

Talking Drums
SABC: Community News and Events
Week of September 4, 2005
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Saturday, September 10: The 3rd Annual Congress of African Peoples' Convening from 9:00am to 4:30pm in Sacramento. For more information please see pages 4,5 and 6 or Visit: www.congressofafricanpeoples.org.

Call To Action---Local Efforts for Katrina hurricane victims by Suzanne Brooks: Suzanne Brooks, Owner, Creative Concepts Systems and CEO, International Association for Women of Color Day has just begun to work on organizing a fundraising event here in Sacramento for the benefit of the Katrina hurricane victims. I am hoping to work through the Shriners with whom I already have a relationship, using them as the fiscal agent. They will meet next Tuesday to consider my proposal. Meanwhile, I am writing you for your consideration and input so I can be ready to move ahead if the Shriners agree. Either way, I will call a meeting of interested people based on the responses I have by next Wednesday morning. **To Help with local efforts Please contact:** Suzanne Brooks (916) 483-9804 office ;(916) 483-9805 fax/ e-mail: SacSuz@aol.com. **Thank you for your support and participation.**

Links to organizations working on the crisis in Louisiana and Mississippi:

Hurricane Katrina Relief Organizations at <http://www.transafricaforum.org/KatrinaReliefOrganizations.html>
 BlackAmericaWeb.com at <http://www.blackamericaweb.com/relief/>
 Katrina AIDS Alliance Emergency Fund at <http://www.blackamericaweb.com/relief/>

The Black Commentator - September 2 2005--Listen to the latest audio commentary - "Will the 'New' New Orleans be Black?" You may listen in MP3 or Windows Media Format or read the complete ext.http://www.blackcommentator.com/radio_bc/latestst_radio_bc.html

From The New York Times: From Margins of Society to Center of the TragedyBy DAVID GONZALEZ--Many African-American leaders note that many of those still stuck at the center of the tragedy are largely black and poor. www.nytimes.com/2005/09/02/national/nationalspecial/02discrim.html?th&emc=th

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.

Community Events: In the News:

DRUMVOICES REVUE Literary Arts Journal of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville invites submissions of poetry, essays, and short fiction for spring 2006 edition. Deadline is October 15, 2005; theme: Ethnicity Culture Activism. Guidelines available from betheaodessa@comcast.net or phone Odessa Bethea at (916) 921 0881.

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 3rd Ave., Sacramento; e-mail: sovereigndq@hotmail.com or call (916) 428-8207.

Saturday, September 3: Nacole Williams presents "Fashion Show/Talent Showcase" at 7:00pm at the Salvation Army/Ray Robinson Center, 2540 Alhambra. The cost: \$10.00 per person. Nacole Williams's owner of "House of Star Styles" a fashion forward boutique invites you to a night of entertainment. Please join us for our 2nd Talent Showcase/Fashion Show. Not only is this our 2nd Fashion Show, we are also celebrating 1yr. in business. House of Star Styles is showcasing local Sacramento Talent. You won't believe the talent Sacramento has to offer. Singing, poetry, dance and much More!! This is a family friendly event. No alcohol. 10% of proceeds will go to area children for school uniforms. See you there. You can buy tickets at House of Star Styles located at 3521 Broadway (35th&Broadway). For information call (916)452-7827.

Thursday, September 8: Wo'se Community Church's Thursday Night Pan-African Lecture Series is scheduled to resume September 8, from 7-9pm at Wo'se Community Church, 2863 35th Street
Look for more information in the upcoming weeks on topics and speakers. For info contact Alicia Lovelady-Teasley via e-mail: lovetas7@yahoo.com.

Saturday, September 10: Sacramento NAACP presents 2nd Annual **Hip Hop Voter's Registration Rally (Racial Justice - Community Empowerment)** from 11am – 5pm. at the State Capitol (South Steps @ 10th & N St.). Featuring: **SAMMY WINNER CRAZY BALDHEAD**, DA GIVEN – HARD HITTERS, SOUTHERN CALI'S POLITICAL POWER OF HIP HOP, LEGENDARY ROOTS REGGAE ARTIST EARL ZERO, H2C, STONE AGE, J MYERS AND MANY MORE... **COME REGISTER TO VOTE & BRING SOMEONE TO REGISTER TO VOTE LEARN ABOUT THE SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT INITIATIVES GET INVOLVED.** FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (916) 447-8629 OR 452-1293 OR VISIT: WWW.HIPHOPATTHECAPITOL2005.ORG.

Saturday, September 24th: 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.

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.

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.

SAVE the dates & mark your calendar:

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

Saturday, October 8th: 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 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 or Annette E. Taylor at (530) 752-2819 or aetaylor@ucdavis.edu. To find volunteers for a project or your organization please email Human Corps at 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. 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.sacramento-links.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. (916) 484-5025.**

For a complete listing of community events please visit: The Sacramento Observer's website: SacObserver.com; or the Sacramento Cultural Hub's website Saculturalhub.com. PH: 1-877-HUBSTOP/ FX: 916.689.5977. OR BMSF visit:: <http://bmsf.powertorise.org> OR First Fridays Sacramento; www.firstfridaysacramento.com

**Congress of African Peoples
Saturday, September 10, 2005**



**Women's Civic Improvement Center,
3555 3rd Ave., Sacramento, CA 95817**

"Reclaiming Our Communities and Moving Forward"

Event: 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, including a *special youth leadership workshop* and cultural vendors.

**Free Health Checks
Sponsored by the Birthing Project**

**Opening Ceremonies
9:00am**

- African Drumming & Libation Ceremony

Opening Remarks

- Dr. David Covin, Founder & Creator, CAP

**Morning Workshops
9:50am – 11:30am**

- Reclaiming Our Place Globally
- Reclaiming Our Place Economically
- Reclaiming Our Freedom from Incarceration

Luncheon Keynote

Dr. La Donna White, M.D.

"Reclaiming Our Health and Wholeness"

**Lunch catered by Bonnie Johnson, of Bonnie's Gastronomic
bonnie.johnson3@comcast.net - (916) 665-6295**

**Afternoon Workshops
1:35pm-3:15pm**

- Reclaiming Education to Serve Our Needs
- Recognizing Elders and Securing Resources for Our Elders
- Reclaiming the Right for Our Youth to Achieve their Potential

Final Plenary Session & Closing Ceremony

Childcare, Special Meals, and Special Assistance

Please indicate on the registration form if you will need childcare, special meals, and/or special assistance.

For exhibit/vendor information: Contact Norma Johnson, (916) 428-1433

For more information, please call:

Kakwasi Somadhi (916) 453-0190 ksomadhi@comcast.net or
Faye Kennedy (916) 484-5025 fayek@springmail.com

Registration Information

Registration Fees:

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

- Individual \$20.00
- Seniors/Students/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	
Other	

Please make check or money order payable to Black United Fund (BUF). Please return completed registration form and payment by September 3, 2005

Mail to: Sacramento Area Black Caucus (SABC)

PO Box 5528, Sacramento, CA 95817

c/o CAP

(916) 484-5025 or visit: Website: congressofafricanpeoples.org