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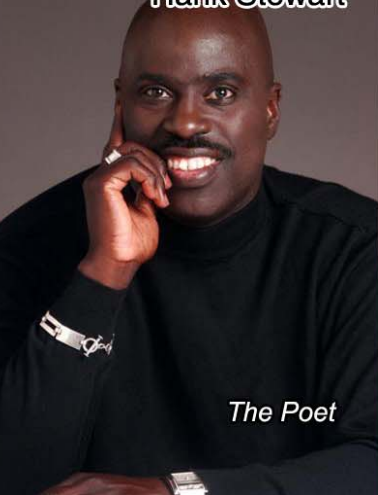
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## From the Publisher

**T**rendsetters to Trendsetters Magazine was born in the Fall of 2006. It is a magazine that brings positive and motivated individuals together in a networking community. This magazine was designed to honor and spotlight our unsung hero's, individuals that you don't read about on a day to day basis. These individuals are making a difference in their communities.

Trendsetters to Trendsetters Magazine is a national publication that reaches thousands of homes and businesses bi-monthly via hard copy and internet. If the publication can't be found in your area; you can order it online by going to [www.trendtotrendmag.com](http://www.trendtotrendmag.com) or [www.trendsetstotrendsettersmagazine.com](http://www.trendsetstotrendsettersmagazine.com). Our hard copy can be found in parts of Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Texas, Ohio and many more states to come.

Our targeted market is the young and young at heart. We have created a magazine that is designed for everyone. A magazine that contains positive and informative content; we don't write about crime or negative situations. It must be positive situations or individuals doing positive things in their community or surrounding areas. Hair magazines write about hair, Car magazines write about cars, Trendsetters to Trendsetters Magazine write about trendsetters.

I wanted to create a publication that was going to be different, a magazine that focused on positive individuals doing positive things. I also wanted to create a magazine that would be the meeting place for trendsetters around the country. For example: I wanted trendsetters in Atlanta to meet the trendsetters in Charlotte and the trendsetters in Chicago to meet trendsetters in Houston, the trendsetters in Cleveland to meet the trendsetters in Akron/Canton and the trendsetters in New York to meet the trendsetters in Des Moines.

Trendsetters to Trendsetters Magazine is a free publication. Why? Because I don't feel that we should have to pay for positive and informative information. We are surviving on advertisement and subscriptions. We need assistance in these areas to keep this positive uplifting publication alive.

Our publication spotlights individuals from every state in the country. If you know of someone that is setting trends, making a difference in the community please contact our office.

Willie Stewart



Willie Stewart  
Publisher



## YOLANDA REYNOLDS Chronicling the Success of African-Americans...Southern Style

By Alonia Jernigan

**W**hen she enters the room, it's clear that something special has just taken place; her very presence exudes excitement. But for Yolanda Reynolds, it all comes naturally, and rightfully so. With a sterling public relations career that has spanned two decades, Reynolds has reached yet another plateau. In November of 2007, she was promoted to Regional Vice President of the Columbus, Ohio-based Who's Who Publishing Company. As such, she is responsible for overseeing the company's annual publication of *Who's Who in Black Atlanta*, *Who's Who in Black Birmingham*, and *Who's Who in Black Memphis*. She is also entrusted with organizing the unveiling and networking events associated with each publication. A native of (Tuscaloosa) Alabama and current metro Atlanta resident, Reynolds is especially proud to serve these given regions. "I've been with Who's Who Publishing Company since 2002, and I know that this is God's doing to enlarge my territory in such an important yet meaningful way. It's a great feeling, and it provides an opportunity for me to give back to the communities that have given so much to me," says Reynolds.

Who's Who founder and CEO C. Sunny Martin shares in the excitement about Reynolds, "I am ecstatic that Yolanda has taken on an increasing role with our company. The measure of success she has achieved in the Atlanta market is remarkable and continues to raise the bar for our other markets. I have no doubt that she will be successful in her new role."

The evidence of Reynolds' business acumen will be on display on August 7 at 6 p.m. It is then when political, community, religious and business leaders as well as entrepreneurs and youth converge on the Birmingham Museum of Art for the unveiling of the second edition of *Who's Who in Black Birmingham*. Attendees can look forward to the many exciting features of the book, including salutes to the city's living legends and the 100 Black Men of Birmingham. Some of



the city's most prominent and exciting female powerhouses will be featured as well. The foreword will be penned by Mayor Larry P. Langford, and AT&T of Alabama will be featured as the Corporation of the Year, a spotlight that will illuminate the company's many contributions, leaders and services. Plus, a feature article on the revitalization of Birmingham will help to make the unveiling ceremony one that holds great anticipation.

C.T. Taylor, Associate Publisher of *Who's Who in Black Birmingham* is equally excited about this year's edition, which will also be an annual publication in the Who's Who family. "Birmingham is a city that is growing tremendously," says Taylor. "It's a wonderful thing to play such a key role in assuring that the success of this great city is chronicled for all the world to see." As a testament to the city's growth, a number of new corporations have partnered with *Who's Who in Black Birmingham*, offering readers keener insight on their executives through editorial coverage as well as their products and services through advertising. "The corporate partnerships truly illustrate a mutually rewarding exchange for all involved," Taylor adds.

Reynolds brings a unique blend of professionalism to the Birmingham area. Her

tenure began in 2002 as the Associate Publisher for *Who's Who in Black Atlanta*. Her peers recognized her level of excellence and bestowed upon her the 2004 Who's Who Leadership Award. She was again lauded in 2007 as Publisher of the Year for her work with the Atlanta publication.

In addition to working with Who's Who, Reynolds is also owner of Reynolds Associates, a community/public relations, event planning and sponsorship sales firm. Widely known for her exceptional ability to create and nurture business relationships, Reynolds' client base spans the boundaries of corporate, nonprofit, governmental and entrepreneurial entities. With clients who trust her expert guidance in raising funds, planning promotional events and developing publications that enhance the bottom line, Reynolds has made quite a name for herself. And in addition to the accolades she's received from Who's Who, she also won the "Success Against the Odds" award in 2007 from the Atlanta Business League, and in she received the "For Sisters Only" Community Service Award from Atlanta's V-103 radio station. Also, Cingular Wireless acknowledged her as the "Minority Entrepreneur of the Year."

Characterized as charismatic yet strategic, Reynolds humbly acknowledges that her success would be nothing without a strong foundation in God. She is the proud mother of two wonderful sons, Ashton and Wildon, whom she says makes her life all the more rewarding.

To purchase tickets for the unveiling ceremony, which includes a copy of the publication, visit [Who'sWhoPublishing.com](http://Who'sWhoPublishing.com) or call the corporate headquarters at (614) 481-7300.

TRENDSETTER SPOTLIGHT



## Dreams Do Come True

India Payton Granderson is 20 years old and a third year student at The Ohio State University. Her major is dance and she is studying for a Bachelor of Fine Arts. She most recently performed in Drums Downtown with The Ohio State University's Music Department. She was also a member of The Ohio State Dance Team for two years where she had the opportunity to perform at pep rallies, basketball games, national dance competitions, and participated in many community service events. She was also honored with a job as a National Dance Alliance Instructor. Miss Granderson has been a judge for many cheers and dance competitions. She was also an assistant instructor and performed in LaVerne Reed's productions of The Chocolate Nutcracker and Pan. She is a teacher and principle dancer for C Dance Company for the Arts. Miss Granderson has had the opportunity to dance around the world including Europe with Pinnell Dance Center, where she started dancing at the age of 2. Miss Granderson will be leaving soon for a dance job with Gary Musick Productions on The Norwegian Cruise ship called The Spirit. She will be gone for eight months dancing and performing. The ship will go from New York and to the Caribbean Islands. She believes that with God, all things are possible. Also, she sets goals and works hard to achieve them. She is fortunate to have such supportive family and friends. We congratulate her and wish her the best! Keep Dancing!

Columbus, Ohio

## Sixteen Year Old Heads to Yale University



Atlanta, Ga

Jamila Scarlett-Wynter is a striking sixteen year old who has just received a scholarship from Yale University where she will pursue a medical degree. Jamila was born in Brooklyn, New York, of Jamaican parentage, and has several achievements, including Valedictorian, Star Student, Emory Scholar Semi-finalist, Outstanding Magnet Euclidean Geometry Student, Outstanding Magnet Medical Science 11 and The South Cobb Who's Who Award. The list goes on.....

Her extracurricular activities include President of the local chapter of the USA/Health Occupation Student of America, Region Skills USA Health Knowledge Bowl, and State Skills USA Health Knowledge Bowl, Magnet Student Advisory Board Member, Four Year Tennis Letterman Award and Secretary of Blacks United for Youth.

Jamila Graduated in June of this year from the South Cobb High School in Austell Georgia with a GPA of 4.569 and rank 1/480. She was Sophomore and Senior Class President and participated in class projects such as Festival of Trees and Toys For Tots. As Secretary of the Beta Club, Jamila spent her spare time doing Habitat for Humanity; Aids Walk Atlanta and Keep Cobb Beautiful.

She received The Eagle Ambassadors National Honor Society Award and finally the Governor's Honors Program Math Nomination for being on the Principal's Honor Roll in the State's Top Ten.

Prior to all this, Jamila lived in Jamaica for three years where she attended Reading's Preparatory School in Montego Bay preparing her academics. Armed with this foundational background, she returned to Georgia and attended the Academy of Research and Medical Science at South Cobb High School. Asked about her future career, Jamila retorted, "I was always ranked number one in my class, and in the fall, when I am accepted at Yale, I expect to continue in the same vein. My ambition is to become a physician researcher in the field of neurological sciences."

◀ Jamila visits the Governor's Mansion



## Christian Green receives invitation to Presidential Youth Inaugural Conferences

Christian Green an honor student will witness history in the making when he attends the Inauguration of the President and Vice President in January 2009. As an Inaugural Scholar, Christian will witness the President and Vice President taking the official oath of office on the National Mall in Washington, DC and hear the President's first address to the nation. He will also have the opportunity to view the inaugural parade over lunch at the historic Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. Christian will spend five days in Washington, DC taking part in educational activities and events commemorating the presidential inauguration which will help to expand his understanding of the presidential campaign, election and inaugural processes.

Christian is a 14 year old student at Odem Academy Middle School in Beaumont, Texas. He enjoys playing basketball, video games, bowling, reading and playing chess.



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By Jonetta White  
Dayton, OH

**T**hough, I know that this essay is to be non-biased, I will not apologize for spreading the truth. I would be saddened, but in no way offended, if you dismissed my words because I choose to use my reference from what has guided many of the leaders we respect to victory.

I will not apologize for standing on the only thing that has proven to be true in the lives of believers, as well as non-believers; for standing on the beliefs that founded this great country, which profited and thrived as long as "In God We Trust" remained its corner stone. If you do not hold prejudice tendencies against me because of my Christian beliefs, and would like to hear the truth... then read on.

"Aaaaah!", she screams as she endures the most agonizing pain known only to a woman. She pants and she pushes, and she wails in exhaustion. Determination has set in, and her pure will is all she has left; for the strength of her body has forsaken her. Finally, when death seems to be her only companion, comes life; the one thing that no man can create, except through a woman. She stares at the minute figure; fragile, beautiful, and helpless. The first thought that registers in her mind is that she loves this infant. The second thought is that she has done something not only good, but great. She feels no regret nor holds any ulterior motive in her heart at the good deed she has done, at the life she has created.

I now question you, the reader of this piece, how do we measure a good life? Is it by the amount of charities someone has donated to? Or how well they announce every good deed that they've done, simply hoping to get recognition? I ask you these questions so that you may understand that you cannot measure a good life solely on good deeds, but by the condition of the heart when they give it. Every mother that has a child, has in some way, carried out her purpose. She has done a good deed, but the thing that makes it good, is the condition of her heart while she does it.

*"In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred."* (Dr. Martin Luther King's *I Have A Dream* speech).

I believe that this means you cannot carry out your purpose, which is to live a good life, with contempt in your heart. It is a form of hypocrisy, a mere facade, created because of one's inability to observe the whole aspect of life. The whole aspect of life is to love your fellow man. Not only your friends, but also your enemies, and you do that by loving them with your heart, and not simply your words.

"If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had

such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

As I ponder on the things that make life worth living as well as the things that make a great person; I realize their intimate relationship. A great person does not always have to be a famous person. A great person is one who attempts to positively impact the lives they can with the gifts they are afforded. That is what makes life worth living, because if you impact someone's life then your legacy lives on. It is a form of selflessness; the ability to denounce your personal agenda in order to help someone else.

This statement that I make is the most important part of my piece. The wise will listen and take heed to it, and the foolish will let it pass them by. You must have a dream because that is your sight into the future. You must have a vision because it gives you hope when all else seems to fail. You must have a goal, but most importantly, you must have a plan because it will give you direction. Yet, to all those who read this allow me to leave you with a quote from the greatest, most truthful book I have ever read.

*"And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?"* (Mark 8:36)

My purpose for this was to say that you must live each day as if it were your last, but most importantly, you must live at peace with the eternal dwelling of your soul. All the memorials, the biographies, and awards in the world cannot help the deceased. The truth is that you gain these material possessions only for a moment of comfort, but you will not live your life in vain if you fulfill your purpose, and that accomplishment, you may carry with you through all eternity.

In conclusion, I would also like to say that the worst personal essays are the ones you do not make personal. So just as surely as I advise you on how to lead a good life, I advise myself. I will attempt everyday to live a good life by these standards. By giving to others with joy in my heart, loving my fellow men, impacting others' lives and being as selfless as reason would permit. I will try to complete my dream, vision, and plan, and I will do all that I can so that my soul will rest in peace. Lastly I say to you; if you take nothing else from this piece; take away the question, "How do you measure a good life?"

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# A Good Life

## Performing Arts Program for Youth At Solid Foundation (A Unique Learning Opportunity)

**T**he Performing Arts Program for Youth in Residence Program at Solid Foundation offers a comprehensive arts integration experience for youth and teachers working with the resident artist. It is a full year program that includes a syllabus, curriculum guide and lesson plans. The resident program at Solid Foundation aims to find the artist within each student. Through movement, music, journal writing, educational, traditional and experiential theatre, the focus is on the development of the whole child.

This model is also designed to offer youth an opportunity to express their creativity.

According to Dr. Jackson the Founder of Solid Foundation, "Most of the students in our program learn differently, so we have to teach innovatively.

Having a performing arts program as part of our program really motivates our students. I have found that they learn more than they realize. They think they are playing and having fun, but Ms.

Hilda, the Artistic Director of PAPY has a unique approach to teaching many valuable skills that can be used across

the curriculum and in life." Ms. Hilda said that PAPY is also successful because the program uses the art of folklore to support social development, writing skills, presentational skills and standards based language arts teaching and learning through the use of fables, myths, spoken word and cultural traditions from around the world.

Some adults who are exceptionally skilled with language and even become English teachers have difficulty balancing their checkbooks. Others who are nuclear physicists never do learn to spell proficiently. Many people never fail a subject in school but are at a complete loss when figuring out a diagram for making a simple house repair. Simi-



Dr. Leslie Jackson  
Director

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larly, children may experience real success in some school subjects, yet find other school tasks very difficult, frustrating, or time consuming to complete." Dr. Jackson concluded by stating that through the performing arts program, Solid Foundation works with each child, transforming obstacles and weaknesses into strengths and opportunities. For the student, the outcome is not only improved academic performance, but better self-esteem, greater confidence and a renewed joy in learning.

Solid Foundation students face a variety of challenges that often act as roadblocks in traditional schools. A few of these roadblocks include, difficulty in reading or writing words or numbers, problems transferring thoughts to paper, trouble with organization and time management, failure to turn in homework, inability to concentrate in class, and/or a history of falling behind classmates academically. These roadblocks often cause labels to be placed on students which often times lowers their self-esteem into believing that they are incapable of successfully doing the work. Through the performing arts program for youth, our students are creatively experiencing success beyond measure! For more information about our program, visit [www.solidfoundationinc.org](http://www.solidfoundationinc.org).



Students of the Solid Foundation pose for a picture with Val Archer, Original Tuskegee Airman



## MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE GETS HOPE BACK

The Hope Scholarship & the Tuition Equalization Grant Now Available to Students at Morris Brown College



**Seated** – Governor Sonny Purdue;

**On the Governor's left – right to left** – Dr. Stanley Pritchett, acting president of MBC; Dr. Gloria Anderson, Calloway Professor at Morris Brown; GA State Rep. Mable Thomas; Dr. Vivian E. Johnson, faculty representative on the Board of Trustees; and others.

**On the Governor's right -- left to right** – GA Senator Tommy Williams, Bishop William P. DeVeaux, President of the Morris Brown Board of Trustees; Virgil Hodges, Member of the Board of Trustees; and others.

Atlanta, GA (May 15, 2008). Governor of the State of Georgia, **The Honorable Sonny Purdue**, has signed Senate Bill #480 which gives Morris Brown College the ability to offer the Hope Scholarship and the Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant to its eligible students. "We are elated about this news because this is a tangible sign that "hope" is more than alive, it is a reality; and this scholarship will enable the hundreds of students who want to attend

Morris Brown, in the fall of 2008, to do so – with financial aid," said **Dr. Stan Pritchett**, acting president of Morris Brown College.

More than 100 alumni, members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students and friends of Morris Brown College rallied at the State Capitol in Atlanta to witness the signing of the bill and to show their

support for the beginning of the turnaround of this 127 year old institution that lost its accreditation in 2002. Senate Majority Leader **Tommy Williams** sponsored the legislation with assistance from **Senators Valencia Seay, Vincent Fort, Horacena Tate and Kasim Reed**. Support for the legislation also came from Georgia State Representatives **Al Williams, Calvin Smyre, Wade Starr, House Majority Leader Jerry Keen, Bill Hembree from the House Education Committee**, and others.

Governor Purdue recognized the contributions made to the state of Georgia by Morris Brown graduates and thanked **Bishop William DeVeaux**, presiding bishop, and the AME Church Sixth District, for keeping the doors of the institution open during this critical time in the history of Morris Brown. "God gives everyone a second chance," said Governor Purdue, "and we must support this

institution and the work they do for Georgia."

The *Morris Brown Circle of Friends*, which was recently launched by the Board of Trustees and the National Alumni Association, are seeking to engage more advocates and solicit financial support for the college in order to expand the base of constituents and increase annual contributions for programs and initiatives at Morris Brown. "We certainly hope that the action taken by these prominent Georgians, who have displayed their advocacy for the college, will spur other Georgians, and like-minded persons, to support Morris Brown in our efforts to fulfill a need to educate students who want to go to college," Dr. Pritchett added.

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# He's Got a Secret



Timothy Chambers always thought he would be a Pastor of a small church and giving back to his community. After all, he grew up in church, sang in the choir, was a youth usher, obtained a degree in Christian Education (minor in Theology) and is actually a licensed Baptist Preacher. He has served as a Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Pastor and for three years, hosted his own religious radio talk show, the controversial but enlightening "Credible Christianity." He is charismatic, articulate, talented (writes and sings)...all the makings of a preacher. But Timothy does not dawn any robes and is not posted up in any pulpits on Sunday mornings. Instead he toils in the vineyard of Chicago, Roseland or the wild 100s to be exact, as a Project Director for what he calls the "Unfortunate little known secret that is Job Corps."

For more than 15 years now Timothy has been working in and/or with the Job Corps program. He initially stumbled across Job Corps while working with the Urban League's Road Builders program as a Senior Field Consultant. "I was tasked with assisting Illinois Department of Transportation highway contractors in meeting their federally mandated minority and female quotas." While serving in this capacity Timothy was contacted by a Job Corps Career Transition Specialist who was trying to assist a Job Corps Graduate in finding employment. Through this chance encounter he began to enquire about this Job Corps program which he had never heard of. "During my first visit to a center I simply fell in love with the program! All these young learning an array of skills and trades and if need be completing high school education. It was and is a great program!"

Timothy continued to work directly and indirectly with the Job Corps pro-

gram and in 2003, almost 10 years after his first encounter with Job Corps, was selected as the Project Director for the Outreach / Admissions and Career Transition Services for the state of Ohio. Over the next four years Timothy guided the Ohio project to great heights in both admissions and placement. He was selected to serve on numerous corporate assessment teams and spear headed the proposal which led to the successful re-awarding of the multi-million dollar Ohio contract.

Currently Timothy directs all Outreach, Admissions and Career Transition Services for the Region 5 Office of Job Corps with regard to the states of Illinois and Wisconsin. He is responsible for effective program organization and management; Program integrity and accountability; Development and implementation of Job Corps Public Education Programs; Financial integrity and accountability for a multi-million dollar contract; Staff professionalism and development; and maintain liaison with Region V DOL Office of Job Corps and regional Job Corps Centers. Timothy is directly responsible for oversight of all Outreach and Admissions activities to ensure the successful recruitment of more than 2000 Ohio youth between the ages of 16 and 24 annually for entry into the Job Corps program and the employment and/or educational placement of nearly 2000 Job Corps graduates annually.

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*Being a Project Director for Job Corps has been challenging but it has afforded me an opportunity to address the ways and means by which to tackle one of life's greatest challenges and at the same time, achieve one of life's greatest rewards...HELPING YOUTH. As Trendsetters to Trendsetters prides itself in spreading good news, it is my hope to add to their uplifting stories by providing information on the wonderful and unfortunately little known secret that is JOB CORPS"*

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**PowerNetworking 2008 Conference Boasts of Historic Meeting with Libya Prince and Black American Multi-Millionaires for Impressive Business Collaborations**

**George Fraser Wraps Up Atlanta Conference with Impressive Speakers -- Dr. Myles Munroe, Susan Taylor, Les Brown, Dennis Kimbro and Mayor Shirley Franklin**

**BUSINESS TRENDS**

Atlanta, (July 14, 2008). His Royal Highness Prince Mahdi Al-Senussi of Libya flew into Atlanta to participate in a special meeting, at the 2008 PowerNetworking Conference, with ten Black American multi-millionaires who gathered to discuss collaborative business opportunities in the US, Africa and the Middle East. Those attending this first of its kind strategic meeting, hosted by George Fraser (CEO & Chairman of FraserNet, Inc.), were Tommy Dortch, Bishop Eddie Long, Mike Roberts, Jon Barfield, Anita Williams, Clovis Prince, Winston Johnson, Keith Wyche, Everett Glenn and Curtis Brown. "I enjoyed meeting such a fine group of exceptional and respected business leaders. I felt this meeting was long overdue. I developed

new friends and business partners and look forward to seeing them again soon," said HRH Prince Mahdi Al-Senussi.

Following this historic gathering of Black deal-makers, many of these business men and women participated on the panel at the 2008 PowerNetworking National Town Hall Meeting, hosted by Dr. Dennis Kimbro, with a power-packed discussion on the theme "From Zero to a Billion Dollars in One Generation." The PowerNetworking Conference has attracted corporate sponsors such Ford, Delta, and Exxon Mobil; however, Black-owned corporations such as Winsonic (CEO Winston Johnson in Atlanta), LESCO (CEO Anita Williams, Huntsville, AL), and Prince & Associates (CEO Clovis Prince in Dallas) have stepped into the

role of major corporate sponsorships as a way of giving back and encouraging new Black business owners.

Dr. Myles Munroe, Susan Taylor, Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, George Curry, Les Brown, and Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu rounded out the list of over 50 speakers, seminar leaders and panelists who appeared at the Seventh Annual PowerNetworking Conference in Atlanta, Black America's largest networking training event. Fraser, America's networking guru, as noted by Black Enterprise Magazine, assembled a list of "Who's Who" in keynote speakers, workshop presenters and panelists who trained, inspired and empowered more than 1,500 conference attendees.



**Town Hall Meeting at the 2008 PowerNetworking Conference:**

**Front Row (l-to-r):** Jon E. Barfield, President and CEO, The Barch Group, Detroit, MI; Clovis L. Prince, President and CEO of Prince & Associates, Dallas, TX; Anita Williams, President of LESCO, Huntsville, AL; and Mike V. Roberts, Chairman and CEO, The Roberts Companies, St. Louis, MO.

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**The Brevity of Life** By Teri Miller Barker



Dayton, Ohio -

Life is short. How many times have you heard that comment? Think about how you feel when you hear about some tragic thing that has happened to a child. Or when you read about some young person who left us too soon. If you're like me, it makes you think about your own mortality. As we live day-to-day, and go about our business, we realize how quickly the days turn into weeks, and months, and before we know it, an-

other year has gone by.

There's a scripture that metaphorically addresses our time on this earth. James 4:14 says, "For what is your life? It is a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." The Bible compares our life to a vapor, and we all know that a vapor appears for a fleeting moment before it completely disappears. As children, we can't wait to become adults so we can come and go as we please, and do things on our own terms. As adults, we sometimes wish that we could go back to the 'good ol' days' when we were carefree children whose only responsibilities were to do our homework, clean our rooms, and be in before the street lights came on. I remember like it was yesterday, when my brother and I would play outside until the eleventh hour, and then break our necks trying to beat those lights.

Although I have fond memories of a happy childhood, and do wish sometimes that I could revisit those days, I know that I have to make my present the 'good ol' days' for the future. So, in ten or twenty years from now, I can look

back on these times with the same fondness. Because when you take the time to look at the whole picture, it's not just about the quantity of our days, but the quality as well.

The late Dr. Seuss, best known for writing children's books, wrote this insightful poem about the passage of time:

*How did it get so late so soon?  
Its night before its afternoon.  
December is here before its June.  
My goodness how the time has flown.  
How did it get so late so soon?*

Time flies. It does get late soon. If we're to live life to its fullest, we must make a conscious effort to enjoy and appreciate each and every one of its stages, and live one precious day at a time.

Teri Miller Barker is a freelance writer from Dayton, Ohio. To view past columns, visit [www.thewriteawaycafe.com](http://www.thewriteawaycafe.com).

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See Building an Empire

## Mixing Love & Business

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My husband Frederick Thomas a Miami Dade Police Detective is a 20 year veteran with the department. His job requires him to investigate burglaries and shootings. I, Angela Thomas am now a retired Miami Dade County Correctional Officer with 15 years experience working at a men's prison. My job requirements were custody and control of inmate prisoners. I was also, the G.E.D Supervisor helping inmates to obtain their diploma while being incarcerated. I have now been retired for 3 years and now have the pleasure of being a five-time Christian author/ inspirational speaker/ publisher of my very own company SheerPurfection.

My husband and I are a team. We speak the truth in love and count ourselves as valuable commodities to one another. The bottom line is that marriage is work, and if you don't do the work, you won't reap the rewards of sharing a happy marriage. Our marriage is our primary ministry, first. Our marriage is based on trust, communication and a love that is not based on conditions.

My husband and I work together and volunteer our time by speaking at schools to reach the youths of today. We use our experiences in law enforcement 0.60 to explain the importance of making the right decisions in life to avoid being ar-

rested and facing imprisonment. Together we are a team that strives everyday to make a difference in a child's life. In our work experiences we have seen a lot of younger children coming through the system. My husband speaks about what happens when you are arrested and brought into custody. I speak about what happens when you are booked into the jail system. Our teaching has truly helped a lot of children to think twice about breaking the law. Our goals have been to not only reach out, but to teach them as well how one mistake could possibly change your entire life. We believe that if we could save one child from ruining their future, than we could possibly reach many more. We speak as well about having a good relationship with your parents and being honest. We are parents as well and we care about the future of other children.

Angela and Frederick Thomas  
Miami, FL

As we continue to stand together, our goal is truly to make a difference in this world. We have a strong passion for helping others and it has made our marriage much stronger as well. Our messages are not only for children, but adults as well.

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## Jasmine Guy Leads All-Star Cast of Ossie Davis' Historical Play

Celebrity readers include Sonia Sanchez, Rev C.T. Vivian, Pastor Raphael G. Warnock and more



ATLANTA – July 17, 2008 – Today, New York Life Insurance Company, Black Entertainment Television, The National Black Arts Festival, The Performing Arts Program for Youth (PAPY) and the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church are proud to introduce the Ossie Davis Endowment to the Atlanta community. The official Atlanta launch will take place on Monday, July 21, 7:00 pm at Ebenezer Baptist Church with a dramatic reading of the Ossie Davis play "The People of Clarendon County" to benefit the endowment. Celebrity readers include: Sonia Sanchez, Rev. C.T. Vivian, Jasmine Guy and Pastor Raphael G. Warnock. The event will be hosted by Rutherford and Laura Turner Seydel.

Through the art of drama, legendary actor, playwright, director and civil rights champion Ossie Davis gives life to a pivotal and little known chapter in Civil Rights history. We meet the Rev. Joseph DeLaine and other courageous African American parents in South Carolina, in their fight in the 1950s against racial inequality in education. They risked their lives to file the first legal challenge to segregation in the public schools. The play was written in celebration of the Supreme Court's momentous decision outlawing school segregation. Clarendon County, a rural community in South Carolina, was the battleground of black sharecroppers, domestic workers, laborers, and clergymen who joined the NAACP to fight for better schools for black children. Their 1951 lawsuit, *Briggs v. Elliott*, was the first of five cases that led to the breakthrough 1954 Supreme Court case

*Brown v. Board of Education.*

All proceeds from the Atlanta performance will benefit the Ossie Davis Endowment, which will support "Ossie Davis Scholars," African American students who demonstrate a commitment to use their careers as vehicles of activism to assure equal justice and opportunity. The scholarship program will begin in 2009.

The reading is directed by Hilda Willis, producing artistic director of the Ossie Davis Endowment 10-city tour.

General admission tickets are \$25 per person. VIP tickets are \$50 per person

and include an exclusive reading on Monday, July 21, 7 pm and a reception Saturday, July 19, 11 am at the Rialto Center for the Arts. To purchase tickets, visit the Bell Tower Book Store at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 407 Auburn Ave. To purchase tickets online visit: [www.ossiedavisendowment.com](http://www.ossiedavisendowment.com). For more information call 404.825.0453.

For more information about the Ossie Davis Endowment including benefit readings tentatively scheduled for **Birmingham; Cleveland; Detroit; Houston; Indianapolis; Little Rock; Los Angeles; Memphis; Montgomery; San Antonio and Washington, D.C.** visit: [www.ossiedavisendowment.com](http://www.ossiedavisendowment.com).

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## Minister Sharrieff Muhammad Opens the Blue Seas Restaurant In Atlanta



By Willie Stewart

I recently had the opportunity to attend the grand opening of the Blues Seas Restaurant which is located on Delowe Drive in Atlanta. The food was absolutely delectable; the bean pie alamide...words cannot describe the taste. You have to try it for yourself. However, what amazed me most was the young men who served as waiters and hosts. They all were very mannerable, well trained and well groomed. I can't remember the last time I saw a group of young black men that were so disciplined.

A week or so after the restaurant's opening, I had the honor and privilege to interview Minister Sharrieff Muhammad who is responsible for opening the restaurant. I explained to him how impressed I was with the young men. He stated classes have been setup to teach these young men. Classes have also been setup to teach the men how to be salesmen and the brothers will begin going door to door to let the community know about the restaurant and to sell fish dinners. Meals will also be delivered to the senior citizens. Minister Sharrieff stated some of the young men may have records but they are not concerned with their record. He went on to say that a college degree is not a prerequisite for becoming a top notch salesman. The Minister want these young men to understand that there is hope for them. Through the teachings of the Honorable Louis Farrakhan, we've been taught that we have to help all of our people. "All our people need is retraining. And we're going to take them and train them and send them back into the community as a new human being. The bible says they should be reborn again. Not going

back into their mother's womb. No. Transforming of the mind and the way they were thinking. Once this is done, you have a renewed person that once was a criminal but now he's a person that's being made over in the likeness of God. So now when he comes to your door, you have no reason to be afraid because now, you have a productive citizen. If we can only get our churches and synagogues to do the same thing, we can save our people from all of the drive-bys and selling dope on the corner. They don't really want to do that but they feel that there is no alternative. We have to get busy with our economic development to save our people. Blue Seas Restaurant is just a sign of this."

I asked the Minister what types of programs they have setup for young men just getting out of prison? He stated the Mosque has a prison ministry. He said, "We have our ministers in these prisons every day teaching the young brothers and inviting them to come to the Mosque. We have a manhood training class that is strictly for men every Monday. Some of the men shy away from coming to the Mosque for fear of someone trying to convert them but they will come by the restaurant." He told me often, the young men come by and just look in the window and are so proud that a restaurant of this class has been opened in their neighborhood. Minister Sharrieff is in the process of opening more restaurants in Atlanta and then he hopes to venture into other states.

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# Elaine Bryan

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**E**laine Bryan is a Motivational Speaker, Real Estate Broker/Investor and owner of Elaine Bryan Realty in Sandy Springs, GA. This Northwestern University alumna is currently completing her PhD and is a Counselor at

one of the top Charter Schools in the United States. Elaine's philosophy is "What you do with what you have determines what you become"<sup>TM</sup>

Elaine is living proof of her philosophy, her hard work and belief in motivating young people in education has created a buzz in the entertainment industry. She is the first and only recipient in Georgia of the **Judge Glenda Hatchett "Reach for a better Future Inspiring Excellence"** Mentoring Award. The award ceremony was aired on *Sony Television Pictures* and hosted by *Fox 5* reporter, *Art Franklin*. Elaine is currently involved with the B.A.M. group at the *Microsoft Corporation*, helping them identify candidates for scholarships and internship opportunities being offered by the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**. **Turner Broadcasting** later presented her with an "Educator Award".

On July 15, 2006, at the Buckhead Ritz-Carlton, Elaine received the **Mayor Shirley Franklin Phoenix Award** for "Outstanding Achievements

in Education and Service to the people of Atlanta". *Fox 5's Amanda Davis* was the MC for the event. She also received a Letter of Commendation from Georgia Governor **Sonny Perdue** for outstanding achievements.

With all of this, Elaine still found the time for a number one TV show. She has excelled in Real Estate so well that she was invited to share her knowledge on "What You Get for the Money", which airs on **HGTV** and the Fine Living Channel. The show compares homes across the country; it is the top rated prime time show on *HGTV* and is aired nationally in **90 million homes**. For the current schedule log on to [www.elainebryan.com](http://www.elainebryan.com) Elaine and her husband **Gregory** who is a Systems Analyst, Keyboardist, music composer and arranger, will be featured in some episodes. She was recently interviewed on **TVJ** and was recognized as a **Gleaner 2007 "Phenomenal Woman"**.

On December 3, 2007 she received special recognition from DeKalb County Board of Education Chair, **Cassandra Anderson-Littlejohn**. The award reads: "Special recognition presented for excellence in providing counsel to children in the *DeKalb County School System* and honor to 18 years of exemplary mentorship"

Elaine was the motivational speaker at the "Hearts of Humanity" Morehouse School of Medicine Project on April 30, 2008. She was recently honored with the **2008 USPS Diversity Champion Award**, selected as a **2008 Gleaner Phenomenal Woman** and the **2008 DeKalb Counselor of the Year**.

## There is a Queen in the Pro Football Hall of Fame City of Canton, Ohio

*Her name is Dr. Christine Smith*

by Amanda Stewart

**D**r. Christine Smith is an accomplished business owner, community activist, and a newly elected councilperson. Born in Troy, Alabama she was raised in a low-income predominately African-American area of Canton, Ohio. The lively fifty-something has the enthusiasm of a young adult out to conquer the world and the wisdom of someone twice her age.

Her list of accomplishments and awards are too long to list but highlights includes her receiving her Doctorate in Cosmetology, receiving the Madame CJ Walker's Award of Excellence, a national award of excellence in her profession, and the winner of the old school dance contest at the Tom Joyner's Sky show (The Southwest Airline tickets were given to her son and his wife for them to take a vacation alone). Whatever Dr. Smith does she gives it her all.

"Tine" as her beloved Grandmother, MaDear called her has been a community activist since early on. She has been giving a community picnic for over 25 years, with her paying all the expenses, as well as a Annual fashion and hair show for 30 years in which all proceeds are donated to the Leila Green Black Educators Scholarship. She gives her services as a commentator and coordinator to churches and non-profit organiza-

tions. She volunteers her time to many non-profit organizations and community events and never looks for the spotlight from any of it. Life has also given Dr. Smith her fair share of woes. She lost her oldest son to senseless violence in the early 90's. Recently, she watched her mother battle cancer and grandmother and her father succumb to illnesses with three years of each other. Bu through it all she remains strong and continues to keep keeping on. This past year she was elected to City council to the ward she grew up in, kept a business in for over 30 years, and watch deteriorate over time. Now she is politically fighting the injustices that have plagued her community. When asks why she does it she'll tell you that its not about what she wants or needs but what the people of her community wants and needs. She understands that nobody has helped them have a voice in what happens in our neighborhoods or town and that is what her job is to help them speak for themselves. But she is also quick to tell the community "Don't have me stand up for you and you don't show up and stand up and speak for yourselves." She stresses that if you get the opportunity to voice your concerns and what you believe in then it's your obligation to yourself and your community to do so. And if she can create the opportunity for you then she does.

As she continues to pursue and accomplish many things professionally, personally, and within her community, Dr. Smith goal has always been the same to be the best "Tine" she can be and give as much as she is able to give.



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Atlanta, GA

# Hank Stewart

If you

have ever read the work of inspirational speaker and poet, Hank Stewart, then you might find it hard to believe that this profoundly

talented writer did not scribe his first poem until May of 1991. The Answer", a collection of poetry, which expressed the issues of love, unity and religion, uniquely introduced Stewart as a conscious writer among a culture of literary enthusiast. Shortly thereafter, Hank followed up his first work with a second book fittingly titled, "Second Chance" which was written to reveal the Savior to lost souls and to rejuvenate the Christian experience. In 1996, Hank wrote his third book, "Be Still and Know..." a religiously conscious collection of works focusing on the power of prayer and the importance of spiritual guidance. Hank collaborated with Kendra Norman-Bellamy to craft the nationally published Three Fifty-Seven A.M. novel in 2007, which is loosely based on the popular romantic poem 357. It is a dramatic and inspirational tale of love, betrayal, forgiveness and power of prayer.

A devoted Christian, Hank believes that a firm spiritual guidance can help an individual remain true to the mission of life and success. Therefore, he incorporates this belief in his poetry

by encouraging people to move to new emotional heights and spiritual levels.

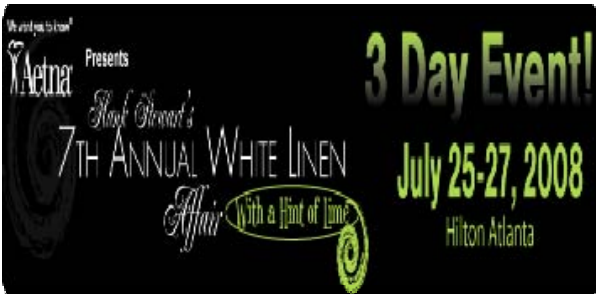
I think conscious poetry is important... It documents history. It's a message to people who don't always have a chance to listen to long sermons. If you look back over time poetry has made its way into every aspect of life..." In 1997, Stewart released a special edition of poems in his book, "Daydreaming About You", which preceded, "Stay Focused", published in 1998.

With the popularity of the merging of poetry and jazz within the literary culture, Stewart soon began to transform his written work into "Spoken Word" poetry, which earned him a regular guest spot on the "Quiet Storm", a weekly radio broadcasting show highlighting talented poetry and jazz artists on one of Atlanta's top radio stations, V-103.



Over the past sixteen years, Hank Stewart's poetry has awarded him many opportunities including working on programs with prominent officials such as former Vice President, Al Gore and contributing a piece honoring the mother of the civil rights movement, Rosa Parks with a special poetry dedication. Mr. Stewart has recited his works for Rev Jesse L. Jackson, Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin and Dr. Joseph E. Lowery.

Hank has performed at the 2003 and 2005 Essence Music Festival. He has written and performed commercials for the McDonald Corporation called "365 BLACK". He has also written and performed African American poetic rendition commercials for Fox 5 Atlanta which resulted in the winning of the 2007 Emmy, Promax and Gabby awards. Mr. Stewart's community service dedication has afforded him many prestigious accolades such as the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus Award.



# About Minister Denise Mosley

Denise Mosley is a native of Five Points, AL; a Veteran of the United States Active Duty Army and currently serves under the United States National Guard as a Special Forces Audio Visual Production Specialist. She is currently in pursuit of her Chaplaincy through diligent studies that presently rest at Grantham University. Well-rounded in the media, Min. Mosley is a published author, Editor-in-Chief and CEO of a nationally registered Christian magazine; she has edited and produced documentations for the United States Congress and co-produced a local television show for the Lee County Area.

In addition to her passion for the

media, she has a greater passion that revolves around her love for Jesus Christ. Minister Mosley is currently on staff as an Associate Minister at Pilgrim Baptist Church; where the Reverend Frank Kennedy Jr. is Senior Pastor. She is also currently pursuing selection to participate in missions that will take her around the world to spread the gospel and demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ.

In addition to her faithfulness to her call- she is unfailing in her faithfulness to her family. She and her husband Kelvin; currently reside in Auburn AL; but have de-



Denise Mosley Auburn, AL

ecided to make La Grange, Georgia their home with their children Ian and Iyana.

# Building an Empire

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The brothers have not only taken the knowledge their father instilled in them to run the family business, but they have also put wings to the lessons and have started making legacies of their own. From health food products, mega churches, a nationally published magazine, to real estate investments.

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frame. We have revamped our comedy show introducing to you the hottest comedians in the business with R&B soloist Eric Benet' closing out the event. Deitrick Haddon will perform live at the Sunday morning church service with Bishop Dale C. Bronner and the Word of Faith Choir on hand for a soul stirring service. Keep your Souvenir Book on hand to gather all the celebrity autographs - we will have over twenty star-studded celebrities on hand for you to meet and greet on the exhibit floor.

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**Charles Steele, Jr.**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(SCLC) Southern Christian Leadership Conference

COVER STORY

**C**harles Steele, Jr. was born on August 3, 1946, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He is the National President and CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Dr. Steele is a civil rights leader first, using his constituency as a pulse to direct action and chapter development of public policies. His vision of a "national playing field" keeps him in touch with current issues and political fairness.

In 1985 Dr. Steele was elected to the Tuscaloosa City Council where he served two terms. His dedication to serving his constituents is evident through his many worthwhile and tangible accomplishments in Tuscaloosa County and West Alabama. During his tenure as City Councilman, he organized the Unity Day Scholarship Fund, the Tuscaloosa police Athletic League, and secured funds for purchase of Palmore Park and Barrs' Quarters (Charles Steele Estates). This was the first home ownership program in West Alabama. He obtained the funds to build the Bernice Washington Insight Center, a drug treatment center. He organized the Tuscaloosa Drug Task Force and after many years of relentless efforts, the Partners for a Drug free Tuscaloosa County (formerly Tuscaloosa Drug Task Force). During that time the partnership was awarded one million dollars.

In 1994, Charles Steele, Jr. was elected to the Alabama state senate. The senator played key roles in recruiting not one, but several new plants in his district. He was instrumental in locating Tire and Wheel Assembly (T&WA) in Greene County, H&H (truck beds) in Perry County and Greenco Dimensions, Inc. (drum



sticks) in Greene County. He also sponsored a non-traditional educational program with Robert Townsend of Hollywood, California for the youth of his district. Additionally, he recruited the Rosa Parks movie to Alabama, where he served as a consultant to the production of the \$7 million CBS movie project. He was serving his third term before resigning to become the National Vice President of the SCLC, the Atlanta based organization co-founded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In October 2000, Charles Steele was elected as a Senate Member of the High Chamber (U.S. Parliamentary Group) of the International States Parliament for Safety and Peace. The International Parliament nominated Dr. Steele to the Ministry of American Affairs on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2001. In November 2004 he became President and CEO of SCLC. In April 2006,

Charles Steele, Jr. was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers of Morehouse College. On April 20, 2006 he was inducted into the Tuscaloosa Hall of Fame. In October of 2006 under the slogan "New Day...New Way," Charles Steele, Jr. and SCLC made history by breaking ground for their new and much anticipated \$3 million international headquarters. Dr. Steele vigorously raised money for the new headquarters through corporate friends and sponsors.

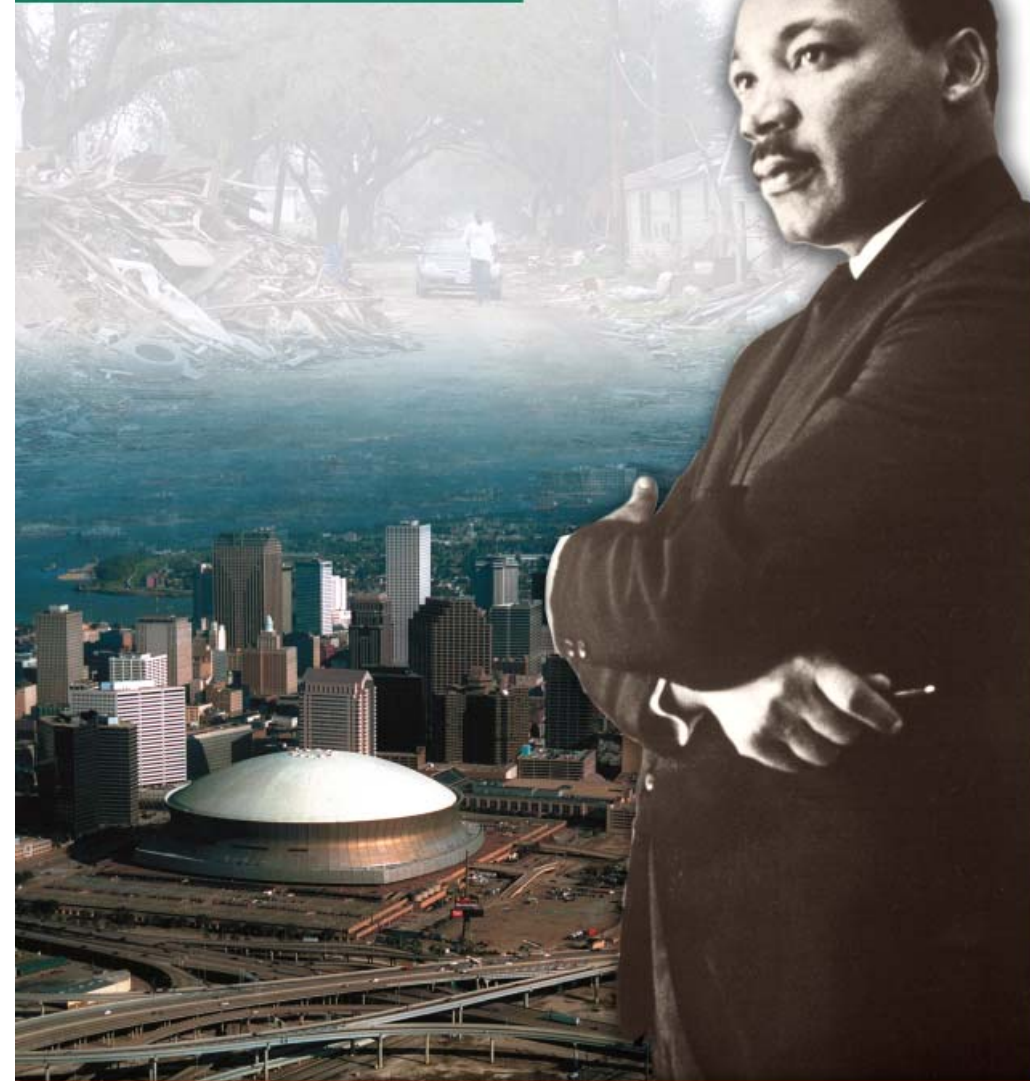
Charles Steele graduated high school from Druid High in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and attended college at Mississippi Valley State University and Oakland University. He received his bachelor degree from American International University at the Paramaribo Suriname, South America campus. He received his Masters from F. T. Bozeman Global Evangelical Seminary and received an earned Doctorate degree from Mt. Carmel Theological Seminary. He also holds an Honorary Doctor of Human Letters Degree from the prestigious Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, an Honorary Doctorate of Christian Education from The F.T. Bozeman school of Ministry and Global Evangelical Christian College of Louisiana, and an Honorary Doctorate from American International University at the Paramaribo Suriname, South America campus.

He and his wife, Cathelean Annette Steele are the proud parents of two daughters: LeKeisha and Charla. Mr. Steele is co-owner of Vanhooose and Steele Funeral Home. He is a Democrat, a Baptist and President of The Steele Group, a consultant firm. He lists walking and reading as his hobbies.

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# Jamaican Chef Cooks It Up In China

by Connie Whitter

The first Jamaican restaurant to be opened in China took place recently at Hang Zhou. The owner, Glendon Thompson, who lives in Atlanta, Georgia said he was compelled to bring Jamaica's culture to China "through the stomach". Glendon also said there were lots of Chinese people who were constantly encouraging him to bring Jamaican food to their country. So with the assistance of Carmen Allen, a seasoned Jamaican chef, the dream was fulfilled and the Cho Cho Restaurant was born to Hang Zhou, a city of over 6 million people.

▶ Chef Carmen takes time out to enjoy China's main mode of transportation—the bicycle.



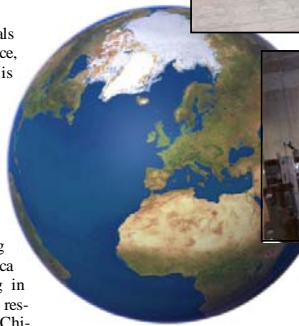
Guest were introduced to a menu of Carmen's specials which are jerk chicken, jerk pork, and jerk rice, plus the famous Jamaican manish water. This is seemed to be an aphrodisiac.

Chef Carmen was taught the art of jerk by her grandfather at the tender age of 12. She has never looked back. She is now dubbed the Food Culture Ambassador to China.

Wayne, the cook, Jamaica's Ambassador to Hang Zhou said in his address at the opening ceremony, "This is yet another link withy Jamaica and China. We have a long history of trading in various ways and we have tremendous Chinese restaurants in Jamaica with lots of Jamaicans and Chinese trading food over the years". "This is", he said, "the first time a Jamaican restaurant is coming to China".

The name Cho Cho is a type of vegetable from Jamaica which the Chinese are familiar with and use in many dishes they prepare.

The entertainment for the function was provided by the Red Armies Military Band who played Bob Marley's reggae music.



▲ "Linking the Cultures" - Chef Sun gives Chef Carmen a hug after a successful lesson in jerkology.



◀ Chef Sun congratulates his new Chef—Carmen, inside the palatial dining room at the end of the festivities.



▲ This is how we do it. Chef Carmen illustrates the art of "jerk" to Chinese chefs outside the "Cho Cho" Restaurant.



▲ Teaching the art—Chef Carmen and her Chinese counterpart, Chef Sun—in their low keyed—high priced kitchen, figuring out the menu.

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And until this day for more than 3 years I have not set foot upon my beloved homeland, Augusta, Georgia.

In order for my wife to travel the United States they must give her a visa. Of course many from Ecuador and other Latin-American countries only defy this legal requirement, and illegally invade the United States. But how could we ever do something as this, when we strive to teach people about honesty, loyalty and Godly Devotion? So we went the legal way of getting documents, forms, letters everything the United States Government ask of us, in order to get only a tourist visa so we can visit my family and friends from time to time.

On February 25, 2008 we went before the American Consulate here in Ecuador. There were so many people. So many wanting to go to the very place I

left behind. But now, I too was there with my wife wanting to go to the States, hoping that her visa would be approved.

I was denied entrance into the American Consulate. But I am an American. This is American soil. How can they do this? Only the Ecuadorians who had an appointment were granted entrance. So I stayed in the long line with my wife as long as I could before she went into the building. I will never forget the way she walked away, brave and courageous, to



face the Americans who were awaiting her. She looked back and gave me a nervous smile and a fingery wave goodbye. As I waited outside it seemed like an eternity. I watched many rich Ecuadorians exiting the building, smiling victoriously, holding a yellow piece of paper which meant that they were bound for

the United States. I watched many Americans entering the building going to work in there shirt and ties, walking right by me, not even seeing me, without even knowing I too am American because my brown skin mixes so well with all the others here. And finally I see

Raquel. I make way to her. I look at her but I can't say anything, as I watch her shake her head "No". They told her she did not qualify for a tourist visa. How dare they tell me I can't take my wife to my home! Who do they think they are? The pompous way they denied my entrance into American consulate, American soil! The arrogant way they told her that she does not qualify for a visa. I am an American!!! And I know it's only because we are not rich. This is the payment I get for putting others first, not looking for riches, but spending everything I have in helping people to learn honesty, loyalty, and as it says on every U.S. dollar bill, "To trust God."

Where is justice when you need her? Why is she silent this day?

We walked to a park and sat on a bench. My wife puts her head on my shoulder and cries gently, and asks innocently "Why are they so bad?" I put my arm around her and say "No matter what, they can never separate us. And I will never leave you". We called my family to tell them we won't be coming home. So here we are still pushing forward. Never giving up. Enjoying each other and the work God has given us. And if it's His will, we may see your faces someday in the good ole USA.

Until next time, This is Jacques Miles Living life in the center of the world.

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## McDONALD'S RECOGNIZES THE LANDMARK VOICES OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AT 2008 365BLACK AWARDS

**BLACK PR WIRE) OAK BROOK, IL (July 7, 2008)** – McDonald's held its 2008 365Black Awards tribute to African American trailblazers at the Essence Music Festival in New Orleans on July 4. Actors Hill Harper (*CSI:NY*) and Pooch Hall (*CW's The Game*) and TV One host Ed Gordon, along with New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin and Louisiana Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu were among some of the celebrities and dignitaries in attendance to honor the lifetime achievements of the 2008 honorees. This year's recipients include women's education advocate Johnnetta B. Cole;

world renowned journalist Roland S. Martin; marketing guru and retired McDonald's Chief Marketing Officer Bill Lamar; and National Black McDonald's Operators Association leader Emie Adair.

McDonald's 365Black platform recognizes the contributions and accomplishments of African-Americans, while celebrating the culture, achievement and heritage of African Americans year round.



▲ (left to right): Raising R&B artist Noel Gourdin, and actors Hill Harper (*CSI: NY*) and Pooch Hall (*CW's the Game*).



▲ (left to right): TV One host Ed Gordon takes time to congratulate 365Black Awards honoree, journalist Roland Martin and the awards host, radio personality Tom Joyner.



◀ (left to right): 365Black Awards honorees: Emie Adair, leader of the National Black McDonald's Operators Association; Roland S. Martin, world renowned journalist; Johnnetta B. Cole, women's education advocate; and Bill Lamar, retired McDonald's Chief Marketing Officer.



## Boost Mobile Names Matt Carter as Senior Vice President and General Manager

(BLACK PR WIRE) IRVINE, Calif. – (BUSINESS WIRE) – May 14, 2008

**B**oost Mobile, a youth lifestyle brand and division of Sprint Corporation (NYSE:S), today named Matt Carter as senior vice president and general manager.

Carter, whose leadership and telecom experience spans more than 20 years with such well-known companies as Bristol Myers, Coca-Cola, Leap Wireless and BellSouth, will now lead Boost's operations, including the Marketing, Sales and Distribution, Product Development, Finance and Customer Service departments.

Most recently, Carter served as senior vice president, base management at Sprint, where he was responsible for driving a coordinated marketing effort to the customer base.

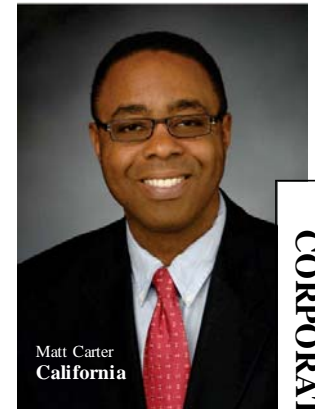
"I am tremendously excited about joining Boost Mobile. The division's unique approach to pay as you go wireless and the youth market are a natural fit with my wireless industry expertise, background in brand strategy, and passion for building compelling, disruptive

and innovative brands. I am enthusiastic about the future of Boost and look forward to championing its successful business and brand - without missing a beat."

Carter holds a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.

### About Boost Mobile

Boost Mobile is a youth lifestyle brand and division of Sprint Corporation (NYSE:S), that offers premium wireless phones and services with no contracts, credit checks or activation fees. Boost is among the most popular prepaid wireless brands in the U.S. and now has 4.4 million customers - the majority of which are under the age of 26. Boost-branded wireless phones with its



Matt Carter  
California

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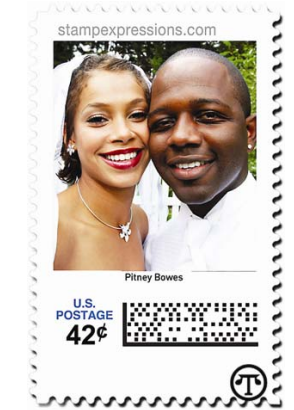
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You can create postage that's worth a thousand words.





Richard Thompson  
Akron, OH

## The BOY WHO WILL BE KING

were spoken into him, words of love and affirmation. Words that told him that no matter what happens to him, we are always there for you as the Bible says in Proverbs 13:22. We spoke prophecy into his life, telling him that he will be great, he will be successful, and he will be a kingdom builder. Even though he is a child now, there is a king inside of him waiting to be tapped for greatness, to paraphrase Bishop T.D. Jakes.

This beautiful young Black boy, this miracle of life, is being taught the values and morals passed down to him from previous generations based on Biblical principles. Proverbs 22:6 is the basis for that teaching. He will be chastised whenever he does wrong, through verbal communication from his parents and elders as to what he did wrong, why it was wrong and how not to do it again. Then there are times when the need for the rod of correction is to be applied to the seat of understanding as the Bible clearly tells us to do in Proverbs 3:11-12. The correction is done in love because it better for his parents and elders to provide the necessary correction to any unacceptable behavior when he is young then let him slide by and have the civil authorities provide the necessary correction to unacceptable behavior later on in his life. Which is what too many of today's parents have failed to do with their children, and they wonder why "Pookie" and "Shaniqua" are in jail, pregnant or dead before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Bible says in Proverbs 20:11 "That a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it is right."

This young man will **not** be wearing doo rags, baggy pants, looking like a clown minus the red nose. He will **not** be listening to music that is disrespectful to women or has lyrics that are offensive to his parents and elders. He will **not** embrace a cultural mind-set that says that it is acceptable to be a thug, and that somehow going to jail for committing a

crime is a badge of honor. Proverbs 17:25 makes it clear what God says about a child who desires to be a fool with their lives.

Education is, has been and always will always be taken seriously in this young man's life. He is being made to know that his job is to go to school, do the best he can in all of his subjects, do not embarrass his family while in school with any disobedience of the rules set forth at school; and his parents job is to provide him with food, clothing, shelter and the necessary tools he needs in order to become the best student he can be. And he will do his job!

He will be challenged by his parents and elders in his educational endeavors. Failure in school is not an option. The young man will be made to understand that the possibilities of becoming a brain surgeon, nuclear scientist or Supreme Court Justice are much greater than him becoming a big time rapper, professional athlete or any other type of entertainer. Besides, the Black community does not need another rapper, professional athlete, or comedian. What we need are children who want to become leaders in the industries of the future. We need our children to become the leaders in Green technology, neurosurgery, cancer and AIDS research. Career fields that will have a positive impact on the nation and the world. Career paths that will provide our children with long lasting, stable careers that are free from crime, death and destructive behaviors.

This lovely nine-year old that I have written about is my nephew, Matthew Alexander Slaughter, the joy of my life.

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He is special because he is a child of God, who was a gift of love given by God to his parents. They had been trying for a few years to have a child, so when his mother found out she was pregnant she felt like Hannah, the mother of Samuel, in the Bible. His father was totally overjoyed, and did not try to contain his happiness on learning of the impending birth of their child.

This child has been prayed for, prayed over, had hands laid on him since he was born. His parents and elders have sought God to protect this miracle child, asking the Lord to dispatch armies of angels to protect him from the snares of the Evil one. Even when he was just a baby and could not understand a word we were saying, but his spirit did, words of life

## YOU NEED A KISS

Written by Tracy Washington



But this is not the "kiss" that one would give as an act of love, but one of betrayal. Specifically, you need a "kiss of betrayal" in your life. Now why do I say that? In order to understand we should look at the original kiss of betrayal. We are told in the Bible that Jesus was betrayed by Judas with a kiss. "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss" (Matthew 26:48). Now we understand that the Lord our God wrapped himself in flesh and entered the world in an earthly form and dwelt among us for a purpose. Jesus' mission statement is found in John 10:10 "I came that they might have life and have it in abundance, to the full, till it overflows". This was the purpose for which Jesus lived, died and was resurrected. Just think – none of this would have ever taken place if it had not been for the kiss of betrayal. Jesus even calls Judas "friend" when he says in Matthew 26:50 "My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for".

So how do we call someone who betrays us "friend"? It's simple. When we come to understand the biblical illustration that Jesus would not have fulfilled his God-given destiny without the help of Judas we can see that the betrayal of Judas was a requirement. If Judas had not betrayed him, Jesus wouldn't have died for our sins on the cross, there wouldn't be any need for the resurrection and we would still be in sin with no way out but death. Eternal life would not be an option. Thank goodness Jesus fulfilled his

purpose here on earth!

How does this all relate to your life? The people in your life who have betrayed you, hurt you or disappointed you might be your "Judas". Their betrayal might be the bridge you needed to transport you right into your destiny. Those of us who have suffered pain by divorce, job loss, abuse, rejection or any other painful event can look back and say "that was my friend" and I didn't even know it. When I think back to the pain and rejection I've suffered by people in my life that I thought loved and cared for me and the many shattered dreams and broken promises, I wondered if I would ever come out of the deep dark pit of despair. It wasn't until later that I began to comprehend that I needed those people in my life. I didn't have to look back at those who hurt me and want revenge; God has used them to carry me into my next level.

Let's face it, most of us are better off once we've been through something just to one day look back and say "if I hadn't gone through that I would not be where I am today". Adversity will always come in one form or another. I've heard it said many times, you're either in a storm, getting ready to go into one, or just coming out of one. How you weather the storm ultimately determines how long you stay in and how much better you'll come out. The choice is ultimately yours. You can choose to let other's actions defeat you and keep you bound playing the role of a victim, or you can make the choice to see the betrayal as an opportunity

to learn a lesson and move on to your destiny. Your greatest enemy can turn out to be your greatest ally. In the book of Genesis, Joseph was mistreated, rejected and sold into slavery by his brothers – his own flesh and blood. Surely, he had every reason to want revenge all because his brothers were jealous of him because he was favored by his father Jacob and God had given him the ability to interpret dreams. After much adversity of being sold into slavery, being falsely accused and being jailed, Joseph was delivered and went on to save many, including his brothers, during the time of a famine. Joseph reminds us in Genesis 50:20 "You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good". If there are people who hate you, talk about you, lie on you and mistreat you, they may not necessarily be your enemy. Those people, circumstances or experiences could be the bridge you need to cross over into the pre-ordained destiny that God has for you. So don't get discouraged or in despair – be like Jesus and say "My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for."

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Tracy Washington is an empowerment and inspirational speaker, life coach and writer who empowers audiences on the realities of human potential to transform the "soul" into purpose, destiny and success. She delivers messages with enthusiasm, passion and wisdom and will engage your audience leaving them with food for thought to transition into next level living. Tracy is a dynamic, entertaining keynote speaker and workshop presenter who will inspire and motivate your audience to *change!*

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## Angela M. Thomas CPC, Author and Speaker

A five-time Christian author, Angela M. Thomas is an inspirational public speaker who freely expresses her vision concerning today's most critical personal empowerment issues and, as a community leader, is not fearful of putting her words into action. Faithfully married to her husband, Frederick, for eighteen-years, Angela proudly shares parenthood of their two beautiful daughters, Antrenea and Kristal.



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Stepping out on faith, Angela retired from Miami-Dade Corrections in April 2005 to realize her dreams of becoming her own boss and pursuing her writing career. Also an alumna of DeVry University, Angela completed their professional speaking curriculum in June 2008. She has since been speaking at prisons and middle schools in order to reach out to today's youth.

Angela's non-fictional books, richly filled with real-life issues and problems of today, are written from her heart and soul to inspire, uplift, and motivate others. She is determined to make a difference by helping others find healing and freedom from the things that continuously hold them back through her writing. Her goal is one day to open a shelter for homeless and abused children who desperately need counseling.

The author and publisher of five inspirational, motivating, and self-help books, Angela are rendered them titles such as *Chipping Away At The Soul Of Me; The Perfect Gift; When Life Pushes You To The Edge, Who Do You Turn Too?; Cried My Last Tears; and Hurts So Good.*

Angela has also penned a chapter in an anthology entitled, *Embracing Candace*, in order to help raise money for a little girl who needs facial reconstructive surgery. Angela believes that, if she sets an example by giving, others will surely follow.

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A 1982 high school graduate, Angela started her college education at Miami-Dade College. And, as an alumna of the Professional Speakers network, Angela enthusiastically exercises her faith through Biblical principles that include her spiritual gifts of writing. Dedicated to making a difference in this world and determined to touch millions of lives in the coming years, her books are radically changing the lives of women, men, and children nationwide. Having traveled down the roads of pain and abuse, not by choice, but by circumstances, Angela is significantly determined to write books that can give hope to the hopeless, spread love to the hurt, and uplift the downtrodden.

After becoming a certified Correctional Officer for Miami Dade County in 1992, Angela began employment as a correctional officer at a men's prison. In her fifteen-year career, she eventually became the supervisor of the inmates' G.E.D. program. It was during this time that Angela returned to college by enrolling at Kennedy Western University and went on to receive her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

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## Randi Passoff and "It's The Journey, Inc" Gear Up For The Atlanta 2-Day Walk For Cancer

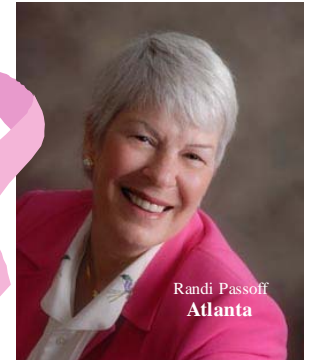
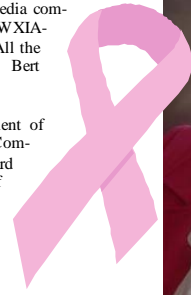
Randi Passoff is the founder and executive director of It's The Journey, Inc., a non-profit organization formed in 2002 to raise money and awareness for the Atlanta breast cancer community. It's The Journey's major fundraiser is the Atlanta 2-Day Walk For Breast Cancer - [www.2daywalk.org](http://www.2daywalk.org).

A two-time breast cancer survivor, Passoff created the 2-Day Walk to bring more awareness to Atlanta's breast cancer organizations. She wanted a walker-friendly event, with an emphasis on returning the majority of funds raised to these local organizations.

The 2-Day has raised more than \$4 million and awarded 85 grants to Atlanta breast cancer organizations for programs that range from awareness and education to early detection and support activities.

The 2-Day has garnered the support of local companies, including Comcast, Coca Cola Enterprises and Bell-South, as well as media companies, including WXIA-TV's 11 Alive and All the Hits Q100's The Best Show.

Passoff is the recipient of the 2008 11 Alive Community Service Award and the 2008 City of Sandy Springs Humanitarian Award. She was also a 2007 Yo-plait Breast Cancer Champion. Other awards include the Dia de la Mujer Amiga Award, Atlanta Business Chronicle Health Care for Heroes Award finalist, the Breast



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## The ABC of the Gospel

By: Dr. Alfred Adams



Dr. Alfred Adams  
New Orleans

One of the first things we learn as children are the A-B-C's. These basic building blocks may seem simple, but they are very important, since they form the foundation for our future learning and understanding.

God's message of love and salvation found in the Holy Bible has it's A-B-C-'s too. Much like the importance of the alphabet, the simple truth they share is not only essential for spiritual life, it also is the basis for our spiritual freedom and growth.

A- All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. As it is written, There is none righteous. (Romans 3:10,23)

B- Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, This is the Son of God. (John 1:29,34)

C- Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

Now that you know your A-B-C's pass it along, and save

another.

Dr. Adams' dynamic approach and in-depth study truly brings the Word of God to his audience. His bold and attractive visual teaching style stems from years of experience in the music industry. In 1992, Dr. Adams toured with some of the biggest rock bands in the world. Bands such as Guns-n-Roses, Metallica, Pearl Jam, Red Hot Chill Peppers, Sound Garden, Peter Frampton, and Ice Cube, to name just a few. He also worked at Paisley Park Studios (Prince's studio) as an intern sound engineer. Making use of the wealth of skills he learned in music industry, Dr. Adams fine-tunes his teachings with sixty-inch screens that display the book of Revelation chapter by chapter in order to take his audience on a complete journey.

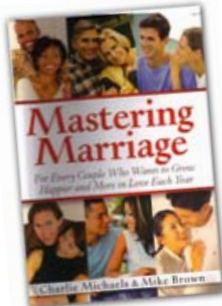
With the death of his fiancé to suicide, after she lost both of her parents and a brother in a quick series of events, Dr. Adams began a study of biblical prophecy that has reshaped his life in an irreversible way. He knew that faith, hope, peace, and most of all love were essential to the Bible.

For more information, please feel free to stop by his web site: [www.nearingmidnight.com](http://www.nearingmidnight.com)

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wanted our forever to last our lifetimes. We spent a lot of time and effort developing strategies to keep our marriage thriving and fulfilling. Twenty-four years later these strategies are still working for us. This was a deliberate plan of action we implemented...not some esoteric theory we devised to reinvent ourselves, but simple steps we undertook to help us maintain our perspective, align our priorities and stay in touch with each other on mental, emotional and physical levels.



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By Sharon S. Milon

Radah Publisher Letters



## Behind Every Great Woman...

... Let the truth be told, women of the kingdom of God are noteworthy; their accomplishments extending further than the biblical paradigms. There are great women of our day accomplishing superlative marks in history. From the eternal place outside of time, they were given an assignment to be an expression of the image and after the likeness of God. Women have built and cared for the world known as the kingdom of God from the beginning of time.

Focus and Favor are on the woman to take her position so the undersupplied can be supplied. This is the season for women to rise up and lead or follow in their sphere! Genesis established the foundation for the greatness of women from the voices of eternity when the Father, Son and Holy Spirit agreed to make her in their image and after their likeness. In the day that he created them called them Adam (*Genesis 3:2*). It is profoundly clear that she was given dominion or (government or authority) to rule and subdue. Eve, similar to a quarterback from a winning team, made a horrific mistake and got sacked in the game. Fumbling to find the next move she passes the fruit to her team apostle and they both were sacked. Since she led the team to a loss there is a sense of urgency to get revenge from that old serpent the devil in this season of greatness. This is the stirring of women today. Waking up all hours of the morning by holy visitation for the plans and strategies to solve the world's ill is her testimony to the church! Are you dreaming the dreams again? Women run me down to determine if this is normal for the magnitude of vision that comes on them. I tell them yes they are awakening to answer the call of restoration in dominion. The federal government is throwing money at her to get up and do the work where they are called. It is from the backing of the Holy Spirit to get them in the game and win this time.

women! Losing any game or failing has helped me to rise and press again to win. *Sammy Lee says, "You can be a diving champion if you can break through your fear. That is if the focus of winning is stronger than your focus on failure."* *Joe Montana said the same thing when asked by Bill Crisman, "Are you ever afraid when you go into a game?" He said, "Yes, I'm always afraid. If you're not afraid of losing than winning really isn't that important in the game. That is mental toughness. Focusing on winning breaking through the fear of losing and thinking you can win, you can achieve it if you would just focus on where you are going."*

Women win the game of concentration and focus when the gift of God takes precedence in the person before every game assignment! Exceptionally high quality was afforded to her through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, placing her in a position restored to accomplish greatness in the dominion mandate.

In this apostolic/prophetic age, we have to be careful, avoiding the historical bitter



### ...Build according to the Pattern

response to her desire to be great. The revealed truth proclaims the Holy Spirit is behind her more in this season to take a righteous vengeance from a team she once led to forfeiture because she understands the government of God and the chronological order to cooperate with the balance in creation.

Women are arising to take authority and dominion for a pure kingdom perspective. What I understand in the body of Christ with women that are strong and accretive moving in the sphere of influence for a great kingdom purpose is that women need to be celebrated and not just tolerated in the body of Christ for their great works. In my book, *"Sent on Point"* you can read that this nation would not suffer frustrated with the war and space projects if both George and Laura Bush were elected with the dominion authority. Laura would move apostolically in the fruit to fulfill the needs lacked in this nation, such as health care, education and homelessness.

### Focus on winning the game

It is common for woman to care of the home and things that make the world go around. One can put a thousand problems to flight and two can put ten thousand to flight is what the scripture reads. It is not good that "MAN" be alone anywhere!

Great woman of pure purpose, grounded in the realm of integrity will arise and do exploits in the kingdom of God. Greatness is not being the who's who in the convention center around the world. They are builders of a people that will have longevity and reproduce a fear of the Lord people. The day of the personality limelight women is not the picture painted in this article. Great women are dead and empty vessels broken for the job and the host of heaven is behind her. This type of woman is the needed ingredient to bring wholeness into the sons and daughters who are gender confused, through her chased and submitted love for her husband.

No woman or man alone can change society as it pertains to solid ministries and families. Fathers and mothers together will produce the image

### Strategy for the family is in the pattern's image!

and likeness in the earth. That is what God said to Moses "build it according to the pattern." The tabernacle has both authority and intimacy that leads right to the presence and pattern of God.

It is difficult yet necessary to give the woman the accolades for her greatness when it is rooted in the foundation of husband and wife generals sent from the voices of eternity to accomplish the work in the earth as it is in heaven.

She is sent to do extreme and difficult missions for the restoration of all things. This type of woman is a cut of the pattern from the foundation of the world. These women apostles are often fathers and mothers in the kingdom of God from the eternal plan to impart in the restoration of the church. Often producing like hearted sons and daughter for the future generation. Understanding that the governmental commission of Deborah in the book of Judges is a required ingredient to take the world and turn it upside down.

Her absence in the realm of dominion has left the kingdom society handicap and seduced to the immoral fiber we experience by the minutes. She must keep her feminine and tender side to bring balance in the ministry and world she leads.

She is governmental because she is restored to dominion to subdue. This is not to make her masculine and competitive against anyone. Her place in the kingdom is often left unmanned and Jesus is held up in the heavens until all things are restored. Behind every great woman is the chosen of God!

She is governmental from the beginning of time!

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**R**ecapping on what was said in part one of B.E.A.U.T.Y. TIPS you were told that beauty starts from the inside out... I talked about how you must accept your imperfections in order to gain positive energy from others because it first starts with you. In this secession I am going to give you words that can enhance your beauty. I know you're saying, "What WORDS?"

Although words can't be put on your face however, when you speak, certain words make you smile. Okay let's try this. If someone is around you, think of something nice that you would like to say. For example, "That is a pretty shirt you have on" or "Your hair is nice." "I love when you say hello to me," or "You're beautiful." Notice that you are complementing them. Now you are being perceived as a nice person. When they think of you, they see the beauty that is on the inside. People who don't care about themselves really can't compliment others and if they could, their face may not be as happy when doing so. Now that you are getting ready to put the "Words" part to use, remember that you would also have to create beautiful words too that you need to tell your self .... Like, I am created in the image of God's likeness. He loves me and I love me more. I am beautiful! Hold your head up. Smile every chance you get. In fact you should be smiling now as you are reading. Get in



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the habit of smiling. When you smile, you will get others to smile back at you. Create a beautiful environment around you. Remember, that it takes fewer muscles to smile.

Some of you will join in and practice the B.E.A.U.T.Y. TIPS, others would say that's being conceited. I say that you would not be conceited. People that are conceited are people that only think of themselves as being beautiful and that they are the best, better than the rest. What I have created for you is HIGH SELF ESTEEM. There's a big difference when you have high self esteem. You not only think about yourself but you remember the importance of others. Remember, in the beginning I told you to compliment people that are around you. That is important. Many of us want to feel loved by others and it is perfectly okay to help others feel good.

Let me tell you why I call my brand of cosmetics *Sommers's*. It first started off from my nickname, Summer. Notice there is a difference in the spelling and that is purposely done. I call it Sommers's, because I thought not only of myself but of others, meaning that sommers's from the word some. What I thought of was all who buy some of

Sommers's is a part of the beauty. I wanted to include everyone because I truly feel that every one is special no matter what shape, size, color, race, religion, or beliefs. When we were created we were formed in the likeness of God. With these beauty tips I remember some of the greatest advice that I was told and some of which I read.

My favorites are: Winner's Never Quit & Quitter's Never Win; I may not know the key to success but the key to failure is trying to please everybody; Don't find fault, find a remedy; Only the strong survive and the weak fall by the way side; Faith comes by hearing; You can do anything that you put your mind to; and Your attitude determines your attitude.

It has been wonderful spending time with you. I am looking forward to this again soon. Next time we will enhance our beauty with Sommers's Cosmetics. I will talk about how to apply make-up and more beauty talks.

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### What's Love Got to Do With It?

**M**any people already know that once a child is born of a marriage, there is a legal presumption that the child is the biological child of both the husband and the wife. This presumption is one that can be rebutted or disputed if there is sufficient evidence. For instance, we had a client who retained our services to undue the order of child support from the divorce decree because the wife had informed him that the child was not his.

The couple had been married for about 5 years and they had one child, a boy. After his birth the marriage deteriorated and the parents divorced. As a result of the divorce, the husband was ordered to pay child support for what he thought was his son. Unbeknownst to him, one day out of the clear blue, the wife contacted the husband (about 2 years after the divorce) to inform him that he was not the father. The father stated that he would remain in the child's life but wanted his child support to end. He believes the child support should come from his biological father. He stated that he did not mind contributing to the child's well being as he could, he just did not think that he should be under an order to take care of a child that was not his. The wife agreed and both sent a letter to the judge and child support enforcement stating that they wanted his child support to end. It did not.

The courts requires compelling evidence to undue an order of support. The



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most compelling evidence was a DNA test proving that the child was not his. The husband did not want to pay for said test as he thought that it should be enough that his wife told him otherwise. This is not the standard for the courts. The husband had to get a DNA test, which did prove that husband was the not father. But wife thought that the other man that she was seeing was the true biological father. It turned out that he was not the father and she was then on a search for the biological father. As you can guess, since she did not know who the biological father of her child

was she changed her position as wanting husband to pay child support. She withdrew her support of him stopping child support and in fact, asked the court to continue with the child support, which ultimately did delay the outcome of the case.

Courts as a general rule do not like to illegitimate a child. By this I mean. The courts use the Best Interest test to make rulings involving children. Clearly it is not in the best interest of a child for him to one day have a father who is loving and supportive and the next day he is gone. So, in many instances, the courts will place this burden squarely on the parents and make them come up with a situation where they work diligently to find the biological father or a father substitute.

Studies have showed that as many as 1/3 of the children that were born of marriages are not the biological children of the husband. So as a general rule, before you agree to pay child support get a DNA test to make sure that the child is yours. This is good advice for people going through a divorce or for those who have children outside of marriage. It is easier to stop the child support before it is instituted than it is to stop it after you have agree to pay it in the first place. View child support proceedings as a business arrangement and protect yourself in the beginning.

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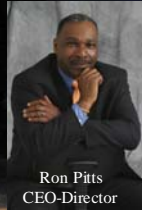
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# UJIMA Theatre Company



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Cast members portray legendary singing group in "Love and Street Corner Harmony."

Ujima Theatre company, located in Columbus, Ohio is considered to be the city's premier community-based theatre group. CEO and playwright, Ron Pitts leads this organization and is accompanied by tremendously dedicated individuals that lend their time organizing, directing and acting in their various productions.

The presentations of "Love and Street Corner Harmony," "The Meeting" and "What Color Is Trouble" mark the resurrection of Ujima Theatre Company that Director Ron Pitts founded with famed playwright August Wilson and their friend Rob Penny in Pittsburgh nearly 30 years ago. The inspiration behind Ujima which means collective work and responsibility continues to fuel the company today. Pitts, Wilson, Penny and another friend, Mary Bradley began Ujima in an effort to raise money for community recreation activities in the Hazelwood housing projects. They solicited and received help from the history department of the University of Pittsburgh, and with that collaboration, put on a drama production that raised \$10,000. Ujima's success helped to quell some of the negative unrest in the community at that time, particularly among youths.

Ujima Theatre was created to use the performing arts as a means of increasing awareness about life's complexities and

realism that we encounter within our lifetime. Its purpose is to reach out to ALL PEOPLE, through the method of dramatic theatrical entertainment.

This organization reaches out to adults and youth in its community by using theater and the arts to educate and direct people away from self-destruction behavior and toward self-awareness, self-love and positive behavior that raises self-esteem.

An adaptation of the then popular movie *Superfly*, formed the basis for the fledgling theatre company's first production, at August Wilson's suggestion. The play also inadvertently became the start of Pitt's on-stage career, when one of the regular actors failed to show up for rehearsal and Ron replaced him.

Later Penny, who was artistically classified as a poet, wrote Ujima's first original production, *Good Black, Don't Crack*. It received rave reviews and awards when it played in Chicago and New York as well as Pittsburgh.

More recent performances include *A Long Time Since Yesterday*, *The Meeting*, *MaRainey's Black Bottom*, *What Color Is Trouble*, *Fences* and *The Enmit Till Story*.

To learn more about Ujima Theatre Company, visit them online at [www.ujimatheatre.com](http://www.ujimatheatre.com).



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# Aquarius

Aquarius, born Greg Wesley in Canton Ohio, has been groomed for the music industry from a very young age. He started singing in church choirs from the age of 5. He lived around a lot of local bands watching them practice every chance he got. As he grew he got involved with stage bands in school, lead singing and playing bass guitar.

In the 90's he joined a four member group called Kango. Kango was a very popular group all over the east coast with a high energy show with a lot of choreography, strong vocals and harmony. Managed by Century 3 Entertainment; Aquarius and Kango got their first overseas contract in Tokyo, Japan performing in front of thousands and from there the group went on all over Asia and the United States for about four years. Like a lot of groups Kango broke up and the solo career for Aquarius was

## "LOVE IZ KRAZY"

born. Still performing all around the world, Aquarius started getting more involved in the recording side of the business; writing and producing music for himself and several other artists. He has four top ten records overseas including two number ones.

Aquarius has worked with Joe, KC and JoJo, Shanice, Troop, Musiq, En Vogue and has done background work for Michael Jackson in March 2007. He has also worked with Gerald Levert, who helped Kango get started and RIP G.

Aquarius has his own label now, **January Entertainment, featuring Aquarius** and a lot of talented artists



you will hear from very soon. The Aquarius single "Love iz Krazy" will be dropping this fall. Aquarius is an artist you will continue hear from for years to come. Get ready

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, Lorraine Hinds graduated from St. Hugh's High School in Jamaica and has lived in New York since 1977. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Queens College, New York and a Master of Business Administration degree with distinction in Computer Information Systems from Pace University, New York.

Lorraine's career spans the fields of information systems analysis and design, management and systems consulting and information technology auditing. She has always loved literature and the arts however. In the late 1990's she wrote several poems and short stories but in pursuit of high corporate ideals, she placed her finished literature on the backburner. At the turn of the 21st century Lorraine's hunger for artistic expression and fulfillment grew in intensity. Finally, after over 21 years of commitment to corporate America, she began her part-time acting career in April 2005. Within six months of part-time effort she had performed in 9 productions spanning theatre and film. She completed acting studies at HB Studio in New York where she studied under Professor Edward Morehouse. Her most notable stage roles have been as Rebecca Nurse in *The Crucible*, Gerda in *All I've Got* and Mother in *Never Walk Alone With*



## DEBONY PRODUCTION

Lorraine Hinds  
NEW YORK

*God*. In film and television respectively she is acclaimed for her role as Trish in *I'll Always Love My Mama* and Toya in *Hood Lyfe*.

Despite her newfound interest in and love of acting, Lorraine's dream of authoring and publishing books never died. Finally in April 2006 she established Debony Production as a multifaceted book publishing and music, stage, and film production company. The company name Debony is a unique combination of her nickname Debbie, her ethnicity, and the ultimate purpose of her efforts - money.

In February 2007 Lorraine published her poetic love trilogy comprising *When Love Takes Hold Of You: A Poetic Love Story*, *When Love Just Grows And Grows: The Poetic Love Story Continues* and *When Love Comes To An End: The Poetic Love Story Ends* under the pseudonym Lorraine Thompson. She also produced and directed *When Love Takes Hold Of You: A Poetic Love Story* as a stage play at that time.

Lorraine is a Certified Notary Signing Agent, a member of the National Notary Association and a member of the Poetry Society of America. She is currently working on additional stage productions and her first romance fiction, *inSANCITY*.

# R.A.T.E.D R

(Reckless Attitudes Towards Entertainment Dominance)  
Columbus, OH

R.A.T.E.D R was formed by two close friends who began their singing career like most groups; name changes, little money, long road trips and years of performing in local talent shows. After winning several amateur contests it was time to get serious. Paying dues to the industry brought them recognition and made them sharper.

The handsome duo originated from Columbus Ohio developing a unique Midwest sound that sets them apart from the ordinary R&B trend. Practicing and performing weekly improved and blended their harmonies to perfection. Pure soul perfection, hard work and determination has obtained them opening credits with national recording artist such as: Jade, Adina Howard, BeBe Winans, Wu-Tang, Blackstreet, Dru Hill, Usher, Janet Jackson, Dana Dan, Boyz II Men, Ready for the World, Troop, Zapp, Ohio Players and Next.

R.A.T.E.D R first entered the music industry in April of 1995 with their first single "Brand Nu Groove", selling throughout the Midwest and California. The video first aired October 1996 in New York. The second single "4 Steps" was featured on the Midwest Funk Vol. 1.

R.A.T.E.D R's album titled "Tomorrow2 Yesterday" is a 14 track album; expressing a smooth intoxicating sound that enticed Hip-Hop and R&B Lovers beyond national levels. The slow and sexy track entitled "Natural Thang" was the background music for the love scene in the movie "After All", a B.E.T movie starring Holly Robinson Pete.

"Tomorrow2 Yesterday", was influenced by many of life's experiences. Songs like "Roses", "My Child", "Natural Thang" bring passion back to R&B music. While songs like "Fun Me", "Bran Nu Groove" and "Rac Ryda" will surely get listeners on the dance floor.

R.A.T.E.D R's debut album titled "Love & Life" has a smooth vibe that targets the mature adults who like to keep it Grown and Sexy. The harmony and chorizema from JT and Dink are phenomenal; it brings to R&B the real meaning of what the music industry is missing. Their rich vocals, enticing beats has the amazing ability to intrigue audiences of all cultures and musical backgrounds.

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## Amisburg's Native Son Makes Movies

By Teri Miller Barker

Little did Alex Creager know when he was just a young boy playing with a video camera, that his interest in shooting little movies would develop into a passion that would later become his career. My grandparents had a video camera and I borrowed it, said Creager. I had a lot of action figures, all sorts of Batman and X-Men figures, and I would frame



up little shots and hold them underneath the camera. He would then create dialogue with the characters and shoot scenes in various play sets.

Fast-forward to the present, he's now pursuing his dream to be a film director, shooting movies with real people on real sets. Creager, 22, graduated from Dayton Christian High School in Dayton, Ohio, and recently completed his B.A. in Film/Video with a concentration on directing, from Columbia College Chicago, the largest film school in the nation.

In the summer of 2005, while a student at Columbia, Creager worked as an intern in the extra casting office for the

movie, *Flags of Our Fathers*, which was directed by Clint Eastwood. During the wrap party that was held afterward, Creager saw him standing alone about five feet away. He got within two feet of



Eastwood before he became too scared to approach him. It's Dirty Harry, man, I was terrified, said Creager of his missed opportunity to actually meet the legendary actor and director. He seemed to be a really personable guy.

An avid lover of movies, he has a collection of over 700 DVD's, and says *Jaws* is his all-time favorite. He was 6 years old when he saw the movie that came out ten years before he was even born. I loved it because it was so many different movies in one, he explained. *Jaws* is the one movie that I will buy every time it is re-released onto DVD or another format. The multi-talented Creager is a creative film and video director, as well as an accomplished screenwriter and editor. I've done a lot of short films, he stated. *Best Friends* is my own film that I wrote and directed. *Best Friends*, a dark, clever comedy shot in Dayton, is about a groom who is at the church, only hours

away from saying I do when he receives a disturbing phone call from his homicidal best man who is also his best friend. With the support of a drunken maid of honor and an impossible-to-please bride, the film keeps the viewer engaged until the very end. *Best Friends* is a fun, witty, short film that boasts great dialogue, a brilliant cast, and a surprise ending.

Creager, who graduated from Columbia College with honors, wishes that he could get back that naivete he lost in film school because it has ruined the way he watches movies. I'm jealous of the people that are scared, he said of people watching horror movies at a theater. Just from listening to the music, I can tell you what's going to happen. He misses the days when he could watch a movie and simply enjoy it for the entertainment but, instead, he says he's constantly analyzing it.

He will spend this summer in Los Angeles learning more about the various aspects of filmmaking. Columbia College only chooses a certain number of people to participate in their Semester in L.A. program, which is located in Hollywood. Creager was one of the lucky few to be chosen for the intense program that provides real-world experience and prepares students for jobs in the highly competitive entertainment industry.



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# WHAT ABOUT US?

By Lisa Cunningham  
Atlanta, Georgia

Yes, we are all going through hard times with high gas prices, high food prices, and I could go on and on. Of course, being a real estate broker in the Atlanta area I have felt it more than a pinch. I get calls every day from my customers who ask me to refinance their mortgage before their rate goes up or just refinancing to take advantage of the lower rates. It never fails that I have to be the bearer of bad news. "I am sorry but your value has decreased and there is not enough equity to refinance." I should coin that phrase. I also find myself having to say, "I am so sorry your credit score has to be fifty points higher before I can find a loan for you to purchase or to refinance. With the obvious said, I still feel the need to stress the maybe unobvious. We in the real estate industry are having it slightly tougher than the average person. You probably don't think about us much. You probably think we'll be ok. Let's take a minute



to exam this. There are thousands of Realtors in the state of Georgia. There are thousands of loan officers in Georgia. There are hundreds and hundreds of appraisers in Georgia along with loan processors and other employees of these over fifty mortgage companies that have went out of business. Let's take it a little farther. What about the insurance agents that has not written a new insurance policy in over a year or so? I can go on and on but what I am trying to say is What About Us? We have lost income, we have lost property, and we have lost careers. Yes, some of us will never come back to this real estate profession. Those of us that are still hanging on by a thread are waiting on hope. We are hoping that this real estate market comes back sooner than later. We are hoping that we don't lose it all before it's all said and done. We are hoping that we can come back into this industry and still make somewhat of a career. We are hoping there will be a new program that comes out to help people in the real estate industry. Just can hope. Now I am not trying to take anything away from people who are obviously going through tough times, but WHAT ABOUT US?

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## REBUILDING TOGETHER- ATLANTA

*Rebuilding Communities, Impacting Lives... Together*

By Jennifer Colter

As the largest volunteer home repair organization in the country, Rebuilding Together operates in 865 cities and towns in all 50 states. As an affiliate, [Rebuilding Together-Atlanta](#) has been operating since 1992 and works to assure that low-income homeowners, particularly older adults, people with disabilities and multi-generational families, live in warmth, safety, and independence.

Although the organization has helped hundreds of homeowners in Atlanta, Rebuilding Together's mission far exceeds repairing or renovating a person's home. Connecting with people who have traditionally been underserved is Rebuilding Together's focus and passion. The Atlanta metropolitan area has a significant African-American population, and it is this very dynamic group of people that has made this city one of the most progressive in the



country. Equally as significant, is the large number of people, primarily African-American, who are experiencing severe financial strain and need for real assistance.

Rebuilding Together recognized the call for help and has made it their mission to assist people desiring a better quality of

life. Older adults, low-income families, and those with disabilities that own older homes with structural damage or other safety issues can turn to this organization. Last year, Rebuilding Together repaired over 50 homes in Atlanta's English Avenue neighborhood, and they are already on task to complete



more than 100 before the close of 2008. With the relentless drive and dedication of not only the staff and board members, but with their selfless volunteers, Rebuilding Together will definitely reach their goals. What's really impressive, however, is the fact that professionally trained project managers are employed to oversee and manage the volunteers—thus ensuring top-notch work that complies with state regulations.

The remarkable work being done by Rebuilding Together is garnering tremendous recognition and support. More specifically, the Atlanta affiliate is highly regarded and respected by notable officials and large corporate partners. As more and more families are positively impacted by their work, Rebuilding Together will continue to give people back their sense of hope, community, and joy. Having a safe and comfortable home to be proud of is a dream for most people, but Rebuilding Together works to ensure this is a reality for the city's residents. To learn more about this dynamic organization, please visit [www.rebuildingtogether-atlanta.org](http://www.rebuildingtogether-atlanta.org).

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**IS THE RISING ECONOMY THE ONLY TRIP YOU'LL TAKE THIS YEAR?**

by Marianne Morton

It seems almost everything we purchase these days has significantly increased in price while our income remains the same or, in some cases, is decreasing. A walk through the grocery store has our budget stretching to a new level not seen in many years. The fuel pump is a constant source of surprise and frustration.

Our efforts to remain compliant with our budget limitations have forced many consumers to prioritize their activities and purchases in accordance with basic necessities. In times like these, recreational activities, including travel, may seem an unlikely choice because of the limitations and restrictions of our budget. With a little creativity and some assistance from a really good travel service, consumers can actually consider and enjoy plans to travel despite all those other increases we experience in the market and at the pump.

For many, a vacation has low priority when it comes to a justifiable and allowable expense. But the importance of time away can be invaluable in times of greater stress. Our ability to persevere may have gainful benefits by building an escape into our budget. Most people assume substantial dollars are required to consider this factor in our budget. This article may provide greater insight and perhaps dispel that myth.

My father used to tell me on a regular basis you cannot put a price on your peace of mind. As I've matured, I am inclined to agree wholeheartedly with him. I believe it is critical to schedule time away with or without loved ones to rejuvenate our spirit and to provide us peace of mind. I can think of no better way to accomplish this than to commit to a vacation. The key is to seek the best travel assistance available, one that does all of the work for you.

Many of you may have experience shopping the traditional bargain online

travel sites in your quest to find flights, hotel accommodations, or rental cars. There are sites which allow you to shop competitively for various travel services and sites which allow you to bid. All of these sites work aggressively to provide the most competitive prices in hopes of capturing your purchase. Still, it requires some work on your part to find the best deal.

Bargain-seeking travelers must pursue discounts and savings through other means. Most of those discounts and savings can best be acquired by exploring travel sites.

The difficulty and frustration in shopping multiple travel sites in search of the best bargain may be in working each site individually or working with split computer screens. Often times, a traveler can find a good deal at one site but may then decide to explore other sites to see if that

deal can be beat. That's where the challenge starts.

Those of us in the travel industry would recommend the average consumer looking for a bargain seek a travel service designed to provide the advantage and convenience of one stop shopping. Travel services whose websites allow consumers to input a search and provide mega outcomes of multiple competitive travel choices are the ideal resource for any traveler. Although travel services that provide one stop shopping are limited, they are out there.

Travel services with this capability exist and they are providing exceptional opportunities for families, singles, and couples to travel economically despite rising costs. Consumers are urged to explore the services of these progressive travel resources.

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