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Black Men In America Newsletter #70 - January 2008 Ordinary Men (and Women), Doing Extraordinary Things

Greetings!

Black Men In America.com is one of the most popular web sites in the country. We are 100% black owned and feature ordinary men (and women), living extraordinary lives--EVERYDAY!

Approximately 45% of our site visitors are women and we have a growing presence in the Latin American community. We offer visitors a forum to exchange information on a variety of subjects and issues.

The Gang Line

featuring Mike Ramey



A Message From Mike: "DON'T CALL ME BROTHER!"

Many of those who work in, or have worked in law enforcement, the courts, or the prisons ALWAYS get a good laugh when the subject of the infamous "No Snitch" code comes up. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Mike Ramey. I've worked as a probation officer in a juvenile court with male and female teen offenders from truants to armed robbers. I want to share some truths with you. Welcome to **The Gang Line**.

As you know gang violence is contributing to a disturbing crime trend across the country -- in 2006 murders were up 6.7 percent in cities with a million or more residents. According to FBI data there were more than 670,000 assaults with firearms between 2001 and 2005.

Here's a tip from me to parents and guardians. Should your child be arrested, do not rely upon a public defender. Find the money and pay for a private attorney who has experience in juvenile justice. [Click here to learn more.](#)

[Click Here To Visit "The Gang Line"](#)

Patti LaBelle To Soldiers: "I Got Your Back!"

By Moses T. Alexander Greene



Legendary Singer Supports Our Troops -- Exclusive Video

[In the GreeneRoom](#) Gospel Music Correspondent **Moses T.**

Alexander Greene interviewed the legendary **Patti LaBelle** who had a message of encouragement for our troops serving overseas.

Expect more exclusive videos from Moses in 2008.

[Click Here To See This Exclusive QuickTime Video](#)

[Patti Supports Our Troops](#)

Lori Jenaire

Vocalist/Songwriter Has A New CD



Multi-talented Performer Shines on "Fruition"

Lori's Jenaire's musical sojourn has reached "**Fruition**" with this release. Whether the perfect accompaniment to a romantic evening for two or background for a quiet evening alone, Lori Jenaire's voice is a soothing

antidote for the world's restlessness, commanding calm while defying limitations.

Jenaire graced the musical landscape a few years ago with her debut CD "**Within Reach.**" Jenaire has been honing her craft for well over a decade now. Busying herself with live and studio background gigs, opening dates for top entertainers and performances in night clubs and jazz festivals across the country, she was finally able to sit still long enough to personally pen a large portion of "**Fruition.**"

Not only an accomplished songwriter/ arranger, Jenaire is also a talented musician, playing guitar, bass and piano. Her resume also includes several national advertising jingles, for Coca-Cola, GE, and United Way, as well as soundtrack work for television and films. In fact, her music is heard regularly on the top rated syndicated television show, "**Girlfriends.**"

[Click here for more](#)

New Music Videos and Widgets

Raheem DeVaughn



Lori Jenaire, Chris Brown, Common, Justin Timberlake, Mighty Sam McClain & More

Check out our Video Music page to see the latest videos and listen to new music by **Chris Brown, Raheem DeVaughn, Jordin Sparks, Common** and **Mighty Sam McClain**.

You can also watch a rare interview with the reclusive **Sly Stone** at his home.

[Check out new music and videos.](#)

Dr. Julia Hare

Speaker Starred In One Of The Most Popular Videos Of 2007



Her View On The State of The Black Family

Dr. Julia Hare is widely regarded as one of the most dynamic motivational speakers in the country. Check out one of her most popular presentations and see for yourself why she is in demand at conferences and on college campuses.

[Click here](#) to see Dr. Julia Hare talking about the state of the black family in America at the **2007 State of the Black Union Conference**.

[Black Men In America.com TV](#)

Political News and Videos

Get The News On All The Major Candidates

BMI A.com and MSNBC Partner To Bring You The Latest Political News

With the upcoming presidential election we want our site visitors to be informed about national politics.

Thanks to our partnership with the **MSNBC Political Network**, you have access to the most up-to-date information about the 2008 political election including profiles on the candidates and their views.

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Blackonomics -- Featuring James Clingman

Read Jim's Informative Articles



The d'Zert Club Celebrates 10 Years

What is the d'Zert Club and how was it started? In 1992, **Helen McCrary Salahuddin**, a Philadelphia- based entertainment attorney/businesswoman who was managing the acting career of her young daughter, founded the organization with the help of her husband **Philip "Ali" Salahuddin**, a retired international entrepreneur, and internationally known recording artist "**DJ Jazzy Jeff**" **Townes**. At that time, the d'Zert Club specialized in producing positive entertainment and cultural events for elementary, middle and high school students that included talent showcases and benefit concerts featuring nationally known recording artists. [Click here to learn more.](#)

We also have one of the largest collections of [Black Oriented Links](#) on the Internet.

[If you're looking for Guest Commentary](#), visit our [TalkBack](#) section.

[Click here to read new articles by Jim Clingman.](#)

Black Men In America.com Solidly Behind Documentary "What Black Men Think"

Groundbreaking Film by Janks Morton Opens Minds About Myths Surrounding Black Men



DVD Is #1 Selling Black Documentary

WHAT BLACK MEN THINK by **Janks Morton** challenges many of the negative myths, assumptions and ideas that have been linked to Black Males. For example, "**Are there more black males in jail than in college?**" or "**Are black women contracting HIV at an increasing rate because of down-low brothers?**" **WHAT BLACK MEN THINK** gets to the bottom of many of these myths and dispels them. Additional controversial topics discussed include; "**Educational Attainment,**" "**Interracial relationships,**" "**Black Male Identity,**" "**Hostile Male Environments,**" "**The symbiosis of Media, Government and Black Leadership,**" "**Black male homosexuality**" and a variety of tough topics that the Black Community has parroted continuing the diminishment of Black Men's roles in American society.

Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint, Dr. Shelby Steele, Dr. John McWhorter, Michael Steele, Juan Williams, Armstrong Williams, Joseph C. Phillips and many others share their opinions and intimate feelings on a variety of issues, important to Black men. **Don't miss out. Join the movement! Click below to purchase the DVD now!**

[More On "What Black Men Think"](#)

Online Dating



Meet Your Match Online with Black Men In America Dating

Ladies, are you looking for a few good men? Fellas, are you tired of meeting unreliable ladies? Don't quit the dating game before giving us a try. **Black Men In America.com's** dating site-[Black Men In America Dating](#) located at blackmeninamerica.net. Membership is FREE and joining **Black Men In America Dating** makes you a member of one of the world's largest network of integrated online dating sites.

Other hot sites are [Black Dating and Romance](#) and [Hot Stuff Singles](#).

[Click here to meet your match.](#)

Motivational Moments

featuring Deborah Liverett



Monthly Column Motivates and Inspires Many

Do you need a motivational moment? Well our own **Deborah Liverett** may have the right words to get you through the day. Visit our [Motivational Moments](#) column.

What's one gift you can give yourself all year long that doesn't cost a thing? The gift of Joy! Joy is a spiritual union between life's unsettling moments and knowing you are divinely protected. Joy understands what is happening around you is real, but it does not define you. Joy isn't an emotion, it's a quality that resides in each of us; that ride us through the negative stuff in life. Joy is an energy that allows us to see beyond the problems. It's a faith in something greater than us. Joy

reminds us that we have moved beyond hard times before and survived, often in a better way than we could have imagined.

Deborah Liverett is a life coach. She helps people who are ready to make changes in their lives determine their steps. You can reach her at LiveLifeCoaching@comcast.net.

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Start The New Year Off With A Healthy Attitude



Black Men In America.com will be more aggressive in our efforts to educate the black community about the risks associated with colon cancer and other diseases that disproportionately affect our community.

To this end we will use a wide range of resources throughout the health and medical industries. This month's feature article is **7 Foods To Keep You Young**.

[Click here to read a collection of health and fitness articles.](#)

Xpress Yourself Publishing Poised To Take 2008 By Storm



Author Jessica Tilles Expands Her Brand For The New Year

For the past five years, author [Jessica Tilles](#) has tirelessly worked to be both a successful author and build a publishing business. Mission accomplished!

With a prestigious roster of talented writers (some of whom are nationally recognized), **Jessica Tilles** is the Founder and Publisher of **Xpress Yourself Publishing, LLC**.

Founded in 2002, **Xpress Yourself Publishing (XYP)** is dedicated to publishing general interest fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. In addition, XYP offers entertaining,

every genre.

If that's not enough, Ms. Tilles is reaching out to help aspiring writers learn the "in's and out's" of the publishing business with "straight-talk" book about the publishing business scheduled for release in 2008.

Xpress Yourself Publishing is a full service operation courtesy of [The Writer's Assistant](#), a company subsidiary. [The Writer's Assistant](#) offers assistance in all areas of typing (manuscripts, manuals, handwritten, etc.), typesetting, editing, data entry, book cover design, scripts/screenplays, newsletters, bookmarks, post card design, brochures, and much more. If you're a reader, writer, prospective author or someone in need of graphic design, you owe it to yourself to check out **Jessica Tilles** and her companies. Her work is first rate.

Jessica Tilles and Xpress Yourself Publishing, LLC

Kam Williams -- Nobody Does It Better

by Gary A. Johnson



Acclaimed Film and Literary Critic Continues To Shine

When it comes to film and book reviews, nobody does it "better" than **Kam Williams**. In my view, **Kam Williams** is deserving of wider recognition. No one has consistently performed better at his craft than Kam. He is fair, objective and supportive of black media. And from a personal perspective, no one has been more professional and gracious.

For those of you who don't know about **Kam Williams**, he is a syndicated film and book critic who writes for over one hundred 100 publications around the U.S. and Canada. He's also a member of the **New York Film Critics Online, the African-American Film Critics Association, the NAACP Image Awards Nominating Committee, and Rotten Tomatoes**. In addition to a BA in Black Studies from Cornell, he has an MA in English from Brown, an MBA from The Wharton School, and a JD from Boston University. Kam lives in Princeton, NJ with his wife and son.

Kam closes out 2007 with his **Blacktrospective 2007**, which is his annual review of the best and worst in Black cinema. If you like movies, you don't want to miss this. [Click here](#) to check out Kam's best and worst in movies for 2007.

[Kam Williams "Blacktrospective 2007"](#)

Introducing GraffitiPink.com



24-Year Old Entrepreneur Launches Online Lingerie Business

Jasmine Imani, is the co-owner of [GraffitiPink.com](#), the newest, hottest, one-stop special destination shop for exclusive American and European intimates. The budding 24-year old is obviously on to something as over 300 attendees came out to celebrate the site's official launch last fall in West Hollywood, CA. Celebrity party participants included **Stacey Dash** and **Dorien Wilson**.

Created by **Light Silver** and **Jasmine Imani**, **GraffitiPink.com** ([GraffitiPink.com](#)) features haute intimates, emerging specialty brands and the original Cotton Candy line. The **Graffiti Pink** premium intimates lines and perfume will debut in February for Valentine's Day. Savvy, sexy and distinctive, [GraffitiPink.com](#) is poised to change the way woman (and men) shop for lingerie.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Black Men In America.com Recognized As Site Of The Year



On the heels of winning the **Black Web Award**, **Black Men In America.com** Founder & Publisher **Gary Johnson** was cited by **Janks Morton** for his contributions to the black community and **Black Men In America.com** was recognized as "**Site of The Year.**"

In addition to Gary, Janks acknowledges the

work of other great activists groups like **Save Our Sons (S.O.S.) & B.A.A.A.M. (Baltimore African American Alliance for Men)**, great bloggers like **Homelandcolors** and **What about our Daughters**. Great University (BSU's) Organizations from Stanford to Yale. Janks described these folks as "an amazing bunch of boots to the ground people, who in their hearts want to see the best for all of us."

[Click here for more.](#)

[Black Men In America.com Wins Site of the Year Award](#)

Black Men In America.com Premium Soulful Blend Coffee



If you're a coffee drinker, or know someone who loves coffee, treat yourself to our premium and exclusive soulful blend of coffee made by **Farley's Coffee, Inc., The Coffee With a Classic Taste!**

Sit back and enjoy this exclusive, rich, smooth blend of French roasted coffee that is a favorite among book clubs and investment groups across the country. Connoisseurs will truly appreciate this delectable blend and will find their taste buds requesting it again and again. We also have a decaffeinated blend.

[Black Men In America.com Premium Coffee Blend](#)

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