



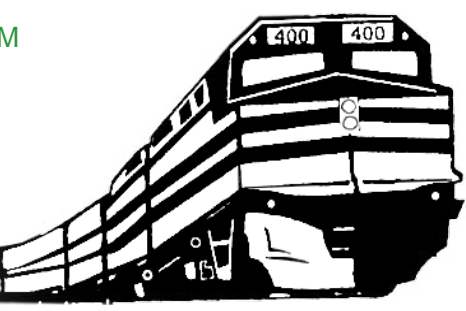
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"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." - III John:2

Leading the Way to Economic Freedom Through Innovation, Creativity & Technology



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The National Urban League Economic Empowerment Tour Reaches Atlanta

The National Urban League (NUL) Economic Empowerment Tour stopped in Atlanta on Tuesday Dec. 9. The annual touring career & resources fair serves as a vehicle for communicating valuable information concerning credit, job attainment, home ownership and various other topics vital to economic health within local communities. Headliners of the tour capitalized on the nation's current economic uncertainty by dispensing sound financial information and discussing the importance of responsible financial practices.

"The most important piece of information that people can have is to share information," said Marc Morial, president and CEO of NUL. "And I think the most important information is for the people to try to protect what they have."

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The Atlanta Business League Touts Initiatives to Foster Black Businesses

On the steps of Morehouse College, where Martin Luther King, Jr. developed a fighting spirit to tackle the nation's color barrier, the Atlanta Business League (ABL) took another step towards achieving King's dream of racial equality in America. The Congress on the State of Black Business in the Atlanta Metro Area brought together community and business leaders to discuss the myriad issues facing Atlanta's Black owned businesses and premiered the league's initiative to support Atlanta's Black businesses.

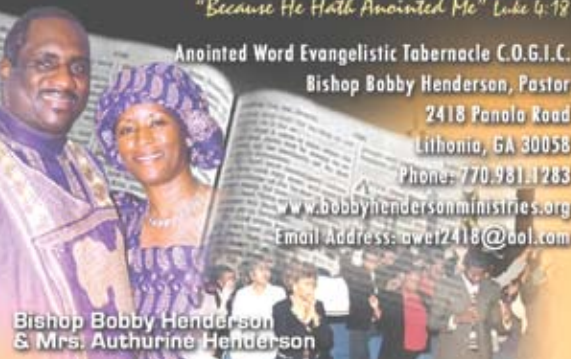
The ABL calls its initiative the "5% Solution." Of the estimated \$28 billion in capital accrued by Black Atlanta residents, the league estimates that increased spending of only 5% by Atlanta's Black consumers with Black owned businesses, would be a healthy start toward revitalizing Atlanta's Black businesses and communities.

"The purpose of the session is to help increase spending among African-American businesses by 5%," said program

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Bishop Bobby Henderson MINISTRIES
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The Mission of Mount Calvary

Mount Calvary Baptist Church is not far from its roots. Created in the backyard of a generous gentleman, Felix Wilson, a group of dedicated women formed the church more than 108 years ago. The mission of the eight founding women, Eliza Lindsey, Hattie Holley, Jane Hardeman, Mary Clark, Mintoria Walker, Eliza Hardman and Minnie Davidson, was to serve the Rockdale Park Community.

"We seek to be a beacon of light on Fairburn," said Senior Pastor Douglas Stowers. "Mount Calvary Baptist Church seeks to be a community church. The entire community is involved. The church needs to be in the community and meeting the needs of the community."

After two location changes and several renovations, the church maintains strong ties to a history of service. During the 1920's, growth in the church's congregation and construction of a new brick building, prompted the Baptist church to institutionalize more outreach programs, including the Young Mens Workers Club and the Baptist Training Union (BTU).

In 1962, a governmental program declared that the Rockdale community would be the site for an urban renewal project, forcing the church to depart for its present location in the Fairburn community. Still, expansion has continued. The early eighties marked the construction of a community education building. Later, the church members founded the Summer Motivational Intensive Learning Experience (SMILE) summer program.

Retired teachers lead the program, which instructs Kindergarten to 7th Grade students on computer literacy, English literature, and math. Seven weeks of these core subjects are followed by a much awaited field trip. Students of the program visit historic slave sites and churches founded by African descendants.

Pastor Stowers has also established ministries. Among them are Youth on the Move, After School Program, as well as a clothing and food bank. Stowers said, "Mount Calvary Baptist Church is a church that is 108 years old. It's been in this com-

munity since the late sixties and our goal is to be a teaching church."

Native Atlantan Stowers, is married to Wanda Stowers and is the father of 3 children. Stowers attended Georgia State University (GSU) and Carver Bible College. He earned a



Senior Pastor Douglas Stowers

Photo courtesy of Mount Cavalry Baptist Church

certificate of theology from the International Theological Denomination Center (ITC) and a Masters of Divinity from the Morehouse School of Religion at ITC. Members credit Stowers with invigorating the church's ministries and leading the pursuit to have the church incorporated.

With an intense focus on education, the ministry of Mount Calvary Baptist Church is sure to be meeting the needs of its community for the next century.

The full interview can be found at www.overgroundrr.com.

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Star-Studded Panel Advises The Community on Economic Crisis

In the Fellowship Hall of Cascade United Methodist Church, an elite panel of professionals gathered to educate and advise members of the community on economic issues facing the Black community and the world economy. The Business Alliance Ministry of Cascade United Methodist Church assembled the panel and the event proved to be an impressive statement of the church's resources and its commitment to push outreach programs that extend beyond the church walls.



Dr. William Cooper, Medical Director
Cardiovascular-Emory University
Wallace Madden photographer

Included in the panel were Finance Professor, Edward Ions, President and CEO of Capitol City Bank, George Andrews, Medical Director of Cardiovascular at Emory University School of Medicine, Dr. William Cooper and District Director for Congressman John Lewis, Tharon Johnson. Chairman of the Business Alliance Ministry, David Walters, moderated the program.

Crowd numbers reached just over 100 community residents and church members. Numerous people in attendance arrived with their resumes in hand, hoping the panel would offer actual

employment opportunities. The panel did not fail those expectations. Associate Pastor John Brown announced that the church would embark on an ambitious mission to find employment for members and visitors to the forum. Through the Business Alliance Ministry, the church would start a job initiative. The follow-up job fair was held on January 31st at Cascade.

Professor Ions commenced the panel with a presentation on wealth. His presentation delineated the wealth, employment, and education disparities within the Black community. Ions, who has an impressive resume, and has demonstrated leadership within the business community, advised participants on how he believes they should approach the incoming president's policy initiatives. In his view, the Black community should not expect Barack Obama's administration to narrow policy initiatives to the economic problems of the Black community. Ions stated that African-Americans should trust that policies geared to broader economic problems would also positively impact the Black community.



Attendees Line-up to ask questions of the panelists
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The second panelist, William Cooper, introduced the attendees to how the affects of a failing economy impact an already fragile healthcare system and Black America. Cooper told participants that the United States maintains a high quality healthcare system. However, the quality of healthcare is mal-distributed. Cooper concluded that minorities should pay particular attention to their health during the economic crisis, as their access to quality care is tremendously limited, compared to their White counterparts.

Cooper stated that the African-American problem is three-fold. He declared that African Americans suffer from all diseases at a higher rate, have problems gaining entrance to the healthcare system and are more likely to die once they have entered the healthcare system. "Disparities are a problem. A major problem," said Cooper.

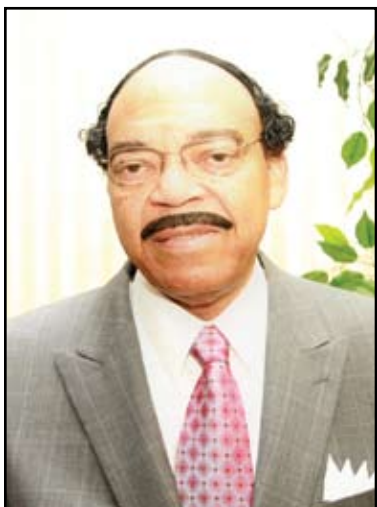
All panelists offered beneficial advice to audience members. At the conclusion of the panel portion of the event, panelists and audience members were allowed to mingle and network.

Video of the event can be found at www.overgroundrr.com

North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company

Over 100 Top Producers Trained by Leading Manager

Possessing the brains to be a money making machine for a multi-billion dollar company is one thing. Possessing the brains to transform one hundred other employees into that same type of individual is quite another accomplishment. That is the improbable story of Charles Fowler, district manager of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company's Atlanta branch.



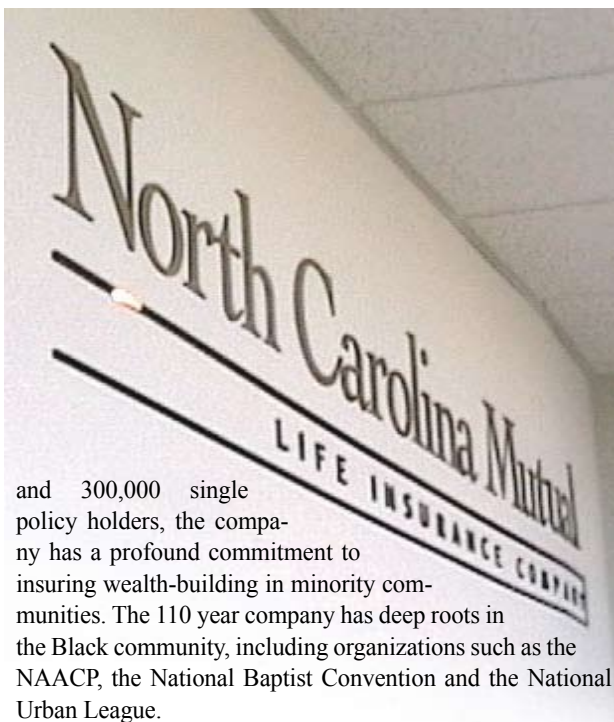
Charles Fowler, District Manager
North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance
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Impeccably sharp in his tailored suit, Fowler touts a 20-year record of consistently writing more than \$1 million in total face amounts for the company. Even more impressive, Fowler has trained more than 100 North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company agents who have also written total face amounts of over \$1 million.

"Since I have been with the company, I've managed, trained and hired many agents, 200 or 300 agents, during that period of time," said Fowler. "And a large number of those agents have been some of the company's top insurance producers."

Fowler, a 35-year veteran of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, still manages a large staff and an intensely crowded schedule. "The company is stronger than ever before and still going strong. We have been in this location here at 1580 Phoenix Blvd [College Park, GA] for about a year. At this time, we have approximately 8 full-time agents and many part-time producers."

Founded in 1898, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company is the leading and oldest African-American owned life insurance company. Maintaining a \$12 billion insurance force



and 300,000 single policy holders, the company has a profound commitment to insuring wealth-building in minority communities. The 110 year company has deep roots in the Black community, including organizations such as the NAACP, the National Baptist Convention and the National Urban League.

Fowler commented on the insurance company's commitment to its clients' wellbeing. "We do so many exciting things. Our sole purpose is to help service our community and help keep our families together"

"We have a specific program that we call the wealth-building program, so we can help families and individuals build wealth. We have programs where if the head of household passes, we make sure that there is income for the children, and when they reach college age, we are able to send them off to college," said Fowler.

With its legacy of wealth-building and wealth-management, North Carolina Mutual is insuring the future of its customers and the longevity of the company in Metro Atlanta.

Video interview can be found at www.overgroundrr.com

Lawyers Providing for a Great Society

Attorney Roseborough believes in civil responsibility of lawyers

As a young boy, native North Carolinian Roseborough was impressed by the civic power of attorneys. Raised at a time when the necessity of Black leadership was more apparent, Roseborough remembers the inspiration of one black lawyer, Arthur Lane, who aided his community through some despondent times. Son of a Methodist minister, Roseborough believes that lawyers are second only to the church in advancing the social needs of local communities.

Roseborough operates a general practice that specializes in commercial and business litigation. He witnessed the Atlanta business boom and the tremendous expansion of Black professional influence in the city.

"The size of the city has more than doubled since I've been here. I came at a time when downtown Atlanta was a depressed place. The city has really grown up," said Roseborough. "We did not have a large African-American Bar. We now have a very large African-American Bar, with some very exciting organizations where young Black lawyers can go and learn."

Reflective of the mounting trend to blend service and business, Roseborough states that combining good business and good lawyers is the perfect recipe for a good society. He stated, "You have a lot of lawyers who don't do a lot of the civil work or a lot of the pro-bono work, because that takes up time and doesn't generate any revenue."

Video interview can be found at www.overgroundrr.com

"When you come out of law school and you have tremendous debt, then you're driven to immediately make money in your practice," said Roseborough. "I think that is the wrong environment to learn how to be a good lawyer."

The first firm that employed Roseborough stressed the importance of being a good citizen. He says the lessons learned there, have stayed with him since and will continue to influence his life and his practice.



Atlanta's 'Path to Empowerment'

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Sponsors Bank of America, Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, and Ford Motor Company conducted workshops on financial literacy, foreclosure prevention, and credit management. Afterwards, crowd participants gathered for a Town Hall Meeting moderated by TV journalist, Ed Gordon. Panel members included CEO of Hip Hop Summit Action Network,



The event's distinguished panel
Willie Jacobs Photography

Benjamin Chavis, V103 radio personality, Frank Ski, Atlanta Urban League President, Nancy Flake Johnson, CEO of the Douglin Group, Carla Douglin, Atlanta Business League President, Leona Davenport, and radio personality, Warren Ballantine.

Incoming DeKalb County CEO, Burrell Ellis, opened the town hall meeting with remarks on the county's gloomy economic state. He informed the audience that the county had the highest unemployment and foreclosure rates in Georgia. Though



Participants addressing the panel
Willie Jacobs Photography

he explained the county's economic downturn, he assured the crowd that he is tirelessly working for the betterment.

Installment of the country's first Black president spring-boarded the dialogue to the aggressive measures African-American's need to take to maintain economic stability. President Morial announced that the future of American urban areas were troubling, amidst the nation's irrelevant national priorities. "For African-Americans, our unemployment rate is reaching 12 percent," said President Morial.

Other panel members Douglin and Davenport notified the audience of important resources for struggling homeowners. Information about assistance programs offered by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac concerning loan modification and mortgage



A view of the successful event
Willie Jacobs Photography

assistance was shared with attendees.

"I think the most rewarding is to feel the energy of the people who come out. This is for them," said President Morial. "We're helping people connect with jobs, connect with good information on housing, and building businesses."

Overall, the tour stop proved to be a success and turnout was more than expected. Organizers of the event remarked that the Atlanta stop generated the largest number of attendees. "The tour is for the people of Atlanta, the city of Atlanta, and they responded very well. We had a great turnout today," said president Morial.

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Mortgages With Integrity

Risky and unethical business practices are to blame for instigating the present mortgage crisis in America. With consumers pointing fingers at companies with misleading lending practices and companies pointing at irresponsible consumers, the need for integrity in the realm of home loans is without question. Long ago, Joseph Wood heard the call for respectable practices in the lending industry.



Owner, Joseph Wood
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Owner of Atlanta Integrity Mortgage Inc., Wood entered the mortgage industry over a decade ago and has never left. Before starting Atlanta Integrity Mortgage twelve years ago, Wood was employed for 15 years by two banks.

Gaining experience with lending to family units and churches, Wood said, "I started lending in 1978 on Auburn Avenue. I worked there for approximately 13 years doing mortgage financing. I was mortgaging for single family homes, duplexes quadplexes, multiple family units, commercial properties... and quite a few churches here in the Atlanta area."

After receiving a B.A. in Business Administration and an M.B.A. in Finance from Clark Atlanta University (CAU), Wood embarked upon an auspicious career with Mutual Federal Savings Bank and Citizens Trust Bank. Success in banking was rewarding, but it also sent up a red flag. Those envious of his success, and the future rewards it would bring, kept a watchful eye. Wood feels his success made him a target for the bank president's scrutiny.

After a brief stint with Citizens Trust Bank, Wood was fired for vague differences with the bank's president. At the time, Wood had secured about \$1.3 million in loans within 1 month. The bank itself had only accrued \$1.8 million the previous year. "Preliminarily, I was terminated when I was expecting a \$15,000 bonus," said Wood.

Wood set a goal of \$7 million for the year, but within 8 months, he had secured \$8 million: Wood's ambitions seemed to be too much for the bank's leadership.

The 30-year mortgage veteran was even briefly employed by Harris Bank, a large commercial bank based in Chicago. Several awards and recognition certificates adorn his walls. Wood said, "The biggest thing that we provide is great service. And one of the ways I know that we provide great service is, not only do our customers call back and say thank you for everything you've done, or send letters, but quite a few of our closing attorneys and lenders have referred their customers to us."

Wood's sunnier take on the mortgage industry and his personal motivation ease client's fears and help to foster long-term relationships. Insistence on treating the consumer reasonably and fairly also contributes to Wood's ability to increase revenue. Wood claims, "Treating people right, trying to give people the



best rates at the best time" is how his career flourished and why he was given the title, "The Million Dollar Man". Personality, compassion and business savvy are a winning combination for Atlanta Integrity Mortgage's owner and for the clients he assists. With the experience and skills Joseph Wood brings to his business, we know he'll experience many years of continuing success.

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Breakthrough Performance: Faye Raye's Story Becomes Her Song

Beckoning the ears of Atlanta music fans is singer, songwriter and producer Faye Raye. Raye, a trained opera vocalist, has developed a solid reputation as an outstanding performer who touches audiences, untainted by modern commercial trends of trite lyrics. Popular opinion of Faye Raye underscores her capability to reach in and take hold of listeners, allowing them to experience her message and discover a sort of personal breakthrough.

Through her music and edifying performance style, Raye achieves exactly what she hopes. After attending Morris Brown College and the University of Arkansas on an Opera scholarship, Raye started playing guitar and in the process, discovered a new style of her own. Since, Raye's style has transformed into a lyrically-centered and soulful sounding powerhouse.

"The country is in recession. I am not. I've had my recession", exclaims Raye. "Somebody out there has money and in my mind I think, why can't they invest in me and my sound."

For Raye, her music unilaterally deals with the message. Lyrics drive her music and they are diligently composed. Her discipline as a trained singer, and her personal tragedies, source a potent combination that delivers transcending musical content.

One such tragedy emerged 2 years ago, when Ray learned that a cyst had formed on one of her vocal chords and surgery was necessary to remove it. After surgery, Raye exclaims that she worked through a physical and emotional rehabilitation



Faye Raye

Photo courtesy of Faye Raye Productions that pushed her talents to new heights.

With lofty lyrics like "Come with me on a mountaintop", Raye inspires. Fans are responding. Faye was selected as the entertainment for the taping of a popular PBS celebrity in-

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terview program and fundraising event, The History Makers, with Richard Parsons, Time Warner Inc. Chairman.

Through her rehabilitation breakthroughs, Raye has generated new content and found new inspiration to continue her mission. We look forward to being further inspired by this woman and her songs.



The History Makers Event

Photo courtesy of Faye Raye Productions

A Passion for Framing

When entering the home of Rose Wyatt, immediately availed on her wall is a framed picture titled Women on the Rise. Just around the corner, sits a custom framed picture of Madam C.J. Walker. Next to acknowledging her penchant for art, the photographs are symbolic of Wyatt and her business dealings.

Women on the Rise depicts twelve multicultural modern women sitting on a narrow platform and happily conversing. Below the women is the view of a large unknown city, reminiscent of the Big Apple. However, these women appear to be confident, empowered, and most importantly they sit on a high pedestal. Though the complexities of their personal lives are unknown, we assume these women are ambitious and have careers much like Ms. Wyatt.

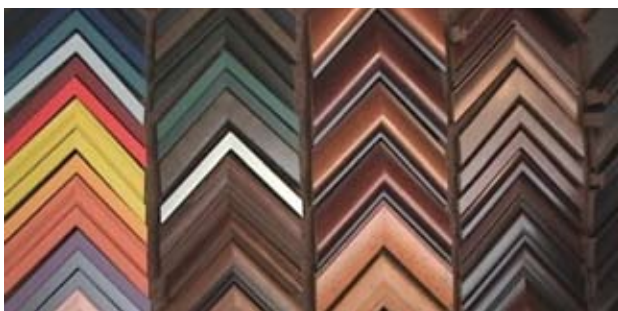
Rose Wyatt recently began Best Dressed Walls Art & Custom Framing, a company that produces custom picture frames and art. Like Madam C.J. Walker, Wyatt is a businesswoman who commenced her career after personally experiencing complications in an industry. Wyatt's were in the custom-picture framing industry.

"I got started because I personally could not afford the cost of framing the artwork I wanted custom framed," said Wyatt. "So I decided to take a class."



Owner, Rose Wyatt
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This class, combined with ten years of experience working for picture framing companies was essential to her startup and success. Taking this leap of faith proved to be her best step yet. In her quest to be more frugal during tough economic times, she discovered her passion. Wyatt describes "falling in



Best Dressed Walls Frame Options
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love" with the creative process of custom picture framing.

To start, Wyatt solicited friends and colleagues who wanted their pictures framed. Soon, they began paying her for her product. Now Wyatt operates Best Dressed Walls Art & Custom Framing and she has transformed her passion into a profitable business.

Wyatt's passion is even more evident in her home, where artwork and framed pictures adorn the walls. Her walls are literally the best dressed and poignantly symbolic. She describes her business as the epitome of "kitchen table economics." Though Best Dressed Walls Art & Custom Framing isn't operated at the kitchen table, it is based in Wyatt's home. This operational savings allows Wyatt to offer lower prices on custom picture framing. This is especially helpful in Wyatt's line of work.

In an often overlooked industry, many consumers are typically surprised by the costs of her products. However, Wyatt exceeds her customer's expectations by offering atypical services that include in-home consultation with her samples. Additionally, Wyatt picks up and delivers her client's artwork. By providing great service and convenience, Best Dressed Walls Art & Custom Framing is poised for a lasting future in the framing business.

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In Newnan, Georgia, on a lush piece of impeccable greenery, sits a 50-acre ranch with a sizeable lake and a horse carriage fit for a King. These sprawling grounds are dedicated to the sole purpose of providing assisted living for those who are regrettably labeled the lowest in American society. Founder of Bridges Personal Care Home Group, Loretta Benbow, envisioned a business dedicated to serving a horribly disadvantaged social sect and a facility to match its arduous goal.



Owner, Loretta Benbow
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"This is really a premier place," said Benbow. And it truly is. This recently constructed site harbors a beautiful waterfront and horse stable (with several horses.) "Environment helps to make people feel better. When everything around them is beautiful and everything around them is upbeat and enlightened, then they feel that way."

The facility is one of several operated by the Bridges Personal Care Home Group. Benbow, a former real estate agent, is committed to growing the business of caring for others. Bridges PCH Group traditionally assists seniors and the mentally challenged. However, the Bridges PCH Group opens its doors to people with a host of healthcare issues that might hinder their ability to live alone.

Even individuals suffering from homelessness and drug addictions are eligible to receive care. The company bases its in-take on a rigorous assessment, conducted by an assessment team.

Bridges PCH Group provides a myriad of services. One undeniable exclusive service offered at Newnan ranch is Hippotherapy. This therapy trains residents to exercise while horseback riding. Introduced to the ranch for its structured



A view of a BPCGH Residence
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positioning, hippotherapy allows residents to be taught while looking down toward instructors, rather than the normal subliminal direction of instructors looking down on residents. Horseback riding is a favorite activity at the ranch.

More facilities are under construction and Benbow plans to expand the group to unknown heights. When discussing the group with owner Benbow, she speaks with a profound sense of pride. She is confidently aware of her business stature and feels with the best employees, the best locations, and the best facilities, Bridges PCH Group will continue to be the best in their industry.

Though some care homes have garnered poor reputations in the area of care and cleanliness, this is certainly not the case with Bridges PCH Group's facilities. Benbow strictly enforces a standard of complete cleanliness and organized living. The Bridges PCH Group is not just a housing facility, the organization enriches the lives of its residents and aides in their transition back into society and the work world.

Loretta boasts that the business is the number one residential referral agency in the state of Georgia. I'd agree she has much to be proud of. A number one ranking is pretty decent for a five years old business.

The full interview can be found at www.overgroundrr.com.

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First African American Woman to head Georgia's Court of Appeals

The Honorable M. Yvette Miller was sworn in at the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at the Georgia State Capitol. She is the first African-American woman to hold this position. Judge Miller joins Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears as these two African American women lead Georgia's State Appellate Courts. The Honorable Gary B. Andrews, Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, administered the oath of office before a packed audience of members of the judiciary, Georgia State officials, attorneys, family and friends of Chief Judge Miller.

the notable experiences she brings to her position. She served as an attorney with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, was a law clerk for Fulton County State Court Judge William Alexander, and later joined the Fulton County District Attorney's Office as one of its first female prosecutors. As a prosecutor, Judge Miller primarily handled serious felony rape and murder cases. She went on to represent the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) as senior in-house litigation counsel and was responsible for handling one-third of the agency's civil litigation in the courts.

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First appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1999 by Governor Roy Barnes, Judge Miller has been re-elected statewide for two six-year terms. She will be responsible for the administration on the Court and will act as the head of the Court for ceremonial purposes and for all communications.

Yvette Miller was born and raised in middle Georgia, and calls Macon her home. With the help of her family, she integrated the public schools of Bibb County as the first African-American student to attend 7th grade at Walter P. Jones School. She received her B.A. degree, cum laude, from Mercer University and her J.D. degree from Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law. Judge Miller also earned an LL.M. degree in litigation from Emory University School of Law and an LL.M. degree in Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law.

The professional career of Judge Miller is impressive as are



Judge Miller being sworn in photo courtesy of First Class, Inc.

Judge Miller was co-owner, general manager and general counsel of the first minority-owned new Ford Lincoln-Mercury automobile dealership in Jesup, Georgia - it's one of the first such minority-owned dealerships in the state. While managing the dealership, Judge Miller developed a private legal practice and became the first female attorney to practice in Jesup and throughout the Brunswick Judicial Circuit.

The judicial career of Judge Miller began through her service as a part-time judge in the

Magistrate Court of Fulton County in the late 1980's. Judge Miller also served as an Administrative Law Judge with the State Board of Workers' Compensation. When Governor Zell Miller appointed her Director and Judge of the Appellate Division of the State Board of Workers' Compensation in 1992, Judge Miller became the first woman, first African-American, and youngest person ever to hold that position. Four years later, Governor Miller appointed her to the State Court of Fulton County, and she was re-elected as a State Court judge without opposition. She was appointed

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Family Law Firm Fostering Community

On the Southside of Atlanta, Arnice Foster founded a rare firm that provides high quality legal and real estate services to an underserved Atlanta community. Already an established employee in a real estate firm based in Buckhead, Foster decided to shift the focus of her career. The highly-



The Foster Firm Offices
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skilled attorney wanted her services to produce capital in the same area where she lived and her children attended school.

"I founded the Foster Firm four years ago with the vision of providing quality services to the Southside metro community," said Foster. "Having worked in Buckhead and other large real estate firms, I knew I wanted to bring a little bit of Buckhead to the Southside community."

When it comes to how the Black community spends its money, "The money is taken from the Southside community and spent in another community, as opposed to the money being re-circulated through our own community," said Foster. "My husband and I live on the Southside, we pay taxes on the Southside, our children attend school on the Southside, and we

spend our money on the Southside."

Two years into the business, her husband Keith Foster joined the firm. This increased the scope of services they could provide to their cliental. Keith, a former prosecutor and State Farm Insurance claim agent, maintains a rare combination of work experience that makes him perfect for guiding families through convoluted legal institutions.



Arnice Foster & Keith Foster

"Having been a prosecutor for almost 6 years, I know the criminal justice system from both sides", said Keith Foster. "For the parents of those young people who have unfortunately defied the law, I am able to successfully navigate them through the legal system."

In just a few years, the Foster family expects their firm to expand greatly. The word-of-mouth concerning the Foster Firm is that they provide top-rated services with a personal touch. Another positive note about the firm is that they plan to be important agents in the transforming economy. The Foster Firm intends to navigate the Southside community through the recession, assuring their cliental are able to compete in an ailing economy.

THE FOSTER FIRM, LLC
Video interview can be found at www.overgroundrr.com

Insuring a Family's Legacy

Managing the risks of individuals is a more rewarding occupation than Antoinette "Toni" Stith ever expected. For 17 years, Toni Stiff has taken pride in aiding communities by guiding individuals and employers through the complicated and bureaucratic barriers of the insurance world.

Tackling both sides of the insurance spectrum, Stith specializes in employee benefits. Founder and Chief Executive of the Toni Stith Agency, Stith works with employers and individuals to protect families and optimize the benefits of a good insurance plan. She began her work in the insurance industry unaware of the gap she would begin to fill for so many people.

"I was looking at the insurance industry as another career opportunity and it gave me the opportunity to service many of my neighborhood friends and family. I found that a lot of people didn't know what they had in many of the policies they owned," said Stith. "That was one of main reasons I continued in this business, to give people additional knowledge."

Enticed by the complexity of the industry and the community's need for someone with insurance expertise, Stith immersed herself in the field and hasn't look backed, "I went to school and increase my education to be a better servant of the people, to let them know what was available, how to go about getting involved and to make

sure that they had the plan that best met the needs of their families, said Stith."

As an intermediary for the insurance company, employers and the insured. Stith claims to be everyone's best friend in the insurance game, "We go out and meet with different human resource professionals and share with them all the changes going on in the business community related to health benefits, dental, vision, retirement, or long-term care. There are a myriad of benefits that we have to offer, through



Owner, Toni Stith
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a number of different companies," said Stith.

Stith's success is dependant upon her understanding of the insurance business and peoples' needs. For her, the process of choosing an insurance plan is not a one size fits all scenario. Getting a plan that maximizes the benefits, minimizes the losses, and adapts to a perpetually evolving insurance business is a meticulous task and requires a steady professional.

And that's the ultimate message of Stith and her agency. Changes are constant.

New laws, changes in the economy and different populations' ways of life all have a profound affect on the state of an insurance policy. Stith insures that her community is aware of these changes.

"I take great pride in the community service that we also offer, which is helping the community outside of the workplace understand how benefits work, what people need, and the changes in the benefits as time goes on," said Stith. "The Medicare program has had a lot of changes and we had to get out and educate our seniors, because we wanted to make sure they were getting the products that were best for them."

Most importantly, Stith's agency understands the vital role insurance plays in every aspect of an individual's life. Stith calls it the "cradle to the grave" theory, "From the cradle to the grave we are able to help them."

Lastly Stith said, "The biggest benefit that I get as an insurance professional is the legacy building that we do for the families." With her desire to be of service and the level of understanding she brings to the process, we're sure Toni Stith will leave her own legacy of assistance throughout the community.

Video interview can be found at www.overgroundrr.com

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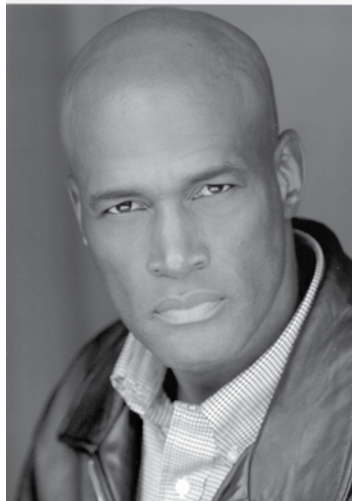
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True Colors Theatre Company Presents Pulitzer Prize Nominated Miss Evers' Boys



Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company is proud to announce its production of *Miss Evers' Boys* by David Feldshuh, directed by Kenny Leon and featuring Jasmine Guy and Eugene Lee. *Miss Evers' Boys* will be performed at Fulton County's Southwest Arts Center, March 4 - 21, 2009 (Previews March 1 & 3); performance times vary and are listed on the True Colors website, www.truecolorstheatre.org.

An eye-opening drama about the Tuskegee Study, a scar on American history, where 399 African-Americans were denied treatment for syphilis and deceived by the United States Public Health Service from 1932 - 1972. Chronicled through the experiences of a nurse who attempts to aid four men, but self-serving doctors and Washington bureaucracy thwart her efforts.

Miss Evers' Boys by David Feldshuh. Directed by Kenny Leon, Featuring Jasmine Guy, Eugene Lee, E. Roger Mitchell. March 4-21, 2009 with preview performances March 1 & 3, 2009 at the Southwest Arts Center, 915 New Hope Road, Atlanta, GA 30331.

Tickets available at www.truecolorstheatre.org. Group sales available at 404.588.0308 ext. 201.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR:

Kenny Leon (Director) most recently directed *Swimming Upstream* a new work in collaboration with Eve Ensler and V-Day. In September, Kenny directed August Wilson's *Gem of the Ocean* here in Atlanta at the Alliance Theatre and this past summer he directed the world premiere of *Flashdance: The Musical*, which opened this past July in London. Kenny also directed August Wilson's *Radio Golf* on Broadway (four Tony nominations), the final installment of August Wilson's epic cycle of plays, as well as August Wilson's *Gem of the Ocean* on Broadway (five Tony nominations) and the Tony Award-winning revival of *A Raisin in the Sun*, both featuring Phylicia Rashad; the latter earned him a Drama Desk Award nomination for Outstanding Director of a Play. This past spring, Kenny was also the Artistic Director of August

Wilson's *20th Century*, for the Kennedy Center. Other directing credits include, the film version of *A Raisin in the Sun*, the world premier of Toni Morrison's opera, *Margaret Garner*, at the Michigan Opera Theater, the Off-Broadway hit, *Emergence-SEE!* written and performed by Daniel Beatty; *Blues from an Alabama Sky* and *From Mississippi Delta* (Huntington Theatre). Prior to his role as Founding Artistic Director of True Colors, Kenny was Artistic Director of the Alliance Theatre for more than a decade, where he produced ten world premieres, including Elton John's *Aida* and Debbie Allen's *Soul Possessed*. Kenny's next theatrical project will include directing the stage adaptation of *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* on Broadway, written by Todd Kreidler. Kenny has directed at regional theatres throughout the country, including the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, San Jose Rep, Chicago's Goodman Theatre, Boston's Huntington Theatre, Hartford Stage, Baltimore's Center Stage, New York's Public Theatre, Los Angeles' Center Theatre Group, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Dallas Theatre Center, Georgia Shakespeare, Washington D.C.'s Arena Stage and Theatre of the Stars. Recently inducted into the Atlanta Tribune's Hall of Fame, Kenny has also been honored as one of People Magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People" in 2004, he received the MIT Eugene McDermott Award and Martell Cognac's "Rise Above Award", honoring his artistry and entrepreneurial spirit. Mr. Leon is a graduate and honorary Ph.D. of Clark Atlanta University and was chosen as one of the "Top 20 Southerners to Watch" by London's Financial Times.

ABOUT THE CAST

Jasmine Guy enjoyed her directorial debut this summer in the critically acclaimed production of *For Colored Girls Who Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Eruft*, at Atlanta's 14th Street Playhouse. She is also featured in Howard Zinn's *The People Speak*, along with greats John Legend, Viggo Mortensen, Danny Glover and many others. The Showtime series, *Dead Like Me*, is now a movie, featuring Jasmine, and is due out this fall. Her Broadway credits include *Leader of the Pack*, *Grease*, *Beehive*, *The Wiz* and Bob Fosse's *Chicago* as *Velma Kelly*. Jasmine co-starred in Spike Lee's *School Daze*, Eddie Murphy's *Harlem Nights*, the Jamaican indie film *Kla\$h*, and most recently *Tru Loved*, a coming-of-age film opening in cities in October. In the early 90's Jasmine starred in the *Cosby* show spin-off *A Different World*, as Whitley Gilbert, for which she won 6 consecutive NAACP Image Awards. She also debuted her self-titled album during this time. Jasmine authored the book "Evolution of a Revolutionary", about the life of Afeni Shakur, mother of Tupac. She currently tours the country with a one-woman piece *Raisin Cane*, about the Harlem Renaissance. Feel free to check out her official website: jasmineguyonline.com.

Eugene Lee's acting career goes back to a university production of *A Raisin in the Sun* for President Lyndon Johnson. Professional stage credits include: *Gem of the Ocean* (Broadway); August Wilson's *Century Cycle* (The Kennedy Center), *Two Trains Running* (Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre), and the Pulitzer Prize-winning *A Soldier's Play* (Negro Ensemble Company). Other Negro Ensemble Credits include: *Home, Sons and Fathers of Sons*, and *Manhattan Made Me*.

He was seen recently at Huntington Theatre in *Radio Golf* and in True Colors Theatre Company's productions *Fences* and *Ceremonies in Dark Old Men*. Playwriting credits include *East Texas Hot Links*; *Fear Itself*; *Somebody Called: A Tale of Two Preachers*; *Killingsworth*; and the musical *Twist*. Television credits include "Good Times", "The White Shadow", "The Guiding Light", "The District", the mini-series "The Women of Brewster Place" with Oprah Winfrey, "The Jackson Give: An American Dream" and "Wild Palms". Film Credits include: *Blacklisted* and *Coach Carter*. He has penned episodes for "Homicide: Life on the Streets", "Walker Texas Ranger", and "The Journey of Allen Strange". Mr. Lee serves as Artist in Residence and Artistic Director of the Texas State University Black and Latino Playwright's Conference.

E. Roger Mitchell was recently seen on stage in Atlanta in the Alliance Theatre's productions of August Wilson's *Gem of the Ocean* and *Radio Golf*. Other Atlanta credits include *Cuttin' Up*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *A Christmas Carol* and *Flyin' West*. He has made film appearances in *S.W.A.T.*, *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, *Diary of a Mad Black Woman*, *Daddy's Little Girls*, and HBO's *Boycott* and *Warm Springs*. TV credits: "The Shield", "Navy NCIS", "House of Payne", "Mama Flora's Family" and "Threat Matrix".

True Colors' mission is to create a moveable feast of theatre, grounded in the rich canon of African-American classics; and to branch out to include bold interpretations of world drama and a strong commitment to diverse new voices. Established in 2002 by Artistic Director Kenny Leon and Founding Managing Director Jane Bishop, True Colors strives to be an important voice in the American discussion of diversity, including plays and playwrights from various times, cultures and perspectives.

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Judge Miller New Chief Judge of the Georgia Court of Appeals

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to the Georgia Court of Appeals in 1999 by Governor Roy Barnes and she has been re-elected statewide for two six-year terms.

Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, the Gate City Bar Association, the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, the Azalea City Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Judge Miller is active in numerous professional, civic and social organizations including the National Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal; founding member of the Judicial Section of the Gate City Bar; former president-elect and vice-president of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys; Board of Directors for the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers; and Board of Directors for the Judicial Section of the Atlanta Bar Association. Judge Miller also has served as Chair of the Supreme Court Committee on Public Trust and Confidence; Chair of the Georgia Student Finance Commission (which administers the Hope Scholarship Program); Trustee of Leadership Georgia; Board of Directors of Mercer Law School; Board of Directors for the Young Women's Christian Association of Greater Atlanta; Board of Directors for Kids Chance, Inc.; Board member of the Supreme Court Commission on Substance Abuse and the Courts; Advisory Board of the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia, and Board member of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Currently, Judge Miller is a fellow of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia and a member of the Lamar Inn of Court, the Lawyers Club of Atlanta, the Atlanta Bar Association, the

Judge Miller has received many awards and special recognitions for her professional achievements and public service. She was recognized for her accomplishments in Who's Who in Black Atlanta; and designated by the Georgia Informer as one of "Georgia's Top 50 Influential Black Women." She was awarded the Meritorious Service Award by the Mercer University Alumni Association in 1997. In 2006, Judge Miller was selected as one of 20 American judges to attend the Sir Richard May Seminar on International Law and International Courts in The Hague, Netherlands. She was recently inducted into the Gate City Bar Association's Hall of Fame in October, 2008.

Judge Miller is a member of Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta, an Overground Railroad member Church & Church Station. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad N. Miller of Macon, Georgia, and she has one sibling, Conrad N. Miller, Jr., M.D., also of Macon. She is also a life-long member of Steward Chapel AME Church in Macon.



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State of Black Business

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manager Carol Johnson. "So what we are saying is that there's 28 billion dollars that goes through our community each year and if you actually take 5% of what you typically spend and spend that among Black owned businesses, then we will be able to recycle the dollar in our own communities."

Hundreds of individuals and business entities have signed the "5% Solution" pledge. Commercial real estate broker and member of the public policy committee, Audra Cunningham commented that the 5% initiative and the ABL address key barriers to Black Atlanta's wealth building.

"One of the issues that I see throughout the city is that a lot of us don't know that a lot of us (Black owned businesses) exist," said Cunningham. "And the Atlanta Business League, through the 5% solution and the public policy committee, we are committed to getting the knowledge out there of the different businesses, products and services that African-Americans offer."

Founded in 1933, the Atlanta Business League began as an associate of the National Business League, founded by Booker T. Washington. Its mission is to increase the Black business community and to encourage reinvestment of the Black businesses' capital and assets into the Black community.

"It doesn't mean that we don't support other big businesses, but what it means is that we focus back on our communities, to keep our communities vibrant," said Cunningham. "We have a great crowd and we have some wonderful panelists. I urge everyone to go the Atlanta Business League's website to see what businesses, lawyers and doctors exist in the city of Atlanta..."



Juanita Baranco, Exec. VP and Chief Operating Officer of Baranco Automotive Group
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Tommy Dortch speaks to the attendees
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Entrepreneurs Creating Entrepreneurs

Driven by an undeniable determination, entrepreneur Sir Markadoo came to Atlanta with \$96 and an idea. Markadoo survived by soliciting T-Shirts. This first business ven-

his business 18 years ago with about the same amount.

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Owner, Sir Markadoo
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ture spring-boarded Markadoo into financial stability. Now, Markadoo presides over Heavenly Body Products. The business serves as a fragrance products distributor and creates opportunities for individuals to become entrepreneurs like him.

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Heavenly Body Products' motto is, "We help God's people prosper". Sir Markadoo boasts his ability to transform people into entrepreneurs for as little as \$100; fitting, since he started

"You have to have the stomach to go into business," says Markadoo. He adds, "There are three things that matter in business. The first thing is customer service. The second thing is customer service and the third thing is customer service."

The full interview can be found at www.overgroundrr.com.

A Special Jubilee Commemoration

United Methodist Church Hosts NAACP Emancipation Day Program

This year the annual celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was celebrated under a unique set of circumstances. It was the first day of a year when an African-American would lead the United States as its 44th president. Secondly, the spiritual leader of the future president's former church would grace the stage for the NAACP Atlanta branch's celebration, held at Cascade United Methodist Church.

calling," said Marvin Moss, Senior Pastor of Cascade United Methodist Church. "Cascade desires to be a viable entity in collecting the energy that has been awakened by this presidential election. We have seen a generation be awakened, that has been dormant for so long. So now, we have the opportunity to encourage people to be involved."

Attended by hundreds of members and visitors, the church overflowed with people eager to witness the special program. Some watched from the lobby, as the large church sanctuary could not hold every guest.

Event host, Herman Skip Mason, encouraged the crowd to be thankful for "the one who looks like us." His energetic praise set the tone for an unforgettable salute to better days for Blacks, signified by President Obama's election.

Event speaker, Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Otis Moss III, delivered a powerful address to the crowd. The Morehouse College and Yale Divinity graduate, who has studied African-American culture and theology, played upon his experiences with President-elect Barack Obama at his church. Reverend Otis Moss III used these experiences to illuminate the historical and spiritual significance of the Emancipation Day Program.

Community service innovators Edward Menifee and Willie Watkins were also honored. Over 30 years ago, honoree Menifee founded the Southwest Atlanta Youth Organization Business (SWAYBO), a youth organization that instructs low-income students on business principles, entrepreneurship and economics.

The second community service award honoree Watkins was awarded for leadership in several organizations, including the SCLC, YMCA, and West End Merchants Association. Watkins' work has helped these organization lead the way in community involvement.

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Family Owned Donald Trimble Mortuary Services



CheDonna Trimble-Holston, C.E.O.
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The dream of Donald Trimble lives in the quiet corners of his descendant's memories and each day Trimble's name is evoked by the family who carry out his vision. Donald Trimble Mortuary Inc has been in business for 25 years. Long after the death of its founder, Donald Trimble, the spirit of maintaining a high quality family-owned mortuary keeps the engine of his business running and expanding.

Niece of Trimble, CheDonna Trimble-Holston, and wife, Betsy Trimble, manage the mortuary and have overseen its impressive expansion. Donald Trimble Mortuary Inc (DTM) has experienced three renovations, increasing in every direction, and shows no signs of slowing down.

"My uncle, the late Donald Trimble started the business and it was something he had a dream of doing. He started in the business when he was 12 years old and he's been in the business ever since," said CheDonna. "He passed in June of 2000. He left the business to the family and he intended for the business to be run by the family."

Located in Decatur, Georgia, DTM is housed in a structure fit for royalty. Every minute detail matches. Inside lighting is impeccable. Clear chandeliers reflect light upon gleaming center pieces, white furniture and the glistening floors. With a fleet on 19 vehicles parked around the premises and the memorabilia pieces of Donald Trimble throughout the interior, one would think they were stepping into the house of a late monarch.

Indeed the royal family of Donald Trimble carries on his dream in regal style. DTM offers an endless array of services. No aspect of the burial process is left unmanaged by the members of the DTM staff. Peaceful grieving and trust-building are an effortless part of the DTM way. After only a short time in the presence of the Trimble staff it is apparent this business runs through the family's blood. Belittling the



A view of Donald Trimble Mortuary
Photo Courtesy of DTM

dream of Donald Trimble would be the highest insult.

Trimble-Houston reported, "When I was a student at Gupton-Jones, I would go to work for the business, back when my uncle first opened the funeral home... My ambition is to continue to carry out his legacy, the legacy of Donald Trimble"

Success of the establishment is obvious. DTM conducts 750 funeral services a year, and the business is deeply rooted in the surrounding community. By sponsoring several little league sports teams and churches, DTM is destined to be a long-lasting staple of Second Avenue Decatur GA.

The full interview can be found at www.overgroundrr.com.

Barack's Mojo



Dr. Aaron Turpeau
Photo courtesy of A. T.

Americans, both Black and White, feel that Obama has the leadership ability necessary to turn this country around. As a psychologist, I sometimes wonder how Obama was able to get Americans to trust in his leadership ability.

There are some natural psychological variables that Obama has in his favor. First, he is a firstborn. Political leaders across the globe are over-represented by first-born and only children. Second, he is tall. Obama is 6'1.5". Taller presidential candidates usually win the presidential contest. The average height for American Men is 5'9". Taller people are perceived by others as more authoritative and competent and therefore are viewed as better leadership material.

I believe each of these factors helped Obama's leadership "mojo", but he also has another psychological factor that really gives him a boost in the leadership category. This factor is that Obama is emotionally contagious. In their book, Primal Leadership: Realizing the Power of Emotional Intelligence, authors Goleman, Boyatzis, and McKee contend that "The fundamental task of leaders is to prime good feelings in those they lead." Americans have caught an optimistic virus from Obama. His Charisma exudes hope, dignity and the high road. All of these things are at a deficit in our culture and we are hungry for these characteristics.

Obama is a new hope for all of America. Like another great Black American leader Martin King, Jr, he is especially a new hope for Black Americans and Black males in particular. "Obama is the biggest thing for our people since Martin Luther King." I found myself saying this statement the other day and then reflecting on how significant it is for a Black man to be elected to the U.S. Presidency. What he does for the self-esteem of Black people and particularly Black men, is great and immeasurable. The limits have been taken off of our minds, and now we know that we can do anything humanly possible. Yes we can!

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Sustaining a People's History Through Food



Museum founder Kenneth Willhoite

Howard Zinn's book "A Peoples' History" gained wide attention for its revolutionary approach to history. Zinn's book retold history through the eyes of disenfranchised minorities. In the same spirit, Kenneth Willhoite embarked on his unique mission of preserving his peoples' history by keeping alive an entity central to their survival—soul food.

The Soul Food Museum, aptly located in the historic Martin Luther King Jr. district of Atlanta, is Willhoite's precious creation—a museum that chronicles all items related to the food traditions of African-Americans.

"I have been researching culinary arts and the hospitality industry for over 35 years. When I was 16 years old I threw my hands up to God and I asked God, 'What am I supposed to do as a little Black boy in America? Lord what is my mission, what is my vision, what is my destiny? I want to know,'" said Willhoite. "God answered my prayer and said, 'Son you are to document a peoples' history, and you are to cook good food and present that food well, and when given the opportunity, witness for me through the food.'"

"That's how the Soul Food Museum came to be, after researching for 35 years a peoples' history," said Willhoite

Touring the museum is a brief but intense experience. If not paying close attention, many will miss the numerous pieces complicatedly woven together throughout the museum. It's a collectors' heaven. Vintage items related to the evolution of African-American foods surprise most of its visitors. Additionally, the Soul Food Museum is a reservoir of unknown facts about the contributions of African-Americans to American cuisine

The 11-month old shop, which occasionally serves dishes named after famous visitors, has attracted a small following. However, the funky dishes and Willhoite's upbeat personality have been major stepping stones for the museum's success.

Willhoite has cooked and served food at several prestigious events around the country. Most notably, the Real Men Cook for Charity event in Washington D.C. Famed performers such as

Muhammad Ali, Quincy Jones, Felicia Rashad, and Isaac Hayes have discussed soul food with Willhoite and he has the pictures to prove it.

"Here at the Soul Food Museum we provide an array of support services for those who work with the culinary arts and hospitality industries, not only in Atlanta, Georgia, but throughout the United States and the World," explains Willhoite. "Here at the Soul Food Museum, you can receive assistance with your business plan, your marketing, motivation, inspiration and education. As a part of Soul Food Museum, our focus is laying a foundation for the youth, so that



they will be able to build on the legacy of our ancestors."

In celebration of the nation's induction of the first Black president, the Soul Food Museum plans to host several events during Black History Month. Barack Obama and Aretha Franklin are just 2 figures whose favorite dishes will be featured.

Entrance to the museum for adults is \$5 and \$3 for kids and senior citizens. The museum is located at 372 Auburn Ave. 678-508-9478.

The full interview can be found at www.overgroundrr.com.

The Massage Master



Ronald Church

"I have always been good with my hands," said the owner and operator of Massage Masters Inc, Ronald Church. As one of the one-hundred thousand massage therapists in the United States, Church promises an excellent massage with a personal touch.

"I've tried not to grow really big, to the point where my clients are just a number or they're just an appointment. I try to keep that friendly environment, were it's a personal relationship between the two of us," said Church.



Trained at the New Life Institute of Atlanta, Church remarks that in a world of increasing stress and uncertainty, individuals need to make better use of massage therapists like himself. Church opened Massage Masters

Inc in 2000 and maintains a work schedule of only 15 - 25 clients a week. Keeping the sessions personal is Church's trademark.

"My teachers told me that I was very good at deep tissue and neuromuscular therapy. I have focused my business as a specialist in neuromuscular therapy," said Church.

Massage Masters Inc offers a variety of discounts for both newcomers and regular customers, but the typical rate is \$65 per hour. The self-proclaimed "Massage Guru" boasts that if there is a massage technique being used, he can perform it, including hot stone massage, Swedish deep tissue, hot and cold, and many other massage techniques.

Interested in how others might experience Massage Masters, The Conductor solicited thoughts from someone who was well acquainted with Ronald and his services, "Being in there just really made me want to get a massage. It's comfortable and very intimate and clean. It's just really relaxing. Going there and developing a relationship with Ronald makes the experience less awkward. It beats going into a massage parlor and getting massaged by someone random," said Nate Small.

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