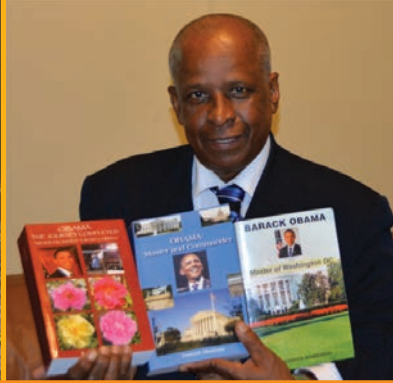


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Welcome to our *Claim To Fame* issue. Though my responsibility for this issue includes temporary Acting Editor-In-Chief of New York Global.biz (NYGB) Magazine we're enlisting more qualified editors, writers, advertising, distribution and circulation staff. We diligently bypassed schedules to return to our bi-monthly publishing, during 2016's most political firestorm and holiday season. Therefore, we added a few more writers and our editorial/executive assistant, in the absence of some of our contributing writers preoccupied with holiday plans.

Why Your's Truly will never involve herself in another Presidential Election campaign, after learning that Trump's 330 U.S. Electoral College far outweighs 2.9 million more popular vote, NYGB's crowded *Claim to Fame* cover features powerful people I know and others of various persuasions. Some of these brilliant, kind and artsy *Claim to Fame* may impact your life by inspiring you to assess why you're special, per Tiffany Richardson's Claim to Fame's editorial.

Join hundreds of guests attending free Harlem Community Development Corp.'s (HCDC) bi-monthly seminars/workshops to form, fund and manage their firm. Many Colleges and firms charge thousands for providing similar HCDC's wealth of services. At Javits NY Business Expo we met several vendors including Energetic Solar; Bricolage Law Firm, Gratman Financial; video-producer Patrick Metiever, Princess, Maliki with members of Dr. Bee's Upsize Media; Constant Contacts; E Cashflow etc.

Celebrate, Stimulate and Invest in Arts' *Claim to Fame* visual artist and curator, Gwendolyn Black's art and Harlem's Art's Alliance/New Heritage Theatre productions are thought-provoking.

Jacob's Restaurant's Soul Food, Salad Bar, Jacob's Chez and Five Spot, are reviewed among Times Square' 86 years' young Jimmy Corner's owner of the World's only top-rated Muhammad Ali & Sports Museum Dive Bar, etc.

NYS Senator Jesse's Hamilton's re-election cover story follows his Brownsville, Brooklyn's Tech Campus, the first U.S. Housing Dept.'s venue of its kind; Mario Bartollio, Director's concise history of the New York School of the Deaf; Fashion's Shalaja Swimwear's designer Shaquoya Jackson-Ishman, from Georgia, features her extraordinary #DivaInYou 2017 Spring/Summer collection; Jackie Love's Men of Excellence Awards; Health solutions with Jay Clark's Rain International's Soul, Core and Healthy Coffee advertorial; Haiti's major health calamity must be resolved with U.S Congresswoman's Yvette Clarke's response to the U.N's apologies; President Brett Scudder's NYC Suicide Council is critically needed; Hooked on Books' transcript interview featuring Dr. Fred Monderson, historian/professor/author of three President Obama Books' (among his 30) aired on *1001 Ways To Cope With Stress* TV Show, with Host-Executive Producer's Professor Kenshasa Shakaba; Wanda Scott a versatile speaker/educator/consultant and author of *Life and Love, Power and Promise and I Can't Wait to Relate; Peach the Duck books* and videos; 27 years' young Latifa Hawkins of NJ's Dessert Heaven; Brooklyn BP's Eric Adams 2016 give-aways Xmas' toys. NYC Councilmember Laurie Cumbo Thanksgiving meals for seniors; Epsilon Pi Fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha Fraternity's annual massive Thanksgiving gala; Hillary Clinton campaign memories; The new Professional Urban Baseball League and Rickey Smiley hosting his *Super Bowl Comedy Show* during this year's Super Bowl Football, again held on Yours Truly February 5th birthday.

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Claim To Fame State of Mind



By: Tiffany Richardson, The Dream Network

Obama, a man who came from humble beginnings. He later became recognized through his accomplishments that would lead him to historically become the first Black American President. There is much he accomplished as the 44th President that he rarely receives credit for. While in the White House, he was challenged on every level. He was one of the most disrespected U.S. Presidents in the history of Presidents. Never before had there been so many people allowed to jump the fence of the White House, by alleged accidents, while the Secret Service was on watch. He and the first lady Michelle Obama were subjected to more name calling than those before them. Yet, through all of that President Obama may claim his fame by being the coolest President ever.

President Obama's *claim to fame* should reflect having improved the economy, given more American's health insurance, his stance on climate change and improving the relationship between the U.S. and Cuba. He negotiated the Iran nuclear deal. He stood strong for terrorism and sidbed his Trans-Pacific Partnership Executive order endorsed by Paul Ryan, Republican House Speack. He legalized same sex marriage and always kept the American people in mind.

As a compassionate President, he addressed and resolved many critical issues affecting American families. He listened to the needs of Americans and tried to fulfill his promises. He would earnestly admit his failure to fulfill a major promise to bridge the partisan divide that exist in our nation.

Despite how he was treated by Congress, millions of Americans will recognize President Obama for having built a legacy of pride. One that will go down in history as having a beautiful loving family, who successfully escaped negative publicity that followed other presidents and their families, from sexual escapades, drunkenness lewd and obscene behavior and impeachment. His and Michelle Obama's first lady's style is unmatched.

Our 44th U.S. President Obama may have some regrets but who doesn't? We can all judge the next person but let's look at ourselves and question. What have we done to

accomplish our *claim to fame*?

Some of us are still working on it, others might be delusional in claiming fame where it is not warranted. Whichever suits you is a matter of choice. Whatever you choose, will follow you for the rest of your life. Therefore, make sure you are proud of the legacy you build, and what your *claim to fame* will be.



Vital Statistics

Michael Jackson was listed as the most generous charitable entertainment philanthropist in the *Guinness World Book* who donated more than a half billion dollars to charities. The record breaking gifted musician, singer-song writer, actor, arranger, producer and business tycoon, who owned a large portion of the Beatle's music donated 500 millions years before passing.

Two years after pledging one million dollars to Howard University, his alumini, music magnate, **Sean Puffy Combs** financed and opened his Harlem Charter School -- the first of its kind ever established by a Hip-Hop Rap Star and producer. All students are destined for college and under the tutelage of Dr. Steve Perry, Founder/Principal, students attend school 11 months annually.

Jay Z. Scholarship Funds are available for high-school students who's grade point average range from 2.5 or higher, including alternate schools's graduates and students studying for GED exams.

How does one define their *claim to fame*? There are many ideas and definitions for living in a society that allows people to become famous without much effort. Years ago, in order for one to become famous they had to do something truly remarkable that was approved by their peers...something that would be noteworthy and amazing.

Today we live in a society that gets excited about sensationalism and draws their own conclusion about how they define fame. Too often things that appear on social media that holds the attention of viewers or something that becomes newsworthy may be listed as one's *claim to fame*. Controversial incidents might include high profile divorces and bad behavior among performing artists, sports figures and politicians. Murderers and terrorists along with the insane now make the list. So we must determine who we consider should make the *claim to fame* list according to our interest.

People who lend something to society that helps improve others' lives, and people who have worked hard and have done many things right, should be applauded and acknowledged. You can lift someone up through teaching and training, through fighting for the rights of others, by getting involved and taking a stance, being the first in a field of greatness, and having made history through carrying yourself in a way to be admired by others, you have made your *claim to fame*.

One thought that comes to my mind, is our outgoing President Barack



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Kyle Strozier founded the firm after 10 years in the hedge fund and wealth management industry. He felt that the knowledge he had acquired could prove beneficial not just to himself and his family, but to the community at large. To this extent, he formed wealthmatters.co to do exactly that. With a focus on 3 overlapping groups: Individuals/-Families, Businesses and Schools/Organizations he believes that wealthmatters.co is well positioned to provide maximum good to the community.

Kyle notes that either by design or ineptitude, the education system has failed to train its citizens to be financially conscious individuals and to use money as a tool for the betterment of families and the achievement of generational goals. He continues, "In my years of working with wealthy clients I've learned 2 secrets: Wealth (in all its forms) is the primary determinant of the success of you, your family, and ultimately your community; and financial independence and wealth are not dependent on a particular job, degree or certification and can be generated much quicker than you'd think".

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Former NYC Councilman, Current Senatorial Candidate Robert Jackson and Guest at Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Networking Event

A Profile of Harlem Community Development Corporation

Harlem Community Development Corporation (HCDC), a New York State Public Benefit Corporation and subsidiary of the New York State Urban Development Corporation, d/b/a Empire State Development Corporation, was created in 1995 to serve the greater Harlem community, including Central Harlem, El Barrio/East Harlem, Washington Heights and West Harlem. HCDC supersedes the Harlem Urban Development Corporation (HUDC) that existed from 1971 to 1995.

Through the creation of partnerships, HCDC plans and facilitates a wide range of community revitalization initiatives, strengthening upper Manhattan and its economically and culturally vibrant communities.

HCDC has three primary departments: Business Services, Community Development and the Weatherization Assistance Program.

Business Services

Business services and economic development continues to be HCDC's primary focus, complementing Empire State Development's efforts in the areas of business attraction and retention, entrepreneurial assistance, New York state Minority and Women Owned Business (M/WBE) Certification, marketing and promotion of tourism, arts, culture, dining and entertainment in Upper Manhattan. The department is a valuable resource for individuals and businesses in need of the many services provided by New York State. HCDC continues to help fund, provide project management, and serve as advisors on major Harlem-based development projects.

HCDC works closely with Empire State Development staff, NYC & Company, the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone (UMEZ), locally-based Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), Entrepreneurial Assistance Programs (EAP Centers), Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), merchants associations and chambers of commerce to coordinate economic development initiatives and opportunities including marketing, business development, small business lending and technical assistance.

Community Development

HCDC's mission is to assist the communities of El Barrio/East Harlem, Central Harlem, West Harlem, and Washington Heights strengthen and improve local socioeconomic, cultural and small business development, housing conditions, tourism and other strategic initiatives that attract human and capital investment.

The Community Development department provides information, technical and financial assistance and skills training to community-based organizations and individuals seeking to create independent projects and initiatives which support further investment in upper Manhattan neighborhoods. Through various public and private partnerships, it engages in the formulation of strategy, participates in project development from conception through completion, strengthens workforce development, and holds various workshops and seminars with area home mortgage lenders focusing on credit, loan products, and money management.

The department provides HUD-certified housing counseling, including:

- one-on-one counseling for first-time home buyers
- mortgage modification assistance
- foreclosure prevention assistance

The overall department goal is to create ongoing partnerships that provide opportunities for area residents and entrepreneurs to participate in the expanding socioeconomic, housing, cultural and other initiatives throughout Upper Manhattan.

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program is a federally funded program that targets low-income families in single family homes and multi-unit developments. HCDC can determine eligibility if a homeowner or a minimum of sixty percent of the tenants in a particular building meet established income guidelines. The main objective of the weatherization program is to reduce energy usage costs and increase the comfort and safety of all occupants.

Once eligibility is established, HCDC's Weatherization staff will conduct an energy audit and develop a work-scope which may include any of the following safety and energy efficiency measures

- heating system upgrades
- roof insulation
- window replacement
- energy efficient lighting upgrades
- refrigerator replacement
- smoke and carbon monoxide detector installation
- installation of exterior lights

The weatherization program is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is administered by the New York State Division of Homes and Community Renewal. HCDC believes that weatherization is a great investment as every \$1 invested in the program yields \$1.65 in energy-related benefits.

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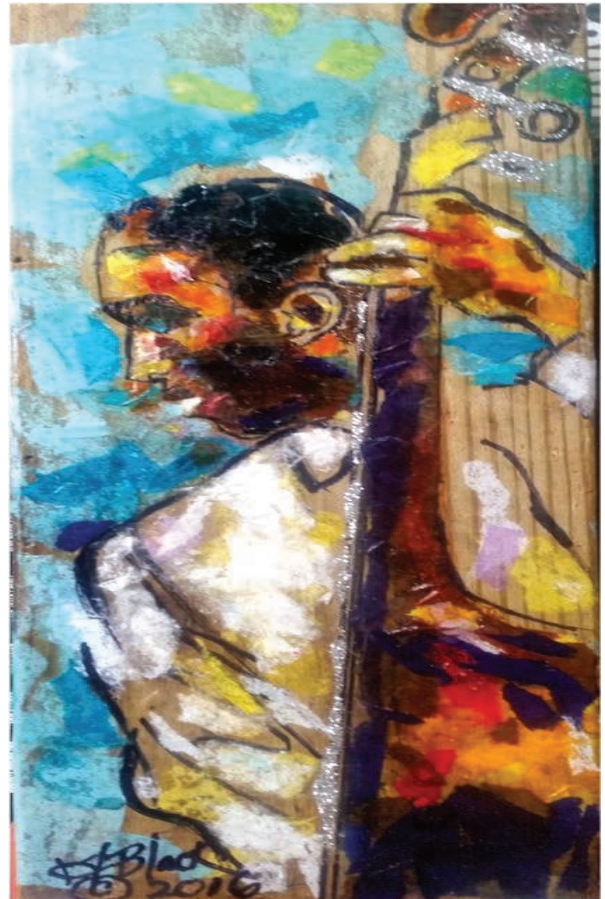
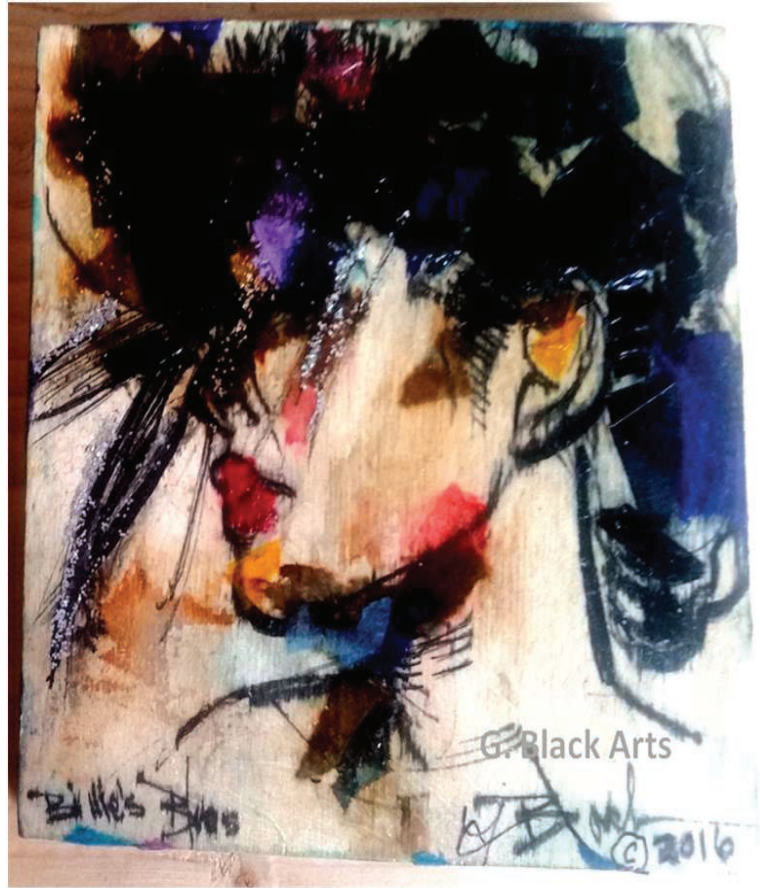


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Exhibition: Harlem's Black & Jewish Music Culture (1890 - 1930)
The Evolution of the American Songbook

February 1

Music: 12:00 noon --- *American Tapestry - Heather Hill, soprano, Sakura Myers, piano*
Gallery Talk: 12:45 pm --- *Harlem's Black & Jewish Music Culture (1890 - 1930)*

February 8

Music: 12 noon --- *Traditional Japanese Melodies, Masayo Ishigure, koto*
Gallery Talk: 12:45 pm --- *Harlem's Black & Jewish Music Culture (1890 - 1930)*

February 15

Music: 12 noon --- *African American Women Composers, Patrice Eaton, mezzo-soprano*
Gallery Talk: 12:45 pm --- *Harlem's Black & Jewish Music Culture (1890 - 1930)*

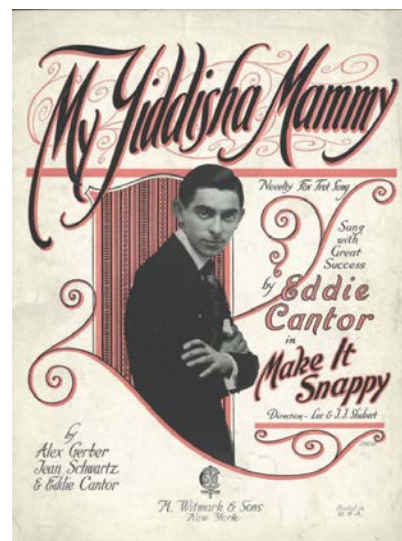
February 22

Music: 12 noon --- *TIC Gospel Choir Concert, Jeff Bolding, Director*
Gallery Talk: 12:45 pm --- *Harlem's Black & Jewish Music Culture (1890 - 1930)*

Exhibition runs through February 22, 2017

Weekdays 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, closed weekends

For group or private gallery tour/talks for all other exhibition dates in January thru February, 2017 contact:
John Reddick, Columbia Community Scholar email: jtr2134@columbia.edu
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Ballpoint pen on manila file folder, 19 3/4 x 12 1/4**

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Charles Andresen and Jerry the Marble Faun, Geary, to **2/3:** www.geary.nyc

The Written Word, Fountain House Gallery, to **3/1:** www.fountainhousegallery.org

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Dec. 5, Phyllis Yvonne Stickney, **New Jack City** and **Women of Brewster Place's** star, comedian, lyricist, poet's full-of-hilarity **Laughter and Lyrics' Show** returned by popular demand to Ashford's & Simpson's Sugar Bar, Manhattan following her scintillating November 2016 Sugar Bar show.



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Singer Victor Garcia sings musician songwriter - Raymond Gonzalez's song at NYGB'S WPAT 9:30 AM -Radio Show's **Sing Your Song** singer-songwriter Christine Santelli's song was among those recorded on Betty Vette's 2015 Grammy Nominee's **Worthy's** Album



Months after performing on NYGB'S WPAT 9:30 AM -Radio Show's **Sing Your Song** singer-songwriter Christine Santelli's song was among those recorded on Betty Vette's 2015 Grammy Nominee's **Worthy's** Album



Singer Songwriters performed in Harlem 125 St. Subway Station



Lori Nebo, singer-songwriter and popular karaoke host at Manhattan's Mean Fiddler, and NY/NJ venues, hosts NYGB'S Show's **Sing Your Song** singer-songwriter Competition Fundraiser

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



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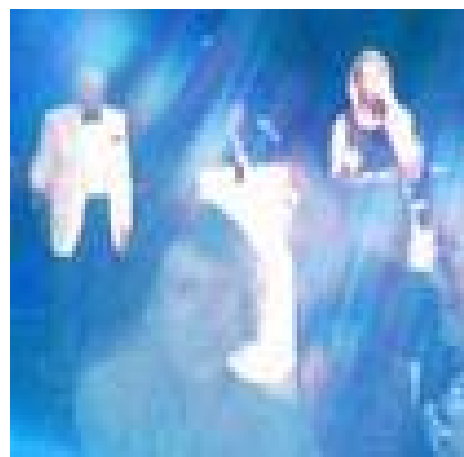
2015 New York Eve, just before 12 am, 2016 midnight, as Joe Battaglia and The New York Big Band dazzled Manhattan's full swing Edison Ballroom, I couldn't avoid being shoved among their crowded aisles and packed floor while photographing their frenzied Black tie and casual dressed, guests awaiting 2016's televised "Live in Times Square" gigantic Ball drop. Most of their \$325 per ticket guests had already feasted on their celebrity Chef Mina Newman's four course seared salmon or herb roasted chicken dinners with asparagus, scalloped red potatoes, desserts and unlimited bar cocktails. I was delighted that Edison's General Manager, Bill Kaelblein had preserved my dinner and fruit souffle cheesecake. Their champagne kept flowing, as did their near and far traveled, talented Edison Ballroom and Salsa dancers who kept moving, until this lavish New Year's bash ended.

"What goes around, comes around," attests to the grandeur of the huge Edison ballroom established in the 1930's as an Art Deco, high-society elegant ballroom, next door to, or as some sources claimed, was inside the Edison Hotel, until decades later, when this ballroom relocated one block west on Restaurant Row.

By 2008 the popular Edison Ballroom returned to its hefty multi-million dollars' elegantly renovated West 47th Street's origin. Its revived 1930's/40's décor expanded to an 18,000 sq. ft. entity, with a large dance floor, VIP and mezzanine dining seating, plush dining chairs, with cafe to larger tables seating 500 to 600 guests. The room accommodates 1,000 Concert guests.,

In October 2015 Russell Simmons, Queens, New York's Rap Music Tycoon; Founder, CEO, Chairman and Executive Producer of Island Def Jam's Records and RUSH Communications, best selling author, activist and philanthropist was honored with Ashanti, Chuck D, and others by famed rapper Doug E. Fresh, host of 2015's **Hip Hop's Public Health Organization Youth Benefit** at this venue. Oprah Winfrey and Harry Belafonte were among supporters. Simmons has attracted thousands of fans to his Edison Ballroom's RUN DMC, Curtis Blow, LL Cool J, Ashanti, Ludracris Concerts. Millions of of TV fans watched Simmon's Comedy Central TV, and Oxygen TV series that filmed Vivica Fox, Amber Rose and numerous A and B Listers on Edison's premises. His private Janet Jackson Concert was held here, among several others private fundraisers and events at this historic venue.

Friday, November 27, 2015, I was mesmerized by the Edison Ballroom's hazy sky and royal blue stage lighting and fascinated by Joe Battaglia's 16 piece tuxedo attired band during my 1-1/2 hours stay. Donning his White tuxedo, bow tie and black slacks, Joe's iconic portrayal of his trumpet's jazz and pop standards mastery, was as impressive as his band performing Sinatra, Glenn Miller, Shirley Bassey, Tony Bennett, Count Basie, Nat King Cole and other acclaimed jazz, pop and R&B 20th Century legends' songs. Vocalist Keren Zobataro's show-stopping **Let's Dance**, Donna Summers' rendition was followed by songs show casing her fine background vocals' performances for Macy Gray, Elton John, and Alicia Eyes. Some of the Concert's Direct Latin Influence (DLI) band members formerly played with Tito Puente, Eddie Palmeri and other famous Latino musicians. Latinos represent Battaglia's and DLI'S bands' loyal affecio-



nadoes, who frequently attend the Ballroom's annual Valentine, Easter, Thanksgiving and New Years' Eve galas.

Battaglia cites 25 years since launching his trumpet and singer-songwriting career. His versatile band's Earth, Wind and Fire hit tune reflects why Joe's Battaglia's and The New York Big Band is Edison's Ballroom house band. For years, Joe's band dominated New York's Five Stars' Tavern on the Green and The Rainbow Room's stages. Aside from the band's recent New York's Pierre Hotel Concert, I recall dancing a few times, during Joe Battaglia's and The New York Big Band 's Lincoln Center's Mid-Summer's Swing dance parties.

At midnight, November 27, 2015 after I finished taking photos of Joe Battaglia and The New York Big Band, when he approached Toye Davis' and my New York Global.biz Magazine table, I was speechless, if not smitten. This Frank Sinatra enthusiast performed with and considered the world's famous Sinatra, his great friend-mentor. This candid, virtuoso grand trumpeter and his New York Big Band has performed for Hillary Clinton, Barbara Walters, and countless others' Who's Who?

By: Irma T. Mitchell



FIVE SPOT

459 Myrtle Ave. Brooklyn NY

FIVE SPOT'S BAR IN BROOKLYN'S SERVES GOURMET SEAFOOD?

During Five Spot's 20 years at 459 Myrtle Avenue's busy Brooklyn location its success also evolves with its management's owner, Malik Armstead, previously a J.P. Morgan Chase Financial Advisor, who graduated from Morehouse. Later, this "love for cooking" turned chef's Five Spot's food menu is extensive and replete with several continental soul seafood dinners.

Since Professor Shabaka, Executive Producer and Host of her **1001 Ways to Cope With Stress** Brooklyn's BRIC TV Show and New York Global.biz' Yours Truly, first dined here, my calculated return is predicated on Five Spot's sizzling seafood macaroni-cheese casserole or their sauteed-based catfish sticks that I first refused, because my taste for catfish, no longer existed. Since then, I'll not only order cat fish,

I'm sharing improbable thoughts regarding how well these two Five Spot's gourmet soul-seafood dishes might attract diners in droves, even if they were their only two dishes available for indoors and take out orders. Likewise, I couldn't finish Five Spot's generous gourmet seafood - macaroni-cheese dish. Guess what happened with my left-overs?

On Tuesday nights, whether you order drinks at the Five Spot's 25 foot long mahogany bar, or feast inside their 90's hazy decorated, rear, high ceiling dining room, you'll also laugh hilariously at or with their **Open Mic** comedians After 10 pm until beyond 2 to 4 am, weekends, hear acclaimed jazz artists, capable of filling Five Spot's and most music rooms in New York City.

By: Irma Tyus-Mitchell

MEZZE BAR'S

690 Nine Avenue, Manhattan

Although floor to ceiling glass windows introduce diners to the allure of the new Mezze Bar, It conveniently allows visitors to quickly decide to enter or peek inside its interiors without feeling embarrassed. Undoubtedly the Mezze Bar's architectural elegance is not found elsewhere from West 57th Street down to West 42nd Street 9 Avenue. Earthy hospitality is provided by its wait and bar staff, and their managers.

This 150 person capacity swank cocktail lounge/bar's Mediterranean and Greek Cuisine restaurant bares distinction, so much that they unabashingly serve affordabled \$5.00 shots and discounted wines all night, among its standards priced wines and spirits, after Happy Hour to 4 am. Though an upscale venue, the waitress pleasantly reassured us if we weren't hungary their three \$14 sliders would suffice. About half hour later our party of three, profusely agreed that we enjoyed our best Angus Beef slider ever, garnished with spinach greens, cheese and gourmet bread.

By: Irma Tyus-Mitchell

Dining and Lounging



Sherry Lewis Trinidadian singer-songwriter/performer and NYGB's Sing Your Song Competition Fundraiser



The restaurant where disappointed Madam President Hillary Clinton's fans landed a block away from Javits Center, where her Democratic Campaign took place

Harlem Besame Restaurant

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101 West 124th St., Manhattan
Splendid New Besame's Food, Art
Entertainment Restaurant on Harlem's
Adam Clayton Powell's Blvd. 124th St."

Harlem's New Besame Latino Soul Lounge's restaurant is where lush food, art and entertainment grooves. Their outdoor cafe and restaurant between 123rd-124th Street, occupies half of that block long venue where the world's famous top-boxing scorer, Sugar Ray Robinson's restaurant, real estate agency, women's retail store, beauty and barber shop thrived before it closed during the 1960s.

Though I've yet to attend New Besame's popular Sunday Brunch, my second visit this November, led to asking Besame's waiter what makes their salmon moist, yet flaky salmon so tasty, because I did not customarily sprinkle Tabasco, Red Devil or any hot sauce on seafood or poultry meals, as done when I dine out? He pleasantly described their succulent glazed, marinated, guava sauce on top my salmon. I also stated how I nearly missed their zesty assorted greens' salad that accompanies my entree, before he stopped me from ordering their Avocado or Besame salad. Their coconut rice, a stiff \$5 Tequila Sunrise cocktail, lemon water and a cup of rich brewed Costa Rican coffee, enhanced my exhilaration. During my November 5th visit, after the popular Radio/Nightclub DJ Reggie Wells hosted his weekly Thursday night party at New Besame's, they became my New York City's restaurant and bar serving \$5, non-frozen Tequila Sunrise and Margarita cocktails on Wednesdays and Thursdays' nights.

Enter Dejavu: While slowly sipping my cocktail, Reggie, Besame's assistant manager and actor lowered their bar room music and turned on Empire's hit TV program. As New York Global.biz Magazine Publisher/Founder of *Sing Your Song* Singer-Songwriter Fundraiser Competition WPAT 9:30am Radio Show, I'm often frustrated about sports dominating several New York City's non-sports and sports restaurants and bars' TV screens. A week earlier I almost completed my script to approach New York City restaurants and non-sports bars to host Empire and other popular TV shows to entertain customers.

Distractions abounds at Besame. Their spacious 100 capacity seating includes vivid abstract, among other artwork adorning their dining room. Here, West African décor room includes mud-cloths manufactured and delivered



from Mali, covering the back rest of a few, three seated restaurant cushion seats. The captivating 1952 New Harlem Restaurant photo of Bernard Rubie's beautiful, Costa Rican mother Clara Francis' photo, within its white and red 28 x 28 round sign, hangs on its main wall. Mr. Rubie and Osea, his eldest son, are proudly continuing their mother's and grandmother's legacy, who opened New Harlem Restaurant in 1952. It's Bernard's third in New York, including one in the Village, another located in Liberia, Africa.

My fascination with this art exhibit led to seeking the author's name. Momentarily assistant manager-actor Reggie reintroduced me to a previously known young, adult frequent dancer, Haile King Rubie and his mom. Three years ago, I discussed a possible interview about Haile, or an option for his mom to submit her story regarding the time she spends with him, and how well her autistic son dances with her, since the late 1990's when they were dancing at other venues.

Now Haile strikes me as that Guinness



World's records' autistic dancer, and gifted painter whose art, I'm privileged to see. As I tried analyzing more than a dozen of his framed and printed works, I wasn't surprised that Haile's art sells well. His father, Mr. Bernard Rubie explained in

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recent years that Haile dances less. Overall Bernard's tranquilizing yet majestic designing of New Besame, denote having inspired Haile's artistic brilliance, since his elementary school years. His father expressed the importance of having Haile study art with a special instructor at Manhattan's landmark Arts Student's League, for several years. Besame's assistant manager-actor Reggie's forthcoming book also entails his compassionate, long-term mentoring for Haile, and Haile's fine arts' focus.

I rushed to the glass, wood framed windowed door when I heard loud, live singing from the New Besame's bar. During the next half hour my cell phone contained several Karaoke singers belting out R&B, Hip Hop, Jazz and Pop Classics and Gospel tunes... among reasons it was over an hour before finishing my tantalizing meal.

Imagine tourists plus thousands of others attending autistic art-extraordinaire's Haile King Rubie's exhibits, together with autistic organizations, teachers and their public school students? Imagine Haile art's visitors and citations from local, state and elected officials, including the President of the United States? Imagine how their acknowledgment will further public appeal for expanding autism education and interaction? Considering the rapid annual increase of autistic children in the U.S., imagine the critically necessary dynamic establishment of a Haile King Rubie Art and Autistic Foundation Institute in Harlem? Weeks ago, I briefly attended New York State Senator's Jesse Hamilton's great Annual Breakfast for the School of the Deaf, in a lovely, yet old Brooklyn school building. As noted, that privilege magnified my vision for a Haile King Rubie and autism persons' educational/foundation facility in Harlem.

Congratulations!!! New Besame Restaurant; Bernard Rubie and son's Osea and Haile; Assistant Manager-Actor Reggie staff and DJ Reggie Wells!!!

By: Irma Tyus-Mitchell



JACOB CHEZ RESTAURANT

2695 Frederick Douglas Boulevard, Harlem, NY

By: *Lezlove*

Being in Harlem is a passion of mine. Visiting Harlem, as a little girl, my father called it the **Crossroads of the World** when we walked down 125th Street. I never forgot his words. I love Harlem, and Jacob Chez stands out as a beautiful Senegalese eatery in Harlem providing a quiet and enjoyable meal, also satisfying Africans, hungry for 'back-home' cooked food

Growing up and schooled in Long Island, as an adult, I moved to the City, as close to Harlem as I could get at 107th Street, Central Park West. During the 1980 - 90's Drug Wars, we sadly watched the dilapidation of Eight Avenue, and different areas of Harlem. Emotionally, it was painful watching other ethnic groups open businesses and siphon the profits and money to their communities. We were discouraged from becoming owners and sucked into "consumer alternatives".

As the new Millennium ushered in, I enjoyed watching the African's economic diaspora's impact. One by one, a rebuilding of 116th Street later labeled **Little Africa** and Eighth Avenue, occurred honoring Frederick Douglass Street that consists of cultural shops, restaurants and new housing developments.

Jacob Chez has the main ingredients of a successful business. Entering a new eating place, many of us have a checklist: cleanliness, aroma, hospitality, atmosphere and food quality. We checked all of the boxes for Jacob Chez. You sip your water and view a distinguished menu of intriguing entrées: basically chicken, beef, fish, rice, couscous, sauces and salad. The food is cooked and prepared French African style. Of course, there is an array of juices and sodas.

Jacob Chez is not a place to eat and rush like it's buffet style, other Jacob Restaurant Soul Food and Salad Bar, with lively, bustling in-and-out patrons. This place is where one can sit back, relax, talk, look and listen to the Afro Harlem sounds. The food finally arrives in a magnificent display of steamed, broiled or baked delicacies with tasty sauces, well seasoned but not salty. One entrée with a large bowl of salad may feed two persons. Their prices are very reasonable. I immensely enjoyed Jacob Chez Restaurant. My only suggestion is to bring the pies and cakes available at JR Buffet over to be enjoyed with the wonderful African coffee after a great meal.



JACOB CHEZ RESTAURANT

2695 Frederick Douglas Boulevard, Harlem, NY

By: *Lisa Ann Gillings, Guest writer*

I walked into Chez Jacob, a beautiful African Restaurant located on Frederick Douglass Boulevard, in Harlem. The atmosphere was calm, quiet, and just absolutely pleasant. The floor was so spotless. I was totally amazed. I'm an art lover and I was just taken a back at the beautiful paintings on the wall. I seated myself and was handed a menu. It was such a hard decision regarding what dish to choose from looking over the menu. After a careful deliberation, I settled for the fried fish, salad and potatoes.

The wait was a bit long at Chez Jacob, while guessing that the fish plate was made to order. Finally, I was presented with my fish dinner. The smell and aroma was absolutely divine. I took a bite of my fish and it just simply melted in my mouth. It was seasoned just right to any food lover's taste. I went up front to pay my bill.

This is an excellent restaurant, and I would definitely go back again. My only fault is the service you receive.

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JACOB RESTAURANT SOUL FOOD & SALAD BAR

373 Lenox Avenue/ Malcolm X Blvd., Manhattan

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By: *Lezlove*

Hey Folks! I'm in HARLEM – One of my favorite places in the world!

Harlem, a diverse community has many spots to get comfort and cultural foods. Many of these foods, termed Soul Foods, are derived from the African Diaspora's imported slaves who arrived on conquerors' slave ships with the slaves' ethnic foods' seeds soon planted in North American soil. Our African forefathers, Masters of the Earth, also discovered herbs, spices, fruits and vegetables indigenous of this new strange land. They used their mystic talent to make delicacies from the scraps of animals' tails, guts, feet, ears and stomach organs prepared for Plantations' Masters. They also created gravies, oils, sauces, scrapple and gumbos concocted to eat with pounded grains to feed many.

Many Fortune 500 companies would not be prosperous without our African Ancestors' blood, sweat and tears and knowledge of the grains. Aunt Jemima and Uncle Ben etc. created their General Foods' empire. They watched as we divinely prepared foods that nourished them and slaves during tedious travels, using spices to dehydrate r Jerk (beef Jerky, Slim Jim etc.). We spiced and coated with flour, for what became preserved fried chicken travel food.

I don't have tell you about the billions made in the fried chicken industry.

Jacob Restaurant Soul Food and Salad Bar – an ordinary buffet style eatery, but ordinary becomes an understatement. Jacob Restaurant Soul Food and Salad Bar is the first Black owned and family operated, soul food and salad bar buffet. The establishment stands out in terms of ambience and service.

In October 2016 I treated Kayla, my niece, to Jacob Restaurant Soul Food and Salad Bar Buffet, for an opinion from the young Millennial. I found her comments impressive. She noted it was small but quaint and really packed. Fresh food was continually being brought out. The workers (mostly African) were efficient and kept things clean. They were polite and brought things you needed to the table. Kayla also noted that Jacob has something for everyone: from vegetarian, island, curry, southern to fruits and all kinds of desserts from bread pudding to sweet potato pie.

There were interesting juices, nutritious drinks and even Ginger beer! I was impressed with her comments about the food being well seasoned -- a priority

for Black people. Kayla exclaimed three times about the macaroni and cheese. Coming from a girl who likes few foods and is allergic to many, one can conclude the baked macaroni is good!

We took seats with our tasty samples of enjoyable foods, while observing the artistic collection of historical leaders from Bob Marley to Mandela. I enjoyed humming to oldies and a cross section of classic Black music, while waiting to hear the music group playing that weekend. Here, I discovered an interesting cross section of community and tourists diners. I felt comfortable engaging in stimulating conversation, or just listening to interesting points of view.

Jacob gives many choices – to run in after work, take out or cater your event. My sister, Jo-An Owings, Minister of Mount Zion AME Church, 116th Street and Madison Avenue chooses to take her pick of good food home after a challenging Church service. I give Jacob four fist pumps! Come and ENJOY! chicken, Beef, fish, rice, couscous, sauces and salad. The food is cooked and prepared French African style. Of course there is an array of juices and sodas.



Lezlove and Last Poet's Band Leader in Amsterdam Europe



JACOB RESTAURANT SOUL FOOD AND SALAD BAR *Dining and Lounging*

2695 Frederick Douglas Boulevard, Harlem, New York



At the Seventh Annual Thanksgiving Day 2016 hundreds of free dinners were served at Jacob's Restaurant Soul Food and Salad Bar's 337 Malcom X Boulevard/Lenox Avenue and 2695 Frederick Douglas restaurants.

However, my returned three weeks earlier, two years since my last dining experience at Jacob's second established 2695 Frederick Douglas Boulevard venue affirmed how Jacob's Restaurants *claim to fame* includes abundantly serving New Yorkers with fresh hot and cold soul and other ethnic dishes for as little as \$5.99 per pound, since 2010.

Jacob's was the first restaurant salad bar buffet I saw equipped with wall mounted sanitizers at the start and end of their buffet lane. As New York's first Black family owned soul food and salad bars' restaurant owners, Senegalese husband Rachid Niange and Trinidadian wife Kim Niange's dream-come-true restaurants evolved as a *love legacy* when they were young-co-workers employed at a small soul food buffet restaurant chain, before opening their first restaurant in 2009.

Networking is also an attraction at Jacob's where strangers and others pleasantly greet each other, whether standing in line, or placing food on their plate. Some diners gaze at Franco the Great's large wall hung paintings, and



others snap photos throughout Jacob's vibrant relaxing and clean facility. Arriving after their Sunday 2:00 to 6:00 band's show, led to my watching controversial U.S. election political news while eating.

Earlier plans to take out some of my nearly two pounds of food, vanished starting



with Jacobs' tender collards, seasoned with turkey, and teeping hot spicy jerk chicken. Their cabbage souffle is delectable, and I bore "bragging rights" enjoying their salmon sauteed in thick lemon sauce. Frankly, their fresh mash potatoes, rice and black beans, string beans, savory turkey legs and macaroni and cheese are reminiscent of what my mom and grandmothers perfected. While relishing my nourishing Caesar salad; black and green olives, sliced avocado and tomato



salad, dill pickles, watermelon and banana pudding. I saved my small ready-to-eat sliced cornbread, for last, until I became so pleased with each morsel of this room temperature, distinct flavored, moist firm cornbread. I also repressed my request for this recipe.

Jacob's fresh food regimen entails charitably providing daily leftovers to several churches and non-profits, as they've done for several years. As one of the City's top food caterers, Jacob's delivers city-wide catered meals to loyal



churches, clubs, associations, residents, and businesses.

In this neighborhood where decades old apartment complexes are a few blocks away from new luxury buildings, Jacob's Restaurant Soul Food and Salad Bar is an enhancement. In 2010 during my first visits at this location, I imagined their risks: a huge grocery store stretches from 144th to 145th Street on the same side of their Frederick Boulevard Street, and the long standing West 145th Street's and Frederick Douglas Boulevard's Popeye's. I was wrong; Jacob's Soul Food and Salad Buffet Restaurants provides the serenity of joyful dining at home, where Harlem remains strong.

By: Irma Tyus-Mitchell

Jimmy's Corner Curated the World's only Muhammad Ali Boxing and Sports Museum Dive Bar

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"Boxing's Prized Dynasty In Times Square's Jimmy's Corner's Bar"

"A blast from the past," underscored the start of my Memorial Day Weekend, at boxing legend's trainer and manager, Jimmy's Glenn's Jimmy's Corner dive bar. A Black male replied that Bloody Marys cost not more than \$7, in Jimmy's Corner, were we stood outside it's door, after New York Global.biz's retired veteran/International photographer asked him, in front of Jimmy's, about an Irish bar on this block serving \$10 Bloody Mary's.

About 18 years passed since I rediscovered iconic Jimmy's Glenn's 140 West 44th Street Jimmy Corner's mis-classified dive bar. During the late, 1970's, my Jimmy's Glenn's fan-friend treated me to a cocktail, here.

Our packed Jimmy's Corner's experience, included the veteran/photographer's quick and awkwardly squeezing past several U.S. Navy's Fleet Week's soldiers, and finding a table in the bar's rear cocktail lounge. A friendly, red-head, cocktail waitress quickly delivered our drinks in the lounge, though they were first ordered at the bar. As "throwback" Blues, Jazz and R&B played on Jimmy's juke box, our Bloody Mary's were good. The stimulus included being among patrons who periodically left our seats to focus on Muhammad Ali's, Sugar Ray Leonard's and several boxing greats' energizing photos and memorabilia dominating it's walls. My last visit at Jimmy's Corner, about 18 years ago, amounts to nearly 35 years since I, a writer, remained unaware of their rear cocktail lounge, with sealed, yellow tinted photos covering their tables.

Long before and nearly two decades since Mayor Guliani's Times Square Revitalization, Jimmy's Corner's Bar has thrived during six New York City Mayors --from NYC Mayor John Lindsay to NYC Mayor Bill DeBlasio. Jimmy's Corner is a recipient of third term's Mayor



Bloomberg's coveted letter citation, adorning its walls. However, low-keyed, Jimmy Glenn, the African-American owner of Jimmy's Corner, is also an unsung, heroic boxing sport's and business marvel. Glenn's insightful Jimmy's Corner's bar branding occupancy, since the early 1970's, in one of Manhattan's vibrant, upscale, tourist zoned, multi-cultural dining, entertainment, commercial/residential building blocks leads the fray as Times Square's West 44th Street's longest operating bar and restaurant. After arriving and leaving this block five years later in the



early 1980's, Jimmy's Corner was situated between clean West 44th Street's Seventh's and Sixth's Avenues of America. Two to four stars' upscale American, Chinese, French, Italian and Mexican Restaurants, the legendary Lamb Church and Theatre, (a hotel in recent years) residential and commercial buildings, a deli, shoe repair and also the towering RCA Music Corporation building were east and west of Jimmy's Corner's West 44th Street's southern strip block. My apartment building was directly across the street from what became a luxury apartment facility, where folk legend Richie Havens later relocated. I saw *Ain't Misbehavin* Broadway Musical and other shows, at Broadway's Belasco Theatre. A large, though not too frequently opened ballroom existed before Toys Are Us and the large hotel currently across from Jimmy's arrived years later. I was six



doors up from Jimmy's, near Sixth Avenue, and two doors from the towering RCA Music Corporation. During the late 1970's large Diana Ross Billboards graced RCA's ground floor glass windows. In the mid 1980's until recent years, IRS occupied most of the building.

Glenn neatly sports dark slacks and a casual collar, short sleeve grey and light grey shirt, similarly attired as he was when we met. He briefly stops and chats with guests, while pacing and monitoring his facility from the bar to the end of the cocktail lounge. He pleasantly recalls my visit and "non-show" for several years. The timely introduction of Glenn and the veteran-photographer included confirming how they both cannot fathom that they've biologically exceeded four score years. Yet I'm curious about how well Glenn, the bar owner/boxing trainer/manager maintains robust health, over four decades of conducting his owner operations. I've since reminisced visions of Jimmy's Corner, as that symbolic speakeasy that successfully outgrew 12 years since New York City's Mayor Bloomberg terminated public and private facility smoking.

By: Irma Tyus-Mitchell



Press Conference: Kickoff and Tour of “the Campus”

“The Campus” to serve as resource center for technology, health, and career development.

Friday, October 21, 2016 NYS Senator Jesse Hamilton, flanked by colleagues, educators, community groups launched the United States first Technology and Wellness Hub at a public housing site, specifically at P.S.Dr. Betty Shabazz School and Brownsville Collaborative Middle School in Brooklyn. The ribbon cutting ceremony included NYS Senate Democratic Conference Leader, Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins; NYS Assembly Member Latrice Walker, NYC Department of Probation NYC Department of Probation Commissioner Ana M.Bermudez, representatives from NYS’ Governor, NYC’S Mayor’s, NYC Comptroller’s and Brooklyn Borough President’s representatives among educators and community organization leaders and the Campus’ stakeholders.

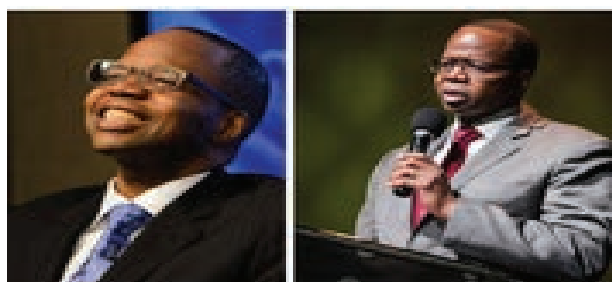
Modeled on a college campus, the Campus aims to empower youth and help meet an array of community needs. The offerings of the Campus are aligned along five tracks: Technology, Coding and App Development; Career Development & Entrepreneurship; Health and Wellness; Violence Prevention; Cultural, Media, and Performing Arts.

The Campus opens one month after the September 21st shooting death of Rysheen Ervin, just minutes before and steps away from a Campus stakeholders meeting at Howard Houses Community Center. Ervin’s death only strengthened the resolve of the stake-



holders to the mission of the Campus. In cooperation with the 73rd Precinct, under Inspector Miguel A. Iglesias, and NYPD Police Service Area 2, under Deputy Inspector Rafael A. Mascol, the NYPD has undertaken further measures for Campus security.

The Campus has been the beneficiary of countless hours and invaluable expertise volunteered by community based organizations. The Campus has also received critical support from Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, who committed \$500,000 to the Campus in March for educational tools and equipment to support science, technology, arts, engineering, and math education (e.g. STEAM carts, 3D printers, robotics kits). Assemblywoman Latrice Walker has committed \$125,000 to upgrade the Howard Houses Community Center, a key on-campus hub.



KENNETH P. THOMPSON

Oct. 2016. Demands for Ken Thompson's legal advice could not have been greater, as Brooklyn's first Black DA. Thompson formerly a federal prosecutor successfully induced police officer Justin Volpe's confession about his torturing Abner Louima. As Brooklyn's DA he exonerated 21 unjustly sentenced Black and Hispanic prisoners. His sweeping reforms: discontinuation of prosecuting marijuana users; forgiving petty civilian offenders has since been adopted by other NYC municipalities.

Senator Jesse Hamilton, of the 43rd Assembly District in Brooklyn

NewYorkGlobal.Biz (NYGB): Senator Jesse Hamilton, after discontinuing your law career, what do you feel contributed to raising \$300,000 for your 2016 victory and 80% plus, landslide votes in your district, and followed by being re-elected with no opponent this year?

NYS Senator Jesse Hamilton: I credit the generous support I have received from the community, from unions, from other elected officials, and from neighborhood groups to being an engaged, active member of the community long before I ever thought about running for office.

I have been working for decades on a variety of issues and bring the insights I gained from those experiences to my work in the NYS Senate. For instance on education, I served as a Community Board President and hired Dr. Evelyn Castro from Hunter Elementary School and raised math and reading scores six percent over a three year period. Now as Senator, I have brought together more than 50 community-based groups to found the first technology and wellness hub at a public housing site in the United States with the Campus. And I continue to advocate for bringing resources to our schools. Well before I ran for New York State's Senate, I worked with the Crown Heights North Association and helped secure Landmark Status, to safeguard our historic aesthetic and cultural heritage. Now as Senator, I am advocating for 100 percent affordable housing at the Bedford Union Armory site and continue to press for reforms that will preserve and extend affordability in Brooklyn. Before I became a Senator, I worked on numerous issues like: recognizing a dangerous traffic pattern at Lincoln Place and New York Avenue and changing it, thus reducing accidents and making for safer streets; responding to a vile hate crime committed against a neighbor; working with then-State Senator Eric L. Adams office to coordinate food and clothing donations in response to Superstorm Sandy.

There is a consistent theme across these efforts: working with outstanding neighbors and community partners to increase the quality of life of our neighborhoods. Helping overcome obstacles has been a part of my public service for three decades, and it will continue to be my touchstone going forward.

NYGB: Describe at least four of Senator Hamilton's greatest accomplishments for his constituency, during his first term, that may have influenced his decision to join the Senate's IDC's Committee in Brooklyn?

Senator Hamilton: Founding The Campus, the first technology and wellness hub at a public housing site in the United States, is one achievement I am particularly proud of. We brought together more than 50 partners to do something innovative, something pathbreaking, and something incredibly worthwhile – especially for our community's young people. I hope this can serve as a model for cooperation and innovation at further public housing sites.

Winning the "Fight for \$15," raising the minimum wage to \$15 is another achievement I am proud of. Affordability is one of the key challenges New Yorkers face. We live in one of the most expensive cities in the world. We needed to win to make our community that bit more affordable. I am proud that my office helped more than 2,000 constituents through constituent services. We go out into the community, at libraries, at community centers, at the subway, and deliver services. We do not just wait in our office for people to look us up and figure out how to get help from us. We make ourselves known and inform the community that we are here to help.

We do our best to help - that can mean help with the applications for the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption or the Disability Rent Increase Exemption, help when a tenant faces harassment from a landlord, or help dealing with a state agency.

I am proud we hosted more than 300 community-based events including career development workshops, health fairs, and town halls. We hosted events for the community to gather and enjoy one another's company – holiday events, cultural celebrations, and events in the parks. We celebrated the athleticism of our seniors with our Senior Games. And we celebrated the contributions outstanding individuals made to our community recognizing Women of Excellence and distinguished educators in our community. We also awarded outstanding professionals, advocates, and students working in the mental health and developmental disabilities field with the Reflection of Hope



Left Sen. Hamilton with Judge Mc. Allister and family Awards. I am glad we had a change to educate, uplift, and share with the community and will continue to be an active part of what makes Brooklyn such a vibrant place to call home.

NYGB: What was the reaction of your mainstream Democrats' Senators when you announced that you were instead enrolling in IDC? Senator Hamilton: Each Senator makes his or her own independent decision about a conference. The Independent Democratic Conference (IDC) delivers for New Yorkers: the best paid family leave program in the nation, a \$15 minimum wage, and the

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1959 A need was identified for an Education Program to serve deaf children in Brooklyn, lower Manhattan and Staten Island.

1960 On September 13, 1960, Sister Anne Behre opened St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf in Brooklyn in St. Joseph's Convent in Flushing, with four children. Initially the school existed on voluntary contributions.

1963 There was need for a larger facility and the school moved to St. Francis Xavier High School in Brooklyn. Gradually the high school phased out.

1965 St. Francis de Sales occupied the entire building. Legislation was passed which enabled the school to be funded under Education Law 4201 which pertains to the State's payment for the education of all deaf, blind and physically challenged children. Funding then came from the state, federal government and private resources. The school continued to expand from five classes to 11 classes.

1970 It became necessary to rent six classrooms from a nearby parochial school which allowed a total of 22 classes.

1973 The population continued to grow and the school moved to its present

location in Crown Heights occupying the entire building with 26 classes.

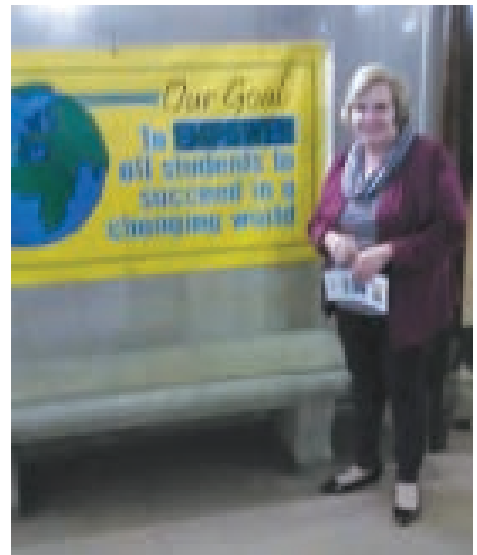
1977 A program for deaf infants and their parents was initiated which serves as an instructional and parent counseling unit.

1999 St. Francis begins its fortieth year of educating deaf children. It continues to meet the challenges of newly developing technologies as it serves children with cochlear implants and provides computers with internet access in each classroom.

This is the symbol of St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf in Brooklyn. The five circles in the symbol represents our five senses. The middle circle represents the sense of hearing. The flame in that circle represents the flame of learning which we seek to ignite in all our students.

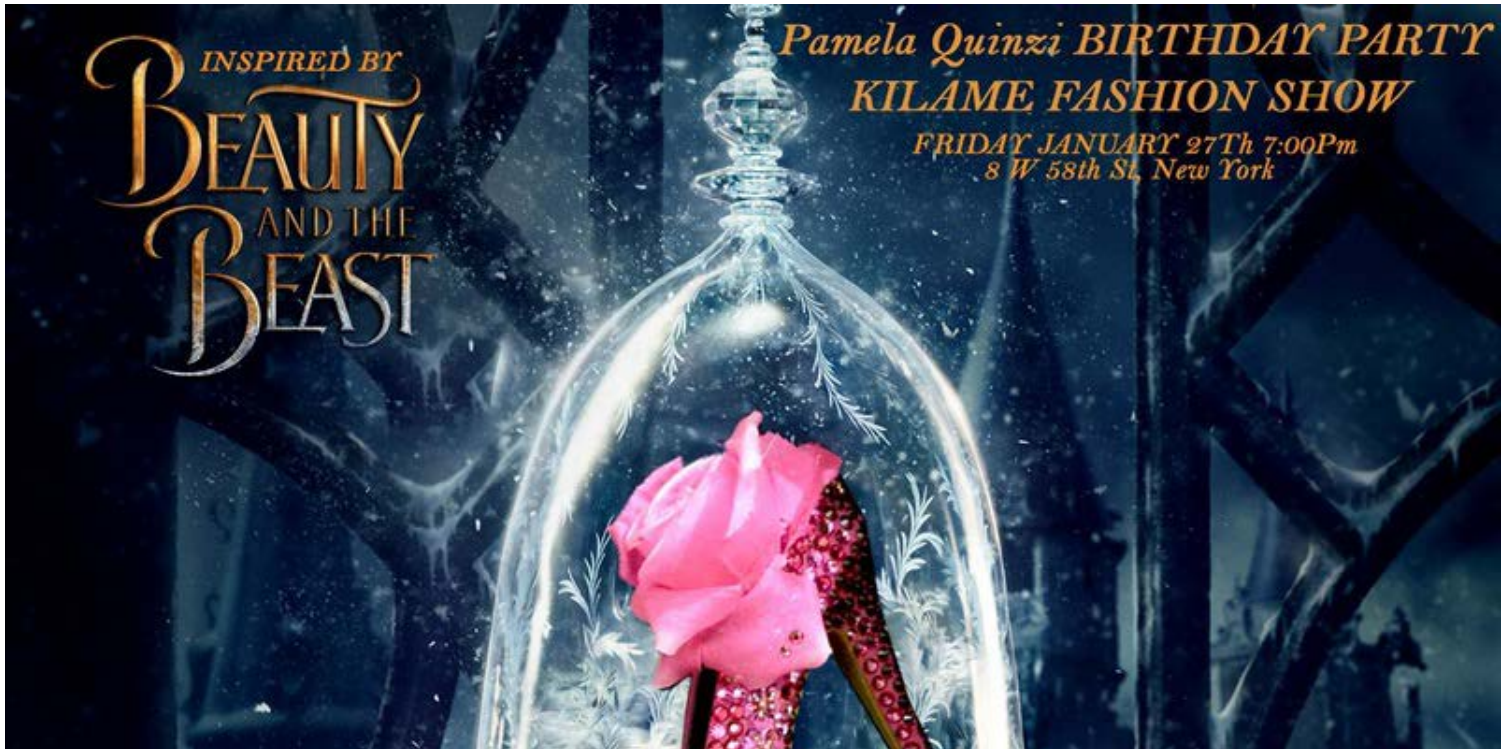
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By: Maria Bartolillo, Director



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Shaquoya Jackson-Ishman

Shalaja Swimwear's 2017 Spring/Summer Two-Piece Collection

(BlackNews.com) – ShaLaJa Swimwear (www.ShalajaSwimwear.com) announced the arrival of their spring/summer 2017 collection with the launch of their #DivaInYou Campaign. Created by African American fashion designer Shaquoya Jackson-Ishman, of Marbleton, GA, ShaLaJa's Swimwear captures the inner goddess of a sophisticated female clientele and provides a collection dripping with luxury, glamour and sexiness.

The #DivaInYou Campaign tells a story of the everyday woman transitioning from their everyday regular lives into their show stopping diva deep within persona. ShaLaJa Swimwear's two piece collection expose the aura of sophisticated ladies, leaving them feeling like supermodels. The transition starts at a relaxing beach getaway, where surroundings evoke the diva within to become free and in touch with their inner sexiness.

ShaLaJa Swimwear has been featured on VH-1 Love and Hip Hop Reality TV Show, featured in GQ Magazine Mexico and various magazine; worn by

Kennedy Summers, 2014 Play Boy's Bunny Of The Year; seen in Miami International Fashion Week and LA Fashion Week. The first ShaLaJa Swimwear's 2015 Fashion Expo was hosted by Gary With The Tea, of the Ricky Smiley Morning Show TV Show. With too little time available to resume her ASU Elite Modeling career, Shaquoya spends much time helping other models, expand their portfolio as swimwear models.

About Shalaja Swimwear Fueled by a lifelong passion for the art-and-craft of high fashion, Shaquoya set out to design a line of cutting edge swimwear that appeals to style savvy women around the globe with bold, unique and versatile designs. All styles are original and exclusively designed.

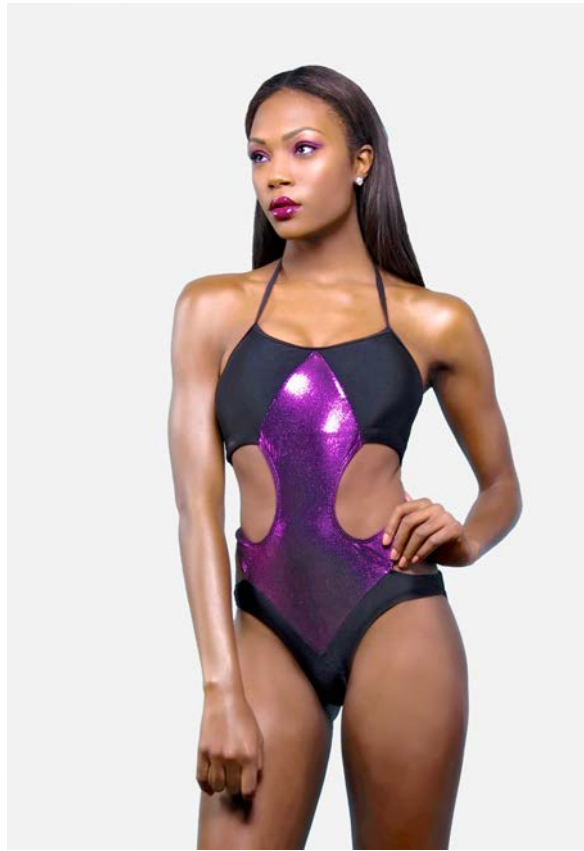
The new designer two piece collection includes high-waist two pieces with cut-outs, mesh, fishnet and sexy bandage swimwear fitting like gloves, and unique cut-out tops with detailed accents. Each piece exudes a luxury high fashion lifestyle with each comfortable

style, from the sexy high cut bikini to the bold high waist's two pieces. "The idea is to create a collection of the same genre with versatile styles enhancing each woman's personal luxurious feelings," states Shaquoya. This designer's collection was created for style savvy high fashion woman who loves to dress to impress. "My goal is to accommodate women of all shapes, styles and sizes."

Every swimsuit from the #DivaInYou Campaign collection is handmade with the finest attention to quality and detail. Each piece is made with the best fabrics to enhance figures and ensure long-lasting elasticity and color. ShaLaJa's Swimwear retails from \$58 to \$215 for both swimsuits and cover ups. Added to the designers' available swimwear on www.ShalajaSwimwear.com, the new 2017 two piece collection is available for pre-order also on www.ShalajaSwimwear.com. Buyer Appointments from wholesalers are also welcome. Contact: info@shalajaswimwear.com or Tell: 800-817-7628



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Men of Excellence: Celebration of Brotherhood and Community

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On December 2016 Jackie Love Founder and President of the J. Love Fashion School of Etiquette and Linda Ford-Cocoyhna, Editor-In-Chief of CCN Fashion Fair Magazine received Citation Awards from Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams. Such recognition also occurred during Jackie's and Linda's glowing October 29, Men of Excellence Awards held at the famous Restaurant Plaza, in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. The 32 Men of Excellence Awards' recipients were: NYC Councilman Robert E Cornegy, Brooklyn Borough President Reverend Al Sharpton, The Late Mr Vaughn Harper, Mr John Blassingame, Mr Bob Tate, Mr Lenny Green, Larry Underwood, NYS Senator Kevin S Parker, Horace Robinson, Lenny Hamilton, Bronx Borough Ruben Diaz, Jr., Lionel Nichols, Gerard Dure, Polo Greene, Reggie Wells, Malcolm McDaniels, DJ Hollywood, KC Prince Soul, Ralph McDaniels, Teddy Wilson, Otis Walls, Andrew Drew Felton II, Mike Baril, Billy Sanders, Jeffrey Bowden, Kinja Dixon, CJ the DJ, Sean McCalla, Romel Brewster, DJ Kid Capri, NYS Senator Bill, Perkins

It takes a village to raise a child, especially for a Special Needs child. The mission of the J. Love Fashion School of Etiquette is to provide an enriching experience for young models and cultivate a spirit of excellence in them. Watch as they turn fantasy into reality, that goes far beyond modeling with a little help from Jackie Love, who battles and lives with 70% hearing loss. Inspired by many mothers and grandmothers, we I felt it was time we also honored our dedicated fathers as well. That's why we are presenting the Men of Excellence Awards.

So often our African-American and Hispanic men are demonized in society, as being irresponsible fathers and criminalized in the media. There is another side of African-American life that isn't publicized or celebrated. I'm

referring to the men who are leaders in their communities. They're under the radar, not looking for recognition. They show love to their children daily, attending their events, encouraging their dreams. Who are these men of excellence? They are single fathers, scout leaders, deacons, pastors all the way up to our current President of The United States. They encourage their boys to dress for success and not for the suspect. They inspire young boys to be respectful and honorable towards females. With these awards, we shine a spotlight on those men who go unheard, unseen, and underappreciated. The need for a balanced image of men of color, in this country, is critical, in order for the younger generation to have someone to look up to, on their way to achieving their own greatness. It has been proven, that having a strong, involved, emotionally invested father in the home

Linda Ford, Cocoyhna
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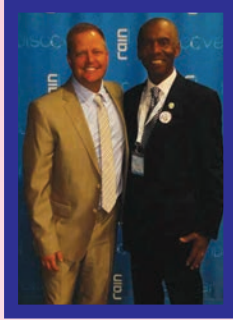
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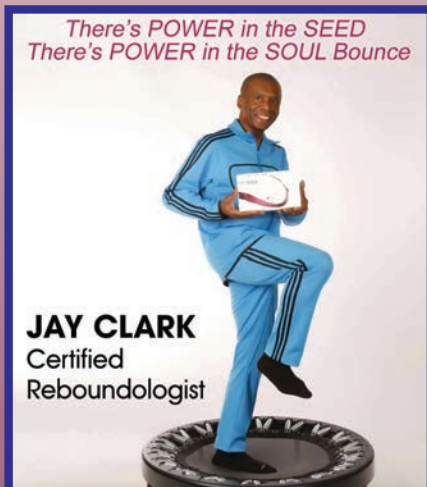
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Congresswoman Clarke's Statement on UN Apology for Cholera Epidemic in Haiti

Brooklyn, N.Y. –
Congresswoman Yvette
D. Clarke released the
following statement on
United Nations Secre-
tary General Ban

Ki-moon's apology to the Haitian people responsibility for the cholera epidemic that occurred after the earthquake in 2010.

"Yesterday, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon apologized to the Haitian people for his institution's responsibility for the cholera epidemic that has killed more than 10,000 people in Haiti. Although the Secretary General refused to explicitly admit fault for introducing cholera to Haiti, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty has clearly stated that cholera was introduced to Haiti by United Nations aid workers. I agree with the preponderance of scientific evidence that supports this conclusion. Now, the United Nations has a responsibility to deploy the hundreds of millions of dollars that have been pledged to address the threat of disease, lack of food security, and need for development, as well as compen-

sating families afflicted by cholera and restoring communities that have been devastated. I urge the entire international community to become involved in this effort and will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress to fight for active American involvement in this important mission. In addition, I am committed to working with the incoming Secretary General, to end the scourge of cholera and help Haiti achieves its vision of prosperity."

Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, the Committee on Ethics and the Committee on Small Business in the House of Representatives, proudly represents Brownsville, Crown Heights, East Flatbush, Flatbush, Gerritsen Beach, Madison, Midwood, Park Slope, Flatlands, Prospect Heights, Prospect-Lefferts Gardens, Sheepshead Bay, and Windsor Terrace.

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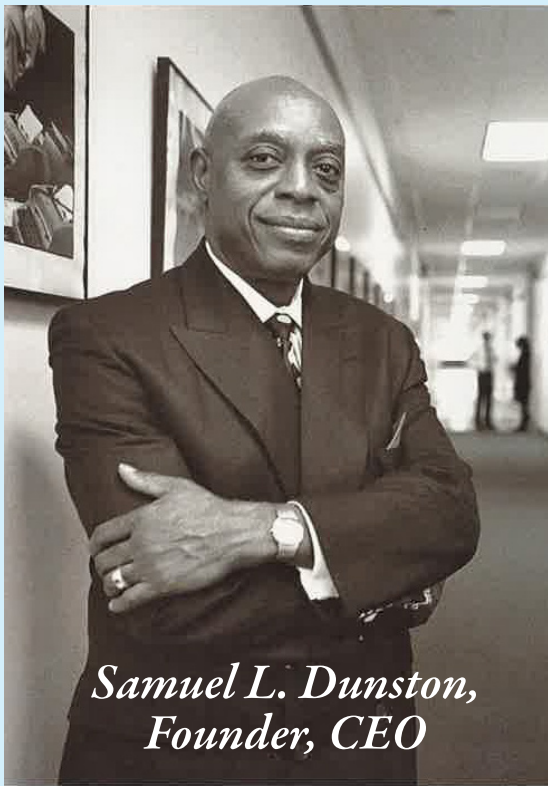
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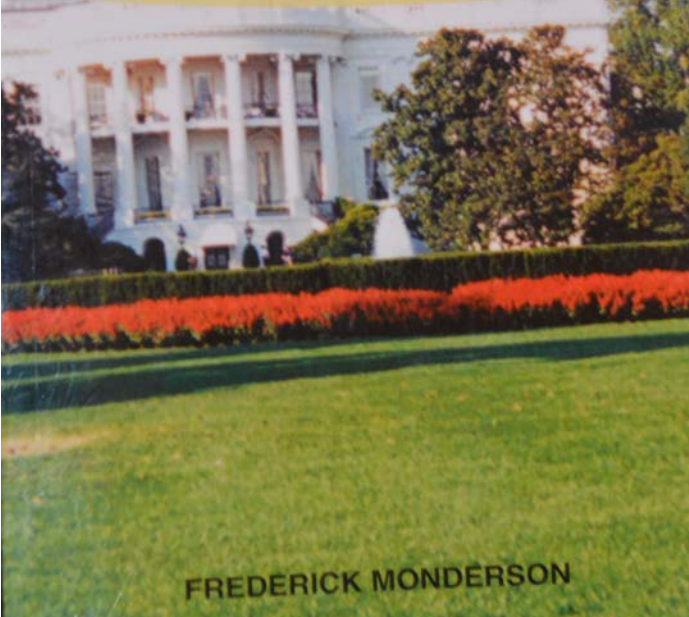
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For nearly five decades, mastering the art of coping with stress, the iconic Professor Kenshasa Shabaka, Mental Health Consultant and Psychotherapist has provided mental health and spiritual guidance to hundreds of New York City's toddlers, elementary and college students, and adults from various walks of life. As indicated in Cambridge University's *Who's Who* when Professor Shabaka's **1001 Ways To Cope with Stress** BRICARTS Media Show took flight in 2001, as its Founder, Executive Producer and Host, she had already launched her stress management studies for students at the College of Staten Island New York. At that time, some College of Staten Island's division heads, reluctantly endorsed her stress course, given their misconception that college students were unlikely to experience stress. Years later the successful impact of Professor Shabaka's stress curriculum resulted in other CUNY Institutions providing stress education and counseling courses.

Professor Shabaka, a Mandela Soul Center Institute Board Member, earned a Masters in Clinical Psychology from Georgetown University and Bachelor of Science degree from Butler College. She completed NYU'S Psychoanalytic Arts studies and taught at New York's Medgar Evers and Hunter College. Her Head Start counseling and teaching career further motivated Professor Shabaka's psychological therapeutic services that successfully helped hundreds of previously traumatized New York City youths and adults.

Since the start of civilization, many of mankind's success resulted from persons who experienced burdensome challenges or tragedies. While happily married with three youngsters, the loss of Professor Shabaka's young, middle-aged husband, also imbued her determination to study and eventually specialize in stress management as a career. Realizing that stress caused her husband's sudden death, while in his 30's, her gracious courage to raise her

children, included recollections of her fine childhood, among four siblings, well raised by her talented sophisticated mother, and her father's astounding success as the inventor of the heart router, still medically used worldwide. Though she doesn't typically flaunt the fact that she's a psycho-therapist, her voice and pleasant energetic demeanor charm evokes curiosity.


Some of Professor Shabaka's clients and colleagues recall her seven weeks' TV Show's Breathing Series, with guest Martial Artist Sifu Roosevelt Gainey, specializing in helping people Control their breath, to control their lives, on her show that spiritually opens with a Yoruba Nigerian statute – symbolizing her offering to the community, with consideration for her ancestors' support.

The **1001 Ways To Cope With Stress** TV Show since its 2001 inception, evolves with stress management therapy also featuring academia, business, political and community leadership guests, as well meditation and wellness coaches, and health practitioners, responding to some of her televised ideas and research.

Professor Shabaka, also recollects how she was influenced by the late, legendary Dr. Bolling, renown for his soul-centered focus into the psychology at the current global paradigm shift and 2012's coming of transformation in consciousness. With Dr. Bolling's Mandela Institute in Harlem, as a Board Member she helps host this annual event, held in his honor during the summer of 2016.

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Professor Shabaka:

Welcome to *1001 WAYS TO COPE WITH STRESS*. I am Professor Kenshasa Shabaka. On this day we have an excellent opportunity to understand the legacy of the 44th President of the United States of America. President Obama, with author Professor Dr. Fred Monderson's *OBAMA THE JOURNEY COMPLETED: Never Promised You a Rose Garden* book's introduction: After eight bruising years of guiding the American ship of state, Barack H. Obama has essentially relinquished leadership of this moral and philosophic battleship many have labeled, "The last hope for humanity." I want to recount some of the rough stuff" he faced. Look inside *OBAMA THE JOURNEY COMPLETED: Never Promised You a Rose Garden*. Never in this history of nation's Presidency has an individual faced such challenges in the form of "friendly" and "enemy fire". Important, Mr. Obama has not received credit for his outstanding role in rescuing the American economy, saving the auto industry, more clean energy initiatives, reducing the nation's reliance on foreign energy, generating more clean energy initiatives, advancing the cause of women and speaking out on controversial issues. Unquestion-

ably, Republicans and Tea Party players have encouraged and generated a great deal of racial animosity and disrespect towards Mr. Obama, and the institution of the Presidency during his tenure as Head of State, Commander-In-Chief, and Chief Diplomat. All criticized his policies with great vehemence and have been extremely obdurate in opposition to his every legislative proposal; yet he achieved so much, via: Lilly Ledbetter, Credit Card and Student Loan Adjustment, Dodd/Frank financial and economic regulation, Climate Change-on-Terror, the Cuba Initiative, Race to the Top encouraging mothers to return to college while boosting the role of community colleges as part of an effort to upgrade American teaching methodology in the key areas of education and choose to be *My Brothers' Keeper*, even recognizing Same Sex Marriage. His policies have not simply saved jobs of first responders, teachers, and others in the auto industry; national unemployment rates have dropped to its lowest levels in a decade with the private sector adding millions of jobs in a 72-months consistent job growth period and nearly 20 million persons have been insured with Affordable Care Act's health care protections. Wages have risen and poverty is down. Still, the depths of the inherited malady is still not fully explained to the American people, duped by previous administrations; and no scandals taints Mr. Obama's Presidency. I introduce to you today, the author of not just four books on Obama, but 30 books plus a plethora of articles.

Dr. Monderson: Good morning. I thank you for inviting me, and it's such a wonderful experience and a pleasure to be here, as I came to introduce my work, with someone with such a distinguished career as yourself.

Professor Shabaka: Well, tell me a little about yourself, someone who's such a prolific writer as yourself, I want to know where it all comes from?

Dr. Monderson: Well I am an immigrant, I came off the boat, sort of... nearly 60 years ago and I landed in Brooklyn. Well you know it's a plane, but the old cliché, it's a boat. I lived in Brooklyn forever. I'm an S.O.B. which is a member of the Society of old Brooklynites.

Professor Shabaka: I'm glad you explained that.

Dr. Monderson: I've been a college professor. I'm a student and I'm product of the City University of New York. I have a degree from City Tech, Hunter, John Jay and Brooklyn Collages. I've been a public school teacher, college professor, community activist and community servant. When I accumulate the work that I've done to advance my community in Brooklyn, I've given New York over 100 years of service. I wrote a paper at 26, when I was a teacher. Yet it was voluntary, and if you gave me chance to do it again. I'd do it all over again. There are some other things I've been involved in, which I won't get into. As a student, and I owe a great deal of my advancement to two people in general; first of all my first Professor Dr. Leonard James, Emeritus, who now lives in Stone Mountain Georgia, and Dr. Ben Jochannon and his associate Professor George Simmons, who actually showed me the way. I've been influenced by several people including Professor John Henrik Clarke and I've written books on many of the great stalwarts

who have today passed on, residing in the great African pantheon in heaven. I've done bios, sort of on Ojay Simpson, Michael Jackson, Sonny Carson, Ben Jochannon. I wrote about Bill Lynch and several others.

Professor Shabaka: Incredible!

Dr. Monderson: And several others and so forth. So my initial reception when I entered City University of New York, I was encouraged to be a writer. Writing has been a therapy for me, Some of the challenges as I speak about my work, shows that I too was influenced, certainly influenced by the Obama Age.

Professor Shabaka: That's wonderful. You know when you think in terms of stress management, you were just saying that it has been almost therapeutic for you, cathartic for you to get all this information, the research involved also releasing this kind level of information, the level of importance of your book out to the public. What do you think is the importance of these books? Do you think the importance of this book is what you were creating in terms of a historical value?

Dr. Monderson: Well, these books are not particularly biographies of President Obama. They are equally not an official history of President Obama, but they are an analysis and expose of how the Obama Presidency has unfolded, and what are the obstacles that were placed in his pathway as he dealt with rescuing the nation, but as well as dealing with the opposition whose contradictions he had to protect their right as they were assaulting him. In essence, as you have read on the back cover of the third that you see on display - there were actually four, He has been subjected to much vilification both to *friendly fire* as well as *enemy fire*. By *friendly fire*, I mean those people who are supposedly on his side, as well as *enemy fire*, the rebels who internally and externally attacked him primarily because of his race.

You must understand that in America, we all love our Country. Our parents, ourselves, our children served to defend this Country. The only difference is this, of all the people who came to America whether to escape religious persecution, to find a better way to raise their children, to make an option for themselves, the only people who never came in this respect were African people. In three years time since 1619 it will be 400 years since we first landed on the shores of Virginia. For 400 years America has not reconciled itself to deal with African people on the same level as they deal with others. If you look at the emergence of the Black concept through-

out history. If we start with, let us say Balthazar, he was one of the three white men to visited Jesus. For hundreds of years Balthazar was never showed in serious close proximity to Jesus, because the whole idea in the birth of White Supremacy, let's face it: it's here. It manifested itself most profoundly during the medieval era especially. To have him between the two other White visitors who visited the Baby Jesus, would have been putting him and several African people on the same level of margin, since he was marginalized, until after Columbus discovered the new world, into the really modern period when Christianity started to expand. It needed to create an image that we were in fact equal, when we were not. So he was moved from the margin into the center. But throughout most of this period, the whole idea of Blacks as inferior formulated all aspect of human relations especially in the new world. By that I mean, look, the misconception that was promulgated by these adventurers – first of all that Europeans were created in the mission of God, and he was White. That meant that they were superior in the natural order. Africans were not, and therefore, they were inferior in the natural order. Therefore, Europeans were superior in the natural and in the social order, and Africans were inferior in the natural and social order. So this concept from 1619 when we were forced and we landed on the shore exist today. I'm not saying that every individual in this country has this slave mentality. There is a chapter in my book called Antebellum Mentality, which is the slave master's view. One of things that I remember with that Dr. Ben had said. Dr. Ben was one of teachers who showed me the way that I got independent. "When your God and the Slave Master are the same that is a problem and you need to correct that."

Barack Obama, when he was inaugurated in January 20, 2009, there were thousands there, but something that Jesse Jackson said, really caught my attention. He said "Barack Obama was the best thing that the Civil Rights movement could have mustered." So he was our number one person, but yet still, he was treated in the most disrespectful manner, from day one. Why? Because of the color of his skin. Malcolm said, "You're not discriminated against

because you're African, or you're African-American, you're discriminated against because of the color of your skin. And we've got to go past this...because if you look at the history of this Country the first authentic hero, in the sense of America, was Crispus Attucks --the first hero authentic, Crispus Attucks." Everyone said, "Give me Liberty or give me Death, but none of them died first!" Crispus Attucks died and from 1776 to the War of 1812, to the War with Mexico, the Civil War, Spanish-American War, to World War I, World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Grenada, and the War on Communism. Africans have fought to defend America. We've given our lives. I remember something that Harry Belafonte said...why he became an activist. We have been given the notion that Ollie Murphy was the most decorated soldier End World War II veteran, but Harry said that he saw this Black veteran, who was the most the most decorated in World War II, pulled from a bus, bearing the American uniform in the South, and beaten to death.

There was photograph that caught my eye. I think it was in the Times...or one of these papers When President Obama visited Afghanistan, they showed him in this big tent. There are various levels of steps, you know, and there were two Black men standing at the very top of the tent, and they were looking down at the Black Commander in Chief, and if you could envision their thoughts going through their minds: "Well we've been fighting for America for the longest, and it's the first time we have a Commander who looks like us." So, all of this inspired.

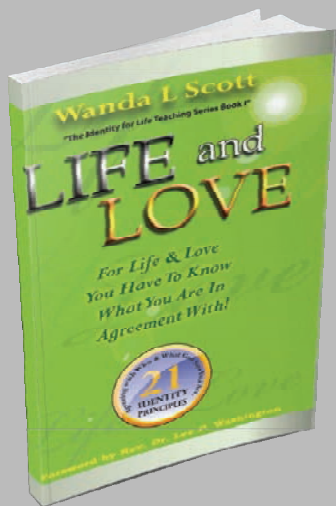
So, how did I get involved in undertaking this tremendous task? I was in Washington, D.C., and I saw a clip in a local newspaper that said that there were 50 books written about President Obama and all were negative. I said to myself, "Oh my God, he's the President, and we just elected him!" Then Mayor of Newark, NJ, Corey Booker said "We have entered into a post-racial era of America. It was never to be!"

After the 2012 Election, on October 6, 2013 the New York Times published what we call a big write up. What it said essentially is that during the 2012 Election a group of high ranking Republicans operatives got together and sought to deny President Obama a second term.

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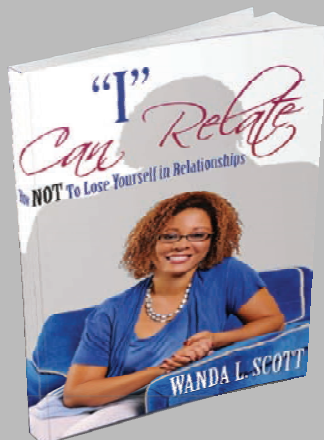
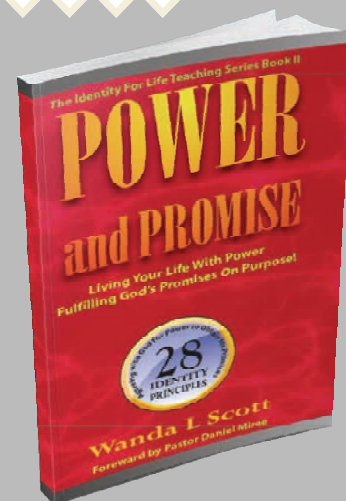
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PEACH THE DUCK BOOK SERIES AND VIDEOS



Kamla Karina Millwood is the Founder and CEO of Palatial Publishing LLC, which is located in New York, NY. In addition, she launched www.peachtheduck.com to showcase several books that she authored in the Peach The Duck series, in addition to a video game that can be found on the Apple iTunes Store by typing DRESS PEACH in the search field.

Kamla's books are a series that has an African-American duck named Peach, who is the main character. What readers love most about Peach is her energy, intelligence and curiosity. If Peach failed to listen to the advice of her parents, there is usually a lesson learned about the consequences. Peach's parents love her immensely, understand that Peach is a typical toddler and readers are always overjoyed to be a part of the family dynamics in the Peach series books.

Peach the anthropomorphic character appears in the books entitled, *Peach The Duck*, *A Peach On The Beach*, *Peach Plays Pretend* and *Peach's Pet Pug Paulo*. In addition, the newly released video game called *Peach The Duck - Plays Dress Up*, can be found on Apple's iTunes Store under the search term of Dress Peach. Author Kamla Karina Millwood, who hails from the beautiful island of St. Vincent and The Grenadines - is a wife and mother of a toddler herself and she understands that parenting can be challenging. Using loose examples of her own toddler in her children's books series to teach life lessons, brings Kamla much satisfaction.

The point of writing the book series is to create a legacy, to provide a positive image of the African-American family to dis-spell the myths that mass media has

portrayed to many that these type of families are non-existent. In the book series, both parents share household chores, are employed, live under the same roof and are raising a happy and healthy child.

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Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams:

BEDFORD-STUYVESANT — It's a big celebration for one of Brooklyn's legendary rappers.

In honor of the late Biggie Smalls, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams proclaimed May 21 — the hip hop star's birthday — as "Christopher 'The Notorious B.I.G.' Wallace Day."

Adams paid tribute to the Bedford-Stuyvesant native on Thursday, presenting a proclamation to his daughter, T'Yanna Wallace, and rapper and longtime friend Lil' Cease.

"On his birthday, Brooklyn salutes one of our own, who has never been forgotten as long as his music plays," Adams said. "His energy will remain and continue to inspire people throughout not only the borough of Brooklyn, but



NYC Council Member Laurie Cumbo:

Achieving a landslide victory from City Council members does ascertained Laurie's anti and crime prevention measure also expedites NYPD's response and clear understanding regarding emergencies, particularly as it pertains to non-English speaking New Yorkers, despite their ability to write basic English information!



Manhattan Borough President Gail A. Brewer:

Borough President Brewer and Food Bank For New York City are joining to conduct an unusual holiday donation drive: diapers. "Without diapers, low-income working parents who use child care services can't go to work because the services require each parent to supply a day's worth of diapers for their child," said Manhattan Borough President Gale "That's why we're mounting our first-ever holiday 'Diaper Drive' to collect these vital items to distribute to the working and homeless parents - and their children who need them."



Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.:

Kingsbridge is predicted to be 2017's Hottest NYC neighborhood by leading Real Estate Marketplace. Years of efforts by elected officials and community stakeholders to revitalize the business climate and housing prospects in the Kingsbridge section of the Bronx have paid off. Stating that the neighborhood is long overshadowed by Riverdale, its neighbor to the west, is where "apartment shoppers are expected to turn their attention in the coming year".



De Blasio Administration Unveils:

NextGen sets NYCHA on a new path to financial solvency, allowing the Authority to make significant investments in its 178,000 units, and dramatically improve quality of life for the 400,000 residents living in public housing



Senator Adriano Espaillat: Espaillat was elected to the United States House of Representatives for New York's 13th congressional district, succeeding the retiring Charles Rangel and becoming the first Dominican American Member Of Congress.



Senator Brooklyn Velmanette Montgomery:

Sponsored S1016A Bill Requiring Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to place incarcerated parents at correctional institutions closest to their children's home.



U.S. Congressman Jerry Nadler:

Before New York Global.biz attended Congressman Nadler's packed Dec. 2017 NYU What to Expect from Donald Administration's Town Hall Meeting he had already proposed legislation that Congress must demand answers to questions about Donald Trump's conflict of interest if we are to have any faith in America's democracy, and people are safe and their interest are secure. "We must have an investigation. Mr. Trump must release his tax returns and completely eliminate his conflict of



Senator Bill Perkins:

Health Care as a Human Right: He held two very important events in the first half of this year to build momentum around NY Health (Senate Bill 3525A) which would enact a Universal Single Payer Healthcare system for NY State. NY Health will remove the greed motive from our health care system, ensuring patients come before profits. Your health is your wealth.



Congressman Charles Rangel:

Graciously retired from his 40th U.S. Congressional years Congressman Rangel is a strong advocate for President Obama's campaign to ensure a livable wage for every worker in America. Not only is he an influential co-sponsor of the legislation to raise the minimum wage, He is a leading spokesman for the President's economic program.



Assemblyman Keith Wright:

future looks bright beginning 2017 as staff member of the Davidoff, Hutcher & Citron's prominent law/lobby firm, following 11 re-elections as a New York Assemblyman, whose political career concluded after losing 2016' former Democrat U.S. Congressman Charles Rangel's vacant seat, yet Wright is expected to continue his We Are One Puerto Rico Campaign.



NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer:

In November, my office released an analysis that outlined how Donald Trump's presidency could threaten billions of dollars in Federal funding that our City receives annually. From programs that keep thousands of New Yorkers in affordable apartments to funding for the NYPD's counter-terrorism unit, we could see dramatic cuts from the new White House. We're no doubt going to continue to remain vigilant. We must make New York a fairer place.



NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo:

January 2017 He proposed free NYS Public College Tuition for qualified students which made Democratic Presidential Bernie Sanders, well respected and popular in 2016.



NYC Mayor de Blasio:

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With his Masters' from Michigan State, Jerome taught at Mary Groove College and Detroit's Public Schools. He was a former NY Life and John Hancock Insurance agent, before his lofty visions manifested his prominence by 2004 as one of America's network marketing millionaires owning real estate, Bentley, Lexus and or luxury cars.

Since 2005, I endeavored to have the dapper-conservative attired, Jerome Scott, consider a TV documentary. His resonant tone and pleasant-approachable demeanor adds to his power of persuasion, to attract more Blacks to rewarding network marketing careers. When he finally said yes, a month before he passed, we agreed to renegotiate the terms initially arranged to include his wife, Mrs. Debera Scott. whom he met at a Conference as he often mentioned help them become one of AmeriPlan's Dental Corporation', network marketing firm's top five National Vice Presidents at the helm of that firm.

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Gregory distributed his product in U.S health food chains. By the end of 1984 Scott's strategic training/recruiting/marketing enabled Brown and Yasin to become NY's *talk of the town*, then earning \$20,000 monthly, both who reached Scott's Cernitin's Five Star Managerial rank.



Nov. 2016. Age 61, Gwen Ifill, National (PBS) Public Broadcasting Service's first African-American Managing Editor/-Co-Anchor and Managing Editor of Washington Week, who moderated Hillary Clinton vs. Bernie Sanders' Democratic Primary debate, passed a week after the U.S. 2017 Presidential Election. Gwen's *claim to fame* included covering eight presidential elections. Millions of fascinated African Americans and other global TV viewers hung onto probing questions she asked candidates...especially if candidates vaguely answered.

Raised in Jamaica Queens, NY by her Panamanian minister father and Barbudian mother, Gwen, a top journalism student graduated from Simmons College. Prior to her PBS distinction, she was an exceptional New York Times' White House Correspondent and NBC-TV's Chief Political Correspondent,

Her *Breakthrough Politics and Race in the Age of Obama* became a New York Times Best Seller.



June 2016 Muhammad Ali , The World's greatest, wisest, respected, charismatic *Float Like a Butterfly, Sting Like a Bee's* boxing genius convinced Howard Cosell, the sports

legend commentator, the worl'ds famous Sammy Davis, Jr., and the world at large that he's *The Greatest*, hard-hitting, iconic renegade who challenged racism against Blacks, U.S. fighting in the Vietnam War.



Oct. 2016. Brooiklyn born, Gloria Naylor's *Women of Brewster* enthralling account of Black Women thriving, despite their bleak means of doing so in project housing, will forever remain one of the greatest books and film ever, as her first book which won her first National Book Award. As a Guggenheim Fellowship and American Book awardee, Ms. Naylor wrote several other books.



April 25, 2016 Missing Prince, the most extraordinary, legally challenging renegade's 20-21st Century music avatar, who's Warner Brothers contract increased to Warner's top \$100 million music contract, will be more than a memory, as we in front of Adam Clayton Powell's' State office building honored Prince's untimely and unfortunate passing of our musical icon, who touched millions worldwide.



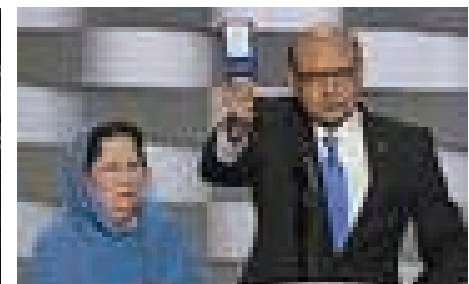
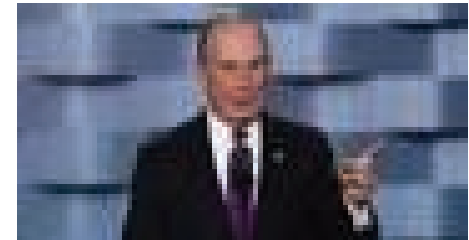
July 2016 Vaughn Harper's WBLS-Radio's Quiet Storm Radio Show, romantically impacted our lives for 35 without rivals. His annual Christmas charitable Toy drive and

Basketball charity (reminiscent of his former high school basketball champion persona, status were amonghis favorite non-profits.

She should have been 2017's Madam U.S. President

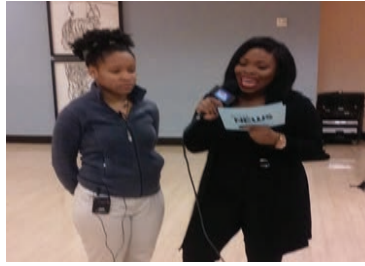
Hillary Clinton Campaign - at Democratic Convention and Philadelphia HQ.

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Spring 2017 Left, Author/ Activist Kevin Powell, Center ABC TV Corres. T.J. Holmes, with Hillary vs Bernie debaters, NY's Judson Mem. Church



K. Powell's Asst. interview with BET TV's Digital Reporter, NY's Judson Mem. Church

ever had. He mentioned that Senate Majority Leader Mitch O'Connell had been in office for 50 years and his greatest aspiration was to become Senate Majority leader. Well, anyone involved in national politics, once you are elected to Congress, you have an eye on the Presidency. So he may have aspired to be President one day, but he wasn't able to do it within a 50 years' period.

Yet, poor boy, Obama comes out of no where, and within one term as a Senator he was elected as President and then re-elected and he's leaving with more than 60% approval rating, That's even more than Ronald Reagan. the greatest of America. Do you remember when Ronald Reagan past? These people would not bury him. They took him everywhere, because Reagan was the proverbial "Best thing since..."

Now Obama is leaving office. So now we elect a guy who half country will never accept him..whom most of the Country will never accept because of his mentality he has expressed. On his way to the Presidency, you must remember that Jeb Bush said "Donald Trump is insulting his way to the Presidency." Yet all of these Republicans who opposed Donald Trump have flocked. After all that he has said. They criticized him for whatever reason. Why? They have flocked to his diamonds. Why? He's different.

Professor Shabaka: This racist society must acknowledge and deal with the racism, however, it's almost like "Let no good deed go unpunished." It's an incredible waste of human energy. And I just want thank you for your very deliberate research and for opening up this era for people to really study, and I hope that they'll be discussing this, and I hope that you'll get all kinds of speaking engagements. To show people this knowledge which is prolific voluminous knowledge that you have shared and what you can let people know and what they need to know. Thank you so much, Dr. Monderson. Of course we're looking forward to the next session that we'll have.

Dr. Monderson: Thank you for inviting me.

Professor Shabaka: And we thank you for joining us in 1001 Ways To Cope With Stress. This is Professor Kenshasa Shabaka, and you are enlightened by Dr. Monderson's presentation.



BET Reporter BET TV's Digital Reporter, NY's Judson Mem. Church

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Congratulations for Senator Hamilton:

and the toughest gun laws in the country. They get results. That's why I decided to join my fellow Democrats in the IDC. The IDC will continue to innovate, delivering to the people who matter most, my community and our fellow New Yorkers. Standing with them, I will be a prominent voice on affordable housing, quality education, safe streets and criminal justice reform. I look forward to serving with the Independent Democrats and achieving more victories for all New Yorkers.**NYGB: What are your two to five years' initiatives and goals for your Brooklyn communities' benefits,, despite the arrival of a new unconventional Republican U.S. President ?**

Sen. Hamilton: We must work to combat gun violence and I will continue to work with the United Against Violence Task Force to combat hate crime and gun violence. The recent uptick in hate crime is deeply disturbing and I know the dangers of displacement and the urgent need for affordable housing. That's why I will continue to advocate for 100% affordable housing at the Bedford Union Armory and will continue to fight for stronger rent laws. Also, NYCHA housing is our largest affordable housing stock and we must invest and provide opportunities to every NYCHA resident.

Expanding educational opportunities is a top priority and that's why I founded "The Campus," the first technology and wellness hub in public housing in the United States. I want to continue to work

to ensure that quality education is afforded to every New Yorker.

Working together, we can deliver results on these important issues and many more. I look forward to building on what we have accomplished thus far, and building momentum towards more positive changes.

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Dr. Monderson's interview**

You must remember that after the first term, U.S. Senate Minority leader Mitch O'Connell said "I intend to make President Obama a one term President." Actor Morgan Freeman, on the program, Pearse Morgan, on CNN, stated that "This was a racist statement." What the 2013 New York Times article did say is that these people had gotten together and planned to subvert his presidency. They gave the names of 20 NGOs/CEOs who were involved at that time seeking to discredit the Affordable Care Act, which really was maliciously dubbed Obama Care.

Keep in mind among these operatives, was Ronald Reagan's Attorney General Ed Meese, at the inauguration from which Mitch O'Connell got his marching orders to block everything that Obama has proposed the Affordable Care Act. Guess who got on TV and during the campaign period and mentioned Obama Care 12 times? Not once did he call the law by it's true name it as the Affordable Care Act. The President got on another program and mentioned the Affordable Care Act and he never called it Obama Care. The point is that the 2012 strategy was a carbon copy of the 2008 strategy, but we didn't have any proof. The principal actor, Ed Meese, and his cohorts. Now at the end of 2015 this gentlemen, Priscilla, I call him sizzling Priscilla, who said as he wrote in this article that 2015 was the worst year that the President



Rickey Smiley of *The Rickey Smiley Morning Show* Hosts Super Comedy Bowl

(BlackNews.com) -- Ticketmaster.com has started selling tickets to the most anticipated "Super Comedy Bowl Explosion" event in 2017. The Super Comedy Bowl will take place on Wednesday, February 1st, 2017. This exciting event, which will also act as a fundraiser, will be hosted at Texas Southern University's HP&E Arena and tickets start as low as \$55. The laugh out loud event will also be hosted by Rickey Smiley of "The Rickey Smiley Morning Show", which is the number one syndicated hip-hop radio morning show in the country. Other performers scheduled to perform include Earthquake, Michael Blackson, Tony Roberts, Billy Sorrells and popular local Houston comedian, Ali Siddiq.

The public is encouraged to purchase their tickets early before the event sells out, which it is expected to do. The event has limited sponsorship opportunities available with major local and national "Brand Recognition" opportunities. ThinkZILLA PR & Consulting Group is requesting all interested members of the press to submit credentials now as qualified interview requests and media tickets are limited and are based on a first-requested basis. Interested sponsors should also contact ThinkZILLA immediately to discuss co-branding opportunities.

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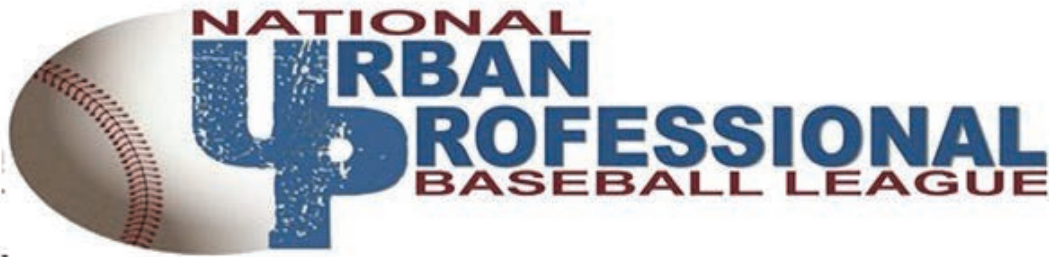
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COMING TO INNER CITIES IN 2017

THE NATIONAL URBAN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE



Nationwide (BlackNews.com) -- National Urban Professional Baseball League "NUPBL" (a Replica of Negro League Baseball). Baseball in our inner-cities is dying and the NUPBL is giving African American baseball players a new hope to live out America's past time. The new league will offer minority baseball players the opportunity to play the game they love on a professional level, an opportunity many have been denied.

"A few years ago the Jackie Robinson West, little league baseball team from Chicago's South Side, captured the hearts and soul of the nation. Most important, they captured the heart and soul of the African American communities worldwide. Since then, we want this league and the Urban Professional Baseball League to capture the heart and soul of the nation, and wholesomely the hearts and the souls of the African American community. We're seeking excitement, enthusiasm and support from the African American Community, for this league, from the East, the West, the North and the South," said Coach Mike Maiden.

The NUPBL League will offer spectators a blast from the past. Team names originate from Negro League players like Rube Foster, Satchel Paige and Josh Gibson. This league is dedicated to generations of baseball players who were denied the opportunity to play baseball because of factors other than their ability to play the game. This league will not be limited to only African American players. The NUPBL seeks the best baseball players from across the United States and abroad. Teams will be constructed through open try-outs to be held at a numerous sites.

Players interested in trying out for a team should visit <http://www.urbanbaseball247.com> or call (773) 517-2175 for additional information. For more details, also visit <http://www.nupbl.com> for dates and locations.



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- * 90 game schedule
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- * 6 games per week
- * Tryouts will start in June 2017
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