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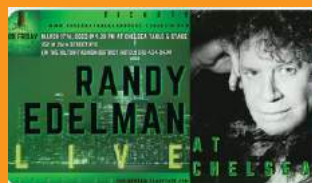
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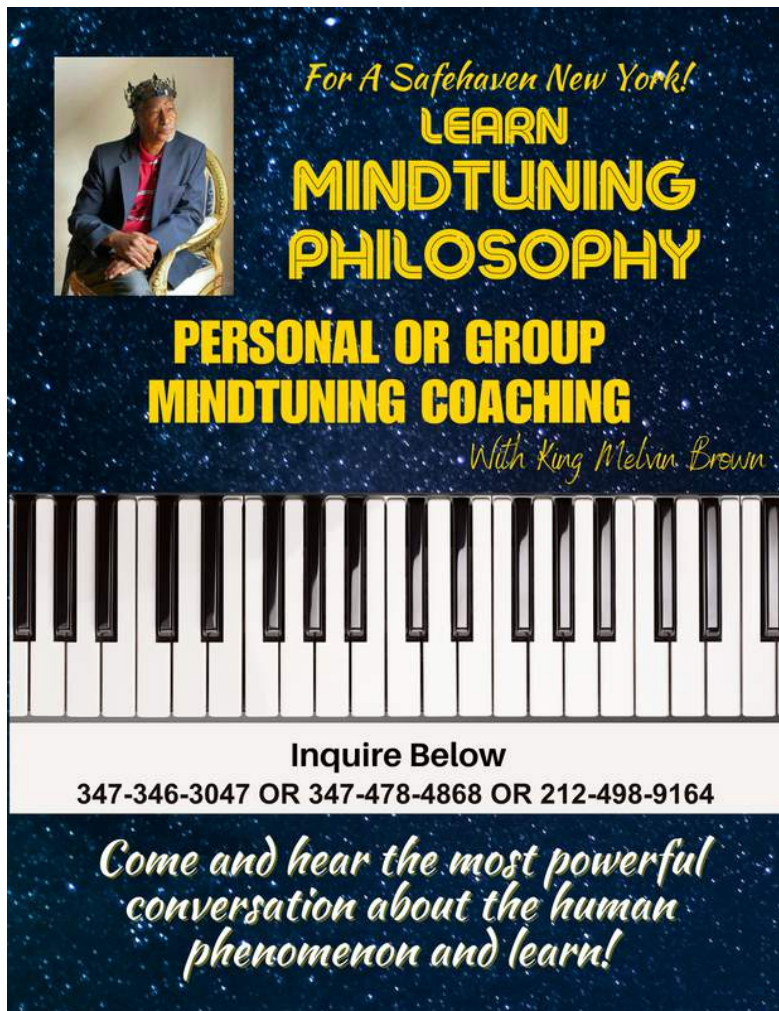


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## Publisher's Statement

In our 12th year, NYGB must thank our sponsors, readers, colleagues, staff and others featured in New York Global.Biz (NYGB) Black and Women's History Month 2023 and other issues. Miraculously, this issue was designed in less than four weeks, after the return of our wizardly art director. She reconstructed our temporary graphic designer's 10 pages, who submitted his full-page entertainment article, four months ago.

The merger of our Vice President King Melvin Brown's Mind-Tuning Multimedia, Inc., with Quami Bey's B Major Enterprise, is photo illustrated. Eileen Shapiro, NYGB's Entertainment Editor, presents an introspective King Melvin Brown. His Mind Tuning Multimedia's Online TV Productions features The Praying Poet's Roundtable by Host/Producer Stephanie Jefferson, with Co-Hosts: Vanessa Guyce, Angelina Boston, Nola Pendergrass and Jamie Sanders. Producers include: Tara Nova and Minister Renee Lyons. We're delighted with I Hate School but Does School Hate Me, one of two children's books by Nafesah Rahman. Also read Runaway Watermelon by a 10 year old author; the Praying Poet's recently published My Heart Went Out for a Walk book, model and champion winning ice-skater Anita Jones' How to Become a Champion Freestyle Ice Skater in your Spare Time, Year Round, selling since 2011, for which Yours Truly, served as its editor/literary agent; Sherry Lewis courageously filmed her first spectacular humanitarian People's music video production by Markos Vedeveveto's was initially curated by Mind Tuning Multimedia's Radio Talk Show host/producer King Melvin Brown, on Zina Palin's Brooklyn Station's King and Queen Radio's 65th Puerto Rican Day Parade Float. Kathryn Fazio, considers Sheila Highsmith, a Wonder Woman. NYS and first female Governor Kathy Hochul's Women's History Month Proclamation is earnestly inspirational.

Paying tribute to Pastor Gilford Monroe, NYC's first Faith Based Executive Director, entails our appreciation for his NYC's Faith Based Church Community Housing for Immigrants and Homeless New York. His Anti-Guns Violence youth outreach is that which we anticipate will help further expand Rashid "Varsity Precise" Littlejohn's public demands for his dynamic Guns for Grants non-profit. It was deemed necessary to share the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus' data regarding our first Black U.S. HR Minority Speaker Hakeem Jeffries' bill for legalizing marijuana. Loudmouth amplifies since 1991 how grass roots, and charismatic master communicator Rev. Alfred B. Sharpton and NAN proliferated Blacks and others Civil Rights and Social Justice's entitlements.

The late, ingenious Black Puerto Rican Arturo Schomburg Library's voluminous literature, artifacts and memoirs, includes historical Blacks comic books referencing Blacks' resilience and powerful manifest destiny, as does HBCU TV and film student producers currently airing numerous untold Black history films; similar to my late Uncle Marzell Dixon's mystique, as Rutgers University's 1952 first Black Cum laude BA graduate, before 1954's Supreme Court's Brown vs. the Board of Education's U.S. public schools' desegregation. NYGB is also proud to introduce two successful adopted males: multi-talented Jeff Brown's The Adopted One's riveting play, and Chauncy, my nephew's Strong Training and Consulting business.

Agreeing with Psalm 118:24 - "This is the day that the Lord has made, and let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Yours Truly,

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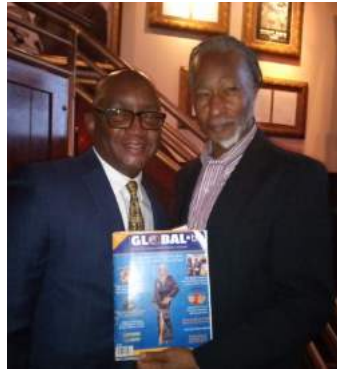


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## GNYCC



Women History Honorees Breakfast 2023



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As members of the GNYCC, NYGB (in association with its CEO/Founder Mark Jaffey) covered several events in recent years, some of which included businesses that the non-profit GNYCC serves as an advocacy and a leading networking source enabling members to improve their business climate and quality of living in Metro New York for businesses, employees, residents, and tourists. This Chamber is known for hosting hundreds of annual events including Zoom webinars on-location events, also as an affiliate of the Greater NY Uptown Chamber of Commerce and the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce.



Dominican Republican, Corey Ortega, US political lobbyist raised over 11,000 in three days during the 2023 fundraiser at Barista Restaurant for Puerto Rico hurricane victims.





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## THE GREATER NEW YORK CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANGLADASH'S IMMIGRANTS DAY EVENT

**Women's History Awards Cocktail Reception**  
Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
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## FIRST BLACK OWNERS OF A BUSINESS PARK IN PG COUNTY, MD



By Wyevetra and Jarriel Jordan, Sr

In August 2022 the young Jordans became the first Black entrepreneurial company to purchase their new Fort Washington Business Complex previously known as Fort Washington Professional Park in PG County. The complex currently houses various successful businesses including the Jordans'; Home Team Realty Group LLC, Title House Settlement & Escrow, and Jacob's Ladder Youth Foundation Inc. The park is also home to Adventist HealthCare, GPS Solutions Inc., By Design Interior Styling LLC, and Kristopher's Village Home Team Realty Group LLC, which prides itself on being a community-first brokerage, specializing in luxury real estate services, which is owned by Wyevetra Jordan.

Title House Settlement & Escrow, a full-service settlement agency, is owned by Jordan's daughter, Domanique Bradleyo.

Jacob's Ladder Youth Foundation Inc, which faithfully serves the community through educational programming and training, was founded by Jarriel Jordan, Sr. with the mission to educate and reduce the number of juveniles entering and returning to the juvenile justice system.

The Fort Washington Business Complex is located at 11414-11424 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744. Its mission is to provide professional services, increase economic development, and improve the overall economy in their community as a one-stop shop for various real estate and community a new two-level 3,560 square foot unit that is available for lease. Businesses operating in the complex continue to welcome visits from the public, also by emailing. [info@thtrealtygroup.com](mailto:info@thtrealtygroup.com)

## AMOUR, THE NEWEST BLACK-OWNED DATING APP FOR SINGLES



By Jonathan Joseph, Jr.

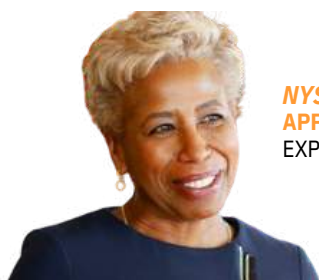
Jonathan Joseph, Jr, the founder and CEO of Amour, a Black-owned innovative relationship-building app highlights new matching and messaging features that increase your chances of finding a mature love. Users can find genuine connections for the monthly cost of one cup of their favorite coffee or tea. No more high costs and low results!

"The app was developed to create a unique and inclusive love experience centered around personal preferences, including love languages, and not just physical attributes," says Jonathan.

Their distinctive compatibility questionnaire gives singles the freedom to leverage their personal interests: Among the top questions: "What's your gender-specific preference? Do you enjoy public displays of affection? How far are you willing to travel to meet that special someone?"

Users may update their questionnaire and will not be restricted to being locked into outdated selections without the pressure of meeting in person.

The Amour team developed this feature to help singles connect not only physically but also intellectually. Premium users can discover someone's views on sex, marriage, religion, or children through real-time conversations in our Love Lounge. "Join the Amour community. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain," Jonathan says. Visit [info@dumas83.com](mailto:info@dumas83.com)



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## HBCU GRAD CREATES FIRST DIGITAL FINANCIAL CARD GAME FOR BLACK YOUTH TO CLOSE RACIAL WEALTH GAP



Launching in February 2023, the Black History Month go-live Play Win Invest allows players to learn more about establishing a stable, financial future. To join the waitlist, Ruby Taylor, MSW, the creator of the Play Win Invest game, is tackling inequity by making learning about wealth creation engaging and entertaining.

Ruby's game is designed to significantly decrease the U.S.'s total racial wealth gap, currently more than \$10 trillion because millions of families of color are disproportionately disadvantaged, lacking resources, mobility, and stability.

Play Win Invest is the first web-based game created by a black woman, giving players vital knowledge that helps them increase their wealth and learn to invest and become rewarded for their efforts and receive large prizes each week. Play Win Invest is devoted to reaching new underrepresented communities 'customers and giving Black Young Professionals and Black College Students relevant advice required to invest, save and prosper, Play Win Invest builds a clear understanding of how cash grows when handled right—and how it leads directly to lasting, generational wealth.

"Black professionals and college students need to be brought to the forefront of our financial possibilities," says Taylor, who is also the Founder and CEO of Financial Joy School. "As corporate conversations around representation and diversity reach stratospheric levels, more action is needed." The solution: Enter Play Win Invest, the first web-based game created by Black women participants have the opportunity to receive investment cash to begin their investing journey.

Curated to inspire young Black professionals and Black college students to improve their financial circumstances, Halycon Fellow, Ruby "Sunshine" Taylor, MSW, is also a double HBCU graduate of Virginia Union and Howard Universities. "We are cultivating equality and generational wealth. Through our games, resources, and content, we're teaching people how to reclaim joy and build wealth," Taylor explains. Visit: [PlayWinInvest.com](https://PlayWinInvest.com)

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## Sugar Sweets Bath + Body Treats



Meet Anaya Fernando, the 18-year-old CEO and founder of Sugar Sweet Bath + Body Treats, an emerging Black-owned bath, and beauty self-care brand. Based in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Anaya's company is rising to meet increased demand by launching four of its top-selling products in Fresh Thyme Market locations. This exciting announcement follows the recently increased support of Anaya's business by local entrepreneurs, mentors, and community leaders.

"I have always dreamt of owning my own business since I was 4 years old," says Anaya. "My parents have always pushed me to work hard and dream big, regardless of how young I was or how difficult it might be. I hope others see my progress and the work I do with my business as a testament to everything that I have been taught and believe in."

Having experienced steady growth since 2022, her high-quality products are now available in bulk, wholesale, and labels. "I graduated from Portage Northern High School this year on May 27th and I am so excited about my new partnership with Fresh Thyme. This new retail partnership was made possible with the help of Teresa Baker and LLC Startup which is a company that helps other businesses that want to cross over into retail. I am Hoping that through my journey I can encourage other youth to pursue their goals and never give up," she adds.

Sugar Sweet Bath + Body Treats was founded in 2018 with a passion to make bath time fun again. Their products are made and packaged to look edible. Their unique products are fun bath bombs, body butter, whipped soap, lip gloss, scrubs, and other treats.





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## WOMAN FORMALLY ON WELFARE QUILTS 6-FIGURE CORPORATE CAREER TO HELP BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES FOR FREE



Robin Rogers, the CEO/Founder of her 4BEBO, online directory expediently helps Blacks and others find and support Black-owned businesses for free. Robin, who grew up with seven siblings and a single mom on welfare, says that she quit her six-figure job working for a Fortune 500 company for almost 20 years because she wanted to do all she could to help create and sustain more Black-owned businesses.

After quitting her job, she assembled a team of Black professionals from across the country. While rapidly building 4BEBO's platform, Robin recalls explaining, "The pandemic made me realize that my sister's business that she's been running for several years, and my best friend's business for 20 years, both who had the same obstacle. They needed to reach a broader audience." Her concern inspired Robin to use her corporate skills, training, and abilities to focus on helping her own community instead of a corporation's bottom line. She continues, "God has blessed me to understand that the best rewards come from helping others without asking for anything in return."

The 4BEBO based in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, is more than another directory of Black-owned businesses. Her brand's social media pages and YouTube channel, enable entrepreneurs to connect. 4BEBO, an abbreviation for "4 Black Entrepreneurs and Business Owners," is available to download for free from the Google Play store and Apple's iOS App Store to find and support Black-owned businesses nationwide.

**For the record:** Robin who was ridiculed in school for being poor, resulted in her frequent absenteeism. Shy of a few credits, she quit school and soon passed her GED exam for college enrollment. Despite paying for some of her college expenses, landing on the Dean's list and being blessed with four grant scholarships, her financial problems prevailed.

In retrospect, being compelled to quit college and later being employed at an entry-level Fortune 500 company, employee served her well. As a brilliant professional earning six figures through 2022, by the time she became self-employed, she was successfully employed at three Fortune 500 companies. By 2022 well aware that her peers had yet to experience their projected success, caused Robin to consider helping more Black businesses. The company also has affiliates in Tampa, Florida, and Dayton, Ohio.



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## WHO IS QUIAME BEY?



As a founding member of B Major Enterprise, LLC Quiame Bey is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the company. Bey, also, creates and produces his own original shows on the BME Network. In addition to all that he accomplishes at B Major Enterprise, LLC Bey is the founder of Bey Scholars, Inc., a nonprofit organization that creates and provides after-school and summer programs for elementary, middle and high school students.

<https://www.bey scholars.online/>

Bey is, also, the founder of Bey Publications, LLC., an online retail company that sells books, apparel and much more.

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Bey designs his own footwear, custom Italian shoes that can be viewed and purchased online at

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Just Think About It! is a podcast created by Quiame Bey that can be viewed on multiple platforms including <https://anchor.fm/quiam-bey> Just Think About It! is available in audio, video and written format.

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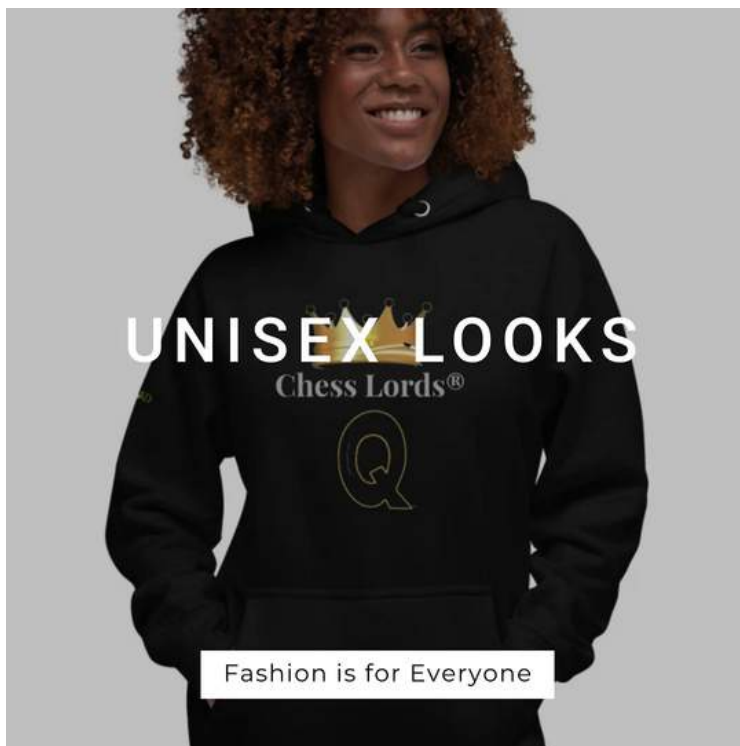
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## THE BRATTENS



Elvin F. Bratten, Jr (visionary founder & patriarch of B Major Enterprise, LLC, is the one who started it all with the Lord's help and guidance in putting together the rest of the founding members. Elvin F. Bratten, Jr. is an ordained minister and co-founder of All Bout Praise Ministries, a street ministry that provides food, clothing, and location to get help. He is, also, the creator, writer, executive producer and co-host of it's Your Season! Elvin's goal is to show that family units can work together as one, with the same mindset. He desires that B Major Enterprise be at the forefront of producing new and exciting ventures, not only in the United States, but around the world, becoming a pioneer for years to come.

Kim C. Bratten is an ordained minister and the co-host of It's Your Season, which is on the BME Network, along with her husband. She is, also, the co-founder of All About Praise Ministries. She is an extraordinary, talented, creative, intelligent, and gifted person, who is also a playwright. She has a play called Fade to Black (When you cross over into Eternity) that is based on life after death, attributing to biblical principles, filled with drama, hell, and love, igniting an awareness of provoking thoughts when we die. Kim is the author of a book, a muralist and a poet.

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## KING MELVIN BROWN



**By:** Eileen Shapiro

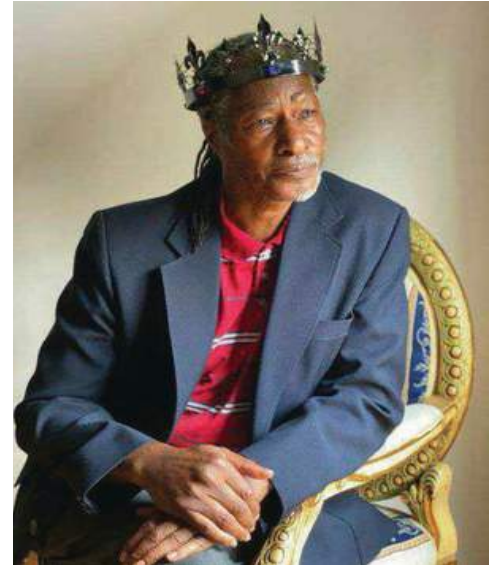
King Melvin Brown, America's first self-coronated African-American king, is a singer/songwriter, "clean-comedian", musician, entrepreneur, pastor, and visionary guru. As the creator of his "Mind Tuning Philosophy Radio Talk Show", a division of his "Mind Tuning Multimedia, Inc.", portions of his performances are donated to "youth at risk" help overcome emotional and other barriers.

King Melvin Brown is the founder of Seenagers.Biz an organization to help provide funds to motivate, inspire and improve lifestyles for people representing aged 55 and over, who are able-bodied, wise, proactive, and physically robust, still seeking cultural and financial enrichment. We shared questions and answers regarding his career and life in general. For more information about his projects enjoys his interview.

**What made you want to step into the limelight in the world of entertainment?** My choice to step out into the limelight of the entertainment world was predicated on my means of self-expression for my well-being.

**Who are your biggest influences?** The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are my biggest influences.

**What is your life-long goal and have you reached it yet?** My life-long goal is enlightenment, which I'm still experiencing, and enjoy



having reached my goals, still unfolding.

**What inspires you?** Life experiences and America's melting pot for all people, fascinate and inspire me.

**If you could perform on stage with anyone dead or alive whom would it be and why?** As a hopeless romantic, I was five years old, when my mother started taking me throughout Brownsville and other Brooklyn bars and nightclubs. I danced outside, and people dropped coins in our box. I had fun with my mother, a Nat King Cole and Jackie Wilson's, groupie. Nat King Cole's romantic standards are some of the best, as one of the world's renowned, acclaimed gifted performers.

**What projects are you currently working on?** On September 17, 2022, our Mind Tuning Philosophy Seminar takes place across from Lincoln Center, near the corner of Broadway at 37 West 65th Street, 4th floor, in Manhattan.

Given my plans to perform on stage and film, years since my long-running local cable TV show, my pending film and tv projects, include live "clean comedy" and a one-man Broadway show.

As producer/host, general manager of my MindTuning Radio Talk Show, and finalizing plans for my affiliate station with Brooklyn's King and Queen Radio, my Mind Tuning Multimedia business includes portions of my performances'

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proceeds and commitment to help people overcome emotional and other barriers with our Mind Tuning Philosophy seminars and coaching.

For over 10 years, among testimonies from young adults, a retired NYC public school principal, and other students, my current Mind Tuning Multimedia endeavors include helping to create New York City's safe haven with the return of my "Brother and Sister Production's Possibility House" mentoring and helping current runaway foster care, orphanage and adopted "at risk" youth, becoming victims of crime and some who became perpetrators of street crime, as my siblings and me experienced and escaped incarceration as runaways from Brownsville, Brooklyn.

As Founder of Seenagers.Biz, performance proceeds help provide funds to motivate, inspire and improve lifestyles with Seenagers.Biz, representing age 55 plus, able-bodied, wise, proactive, and physically robust seniors. They're still earnestly seeking cultural, social, and financial enrichment. As "I still have it!" Seenagers they've outgrown the plight of being labeled elderly, senior citizens, and baby boomers, forced to early retirement, and subsisting on limited incomes. Unlike previously, some Seenagers will make their unprecedented mark, possibly qualifying and training to become corporate and internet literate employees, or possibly landing more SAG-AFTRA or ASCAP roles.

Occupying America's third largest consumer-age demographics, Seenagers have yet to publicize and show our young, how well we humbly succeeded and coped raising them, as we were raised to respect elders. Unfortunately, youthful generations bear no blame for the capitalistic narcissistic society that nurtured them.

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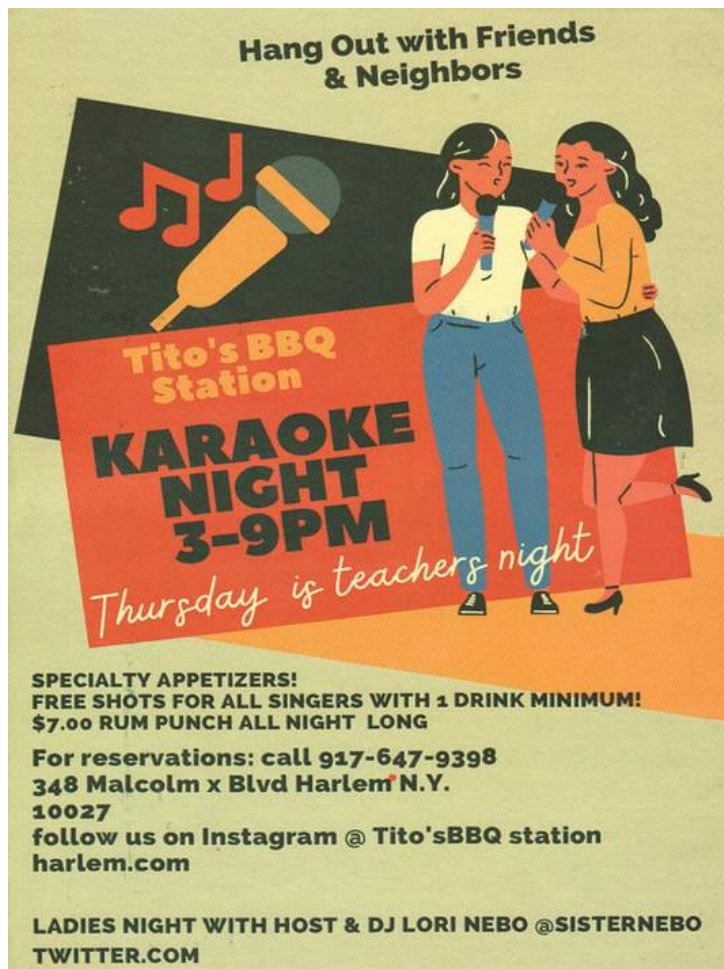
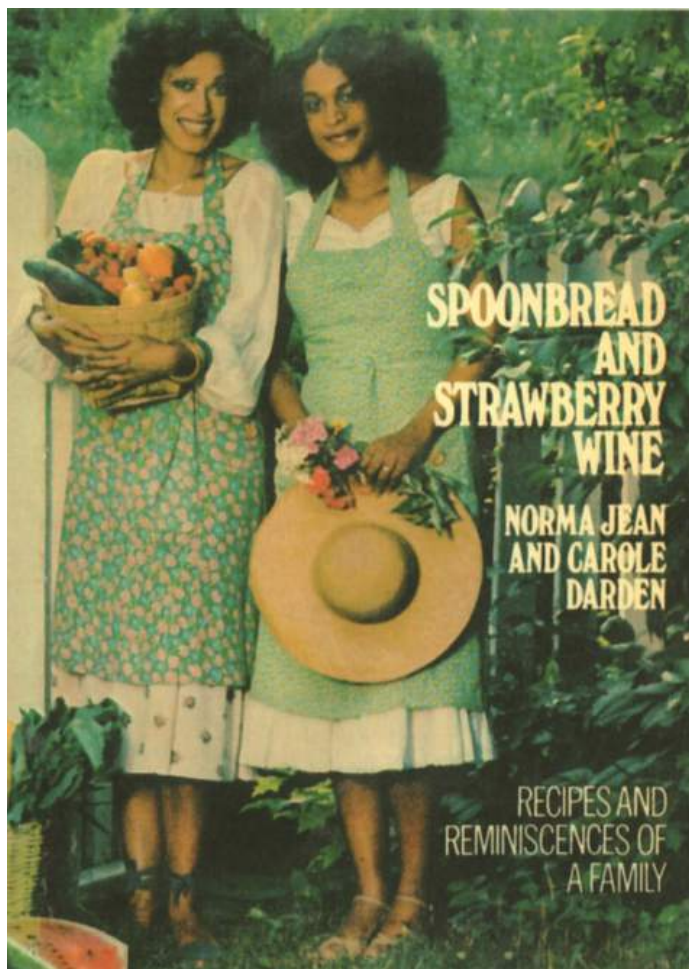
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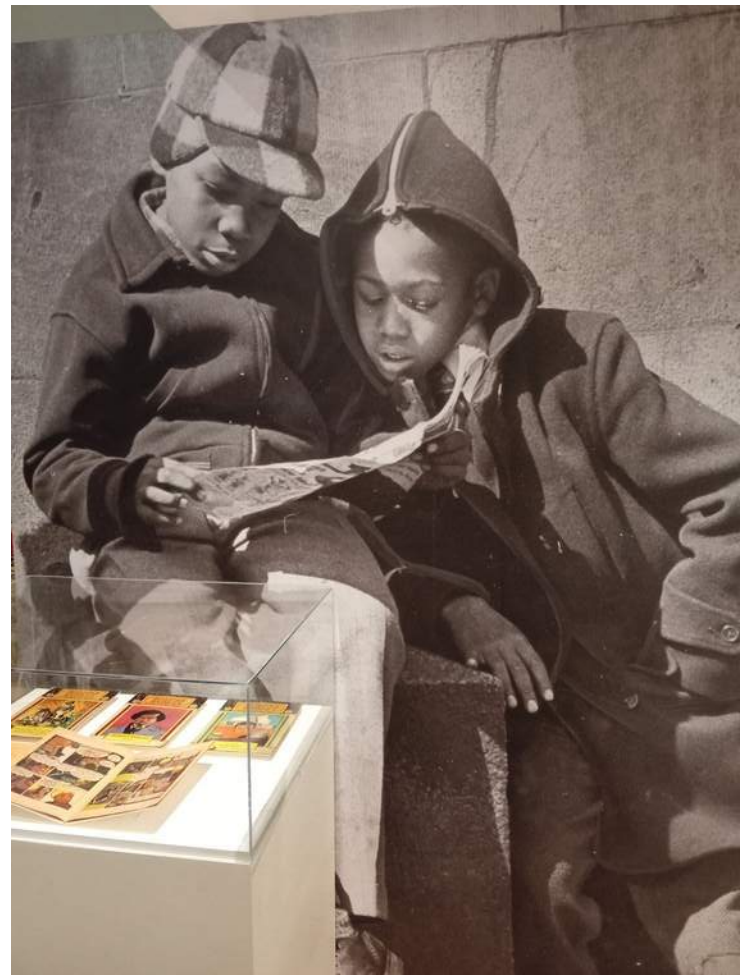


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## Schomburg Library's Art Celebration

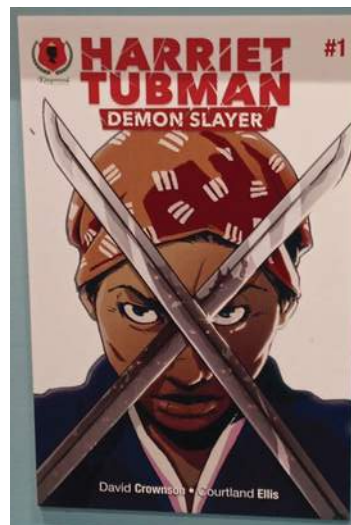


Black History is Art History noted with the 2023 Schomburg Library celebration of numerous black comic series in which great authentic real-life images and inventions were also chronicled in the 1970s Golden Legacy series featured in Ebony Magazine. Yours Truly, publisher of New York Global.Biz, recalls during the late 1970s when she came across Publisher Bert Fitzgerald's Golden Legacy series revealing Matthew Henson, Benjamin Banneker, Lewis Latimer, Harriet Tubman, Granville T. Woods, and several other Black inventors. The names of their inventions were concealed and seldom used as classroom studies, as a tool to advocate Black curriculum studies in US, public schools, year-round. Nor were they available for reading in schools and libraries that would have likely during the past 50 years influentially helped eradicate racism.



Black and Puerto Rican heritage Arturo Schomburg's mixed ancestry was also that which inspired him to research his ethnic and cultural background.

In 1979 Yours Truly sold hundreds of volumes of the 12 volumes packaged Golden Legacy history true biographical stories in comic books, until McDonald's Corp. purchased \$35,000 for the remaining tenure's inventory of Golden Legacy celebrating Black History Month.



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# DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Sherry Lewis and Markos Vedetto NYCs Puerto Rican Day Parade Video



International singer-songwriter Sherry Lewis' captivating humanitarian song release, *People*, archived as a music video at the June 2022 New York 65th Puerto Rican Day Parade. It also warrants commemoration as a historic contribution to local Puerto Rico's diversified culture. This video gem reflects Ms. Lewis' collaboration with Brazilian/ Italian native, Marcos Vedovetto.

In 2005, moments after Sherry Lewis and Marcos Vedovetto met, their energy ignited and their friendship blossomed. To see this camaraderie in the creative process is awesome. Similarly, their friendship became inseparable, inspiring each other and sharing creative visions. Marcos, a professional dancer/choreographer/ video producer dreamt of becoming a film director, and Sherry pursued her singing career.



Marcos Vedovetto's coveted awards include: that as Finalist and Semi-Finalist for Los Angeles Cinematography LACA Awards; New York International Film Finalist; Rio WEBFEST Best Dance Video honoring his Brazilian continent; San Francisco Dance Festival SFDFF Award; INSHADOW Lisbon Screen Dance Festival's Official Selection Marcos has masterminded all Sherry's photography, choreography, and music videos productions.

Marcos ingeniously filmed *People*, Sherry Lewis' latest single live performance release, on ZinaPalin's King and Queen Radio's Brooklyn Station float. The production was officially curated by King Melvin Brown, host/producer of his Mind Tuning Philosophy's King and Queen Radio Talk Show.

Having recently signed with a notable record label, Sherry's soon-to-be-released first house music dance track CD features her euphonic, sultry, and powerful voice. An international DJ is one of two of New York's top music producers of her new CD.

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Long-time Community TV Host/producer, Praying Poet Stephanie Jefferson recently published "My Heart Went Out For A Walk." Two more volumes of her poetry will be published in 2023. Born and raised in New York City, she is a Lehman College alumna. Pastor Jefferson also produces "The Jesus Hour's The Truth of the Gospel" radio show, 105.3 FM Saturday morning, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm and Paragon Cable airs her Global Spotlight, also on Bronxnet Cable.



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Tara Nova has a wide range of interests including politics, law, spirituality, and Moorish government.

She returned to her art background last year and contributed to the Langston Hughes Big Book of Poetry with a painting called Juke Box Love Song which was also a song written for her by Rob Schwimmer from Paul Simon's band.

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# DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT



## The Fifth Annual DMV Black Restaurant Week,

2022, was held from Sunday, November 6, 2022 – Sunday, November 13, 2022, with a Food, Music, and Fashion Kickoff at Anacostia Sandlot on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Curated by co-founders, Dr. Erinn Tucker-Oluwole, Furard “Chef” Tate, and Andra “AJ” Johnson, this annual, week-long event promotes the knowledge and awareness of black-owned food and beverage businesses in the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia (DMV) area.

The theme for 2022 is “Reshaping our Community through Ownership and Luxury.” Dr. Tucker, Co-Founder says, “There has been an explosion of Black entrepreneurs expanding their brands to underserved communities while simultaneously purchasing luxury hotels, co-founding private clubs, and starting luxury products within the DMVbrw region. Business owners and operators focused their strategy on intentionality these last two years and we are now seeing the outcomes.” DMVbrw is an advocate for the growth of the community as the bulwark of social enterprise. Our mission is to increase the awareness of local Black-owned restaurants and food and beverage service providers by creating an ecosystem that supports and sustains the community.

DMV Black Restaurant Week is the brainchild of TEAJ (Tate, Erinn, and AJ). Their passion for entrepreneurship, hospitality, and education together helps businesses continue the legacy of dining in the region. DMVbrw's mission is to celebrate and support black hospitality, food, and beverage entrepreneurs and employees through awareness, professional development, external resources, and events.



John Beatty Cotton Club Owner & King Melvin Brown

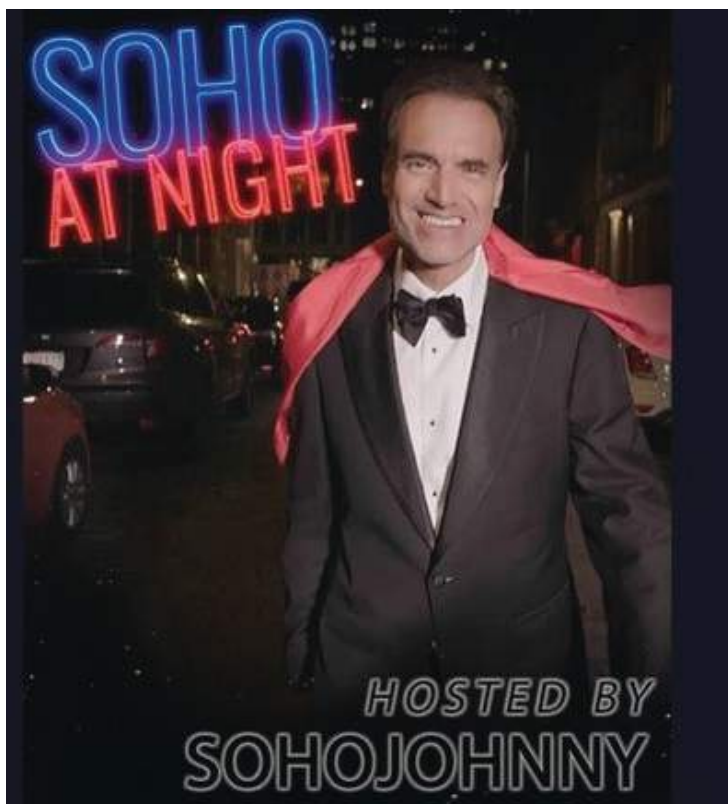


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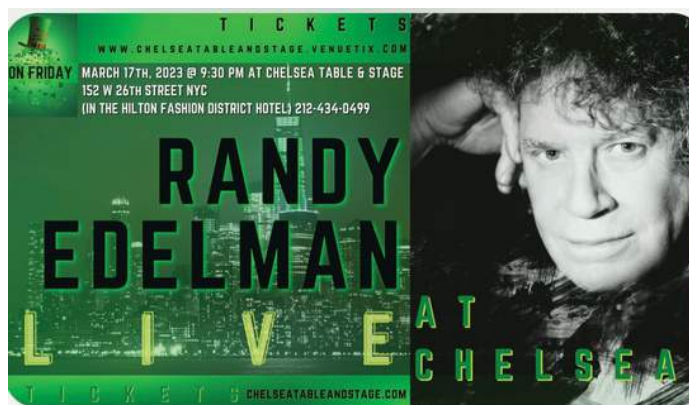
# DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT



New York, Jan. 28, 2023

John aka "SohoJohnny" Pasquale's timely acting debut in *The Beast Inside's* film screening and Red Carpet VIP bash at the Angelika Theatre, included King Melvin Brown's Mind Tuning MultimediaTV Network's artists among others VIP admirers of SohoJohnny Pasquale, the entertainment, real estate, record label owner, NFT entrepreneur and the Let Me Help Incorporated's founder. *The Beast Inside's* self exorcism themed horror film will be released next fall. This movie's great cast stars Vernon Wells (*Mad Max*); Sadie Katz (*Wrong Turn 6*); and Laurene Landon (*Airport Gate*). Jim Towns is the Director of co-writer and producer Sadie Katz's "See You Next Tuesday" production firm. The world renowned Randy Edelman's Blockbuster film scorer and music composer's indelible thriller composition and score is arousing.

John "SohoJohnny" Pasquale portrays Tom, a loser-type motel manager entranced by Anne, a wife, and mother shattered by the possession of the Beast, and forced to perform a self-exorcism. Quirky John, evokes suspense and humor, though an innocent man, eventually experiences the wrath of the Beast.



In honor of the celebration of "The Emerald Isle" and amongst the shamrocks and the leprechauns, composer Randy Edelman will rock the house green at the edgy new nightspot Chelsea Table and Stage located at 152 West 26th Street (inside the Hilton Hotel) on Friday, March 17, 2023, at 9:00 PM.

Randy Edelman has captured the film and music industry like a dazzling star, dancing on the rim of a volcano and spilling out his music through the decades.



Sadie Katz's writer, star, and producer *The Beast Inside* at Tribeca Studio red carpet bash



SohoJohnny and VIP's



Eileen Shapiro Producer, Publicist SohoJohnny Executive Producer/Actor, and *The Beast Inside* cast and crew



# DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT



Black-owned Illusions Hookah & Mixology Lounge owned by Karen Grant's son rated one of the top 10 bars in the Bronx



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# DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT

## SAG-AFTRA ACTOR KING MELVIN BROWN'S MOVIE REVIEWS



**BLACK ADAM** Wow! Evolving through the Rock's command performance and stark dark brutalizing special effects reminisces, are among reasons Black Adam. initially intrigued me for about a half hour of this blockbuster film. Black Adam's

rebellious vengeance consequentially targets a sadistic king who murdered his 12-year-old son. As Black Adam transforms into an uncontrollable powerful flying God suddenly defeating, if not escaping the U.S. Military, how shocking it became that Black Adam was still and remains a threat to the U.S. Military. Their attempt to subdue and learn that they'd never control Adam, occurred as Black Adam denounced, "I kneel before no one! I died as a slave and was reborn as a God King," and a striking dynamic Godly reference, uttered by a human. Black Adam's arrogance caused the Military to awkwardly attack him, during several surrealistic breathtaking superhero scenes. Fierce battles lured other U.S. resentful superheroes...some likewise, were aptly fierce as Black Adam, providing there were two or more of them challenging him. Likewise, his new fight partners were combating greedy lords pillaging and enslaving Black Adam's country. It took a mother and her son's plot to warrant Black Adam's triumph against his foes. Finally, as the fierce God King of his country, Black Adam's reacted to another plot. Enter award-winner Viola Davis' cameo appearance and warning. I give Black Adam a 9.



### ELVIS

One of the greatest Elvis Presley's film starring Tom Hanks, one of my best actors. As Elvis Presley's promoter, Tom as Snowman, the greatest illusionist promoter, received Elvis' permission to make Elvis Presley, the world's greatest entertainer. During his adolescence

his film was shot in Elvis' parents' small Nashville, Tennessee home, schools, and community centers where he often practiced singing, guitar playing, and dancing. The film depicts Elvis, experiencing the Holy Ghost from the churches he attended, his soul sounds, and showmanship from R&B groups he hung out with. That 1950s/60s era racistly precluded Blacks from being the face of America's music. Yet, Elvis, being White, exposed mainstream gospel and R&B. According to the film, Black people did not resent Elvis. Personally, I was ecstatic seeing hundreds of Blacks cast in this film. Amid Snowman's gambling debts, in the 1970s Elvis, was the world's most famous entertainer entrapped by Snowman's gambling debts and mob payments. Forced to play in Vegas' top casinos during his career heyday, deprived Elvis of his often-requested performance tours. Though he survived as an honorable discharged U.S. Army draftee, this fascinating film became a harrowing expose of who, what, and why Presley's demise occurred, and his heavy drug addiction. I give Elvis an 8.



### WOMAN KING

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Viola Davis' General Nansica's, Woman King, is the 2023 super blockbuster Best Actress Academy Awards winner. Expect Woman King's Best supporting cast members, costumes, film, music, and other awards. Remarkably, this epic film portrays a Black woman's heart-wrenching experiences, challenges, and enduring obstacles. Her pain and shame, at her lowest stage, and bearing a child from a brutal, savage, rape, later rose like a phoenix,

from the ashes to a Godly Warrior. This powerful message may overwhelm women feeling powerless, as a solution to their similar fate. Personally, I felt such pride that every woman might feel being Black or White. The brilliant title, Woman King, is so powerful, eventually, a woman surpasses the queen's title, giving her insurmountable victory for her country, typifying a king's accomplishment by a woman! Woman King is an exciting subject matter, as the film's historic twists and turns are unpredictable, scene after scene. The most pivotal earth-shattering moments occurred after Viola and her female Warriors won a major battle. I rated a 10 for Woman King.



### LOUDMOUTH

Loudmouth proudly signifies the world renowned Rev. Alfred Sharpton's and its National Action Network, (NAN) famous for publicizing and increasing Black Americans Civil Rights and

Social Justice. Following sold-out seats during its first night premier at Robert DeNiro's Tribeca Film Festival from Dec. 2022 through Feb. 2023 Loudmouth played at 120 movie theaters, further unraveling the mystique of Rev. Sharpton, NANs, Founder/President and its Executive Director Dr. C. Franklyn Richardson. Written and directed by Josh Alexander, John Legend, among several executive producers, of Loudmouth's resolute documentary features Sharpton's Brooklyn Baptist preacher's charismatic oratory. Sharpton's NAN initiatives, embody some of Rev. Dr. MLK's dreams, and his mentor James Brown's encouragement for him to lead, attracting volumes of media coverage, years prior and since becoming a celebrity MSNBC-TV Politics Nation News anchor and syndicated talk show host Loudmouth references Sharpton's his for resolving brutality and other social justice violations, resulting in small or huge protest groups', moral support and legal services required for Blacks and other victims.

Archived footage of Sharpton with renowned Rev Jesse Jackson, the late Shirley Chisholm, James

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## Legendary Pianist James P. Johnson



Yours Truly's 2022 cultural music celebration features the renowned pianist and music composer James P. Johnson, of New Brunswick, NJ. Last winter, I vaguely considered responding to dozens of my New Brunswick High School's Alma Matas seeking more James P. Johnson and other New Brunswick legends bios. In 1987, I briefly read

some of James Price Johnson's bio, while researching data for what became my Tribute for the famous ragtime/classical jazz pianist Eubie Blake on his what would have been 103rd birthday that aired on noted Bob Law's WWRL Radio, Show, with Rosetta Lenoire and Emma Kemp. Finally, 35 years later, I'm gratefully sharing New Brunswick's, Grammy, Jazz, Hall of Fame James P. Johnson, the world's leading creator of stride piano and jazz piano musician, facts from those archives. Born in 1894, his father William H. Johnso, was a storekeeper and mechanic and his mom Josephine, a maid and church choir singer. As their age 5-year-old child prodigy, he quickly memorized the piano chords and instructions his mother taught, after she brought home a piano. About 25 years later, Johnson branded Ragtime music conversion into stride piano, while pioneering swing jazz piano's popularity, well into his early 1950s.

At age nine, Johnson began following other piano players, after his family relocated to Jersey City. That year, after he was hired to perform at a neighbor's party, he was hired to play piano at a brothel, thus initiating more brothels and bar gigs prepping him for what became his litany of live performances, record and film composition studio performances, among symphony and orchestra concerts receiving throughout the early 1950s. He was influenced by and followed Eubie Blake and Lucky Roberts when his family moved to San Juan Hill, Harlem. By 1914 his interest in other music genres, included studies with Vito Zinnio, an Italian pianist and ragtime pianist Charlie Cherry. Meeting Lila White, performing during at a Newark, NJ show, led to their marriage three years later. In 1918 he and friend Willie the Lion Smith were featured on joint music tours.

To date, musicologists equate Johnson's music mastery, as an indispensable bridge between Rag time and Jazz His legacy His legacy students were Fats Waller, Art Tatum, Donald Lambert, Louis Pat Flowers, Cliff Jackson, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Ralph Sutton, Charlie Parker, Joe Turner and others as his students.



At 23, he recorded piano rolls for Perfection, Aeolian and Artempo Records produced and recorded his *Runnin Wild's* musical's *Old Fashion Love* popular hit and introduced *The Charleston* his world's famous popular hit. His 1932 *Yamekraw - A Negro Rhapsody*, followed by *Harlem Symphony's* Negro Rhapsody and 1935 *Symphony in Brown* were among Johnson's 400 piano slides and 300 music compositions for recordings, clubs, concerts and film compositions, includes *Carolina Strut* and *The Charleston*, the unofficial Roaring 20s national anthem. Major stars appeared in more than one of Johnson's music scores for *Show of Shows*; John Barrymore, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Myrna Loy; *Dancing Lady*, John Crawford, Fred Astaire, 1933; *The Big Road Cast of 1938*, W.C. Fields, Dorothy and Bob Hope. In the 1930s W.C. Handy's Black Swan Records recorded his music. Known for playing consecutive nights, Ethel Waters said, "Johnson's music made you sing until your tonsils came out." As music director of his *Plantation Days Reviews*. his show experienced an extended five-year tour after *Plantation Days Reviews* was held in England. also featured in England.

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

### Loudmouth Cont. from page 23

Brown, Muhammad Ali Adam Clayton Powell, Jr, John Lewis, etc. works. Our Publisher's Statement in the 2018 Record Breakers Issue of New York Global.Biz (NYGB) responded to shallow political and media pundits doubting Sharpton's major film or documentary offers. Our publisher warned them to stop underestimating Rev. Sharpton's powerful chain of NANs Chapters, and how well thousands of academia, health, literary, media, film and other VIPS might likely consider supporting a movie deal with Sharpton. My plaudits for NAN's as Black America's most popular "Go to Organization" experiencing 'No Justice...No Peace!' as Blacks in America." Nor should NAN avoid seeking the U.S Dept. of Education's mandate for 12th grade public schools to air Loudmouth, educationally. in auditoriums before June's summer recess to prevent racial fights among youth.



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# EDUCATION

## WHO CELEBRATED BLACK MARZELL DIXON, AS ELITE's RUTGERS U's 1952 CUM LAUDE TWO YEARS PRIOR TO U.S. SUPREME COURT'S BROWN VS. FERGUSON'S U.S. PUBLIC SCHOOL DESEGREGATION

In 2021, Yours Truly's awestruck elation wallowed in despair, finally resulting in mixed emotions after receiving and pondering what to do with my then 73 years young, cousin's Commemorative Biography celebrating the 2021st Centennial Year, since the birth of her father, my Uncle Marzell Dixon's in 1921.

As author of 1981s Friends of Robeson's play, based on a summer evening at Paul Robeson Village New Brunswick, NJ with my son, Adam, his cousins, and friends, at least once a year, I cite Paul Robeson, as Rutgers University's greatest Black student. Earnestly, decades later I'm unqualified to document my Uncle Marzell Dixon's academic achievement at Rutgers.

Retrospectively, because the 1954s U.S. School Desegregation Law, Brown vs. The Board of Education was not in place, perhaps then elite, Rutgers University's avoided celebrating a Black student, (then classified as negro) as their 1952 Cum-laude graduate. He traveled from his nearby South River, NJ, home as an honor graduate from South River High School. In 1952, Paul Robeson was still politically banned from the United States.



Marzell's High School Yearbook Photo  
1939

Since 2011 NYGB has published dozens of educational articles and several publications cited in our About Us NYGBs website page. Not so, at this time, because the accuracy of my Uncle's distinguished graduation will continue in our next issue, by my cousin Donna Dixon.

As her eldest brother, fondly remembered by my mother, the late Rosetta Dixon Tyus of New Brunswick, NJ, before her transition in 2005 Mom often mentioned that her middle-class brother was smart, and a professional General Electric engineer in Boston, MA and a Tuskegee University. Engineer Professor.



Marzell and Ella Wedding Picture  
1944



Marzell's Rutgers University Yearbook and  
Pi Tau Sigma Photo  
1952



## NEW DOCUSERIES FEATURE MOSTLY HBCU ALUMNI TELLING BLACK HISTORY STORIES NOT FOUND IN TEXTBOOKS



The web docuseries 'BIPOC In America' highlights modern African Diaspora & Latinx history makers in Central and South Florida. Cameka Smith, Beverly Johnson, and Joseph McClendon.

Al Hall Production and Urban Butterfly Media series, BIPOC In America (BIA Network) highlights modern figures across America making a difference. BIA Network returns with a three-season lineup that includes exclusive stories from Black Indigenous People of Color BIPOC individuals. Seasons two, three, and four of BIPOC In America premiered at the Orlando Marriott located in Lake Mary, Florida. on November 5th, 2022.

Black Indigenous People of Color will share their stories of healing, thriving, and contributing to their communities in the BIA Network series. Participants in the series include business owners, clinical providers (mental, substance abuse, and relationship), educators, filmmakers, and more.

Many of the stories told are from HBCU alumni. The web-based docuseries aims to create a positive narrative and deliver hope about limitless possibilities for BIPOC individuals. Dr. Freda Johnson, CEO of Al Hall Production states, "The stories are relatable, and a place of healing for those who lived and experienced racial trauma or negative stereotypes." The event presented by Al Hall Production and Urban Butterfly Media is based on a documentary celebrating individuals in the Central and South Florida communities. Representation is a priority for the production studios. The Orlando BIPOC In America event will showcase a diverse panel of individuals representing the African Diaspora and Latinx ethnic communities. Veterans and LGBTQIA+ will also be recognized.

The leadership behind Al Hall Production makes the BIA Network series project noteworthy. Dr. Freda Johnson, CEO of Al Hall Production is also the Executive Producer of BIPOC In America. In her corporate work, she listened to stories of BIPOC individuals who have experienced systematic racism. Filmmaker and host Dr. Cat is a cultural anthropologist, sociologist, social worker, and historian. Her work focuses on bringing awareness to the BIPOC perspective in American culture. As the Executive Producer team of the series, Dr. Freda Johnson and Dr. Cat's goal is to use this docuseries

to inspire marginalized communities.

Creators of the docuseries are using the footage for present and future purposes. Dr. Cat states, "We are writing our history for an unborn generation. People of Color are capturing BIPOC stories to create our narratives. We all have known exceptional people of color who have made a difference in their communities and their stories are lost." In hopes of keeping these stories that do not make it to the traditional history book, the series will serve as an archive of every geographic area the BIA Network covers. Watch Season one of BIPOC In America began on September 14.

## Five Black Middle School Students Make Florida History



Last fall, as the first group of Icon Preparatory School in Florida. Miracle Butler, 14, Keniah Washington, 13, Keyanna Grant, 13, Tyreek Nash, 14, and Kaitlyn Archie-McDonald, 14 (absent from photo) finished their first year of college and three years of high school. Keniah and Keyanna were age 12 when they began their college studies. Icon Preparatory School is a private school in Tampa and Jacksonville, FL that educates over 800 students. Icon Prep is open to any student in the state of Florida and is committed to closing the achievement gap among its scholars and more affluent peers. With a belief that a student's zip code does not determine their destination, Icon Preparatory School empowers its students to reach their maximum potential, preparing them for life in college and beyond. Five of Icon Prep's six founders are alumni of Florida A&M University, a historically black college that prides itself on excellence with caring among its students. The leaders of Icon Prep aim to use the knowledge obtained from their HBCU experience to significantly impact their student population which is 99% African American and Hispanic. The dual enrollment scholars anticipate obtaining their Associate's Degree within the next year from Saint Leo University. They will then transfer to another four-year university as juniors to complete their bachelor's degree. Visit: [IconPrep.org](http://IconPrep.org)



# FASHION

## ANITA JONES VIDEO TUTORIAL ON "HOW TO BECOME A PRIZE-WINNING FREESTYLE/FIGURE ICE SKATER IN YOUR SPARE TIME "

Athletic wear for professional and performance Ice Skaters designed by Anita Jones.  
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## Uptown Style Takes Focus During Harlem Fashion Week



*Harlem Fashion Week is an explosion of culture and style that bridges the downtown fashion hub to uptown.*

HFW celebrated season ten at the Harlem Parish, a central and more convenient location for Harlem residence to attend. The family duo, Tandra Birkett and Yvonne Jewnell, championed the evening with an eclectic display of fashion creations and industry honorees. The celebrated honorees include Janet Rodriguez of So Harlem Inc., Fashion pioneer Egypt Ufele of Chubii Line, Ashley J. Sharpton of National Action Network, Billy Council of Councilhim Foundation, Business Coach Ellie Diopand, Fashion Stylist Ty Hunter and Harlem's legendary fashion icon Dapper Dan.

of faith and opened her ladies' boutique. Rhonda is the only African-American owned ladies' boutique established in Huntington Village, West Suffolk County, Long Island. "To inspire women to feel their best by dressing their best is my form of therapy for revitalizing self-confidence and wellness," explains Rhonda. "So, my boutique works as a conduit, which allows me to apply my training in sociology, and my enthusiasm for fashion; to better serve my community. It's a blessing to have many talents unfold as a career in an occupation you love. I can apply my many talents with creativity in fashion."

HFW offers fashion hopefuls a series of events throughout fashion week that include fashion finance coaching, industry panel discussions, business workshops and social networking. Harlem Fashion Week is celebrated bi-annually and welcomes fashion creators from all over to present their wears in the historic community of Harlem, NY where style icons are made.

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The event showcased emerging fashion brands competing for the Harlem Fashion Week Emerging Designer Award. Baayfall Hustler, Hennaflower Couture, Tiye Eliza, Live Now Clothing and Monet by Liaa. Rhonda Taylor Gooden of Chez Laa Reine Boutique was selected winner for her Parisian chic, Chez Laa Reine Collection. A care-free, flowing and fun collection of dress looks for the accomplished woman. In February of 2019, Rhonda took a leap



PHOTOS: Macintosh Smith



## BLACK FOUNDER'S UPSCALE AFRICAN FASHION BRAND AT A MAJOR SHOPPING MALL



Alexis Williams, founder, and CEO of Aloha Glamour, the world's first "Afrowaiian" high fashion brand, has joined forces with the exclusive Simon Properties, to create a unique Black-owned apparel boutique pop-up at one of Simon's Prime Outlet Malls in Gulfport, Mississippi. The pop-up shop ran from October to December 2021, and makes history as the first synergy of its kind for the prominent Simon properties.

Simon Property Group, Inc. is a global leader in owning premier shopping, dining, entertainment, and mixed-use destination properties across North America, Europe, and Asia. The American real estate investment trust provides community gathering places for millions of people every day and generates billions in annual sales. It is the largest owner of shopping malls in the United States.

Aloha Glamour is a ready-to-wear Afrowaiian (the fashion portmanteau we never asked for but needed) brand. A juxtaposition of cultures, accentuated by the seamless fusing of West African notes coupled with the island prints of Hawaii founded by an Afghan Veteran who suffered the insurmountable loss of her young child, Aloha Glamour was created from the broken, colorless pieces of her life. It expanded beyond being therapy and fittingly grew into the brand that went viral for its Afro print-inspired face masks. The flamboyant masks were a welcome reprieve from the otherwise bland surgical ones that have been donated in an effort to circumvent the spread of the pandemic. It is safe to say that Aloha Glamour created the catalyst of fashion-forward face masks that save lives while keeping you chic.

This joint venture feature bold hues of color and culture morph with Simon's legion of exclusive properties creating what can only be described as a world-class shopping experience. Aloha Glamour will present pieces from its women, children, and men's lines, also attracting Black Fridays customers.

Fresh off its successful New York Fashion Week debut, Aloha Glamour plans to showcase its scintillating wares from all its collections.

Aloha brings to Outlet Mall the work of 8 artisanal Ghanaian women to the global stage. Aloha Glamour is not simply an enviable brand waiting to grace your closet.

The company of walking art pieces also takes its corporate social responsibility seriously. In its most recent acts, As the primary benefactor of a free school of 50-plus kids, Aloha supplements the teacher's salary by \$100/month and assists in paying for overdue renovations in the school's washroom and kitchen. Her brand's recent breakthrough includes constructing a classroom. "It was a no-brainer to enter into this partnership with Simon Properties Outlet Malls.

They are a world-class brand with a consistent history of success all over the world. I want to bring the love and light of Aloha Glamour to everyone, and the best way to do that is through Simon Properties," quips the owner, veteran, and mother. Visit: <https://alohaglamour.shop>



## Sheila Highsmith's Retirement Gala



Last year's splendid retirement gala for Sheila Highsmith, Highland Park, NJ's Chair of its Humanities Commission, was replete with tributes, citations, dining, and entertainment at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick, NJ.

Greeted by actress Starletta DuPois (Waiting to Exhale), (True To the Game) and (Big Momma's), VIPs, among families and friends included Middlesex County, NJ's first African American female Sheriff Mildred Scott; Reggie Johnson President of the Metuchen/Edison NJ Branch NAACP; Judy and Deon Bullard, of Investors4U@comcast.net, and Sheila's grandson, Terrance Highsmith, Jr., (three College Bowls' Champ), Shannon Hollywood Dominique and Donnalee Brown; Society Fashion Commentator Mrs. Joyce Hancock Williams and husband, Mr. Jeff Williams and more.

Sheila, the esteemed Honorary Degree in Humanities recipient is a Forensic Psychiatric Social Worker, for NJ's Dept. of Health retiree. Her illustrious curriculum vitae complements her entertaining and modeling career, which embodied her gala's mini fashion show. Faith Harris, Giselle Cabrera, and Jaionna Highsmith were among models.

In 2005 Sheila received her Social Workers Master's from Rutgers University's Health Institute and a BA from New York's Berkley Professional School as a graduate from New Brunswick High School, NJ.

Whereas her global journalism spans decades. Highsmith morphed into a worldly traveled, cultured, woman; as a force reckoning with civic and international ramifications, amid her career contributions. She interned at the Los Angeles Times. She accepted an invitation to cover Magic Johnson's Theatre's Opening Night and Red-Carpet Screening. She's covered Disney events and became LAs Korean Times first Black journalist published on their front page. At FIT, she wrote two "East Meets West" fashion shows. The Los Angeles Sentinel: CYH Int'l Magazine, Core Magazine, Herald Newspaper, and Freedom Journal published her articles.

Sheila's charitable persona included volunteer services for Elizabeth Taylor's AIDS Foundation. She met and helped developed Rosa Park's Foundation Sexual Assault Victims and Dionne Warwick's Clothing Charity. She shared stages with Gospel Great Shirley Caesar and performed at Carnegie Hall and Apollo Theaters, with Rev. Lester Taylor of NJ's Community Choir, with music director, Ray Chew of WBLS.

Highsmith's work with Beverly Hills NAACP, included her "role model face" and services mentoring youth and others seeking self-improvement; public speaking, and dressing to impress.

Year one, as Boys Town of America's first Black administrative employee, she phenomenally doubled their United Way's employee membership.

Since the early 1970's her celebrity influencer "The Boss" Diana Ross suggested that Sheila move to California, during their brief encounter when Ms. Ross, headlined a Waldorf Astoria fashion show, featuring Sheila. She floor modeled for Bill Blanz and other prestigious designer high fashion stores. She won a competition to provide wardrobes for Charlie AngelsTV episodes.

"Wonder Woman" Sheila Highsmith is how Kathryn Fazio, New York Global.Biz's associate editor describes Sheila, who's articles have been published in NYGB.





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## TWO RN SISTERS INVENTION HELPS PATIENTS, FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By: Irma Tyus-Mitchell

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# HEALTH AND WELLNESS



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



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

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

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

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

When caring for an individual with unstable coordination, the EZ Lift Vest® offers the caregiver 11 hand-grip components strategically placed providing leverage and controlled lifting, eliminating the "arm pit" lift, the "back of the pants" lift and the "bear hug" lift. The risk of shoulder, wrist and back injuries are minimized because of the minimal physical exertion required during most lifting maneuvers. As for the patient, the EZ Lift Vest® provides a safer and less fearful lifting experience.

### Testimonial

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



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



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



Front Hand Grips, Side Hand Grips & Double Zippers



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Adjustable Contour Straps Inside Vest

### Testimonial

Michael Rubin, St. Louis, MO

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



## KING MELVIN BROWN'S MIND TUNING PHILOSOPHY STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



### **"DUKE" LLOYD GISSENTANNER:**

I am in training throughout the teachings of King Melvin Brown, for Mind Tuning. Through my experience of this powerful training of Mindtuning... it is remarkable.

Your brain will become more intelligent to more positive things. Your health will be changed to well being...from making negative choices to positive choices. I have

known King Melvin since 1967. As runaways from Brooklyn, NY we made some bad choices living in the streets during our teenage lives, but over the years we turned them into positive outcomes, with Mind Tuning decades later. I am now in training to become a minister in Mind Tuning from King Melvin Brown. You can be healthy, wealthy, and wise. Blessings to all, Duke Lloyd Gissentanner

### **EDGAR TORRES:**

As a former foster child, I believe Mind Tuning is what the world needs, my name is Edgar Torres and King Melvin's MIND TUNING IS MIND BLOWING!!! It's a realistic approach to dealing with real situations. The mind, body, and spirit become free, knowing how to handle life's trials and tribulations. Last, but not least, the struggle will be gone on the double, because you will have the tools you need to handle them all.

### **LEONORA KEITT:**

This Mind Tuning is very important for all human beings. Our lives will be better working with each other. The words of God state, "We must renew our minds daily." I have studied as a student of Mind Tuning, my life became very easy to understand human beings. With Mind Tuning, I've learned that we should show love and express unconditional love. Mind Tuning is very powerful, like a computer, when we put the wrong software in the computer, we get the wrong results. If we put the right software in our mental computer, we get the right results. By Lenora Keitt

**KEENAN SPECIAL BRISTOL:** Dear Mayor Adams: I have faced many challenges on my highway of life, searching for clarity and understanding. King Melvin has mentored me for more than 10 years with the Mind Tuning Philosophy, providing true education and aiding me to find answers to my questions that truly always dwelled inside of me. In life, our spiritual scale will become imbalanced at times, along our journey. Mind Tuning has helped me to recognize when my mind is out-of-tune, and how to regain my equanimity. There is no such thing as good or bad events. That is a conditional perception. Mind Tuning has helped freed me from that illusion and taught me to embrace the unknown challenges in my life. Life is about learning, sharing and helping our neighbors, while we are here. I am clear about that. I know that now. Curse not the tempest, for they are part of the nature of life and part

of the experience of being a human. King Melvin Brown strongly supports rapper, dancer, actor, and influencer speaker Keenan Special Bristol, as President/CEO of Music Brings Life's NYS State tax-exempt Blood Awareness organization. Specifically: Keenan's 2016 Blood Assemblies outdoor concerts whereas NYC youth responded to Music Brings Life Heroes Donate Blood gala, raising 5,000 pints of blood, from students. Read P, 30, NYGB Summer 2022 By Keenan Special Bristol.

### **JOYCE PITTMAN:**

Mind Tuning Philosophy: "Mindset vs. Mind growth". My name is Joyce B. Pittleman. I was raised by my beloved mother and father, Carla and James Matthews Turpin...two spirit-filled people, different, yet yearning for the same dreams and goals. You know, get married, get a good job, start their own, have lots of children, and buy a big house. Mindtuning is the voice that says, "Don't be afraid." Joining the Mind-tuning institute kept me connected to people who wanted more but were stuck. Therefore, I quote King Melvin Brown's Mind Tuning philosophy "The genie in their lamp" that will grant them unlimited wisdom. They were trying to fit in like me. Now I share how great it is to stand out and show my God-given greatness. The frequency of the mind attracts others. I completed art and design in high school, I became a teacher and eventually an NYCs Board of Ed. elementary school principal. As a retiree, I studied at Harvard Graduate School. With Mind Tuning, there's nothing you cannot do. From our Harlem brownstone. We moved to the Polar Grounds housing development. My father was drafted into the U.S. Army. My mother was a factory worker. Finally, 30 years later, I was born. Life's journey has many distractions. We have to learn how to pivot to keep our dreams and goals alive. I watched my parents survive. They never took handouts. My mom made clothes and Daddy hustled selling men's and women's clothes, purchased clothes from the Village, and sold them in Harlem. My mother suffered from asthma. In the 1950s there were no cures for asthma. Doctors told my parents I would not live with asthma beyond age 7. Finally, my father took a test and became a Brooklyn Navy Yard welder. My mom quit working and set up a daycare center. By then, we had moved inside Polar Grounds project.



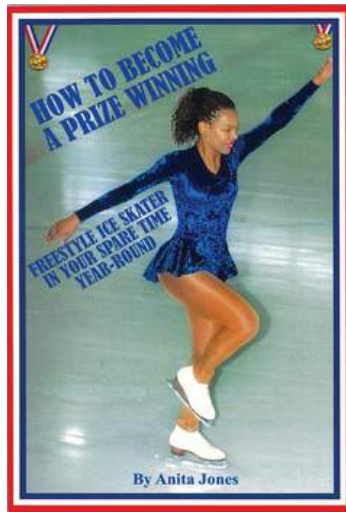
Dec. 17, 2022 New York native Keenan Special Bristol, Caribbean R&B/Rapper and Pres. of Music Brings Life Blood Drive flew in from his recent Atlanta relocation and performed for Mind Tuning Multimedia and B Major's TV Merger event at Actors' Temple Theatre.



# HOOKED ON BOOKS

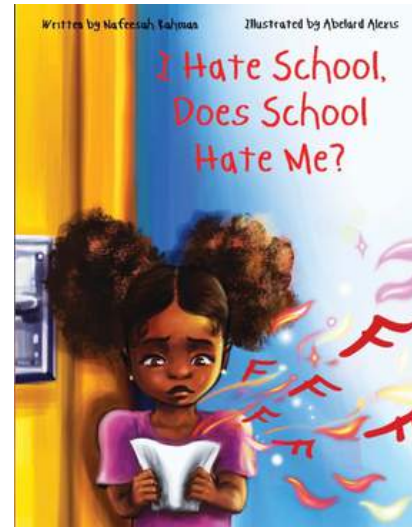
## WHY I WROTE "HOW TO BECOME A PRIZE-WINNING FREESTYLE ICE SKATER IN YOUR SPARE TIME YEAR-ROUND"

Speaking of inspirational ice skating - I Anita Jones applaud Rachel Flatt, 2010 U.S. National Ice Skating Champion for her speaking engagement during the "Figure Skating in Harlem" benefit gala, in 2009, held at Central Park's Wollman Rink. Dorothy Hamill, America's 1976 Olympic Gold Medalist in ice skating was also there and heard Rachel announce Harlem's new ice skating student program breakthrough, providing free ice skating lessons, together with academic studies for teenage girls in Harlem. Wow! Just thinking about the thrill of learning how to ice skate, since I first attempted to, makes me wish, in retrospect that someone offered me free ice skating classes to encourage me to become a scholar. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all U.S. public school classrooms received ice skating lessons and ice hockey lessons as great rewards to be a scholar? What is the future of freestyle skating looking like in 2023 and beyond? Well, it looks like quadruple jumps -- meaning 4-revolution jumps are the new skating jumping standard for elite skaters. Olympic champion Nathan Chen can do five different quadruple jumps - salchow, toe loop, loop, flip, and lutz. Two-time Olympic champion Yuzuru Hanyu can also do the same five quadruple jumps. But the most incredible advancement in jumps is from American skaters, and 2023 U.S. National Ice Skating Champion, Ilia Malinin, who became the first skater ever to land the quadruple axel in competition. Also, Ilia Malinin can do quadruple toe loop jump combination in practice. Will Ilia Malinin be the next World and Olympic champion? Only time will tell.



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## TWO BOOKS BY AUTHOR NAFEEESAH RAHMAN



### **I Hate School, Does School Hate Me?**

Sasha has one wish, she wishes to be smart. In the story, *I Hate School, Does School Hate Me?* Sasha struggles academically. She feels like she's drowning in schoolwork and no one is there to help her out. After repeating the second grade she meets her new teacher Mr. Brown. With his help and encouragement, she finally begins to believe she is awesome, amazing, and astonishing! [Link to order on Amazon](#)



### **Naimah's Hair Adventure**

After yet another weekly, torturous hair session, where Naimah's mother wrangles her unruly curls, Naimah decides to straighten her hair herself, which was a huge disaster! That night, Naimah cries herself to sleep, wishing, for one thing, straight hair. When Naimah opens her eyes, she looks around and discovers that instead of her bed, she is lying on rows of thick, brown hair surrounded by huge towers of hair coiled up to the sky. This will be only her first of three hair adventures! Naimah will jump on afro puffs! Moonwalk on Bantu knots which causes them to unravel into waves of hair! Rollers skate through corn braids, as they intertwine! We will follow Naimah on her hair journey as she learns about its uniqueness and versatility all the while celebrating the magic of a Black girl's hair! [Link to order on Amazon](#)



## MY HEART WENT OUT FOR A WALK

By: Stephanie Jefferson



Stephanie Jefferson is the author of *My Heart Went Out For A Walk*, a collection of new poems. She is an alumna of Lehman College, City University of New York, born in Harlem and raised on the lower eastside.

Ms. Jefferson embarked on a religious career, advanced as a pastor and became a New York State marriage officiant. She possesses

a mesmerizing voice, unafraid to live and speak her values. As the prominent host of Global Spotlight, Stephanie Jefferson airs on [bronxnet.org](http://bronxnet.org) cable TV show. "I also produce The Jesus Hour on The Truth of the Gospel talk radio show on 105.3 FM, every Saturday morning from 11:00 am-12 noon." Paragon Cable also airs Stephanie Jefferson's Global Spotlight.

As a businesswoman and financial consultant, Ms. Jefferson is generous in her work to uplift others. She is the proud mother of a son, enriched by family, and in motherhood, by his wife's three lovely children.

The author stated, "I would like to give my heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Earl W. Pickett, the publisher, for making this book possible. I give special thanks to King Melvin Brown, the founder and guru of his Mind Tuning Philosophy, and Irma Tyus Mitchell, publisher of NewYorkGlobal.Biz Magazine, for their continued love and support. Again, I thank readers for reading my poetry book. I hope my readers will relax while reading and enjoying *My Heart Went Out For A Walk*."

Two more volumes of poetry will be published by Praying Poet, Ms. Jefferson, during the spring of 2023, also available for purchase on Amazon.

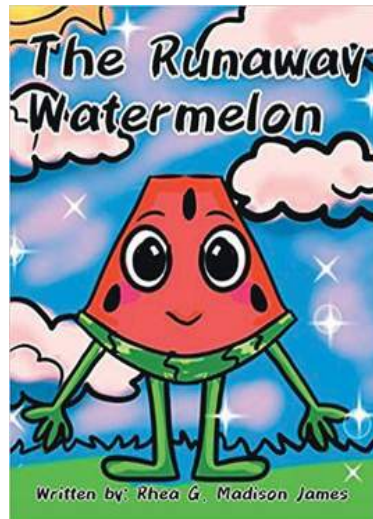
## Wonderama



Hosts David Osmond (Donny & Marie's nephew) and Dr. MLKs daughter, Bernice King



## 10 YR OLD RHEA MADISON JAMES' RUNAWAY WATERMELON 2ND BOOK



"I had an avocado sandwich for a breakfast, so I thought about writing an avocado book," Rhea said, regarding her first book. "Ideas came to me so quickly; I created a draft and continued working on it over this past summer. I decided to keep the runaway theme after the positive feedback I received from my parents."

Rhea's new *Runaway Watermelon* showcases some of her bi-lingual

abilities as parts of it are written in Spanish. "I incorporated Spanish into my story because I wanted the avocado to be Mexican and most Mexicans speak Spanish," she explained.

Rhea, the Montessori fifth grader, has included a coloring book filled with scenes from her 2 storybooks and hopes that her writing inspires others to use their talents and realize their dreams. "I've learned that I must review my work, and check for punctuation and grammatical errors, Rhea stated. "I also learned to listen to others with writing experience because this will help me to be a better writer." Already Rhea's published books have earned her acclaim among the pantheon of U.S. Virgin Islands authors. *Runaway Watermelon* may be purchased on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Walmart.com





## CONGRATULATIONS GILFORD MONROSE, NYCs FIRST FAITH-BASED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY LEADER



New York Global.Biz (NYGB Black) History celebrates Pastor Monroe Gilford, appointed in 2022 as NYC's first Faith Based Executive Director. Pastor Gilford's success as Brooklyn's Community Faith Based Leader, became a critical necessity for all NYC's boroughs. Last January, I finally arrived at Pastor's Gilford's strategically addressed Anti-gun Violence prioritized initiatives and solutions featuring clergy, community, law enforcement, academia, media, and mental health leaders. At least 500 people attended and feasted on a Southern and Continental dinner at that event held at NYC's recently built huge police academy.

Pastor Gilford, an Advisory Leadership Council Member for Habitat and Volunteer Chaplain for MTA has a Theology and Bible Studies BA from Nyack College. In 2005 he became a Pastor at the Mount Zion Church of God Seventh Day, in East Flatbush, Brooklyn. He is the Alumni Chair for the "We All Brooklyn" non-profit, respected for bringing diverse leaders together, to solve life issues affecting their communities. Though his NYC's landscape massively increased, serving four other boroughs. Pastor Gilford's faith-based leadership is immeasurable, also as founder and president of the 67th Precinct Clergy Council.

Since his first term, Gilford always immaculately debonair, sporting a bow-tie. Tentatively agreed to our NYGB or our 2015-16 WPAT Radio Singers Songwriters' Show, (fundraising for survivors of police and community brutality victims interviews. He hosted Mayor's Adam's Anti-Violence and Anti-Gun Public press conferences, candle-light ceremonies, etc. My apologetic emails for not attending, included asking if he knew that I emailed Mayor DiBlasio, my Church Homeless Shelter Plan that his office advised me to resend.

Nevertheless, it's pleasing to know that Mayor Eric Adams did implement a far more intensive Faith Based Community Housing Plan for NYC. My Church Homeless Shelter Plan would give Brooklyn's Bishop Owhe's churches and numerous brownstones to larger churches' stability. After I was invited to speak with them, a female Rev. Scott and I met with about 25

Black ailing church leaders, seeking means to restore or increase their membership, since Hurricane Sandy. NYGB's small investor, Leroy Smith, was pleased that Bishop Owhe agreed with me at the end of our session, when I proposed a Church Homeless Shelter Plan. My plan emphasized that which was more affordable, in view of NYC's Mayor Bloomberg's concern about reducing thousands of employed and Hurricane Sandy NYC homeless adults, among other homeless persons.

Whereas My Church Homeless Plan foresaw eight to 10 homeless persons residing in a brownstone, instead of sleeping in front of churches which became the norm. They have 24 hours accessibility, receive mental-health counseling, job training for employment, and will be encouraged to further their education or college. They'll be responsible for some household chores. The minister as executive director has an assistant. A maximum of two years in a Church Homeless Shelter Plan should help them resume their quality of life elsewhere. The goal of the program was to reduce NYC's homeless budget.

### ***Container Small Modest to Elegant Homes.***

Months ago, my partner and developer associate attempted to introduce NYC to resuming their interest in providing affordable as a car, sustainable container homes or home ownership for immigrants and others. They met with container home manufacturer. The manufacturer is seeking developers and franchisees. Read the NY Post 2022 regarding booming affordable container homes in NY.

## **Will Container Homes Reduce Immigration and Homelessness in Tri-State NY?**





## HOUSE MINORITY LEADER HAKEEM JEFFRIES SPONSORS HISTORIC BILL TO DECRIMINALIZE MARIJUANA



According to US Black Congressional Caucus two months in office, Hakeem Jeffries, the Hon. HR Congressman, and Minority Speaker from Brooklyn, New York, urgently challenged Congress to decriminalize national marijuana users.

New York Global.Biz (NYGB) Black History Month 2023 extends congratulations celebrations to Hon. Jeffries, the first Black Minority HR leader to reach this pinnacle, representing 212 HR Democrats. In 1870 Hiram Revels from South Carolina became the first Black U.S Senator. Later that year, Congressman Joseph Rainey, Robert DeLager, and Joseph Elliott were sworn in as newly elected party leaders. Therefore, five years shy of the Emancipation Proclamation ending the U.S. Civil Rights Battle in the U.S., the Reconstruction in America era, entailed courageous Blacks eagerly assuming leadership, in a divided country. That period entailed an astounding number of 33 Blacks and 137 whites legislating in Congress.

By 1874, the young Black U.S. HR Democrat Congressman Robert Elliott's oratorical and written appeal denouncing America's segregationists prevailing substandard housing, education employment, health care, legal and consumer rights solidified as the first critically needed 1875 Civil Rights Bill. Consequently, a few years later the U.S. Supreme Court struck down that bill, denying that the U.S. Constitution limits the 1875 bill that does not apply to private businesses. Unlike Rev. Dr. King's 1965 Civil Rights Act, applicable to nearly every industry, private and otherwise. As reported by the Congressional Black Caucus this is huge! House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries sponsors historic bill to decriminalize marijuana.

The war on marijuana has cost the U.S. billions of dollars! It wrongfully targets Black Americans and prevents them from getting jobs, access to food assistance, college grants, and more. This bill is essential to end systemic racism. The tax revenue from legalized and decriminalized marijuana could fund our schools, hospitals, and social services. Experts say 63% of Americans support decriminalizing marijuana and his bill could BOOST our economy! With enough pressure from good New York Democrats, we can show widespread support to pass Hakeem Jeffries' bill. This type of public pressure will only work with a massive petition delivered to the Senate.

**By:** Irma Tyus-Mitchell



### Cowboy's Play (Depicts Long Ranger)



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## New York State First Female Governor Kathy Hochul



### Proclamation

**Whereas**, since 1987, the month of March has been nationally designated as Women's History Month, and New York State joins in celebrating and recognizing extraordinary women of all backgrounds who have made immeasurable contributions to our state and nation through their achievements, success, and leadership in all areas of endeavor; and

**Whereas**, this year's Women's History Month highlights the theme, "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories," as the legacy of many women throughout history is carried on by women who continue to shape and influence our lives – the mothers, teachers, and mentors who pass down values, traditions, and examples of social responsibility; their strength and character are the foundation of our communities and our families, and reflect the vast potential that women have as leaders in their communities and as individuals of personal and professional accomplishment; and

**Whereas**, today, women fill critical roles in many areas and have devoted their lives and talents to careers in news and journalism, pursuing truth in all forms of media and broadcasting – including print, radio, television, blogs, and podcasts; we recognize women who were born here in New York State and have made a significant mark in the world of news broadcasting, publishing, and photojournalism – Margaret Bourke-White, Katharine Graham, Nancy Hicks Maynard, Dorothy Thompson, Frances Fitzgerald, Gwen Ifill, Maria Hinojosa, Gloria Steinem – and those who are inextricably connected to New York through their lifelong careers, including the late Barbara Walters, a pioneer in broadcast journalism who broke glass ceilings and opened doors for other women; and

**Whereas**, we likewise celebrate renowned New York women authors, the earliest facing barriers to publication and recognition for their literary ideas and abilities, inspiring future generations of women to persevere and pen great works, legendary New Yorkers such as Maya Angelou, Julia de Burgos, Nora Ephron, Lorraine Hansberry, Madeleine L'Engle, Toni Morrison, Edith Wharton, Margaret Wise Brown – all of them having a profound influence on American culture; and

**Whereas**, countless other women have embarked upon prolific careers as novelists and as writers of short stories, poetry, articles, essays, and works that explore contemporary life and timely issues, contributing to periodicals, magazines, journals, and literary publications; today, many women artists, songwriters, scholars, playwrights, and performers are known for their dedication to preserving our heritage in word and in print, establishing artistic and cultural institutions across our state and nation; and

**Whereas**, this occasion provides an opportunity to learn more about the meaningful work and accomplishments of women who have provided a voice for generations; we celebrate women across all walks of life, in all professions and organizations and groups, making a difference in every single field and earning a seat at the table after being excluded for far too long;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in the Empire State and pay tribute to past and present women who enrich our lives through written and spoken words.

**G i v e n** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day of  
March in the year two thousand twenty-three.



A blue ink signature of Karen Persichilli Keogh, Secretary to the Governor.

Secretary to the Governor  
Karen Persichilli Keogh

A blue ink signature of Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York.  
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## Attended NAN's MLK 2023, Christmas 2022 Annual Events



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