

**Talking Drums**  
**SABC: Community News and Events**  
**Week of August 21, 2005**  
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**Sacramento's newest website:**  
**Welcome to the official site of the Congress of African Peoples**  
[www.congressofafricanpeoples.org](http://www.congressofafricanpeoples.org)  
**Check it out!!!**

**Opportunity for our Youth:** The Congress of African Peoples (CAP) is currently seeking (20) energetic and motivated youth and young adults ages 12-23 to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress of African Peoples' Youth Workshop to be held Saturday, September 10 from 9:00am to 4:30pm in Sacramento. **CAP will provide FREE registration for the first 5 youth to register by August 31, 2005. For more information please visit our website: [www.congressofafricanpeoples.org](http://www.congressofafricanpeoples.org).**

**Support our children:** Join the Coalition of African-Americans and Latinos for Academic Achievement Now (CAALAN). For more information please contact Reggie Fair at (916) 849-4153 or Manuel Valencia at (916) 425-0316. Thanks.

**On Monday, August 22, ---Pan African Art will sponsor a Gang Summit in Sacramento.** This Gang Summit is being held to bring local and national gang leaders together to explore strategies for preventing gang violence in the community of Sacramento. We are familiar with strong community connections and are requesting your assistance to support our effort. The ultimate goal of Pan African Art through these Gang Summits is to improve the health and quality of life in our communities. This is achieved through awareness and education of the numerous factors related to and violence. This is a grass root effort. **For more information, please contact Brother Akinsanya Kambon, President/Chief Artist Director (562) 424-8717 or (562) 212-2299. Please see page 2 for the program and additional details.**

**New Black Business in Town:** Looking to rental party fun items such as: children jumping house, popcorn, son-cones , cotton candy machines, tables, chairs, dunking booths and face painting for parties, church events, family reunion and birthday parties. Please contact brother Leon Allen at (916) 256-0137 ;( 916) 402-1736 or via e-mail: [LeonAllen62@hotmail.com](mailto:LeonAllen62@hotmail.com).

JASAC- Jamaican and American Students Associating through Cultural Awareness, Youth Cultural Exchange Program is now accepting applications for the summer 2006 Exchange program to Jamaica. This is a two week program that will take place in July 2006. The program is open to all Northern California students in grade 7-12, and college students up to age 20. The application deadline date is September 30, 2005. For more information please visit our website at [www.jasac.net](http://www.jasac.net) for application and more information, or you may also call us at (916) 478-2851 or email: [jasac1@comcast.net](mailto:jasac1@comcast.net). JASAC is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 public-benefit organization .Our Motto: "Giving youth an experience to treasure for a lifetime can only help to empower them to their full potential."

**New organization in Town:** The Freedom Development Group (FDG), Inc. was created to provide individuals, families and communities with the proper example for self-sufficiency. Through our collective work and responsibility framework and indigenous empowerment programs the Freedom Development Group offers great opportunities and challenges. FDG is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 corporation. For more info, please visit 3225 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Sacramento; e-mail: [sovereigndgu@hotmail.com](mailto:sovereigndgu@hotmail.com) or call (916) 428-8207.

### Community Events: In the News

**Friday, August 19:** Face 2 Face Productions International presents "**Glorious**" A Singles Conference Like No Other. Please join Face 2 Face for an event you will never forget. The conference will be held at 7 p.m. at the Sacramento Hilton, 2200 Harvard Street. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome. For more information call (916) 440-2551 or [face2faceproductionsinternational.com](http://face2faceproductionsinternational.com).

**Friday, August 19:** "Strait-Talk" Television show is shooting a pilot on Friday, August 19 at the Lion's Gate Hotel in McClellan Park. The taping segments are at 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. in the ballroom. Everyone is invited and seating is limited. There is a \$5.00 admission fee. For more information please contact Face 2 Face Productions, Intl at (916) 440-2551 or [www.face2faceproductionsinternational.com](http://www.face2faceproductionsinternational.com).

**Saturday, August 20,** First Lady of Steppin (Linda Frazier) Learn How To Step Chicago Style. One Class is \$15.00 dollars per hour; Advanced Tickets: \$15 each; At the Door: \$20 each. **Tickets can be purchased at Gwen's Caribbean Cuisine, 2355 Arden Way, Sacramento (Call 916-922-3468).** Ticket/Dance Classes will be held at Broadway Academy of Performing Arts, **4010 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821;**(916) 483-2775.

**Saturday, August 20** You are cordially invited to attend my first Sacramento book signing/reading for my new book "**Say Yes To College: A Practical and Inspirational Guide For Raising College-Bound Kids**" on **Saturday, August 20th at Underground Books (35th Broadway) from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.** Say Yes to College reveals the proven methods behind Sharon Chandler and Elizabeth Crane's belief that any hardworking student can attend college, regardless of family background or income. In this inspirationally organized book, the authors present a winning approach to empowering your children for a lifetime of success. For more information, please contact Sharon Chandler Yes2Kollege Education Resources, Inc. (916) 736-3431 or visit: [www.yes2kollege.com](http://www.yes2kollege.com)

**Saturday, August 20,** at 1:00 p.m., at the Oak Park Community Center, 3425 Martin Luther King Boulevard, MOVE member Pam Africa, president of the International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal and Fred Hampton, Jr., son of slain Chicago Black Panther, Fred Hampton who was murdered by Chicago Police in 1969, will pay a rare visit to Sacramento. This event is organized and coordinated by Bro. RaKwon Muenda of R.E.M. Productions. For more information about the program, contact Brother Raekwon, [raekwon@aol.com](mailto:raekwon@aol.com) - 916-752-1114.

**Sunday, August 21: Congratulations!!! to mother/daughter poets, Sister Staajabu and V.S. Chochezi will be one of the honorees at the Coalition of Labor Union Women's Annual Awards Reception.** The poetic duo, known by many as the award winning poetry team, Straight Out Scribes, will also perform their dynamic thought-provoking poetry as CLUW celebrates the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

women's right to vote in the USA. The event will be held at the Sacramento Central Labor Council Hall, 2840 El Centro Road. The public is invited and a \$25 donation is requested. For directions, or more information about the reception, 916-552-8874 or [cinjon@inreach.com](mailto:cinjon@inreach.com). For more information about Straight Out Scribes, 916-452-1290 or [www.straightoutscribes.org](http://www.straightoutscribes.org).

**August 20-22: Wos'e Community Church's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mount Shasta Trip.** It's Mount Shasta Time. Camping out time. Fees \$60.00 per adults and \$20 for children (17 and under). We'll be camping under the stars, hiking, crafts, games with prizes, workshops, talent show, visiting the sweat lodge and just lots of fun for the entire family. Fees are due by August 1, 2005. For more information, please call Karen Guilford at (916) 888-4660 or e-mail her at [kgerline@hotmail.com](mailto:kgerline@hotmail.com).

**Saturday, August 27: Back To School Ice Cream Social:** The Sacramento Area Black Caucus (SABC) and the Freedom Bound Center (FBC) will co-sponsor for the First Annual Back to School Ice Cream Social. This fun event will be held on Saturday, August 27 from 6-8pm at Jack Davis Park, (corner of 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Ave.), Oak Park in Sacramento. The purpose of the Back to School Ice Cream Social is to assist local youth from Oak Park (ages 5-17 years) with their education by providing them with school supplies. Each youth will receive a Back to School kit filled with the following items: pens, pencils, writing paper, glue, tablets, crayons, a dictionary, colored markers, index cards, and much more. ***We will provide free ice cream for everyone, so come join the celebration!!!*** To participate each youth will be required to make pledge to:

- Love and respect themselves and their community.
- Attend classes and school everyday.
- Complete their homework and class assignments.
- Listen and respect their parents, grandparents, teachers and other community members.
- Not use any profanity.

If you have any questions, please contact Faye Kennedy at (916) 484-5025 or via e-mail at [fayek@springmail.com](mailto:fayek@springmail.com). Or visit: [www.freedomboundcenter.org](http://www.freedomboundcenter.org). We are also seeking community sponsors and volunteers to assist with the ice cream social. Please support our children. Thanks!!!!

**Saturday, August 27:** Please join Councilmember Lauren Hammond for a family oriented summer BBQ and fun event; and support her re-election for City Council District 5. Bring the entire family for music, food and fun children's activities. Summer BBQ event will be held at Curtis Park (north end), 3349 Curtis Dr., Sacramento Donation \$25.00 per person (free for kids). For more info, please call (916) 441-6855.

#### **SAVE the dates & mark your calendar:**

**Saturday, September 10: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress of African Peoples Convening from 9:00 to 4:30pm in Sacramento. For more information, please call (916) 484-5025 or e-mail: [fayek@springmail.com](mailto:fayek@springmail.com) or visit: [www.congressofafricanpeoples.org](http://www.congressofafricanpeoples.org) (see Page 5 for Details)**

**September 1<sup>st</sup> "Young Voices" Opening Night Gala / Reception:** Actress BeBe Drake is coming home to support the launching of "Young Voices". This beautiful star was one of the cornerstones of the famed Sons/Ancestors Players, out of California State University, Sacramento. One of the most generous people you will ever meet, her giving spirit is a testament to her desire and passion to please God.... who has blessed her career so richly over the years. The perfect play to see with your teens and young adults! From the time that BeBe earned the distinction of being a member of the first Black troop ever to perform at the renowned Kennedy Center Theater in Washington, D.C., 1972, BeBe Drake has been a working actress. SHOWTIMES & DATES: September 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 & 10. \*No Saturday Matinee or Sunday Evening Show. WHERE; Laguna Creek High School, 9050 Vicino Dr, Elk Grove Ca. 95758 (visit MapQuest for directions); TIME; 7:30pm, all evening shows. Sunday matinee Shows 2pm COST; \$8 Adults \$6- Students/Seniors. (All Matinee seats are \$6.) Seating is limited.... at \$12, these tickets

won't last long! For more info contact: **William A. Parker, (916) 271-8202** or visit: [www.parkersplays.com](http://www.parkersplays.com).

**September 19-25: U-CAN is now preparing for its Sixth Annual Historically Black College Recruitment Fair September 19-24. For more information, call (916) 921-UCAN.**

**Saturday September 24th**, A fundraiser to support the Kenya AIDS Education project. Spaghetti Feed and Entertainment Night. at 6:30 p.m. at the North Highlands Community Center, 6040 Watt Avenue in North Highlands. Tickets are now on sale for a donation of \$10.00 per person for the Kenya fundraising Spaghetti Feed and Entertainment Night (please note presale tickets only, no tickets will be sold at the door). In addition to a delicious meal, there will be special entertainment, a silent auction, and a raffle with cash prizes. Raffle tickets will be sold separately for a donation of \$5.00 for 3 tickets and \$10.00 for 7 tickets (need not be present to win). All proceeds will support the Team of volunteers. For information, please contact Faith Fellowship Community Church at (916) 339-9156 for tickets and additional information. **Background Information:** It is estimated that approximately 700 to 1,000 people, mostly women and children, die from HIV/AIDS each day throughout Kenya. In an effort to confront the impact of the AIDS epidemic in Kenya Africa, a team of volunteers will be traveling to some rural villages in Kenya during November 2005 to educate on HIV/AIDS prevention.

**Sunday, September 25:** Stage and screen veteran, Ruby Dee and nationally renowned Broadway director, Kenny Leon will be featured in an evening of stories, conversation and film clips to benefit Sacramento Theatre Company on Sunday, September 25th in the Wells Fargo Pavilion, 1419 H Street, Sacramento. The event begins at 7 p.m. with a post-show VIP dessert and wine reception featuring live entertainment, area restaurants and wineries. For reservations, contact The Wells Fargo Pavilion Box Office at (916) 443-6722.

**Saturday, October 1: Darlene Dennis Ministries presents "PINK OCTOBER TOTAL RESTORATION"** A Mini Seminar/Conference for Healing, Health Preventive Class, Marriage Class, and Single Class. Workshops start at 9:00am; the General Assembly at 10:45 am, at Christ Temple Apostolic Church, 9000 La Rivera Dr., Sacramento, CA 95826. **FREE EVENT & Luncheon.** For more information, please contact: Darlene Dennis at [drlidnns2@aol.com](mailto:drlidnns2@aol.com) or call (530) 742-8436. Event donations accepted and mail to: Darlene Dennis Ministries, CWEC; P.O. Box 802, Marysville, CA 95901.

**Saturday, October 29: Curtain! Lights! You're On!--** Move your favorite lip-synch routine from the shower to center stage. Have fun while you raise funds for your favorite 501(c) 3 organization. The Sacramento Chapter of The Links Incorporated presents "A Motown Revue Dinner Dance, Silent Auction & Lip-synch Contest" from 6pm – Midnight at Lions Gate Hotel Grand Ballroom, McClellan Park, North Highlands. Single Tickets: \$50.00 \*Individuals and groups are invited to lip-synch their favorite 50s, 60s, or 70s Motown tune and compete for a \$1000 award to be presented to the winner's designated nonprofit organization. For more event information and the Lip-synch Contest Entry Form go to [www.sacramentolinks.org](http://www.sacramentolinks.org) or call 916/929-8552.

**PUBLICATION INFORMATION: This free weekly E-Newsletter** http is compiled by the Sacramento Area Black Caucus (SABC). Please submit your events and news and please make sure the information contains: brief description of the event, contact information such as: area codes, a telephone number or e-mail address. Thank you for your cooperation. **Please submit information to: Faye Kennedy @ [Fayek@springmail.com](mailto:Fayek@springmail.com). (916) 484-5025. For a complete listing of community events please visit:** The Sacramento Observer's website: [SacObserver.com](http://SacObserver.com); or the Sacramento Cultural Hub's website [Sacculturalhub.com](http://Sacculturalhub.com). PH: 1-877-HUBSTOP/ FX: 916.689.5977. OR BMSF visit:: <http://bmsf.powertorise.org> OR First Fridays Sacramento; [www.firstfridaysacramento.com](http://www.firstfridaysacramento.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convening  
of the  
Congress of African Peoples**

**Saturday, September 10, 2005  
9:00am – 4:30pm**

**Women's Civic Improvement Center  
3555 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95817  
(916) 484-5025**

**Mission**

The mission of the Congress of African Peoples (CAP) is to promote dialogue among African-descended individuals and organizations in Sacramento by sharing perspectives, visions, hopes, expectations, disappointments, plans, and ongoing work.

**Purpose**

The purpose of CAP is to provide for an annual convening of people of African descent in Sacramento. The Congress shall not attempt to develop an action agenda. The purpose of the Congress is to provide a space in, which African/Black people from all over the area can share and connect with each other. What comes out of that space is up to the initiatives of the participants.

We will come together to share our experiences, acknowledge our accomplishments, voice our concerns and exchange ideas, with the hope that we will return to our homes, neighborhoods, jobs, churches, mosques and temples with a greater understanding and inspiration to improve our lives.

***For more information:***

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Faye Kennedy (916) 484-5025  
[fayek@springmail.com](mailto:fayek@springmail.com)  
Fax: (916) 453-0622

**The Convening:**

Registration begins at 8:30am. The convening fee includes continental breakfast, cultural program, luncheon and workshops.

The Congress program is designed to be festive for participants' enjoyment. The day will include a cultural program, a delicious lunch, a variety of workshops, and cultural vendors.

***Childcare, Special Meals and Special Assistance***

Please indicate on the registration form if you will need childcare or special assistance.

***For exhibit/vendor information:***

Contact Norma Johnson, (916) 428-1433

***Registration Fees:***

The registration fee includes registration materials and lunch/refreshments. The registration fees:

- Individual \$20.00
- Students/Seniors/Low Income \$ 5.00
- Local non-profit organizations \$25.00
- National/Large non-profit organizations \$50.00

Name	
Organization	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Work Phone	
Home Phone	
E-mail	
Fax	
Childcare	Yes or No Age of child _____
Meals	Veg____ Vegan____
Special Needs	

**Make check or money payable to BUF.  
Return completed registration form and  
payment by September 3, 2005**

**Mail to:** Sacramento Area Black Caucus

	<p>PO Box 5528, Sacramento, CA 95817 , Attn:CAP (916) 484-5025</p>
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