

**Talking Drums**  
**SABC: Community News and Events**  
**Week of August 28, 2005**  
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**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.

**Needed:** 1 African-American woman to play Mahalia Jackson's piano accompanist. She must sing, play piano, and act. Production: *Mahalia* - a joyous celebration of the life and music of Mahalia Jackson. The rehearsals will start about October 24th. The performances are December 2 to December 30. Celebration Arts is located at 4469 D Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. For information or to leave your contact information, please call (916) 455-ARTS (2787). Auditions will be by appointment.

**Community Events: In the News:**

**Report back from the Gang Summit by Rhonda Erwin, community member:** I attended the Gang Summit on Monday, August 22 sponsored by the Pan African Art and I was impressed. The young men were former gang members, who are a testimony that **culture is prevention**; once they focused on their strengths, once they were no longer dwelling on inadequacies they redirected their lives. **They learned from their past, understood their present and changed their future.** I truly believe the young men learned to not confuse nor continue to adopt gang **membership as leadership.** Gang culture can no longer masquerade as Black culture when our youth learn, see and know they come from a race of leaders. The key to the future is the same key to unlocking the past. Our culture will be our gang prevention. I will keep you informed on follow up meetings. In the spirit of love.

**The final Weekend for CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE OF JOY by Lynn Nottage .** A widower seeking a better life for his girls finds life complicated by two women who unexpectedly enter the picture. **Celebration Arts**, 4469 D Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. **(916) 455-ARTS (2787)**; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8 PM; \$15 General, \$13 Student, Senior, SARTA Thursday All Seats \$8.

**Sunday, August 28: Our Health:** African Americans For Balanced Health invites the public to "Learn the Health Benefits of Solar and Ultra Violet Rays, the Healing Values of Vitamin D and How the Sun Prevents Cancer" seminar, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Wo'se Community Church, 2863 35th St. in Oak Park. The presenter will be Wo'se's Minister Imhotep Alkebulan. Please come and enjoy an inspiring lecture & participate in discussions, networking with others who share your quest for balanced health. Begin your journey to complete health using the "wholistic" approach; becoming whole in mind, body and spirit. AABH members attend free and there is a \$5 donation for non-AABH members. For more information please call (877) 491-AABH (2224).

**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).**

**Dear Community Partners,** we wanted to give you an update on how the State Fair is going so far and remind you about some upcoming State Fair events you won't want to miss.

- **Step Up Variety Show** – Every Day @ 6:00pm or 7:00pm (Kitchen Craft Stage)
- **Step Up Multicultural Dance Revue** – Friday, August 26 @ 7:00pm (Center Stage)

- **Multicultural Gospel Celebration** - Saturday, August 27, noon – 10pm (Center Stage)
- **Community Thank You Reception** - Friday, September 2 @ 5:30pm (The Clubhouse)
  - Please RSVP to [tscherber@calexpo.com](mailto:tscherber@calexpo.com) or 916-274-0424.
- **Step Up Talent Show** – Sunday, September 4 @ 6:00pm (Golden 1 Stage)
- **Latoya London** (from American Idol) – Sunday, September 4 @ 8:00pm (Golden 1 Stage)

We are happy to report that the **Step Up program** is in full swing. We are continuing to conduct proactive community outreach and targeting youth of different backgrounds in varying parts of Greater Sacramento. Since our kick-off in Spring 2005, we have reached thousands of youth with our positive message of unity and non-violence. We are also performing **everyday at the State Fair's Kitchen Craft stage**. We invite you to come see our variety show and support the program. We also wanted to highlight one of the featured cultural events of the State Fair, the **Multicultural Gospel Celebration**. The Cultural Advisory Council has worked very closely with Mary Nance and Dorothy Love Thornton to create a true showcase of culture and unity. The day-long event, scheduled for **Saturday, August 27**, will be one of the Fair's broadest displays of culture with more than a dozen groups participating. Please see the attached press release for more information about the event. We hope you will join us. We thank you again for your many contributions to Cal Expo and for helping us make every day a cultural day at the Fair. To showcase just how successful this year's cultural programming has been, we have also included a listing of many of the cultural events taking place at the Fair over its 22 days. We hope to see you at one or all of our upcoming events, including the upcoming **Thank You Reception on Friday, September 2**. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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

**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).

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>:** The United College Action Network (U-CAN!) and New Faze Development, Inc. *presents* The Sixth Annual Historically Black College Recruitment Fair from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Valley High School, 6300 Ehrhardt Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823. Please bring an official transcript and ACT/SAT score(s) for each college application you plan to complete!!! High School and College Students Will Be Able to Receive:

- "On the spot" admission, scholarships and financial aid information
- Face to face contact with official college admission representatives
- Gain exposure to many Historically Black College & Universities
- Assistance and information regarding SAT and ACT college admission tests
- College application fee waived for many colleges

**For more information, call (916) 921-UCAN or e-mail: [ucangotocollege@comcast.net](mailto:ucangotocollege@comcast.net).**

**Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>,** 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.

**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 8: 25<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary Celebration for the Oak Park Community Center. Floats, Parades, Food Festival and Entertainment. For more info please call (916) 808-6151.

**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>:** The 8th Annual "To My Sisters....A Celebration of Life" is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2005 at the Samuel C. Pannell Community Center from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Come help us celebrate the lives of African American women who have triumphed over breast cancer, commemorate our sisters who have passed from among us and help to raise the level of awareness of this dreaded disease within our community. The event is free and open to the public. Food & beverages will be served. For more information, call Sue Younger @ 916-391-2204 or mail me @ [mbscon@yahoo.com](mailto:mbscon@yahoo.com) or cell 501-8165. TELL A FRIEND!

**Wednesday, October 26:** UCD would like to invite you to participate in the Community Service Networking Fair brought to you by Human Corps, the UC Davis Community Service Office and Alpha Phi Omega, Community Service Fraternity. **Date:** Wednesday, October 26, 2005, 11:00AM – 3:00PM; **Location:** Freeborn Hall at the UC Davis campus. **Registration Deadline:** October 7, 2005 at 5:00PM.

This fall event attracts hundreds of students looking for volunteer positions, internships, and career opportunities with non-profit organizations. We hope to see you and look forward to your participation! **To register, or for more information, please visit our Career Fair Web site:**

<http://icc.ucdavis.edu/areas/hc/hcfair05.htm> If you have any questions about the fair, please contact the Human Corps office at (530) 752-3813 or [hcorps@ucdavis.edu](mailto:hcorps@ucdavis.edu) or Annette E. Taylor at (530) 752-2819 or [aetaylor@ucdavis.edu](mailto:aetaylor@ucdavis.edu). To find volunteers for a project or your organization please email Human Corps at [hcorps@ucdavis.edu](mailto:hcorps@ucdavis.edu). For career opportunities UC Davis offers a variety of services:

The UC Davis Internship & Career Center offers on campus recruiting for employers. As an employer you can conduct on campus interviews and presentations. To reach the On Campus Recruiting Program, please call (530) 752-2286 or email, Mary Sieminski at [mtsieminski@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mtsieminski@ucdavis.edu). To post positions or to view our main Career Center Web Site, please click on <http://icc.ucdavis.edu>, and then click on "Employers." To post positions online please create an account through Aggie Job Link. Thank you for your support of UC Davis. We look forward to seeing your organization at our yearly events.

**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.

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