies, Dree Launch Pad and



Dee C Marshall, Right: Chloe McKenzie

Whole Foods' Professional Development's Networking and Empowerment's Eighth Annual *Win Rock and Rule Power* Fundraiser. More than 450 guests attended.

"So far, we have raised more than \$7,300 to adopt ten schools in Newark; as our way to empower generations behind us," said Marshall. "BlackFem, Inc., is a 501 (C)(3) non-profit, wealth and financial literacy organization for girls, from age three, to adult females, becoming empowered to create and sustain wealth for financial stability. "One by one, we are correcting the extreme resource deficiency that characterizes this demographic", announced Chloe McKenzie, Black Fem, Inc.'s Founder and Director.



Mayor Ras Baraka

Allstate to Donate \$100K to Tom Joyner Foundation to assist HBCU Students



Tom Joyner

Allstate Insurance Company and the Tom Joyner Foundation are kicking off another year of supporting Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and their students through the annual *Quotes for Education* (QFE) program. "Allstate and the Tom Joyner Foundation are dedicated to investing in the journeys of students attending HBCUs, as we know that upon graduation they are well positioned to change lives and change the world," said Cheryl Harris, senior vice president at Allstate and an alumna of Florida A&M University.

Tom Joyner, Tuskegee University alumnus, host the nationally syndicated *Tom Joyner Morning Show*, a , and he's chairman/founder of his Tom Joyner Foundation, established in 1998. The mission of the Foundation is to support HBCUs with scholarships, endowments and capacity-building enhancements. For 19 years, Tom Joyner Foundation's has provided necessary support to every HBCU, to help sustain and preserve the legacies of these valuable institutions. \$65 million has been raised to support more than 29,000 students attending HBCUs. During the past 13 years, Allstate, whose agencies are in most U.S. communities, has empowered African American communities, as title sponsor, of the Allstate Tom Joyner Family Reunion, and its QFE partnership Foundation. Visit: www.AllstateQuotesForEducation.com or www.TomJoynerFoundation.com or www.AllstateQuotesForEducation.com

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Model wearing a dress from the I Am Kreyol clothing line

High fashion Women's Wear label, **I Am Kreyol** (Kreyol), recently launched a crowdfunding campaign that embodies its core purpose -- creating a movement and giving back. Utilizing Indiegogo, the brand intends to raise \$30,000 to not only produce the collection it recently showcased in London, but also start creating economic stability and sustainability in Haiti. Kreyol looks to begin production in April.

Founded by Joelle Fontaine, *I Am Kreyol*, is a fashion brand dedicated to all women that was inspired by the Haitian cultural ideals of freedom, resilience and strength. *I Am Kreyol* is a woman's high fashion brand representing ALL WOMEN: their Freedom, Resilience & Strength. The brand seeks to empower women who wear the beautiful designs, but also the women who help produce it. They empower through beautiful designs that makes one feel unique, like an art piece and through economic stability & sustainability for artisans in Haiti. They believe they are their sister's keeper and that through garment production, they can provide opportunity & exposure for skilled women workers to be able to live the life they desire.

Kreyol has been featured in Teen Vogue, and Conde Nast Traveller as well as on the 2017 Best of Boston clothing designer 2016 Improper Bostonian Best of Boston lists.

"My mother, Yolette, and I left a beautiful life in Haiti in the midst of political unrest in the late 80s when her fashion boutique was burned down. She lost everything and had to begin again," said Fontaine. "Over these past few years, we have been creating, with a goal to maximize and grow the *I Am Kreyol* fashion brand. Our mission is simple.

Kreyol endeavors to produce Lotus, the capsule collection it showcased during London Fashion Week. On April 7, 2019 Kreyol will host a collection preview at style-centric fashion boutique, Wolf & Badger, in SoHo, NY. visit iamkreyol.com.

**10-YEAR OLD ENTREPRENEUR
"BOSSES ON EM" FOOTWEAR CO.**



New Jersey's Tween scholar, singer, actress and CEO and entertainer Amiya Steed founded her business, *AMAK by Amiya* Footwear, in 2016 as a way of self-expression, and to help combat bullying. She quickly realized that in a world filled with such negativity, that daily positive affirmations and reminders were needed. *AMAK by Amiya* fulfills that need. Her Manifesto

Collection footwear available in various youth and adult sizes. *AMAK by Amiya* Footwear enhance customers livelihood with positive affirmations when read aloud encouraging, promoting and supporting Amiya's customers containing "I Can," "I Will," and "I Am" wonderful messages on various *AMAK by Amiya* Footwear. She also enjoys watching Shark Tank and inspires girls to "Boss On Em".



**FIRST BLACK TEEN AUTHOR EVER
TO WRITE 3 BOOKS BEING USED
BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS
NATIONWIDE**



Essynce Moore's first book: *6th Grade Middle School Chronicles*, released in 2015, became an Amazon Top International seller. Her second book in 2016, and her third, *8th Grade Middle School Chronicles*, released in April 2017 completes the series, available for purchase on Amazon.com.

Although they are currently used by several school districts, Essynce wants her Middle School Chronicles book series in schools, worldwide, as mandatory reading and a part of their curriculum.

The book used to prepare students for middle school, assist with self-esteem, bullying, handling certain situations with teachers and friends also encourage youth to live their dreams now. Parents learn a lot from Essynce's book. "They think they know the truth about what happens in middle school, but they have no idea!" says gifted and talented Essynce. Visit: starrbarrett@gmail.com

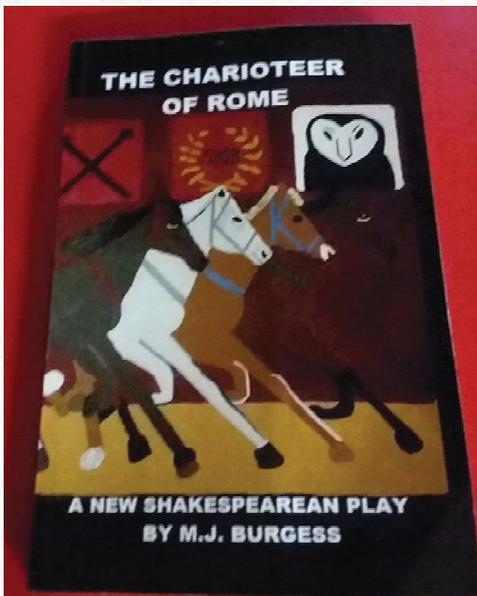
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Shaquoya Jackson, Designer/Founder of Shalaja Swimwear



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By Angelika Selle and Juanita Pierre-Louis

Senegal Diplomat, Mother Moon, H.E. Macky Sall, Senegal President

On January 18-19, 2018, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon—lovingly called Mother Moon by many—was the keynote speaker at the phenomenal Africa Summit in Dakar, Senegal. The two-day conference organized and sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and the International Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP), was attended by over 1,200 participants, including President of Senegal H.E. Macky Sall, 15 former and current heads of state, 12 vice-presidents, 6 presidents of National Assembly, 35 ministers and heads of government, and 150 religious leaders from more than 60 countries.



Senegal Diplomat, Mother Moon, H.E. Macky Sall, Senegal President

After concluding the Africa Summit, Mother Moon also wanted to address the pain of Africa and decided visited the House of Slaves on Gorée Island in Senegal on January 20, 2018. It is where Mother Moon solemnly stood and wept at

the Door of No Return. The Door of No Return is located at the House of Slaves on Gorée Island. It is believed that this location was the largest slaving post in Africa between the 15th and 19th centuries. The mothers of the Americas—South America, The Caribbean, and the United States of America—wept on March 25, 2015, at the Ark of Return as Ban Ki Moon, Former UN Secretary General honored the memory of the victims of the transatlantic slave trade. The Ark of Return, a sculpture that represents the spirit of the men, women, and children who lost their lives in the transatlantic slave trade, located at the UN Headquarters in New York City, is a deliberate contrast to the Door of No Return through which enslaved Africans were brought to the Americas against their will.

As she received a tour of the House of Slaves, perhaps Mother Moon thought about the painful history of slavery. She could imagine and feel the hearts of the mothers of Africa whose children were ripped from their arms and their homes. Perhaps she could also imagine the pain of the mothers of the Americas whose children were sold and beaten as they watched. When visiting the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History in Washington D.C. back in 2017, she saw illustrations and read documents on the extreme conditions under which millions of African people were transported through the middle passage and into slavery. Perhaps she thought back to that visit as she saw the rooms in the House of Slaves where those families were separated.



New Hope Technical Institute

On Gorée Island, she prayed, "Christianity did not know your deep will or Jesus' essence and they left a sorrowful history here in Africa and on Gorée Island. Where did Jesus' words of 'Love your neighbor as yourself' go? How could they treat people in this way because of differences in skin color? Please remember the people of Africa who have endured and waited for more than five hundred sorrowful years."

Just one pivotal moment of that history includes the night of the 23rd of August 1791, when men and women torn from Africa and sold into slavery, revolted against the slave system in Saint-Domingue (now Haiti) to obtain freedom and independence. This uprising set in motion the abolition of the Slave Trade.

On December 18, 2007, the UN General Assembly agreed to establish a permanent memorial to the memory of the victims of the transatlantic slave trade on the grounds of the UN Headquarters in New York City. Paulette Bethel, the then UN Ambassador of the Bahamas addressing the assembly on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), introduced the draft resolution that launched the process. The resolution 62/122 of December 18th, 2007 was adopted without a vote, declared the 25th of March the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, to be observed annually. The UN General Assembly, also, agreed to establish a Decade for People of African Descent beginning in 2015 until 2024.

Mother Moon, understanding the painful history of Africa but focusing on the magnificence of the African continent, said in Senegal, "Today, with the heart of a True Mother, and a True Parent, I have come here to pray and eradicate the historical pain that this continent has endured, so that this continent can stand once again in the providence of God and begin a new history", a history of peace, equality and true love.



African American and Asian Teachers at WFP'S Schools of Africa

Women's Federation for World Peace, WFP, Supports Children and Families in Africa

Mother Moon's recent visit to Gorée Island is part of a lifelong legacy of love and service practiced by her and her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. They have expressed their deep love for those in need through the many organizations they founded, including Women's Federation for World Peace, WFP, In the early 90s, they

commissioned 1600 volunteers from WFPW Japan to serve in underdeveloped nations. With willing hearts, these women went to the poorest nations, to neighborhoods in every corner of the world. They started schools, fed the undernourished, and worked to empower women.

Inspired by their dedication and the legacy of our founders, WFPW USA initiated the "Schools of Africa" project to financially support nine schools founded by those faithful volunteers in eight countries in Africa. Each year, WFPW chapters across the country hold dynamic and creative fundraisers for the Schools of Africa. Fundraising events may take the form of tag sales, silent auction galas, or luncheons that celebrate African food and culture.



One Hope Garden Ethiopia

Since 2002, thanks to many generous donors, WFP USA has sent over \$410,000 to the schools. This invaluable support has helped the schools purchase critical materials for lessons and provide scholarships to impoverished students. Contributions from WFP USA has also supported school feeding programs, expanded and improved facilities, and paid for skilled staff. Many of the schools operate in the poorest neighborhoods, and have come to serve as a source of stability to their communities.

One mother of nine daughters in Ethiopia shared how the WFP school, One Hope Garden, helped her family through difficult times. Senegalese could hear in it Baba Maal's voice, one of their famous national musician and also sounds of "Tama", a Senegalese traditional music Instrument in the Fulani tribe. Ivorian were charmed to admire their brothers, Bamba-djan Bamba and the very respected Isaach de Bankole carrying on his lips a strange wide wood jewel, existing in Ethiopia, and Mursi & Surma people living in the south in the Omo valley. In Kenya, her native country, when three of her daughters were in school at One Hope Garden, Mrs. Thesheyi became ill, leaving their family in financial difficulty. Her eldest daughter offered to leave school and work as a housemaid in the Middle East to support the family. After agonizing over the decision, Mrs. Thesheyi consulted with the school principal Mrs. Bisrat. Mrs. Bisrat offered to personally support and take care of them, and advised that her daughter continue her studies. Now, many years later, the eldest daughter studies construction engineering at a national college. Her second eldest daughter completed 12 years of schooling and works in the Korean Embassy in Ethiopia, and the third daughter is in 9th grade. Mrs. Thesheyi is recovered from her illness, and is currently attending the One Hope School Literacy Class for mothers. She is incredibly grateful for One Hope Garden, which has personally cared for and transformed her family's situation over many years.

To learn more and support the WFP Schools of Africa Project, visit www.wfp.us/donate today.

PROGRESSIVE AFRICA

by Abu-Jahlil Astrid Chacha

BLACK PANTHER" MOVIE PHENOMENON SEEN BY AFRICANS AT HOME.



From Nigeria to South Africa, via Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Benin, Gabon, people rushed to see King Tchalla, the Wakanda kingdom black super-hero. Most were eagerly proud to see their culture featured in the movie, mainly featuring Africans and African-Americans in heroic roles. Oscar's awards' Lupita Nyong'o was fascinating Black Panthers' actors' garments appealed to various African tribes' recognition of appropriate cultural styles and costumes representing the Peulhs of Western Africa, the Yorubans of Nigeria, the Maasai of Kenya, the Touareg of Niger, the Himbale of Namibie, the Dogon of Mali, and the Basotho of South African Benin.

Wakanda women such as Dora Milaje (add) and Dania Guira, were historically linked to the powerful Aman's women army from Dahomey, currently Benin and King Behanzin's army during anti-colonialist wars. Though African tribes were identified by this Marvel achievement, many Africans prefer to see a Black Panthers' film, performed in native Africa, instead of Black Panthers in a U.S' Atlanta-based, high-tech studio. For Africans, rising above critics, Black Panthers' major motion picture confirmed how much a nearly 100% Black cast, Hollywood production may become a worldwide financial success and victorious for Blacks stars in Hollywood. Many Africans consider the Black Panthers' film, a symbolic call, to save Africa.

BAKAMBU THE MOST EXPENSIVE AFRICAN FOOTBALL PLAYER.



Cedric Bakambu the ancient striker of Villarreal in Spain, is now playing with the Beijing Guon team. French newspaper L'Equipe reported that Bakambu received a \$87,631,000 transfer. The 26 year old international Congolese football player became the most expensive wealthiest African football player earning \$21,000,000 annually. Recently, Sofoot.com, an on line magazine renounced, "We've come down in foolishness!"

ART PAINTING "BLACK MONA LISA" SOLD FOR \$1,649,400 IN LONDON.



February 28, 2018, entailed new recognition for Nigerian Ben Enwonwu, he deceased artist, who in 1974 painted Black Mona Lisa, in three versions, all which were stolen. In 2017 one of his paintings was recovered in London. by the Director of African Modern Art at Bonhams' Auction House. Giles Pieppiat was contacted by a family member. Enwonwu also nicknamed a painting Tutu, the African Joconda, representing Yoruba Princess Ife Adetutu, a peace back symbol for Nigeria's post 1960s Civil War.

BOMANI TYEHIMBA VALORIZING AFRICA.

Since 2006, this entrepreneur based in Jonesboro Georgie, organizes annual successful long trips to Africa, for persons traveling to Ghana, Togo, Ethiopia, South Africa and Zambia seeking repatriation, investments opportunities, roots culture, etc. Bomani's 2018 and 2019 schedules include annual tours in May and November.

Abu-Jahlil Astrid Chacha: What was the reason for your decision to get involved in this project:

Bomani Tyehimba: I felt a spiritual and cultural connection to the African continent after traveling my first time in March 2004 to Senegal and to Egypt in April 2014. In Jamaica I understood our African ancestors struggles. Going to the African Holocaust site Goree Island put things in perspective for me and the necessity to learn the truth about how much our enslaved African ancestors suffered and endured. I was able to build an energy to start getting our people interested in traveling to West Africa to learn and connect.

Abu-Jahlil Astrid Chacha: Which change could you notice in your traveler's behavior when they get back to USA in their current life?

Bomani Tyehimba: Americans return to the U.S. transformed by an incredible energy regarding African pride. Things are made clear and lots of thoughts occur in their minds, such as living or conducting business in Africa. Their minds open because they see Africa's beauty and great potential. They share their excitement and experience to encourage others to visit Africa. Some have moved there. Others plan for the future. The full program connects them to the journey of a lifetime.

Abu-Jahlil Astrid Chacha: Reveal a few strong examples of those who successfully invested.

Bomani Tyehimba: Some have acquired land to build their homes, business enterprise and communities. Others have invested in resorts, hospitals, water bottling company, medical support and so much more.



Bomani Tyehimba, Ghana



Harlem's Bishop Edner Louis, District Leader of WDWP, and wife Rev. Juanita Pierre Louis, of Manhattan Family Church on West 121st Street is also Senior National VP of WFWP.



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Dr. Garrett Davis' mission is to educate and advocate with laughter

As U.S. Ambassador to the National Alzheimer's Association, Dr. Garrett Davis, of Garrett Davis Productions in New Orleans, has more than theoretically validated that teaching the mind, body and touching the body reaching souls of adults and children, with reflections of themselves on stage, sometimes works better than their mirror reflections. His theater productions educate and advocate with laughter to such an extent that he proves how well his Performing Arts' *Illness Does Not Discriminate*, tour series, attracts audiences.

His compelling productions' touring urban theater stage plays, are among those seen by a minimum of four million theater-goers during the past three decades. Dysfunctional yet humorous relationship-themed productions, by Shelley Garrett, Tyler Perry, etc. attract audiences in droves.

Over 20 years ago, Davis' critical diabetes awareness program embraced his *taking care of the caregiver*, desire that embodies his *Mama's Girls* play, now celebrating six years of tour productions. Davis Productions, partnered with AARP to launch *Prepare to Care*, a national

outreach effort raising awareness about care giving and the American Diabetes Association. Garrett's *Forget Me Not* production, reflect his inability to cope with and care for his Grandma Goodness, stricken with Alzheimer's. His successful advocacy and awareness for Alzheimer's landed partnerships with President Obama's Administration, U.S Against Alzheimer's Network, Emory Hospital's Brain Center and Astra Zeneca, to reach more people, and make a difference in more lives. His Emory Hospital Brain Center partnership attracted 100 participants who registered for clinical trials.

"I would hate for there to be a cure, but it didn't apply to us for lack of knowledge." states Davis, as U.S. Ambassador for the National Alzheimer's Association. Davis also founded The African American Network Against Alzheimer's with Honorary Co-Chairs former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher, Rev. Al Sharpton. The Honorable Kay Coles Jame, and Melody Barnes, formerly of the Obama Administration.

DR. HADIYAH-GREEN CANCER CURE FUND



In 2017, 35 year-old Dr. Nicole Hadiyah-Green, who pursued her Masters and PhD. in Physics at Alabama-Birmingham University, became the world's first doctor rendered a patent pending for curing pain-inflammatory cancer, with nanoparticles laser treatments, minimizing painful cancer treatments by mainly destroying cancer cells.

MIDWIFE'S NATIONAL DOULA TRAINING



Student doulas learn comfort measures for labor support.

Shafia Monroe, is a veteran midwife and a health activist-founder of the International Center for Traditional Childbearing, ICTC, a non-profit organization. Shafia Monroe's Consulting/Birthing Change, is the only woman and minority-owned, emerging small business owner in Portland, OR. providing doula training. She will conduct training with her two iCTC trainers nationwide.

Doulas are rapidly growing professionals, helping women during labor, birth, postpartum care and Cesarean birth recovery. Research confirms that doulas minimize medical intervention, reduce Caesarean sections, reduce premature births, increase breastfeeding rates and enhance the parents birth experiences "I want to train women of color to enter this field. My hope is that graduates will imitate the work of the 20th Century African American midwife and be a pillar in their community." says Shafia. Visit : www.shafiamonroe.com



Jan. 23, 2018 Rev. Dr. Wyatt T. Walker's 88 years' legacy: Chief Strategist for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s first Board Chairman of Rev. Sharpton's NAN 40 years' Pastor of Canann Baptist Church in Harlem, teacher, etc.



Aug 2018. U.S. Sen. John McCain also garnered my respect for his 2017 divine intervention that retained Obama Care. Despite being critically ill McCain arrived during Congressional debates, voting "No". In 2008, while campaigning against Obama, he corrected a Caucasian women, who wrongfully labeled his rival. Instead the Senator described then Senator Obama as a decent, honorable man.



Aug. 2018 - Aretha Franklin's voice left us no choice but to realize she was the world's only six decades' iconic, renowned classical, gospel, jazz and soul singer-songwriter and pianist music diva whose music will forever astound us.



June 2018. An out pour of worldwide condolences received for Parts Unknown CNN-TV Host, Celebrity Chef, author, and documentary producer icon for Anthony Bourdain regarding his startling tragedy.



April 2018 at 103 Gertrude Hadley, whose iconic years as actress, director and producer of her Award Winning Haldley Players' plays is a record holder, also for directing at 98, and NY'S first female taxi driver.



April 2018 Anointed Mother of Africa Winnie Madikiela Mandela, former wife of South Africa's Nelson Mandela, who's courageous leadership helped end her husband's 27 years of incarceration and South Africa's Apartheid, before Nelson Mandela became President of South Africa.



Feb. 23, 2018, age 99, Rev. Billy Graham, most famous American Evangelical Crusader; the first preacher at the White House, ministered millions worldwide with his *Gospel of Christ and World Peace*. Amid some differences Rev. Graham and Dr. King were known for sharing reverential bonds, etc.



March 2018 At 47 Craig Mack, the New York native is remembered for his Grammy Awards nominated *Flava* hit, as Bad Boy's Record's first major hit record.



Dec. 2018 Carole Marshall was Laverne, on Laverne & Shirley's TV show, and first female director/producer of a \$100 MM film --Jumping Jack.



Nov. 2018 Dazzling Kim, affectionately, the glamour industry's natural beauty model, actress and amazing mother of her 24 year old son, Quincy Brown, son of her divorced husband, Al B. Sure, (Albert Brown) famous recording artist, producer and actor, and her 13 year of twins by music and business titan P. Diddy Combs (Sean Combs).



Dec. 2018 Nancy Wilson, sophisticated, stunning and perfect pitched iconic singer and actress since the 1950s. Three times Grammy Winner, Wilson's *How Glad I Am* and other hits included 70 albums recorded, five produced by Columbia from 1960-62. She hosted her hit 1960's CBS TV show.



Jan. 23, 2018 the acclaimed *Father of South African Jazz*, former husband of famous Miriam Makeba, Johannesburg, South Africa's famous singer and activist. As a musician and singer, among his pop-tunes, *Grazing in the Grass*, was a 1968 number one hit.



August 2018. Grace D. Jones, at 90, still presided over the Audelco Theater in Harlem, since 2005. In 1973, Ms. Vivian Robinson, founded the Audelco Development Committee's Recognition Awards for Black theatrical productions, playwrights, directors and actresses. Ms. Jones often volunteered administrative, event planning and public relations services, during Ms. Robinson's tenure. In 1964, the sophisticated Mrs. Jones, a Fordam Univ. graduate, co-founded John Jay College's Double Image Theater's training school and company.

She's National Black Theater's 2015 Living Legend Awardee, added to her countless awards, citations and letters from the theatrical, stage and screen legendary thespians and organizations, Mrs. Jones and her husband enjoyed 61 years of marriage before he passed.



Dec. 2017 - Age 27, Erica Garner, also reported in Britain's U.K. "Evening Herald" (daughter of the late Eric Garner, mother of her infant child, determined Black Lives Matter activist and Bernie Sanders, for President Supporter, who's goals for justice, will be instilled, memories of that which she stood for.



Sept. 16 2017 in Landover, Mi. Family and NNPA's "Dick Gregory Tribute" eulogizing Society's H.S. track star, Army Veteran, anti-racism comedian, Bahamian Diet multi-millionaire health guru; first Black author of a seven million copies bestseller; 1968 Presidential *Write-In* Peace Candidate; civil and human rights activist leader.

12 Days of Foster Care

Written by Chauncey Strong, MSW

Sung to the tune of 12 Days of Christmas)

On the 1st day of foster care a worker gave to me
A Child who reached permanency.

On the 2nd day of foster care, a worker gave to me Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 3rd day of foster care, a worker gave to me Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 4th day of foster care, a worker gave to me Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 5th day of foster care, a worker gave to me Five Birth Families
Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 6th day of foster care, a worker gave to me Six Finalized Adoptions
Five Birth Families
Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 7th day of foster care, a worker gave to me Seven Committed Workers
Six Finalized Adoptions
Five Birth Families
Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 8th day of foster care, a worker gave to me Eight Supportive Supervisors
Seven Committed Workers
Six Finalized Adoptions
Five Birth Families

Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 9th day of foster care, a worker gave to me Nine Compassionate Judges

Eight Supportive Supervisors
Seven Committed Workers
Six Finalized Adoptions
Five Birth Families
Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 10th day of foster care, a worker gave to me Ten Dedicated Foster Parents
Nine Compassionate Judges
Eight Supportive Supervisors
Seven Committed Workers
Six Finalized Adoptions
Five Birth Families
Four Engaged Fathers

Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 11th day of foster care, a worker gave to me Eleven Youth/Alumni Voices
Ten Dedicated Foster Parents
Nine Compassionate Judges
Eight Supportive Supervisors
Seven Committed Workers
Six Finalized Adoptions
Five Birth Families
Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 12th day of foster care, a worker gave to me Twelve Permanent Connections
Eleven Youth/Alumni Voices

Ten Dedicated Foster Parents
Nine Compassionate Judges
Eight Supportive Supervisors
Seven Committed Workers
Six Finalized Adoptions
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12 Days of Foster Care

Written by Chauncey

Strong, MSW Short Version

(Sung to the tune of 12 Days of Christmas)

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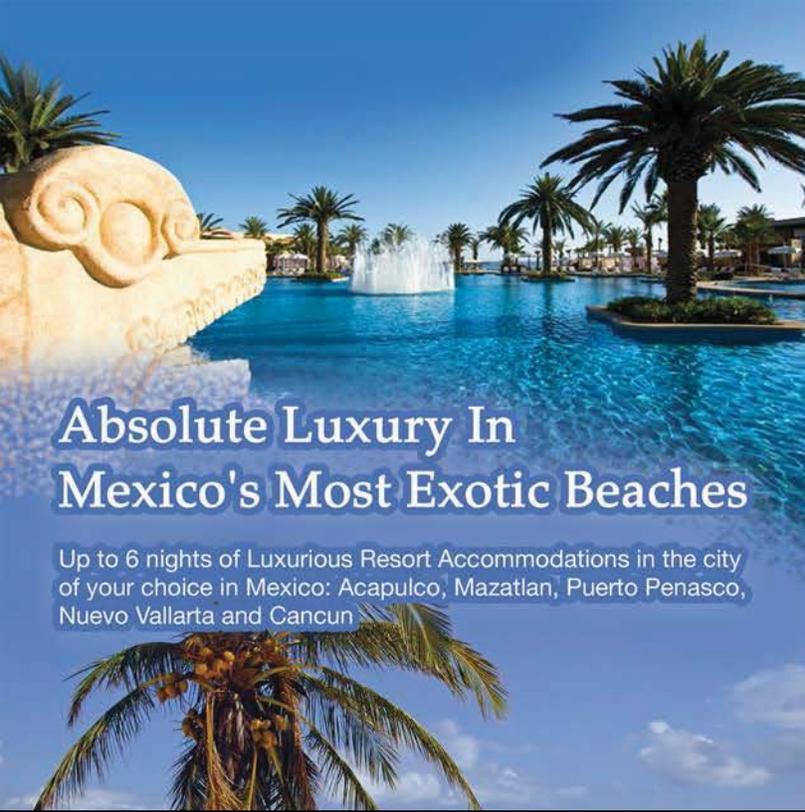
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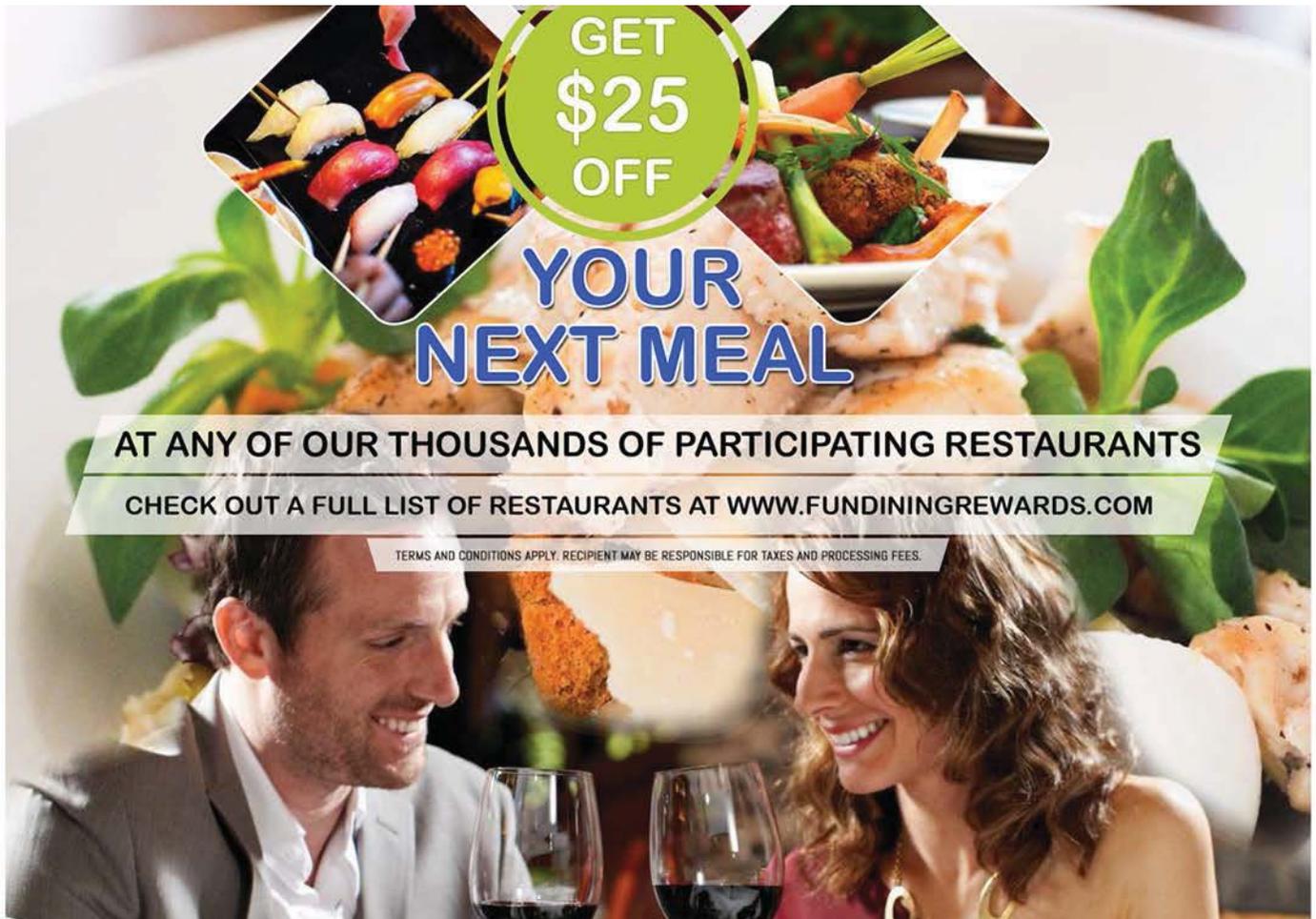


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