

WE LIVE  
IN A  
CONTINUUM

When we are not actively aware of our place in the hierarchy of life, we are as fish out of water.

When we do not value, claim or document our collective contributions to civilization, then others who recognize its value and worth will claim it as their own.

Each generation inherits its own cross. When I compare my cross to that of my ancestors, I am overwhelmed by a great sense of humility and indebtedness. I feel a personal connection with these unsung heroes it is through their courageous perseverance and insightfulness that I am a living benefactor of the African American continuum.

I understand what Toni Morrison means when she says, "The price has been paid."

Grace Carter-Douglas  
2001

SACRAMENTO TIME LINE

1844.. WILLIAM LEIDESDORFF

is granted 35,000 acres extending on the south side of the American River from today's Bradshaw Road along that waterway to the present city of Folsom.

1849... AFRICAN AMERICANS DISCOVER GOLD AT NEGRO BAR

Negro Bar, located at the south fork of the American River in Folsom, was one of the largest Black communities during the nineteenth century gold rush area. Black Forty Miners, worked, lived and established this mining camp.

1850... AFRICAN AMERICAN PIONEER JAMES P. BECKWORTH

discovers lowest pass to cross the Sierra. He leads a party of settlers to Marysville.

1850... SAINT ANDREWS AFRICAN METHODIST

Episcopal Church is founded. It is the first Black organization founded in Sacramento.

1853... NOVEMBER 6... PHILOMETHEAN

Lodge #2 Free and Accepted Masons, the oldest Black fraternal lodge on the west coast, is founded by Dr. J.R. Fletcher.

1854 MAY 29... FIRST BLACK SCHOOL IN SACRAMENTO

is started by Elizabeth Thron Scott, the Mother of Lydia Flood-Jackson. Lydia Flood-Jackson was the West Coast Madam C.J. Walker.

1855 NOVEMBER 20 - 22... ST. ANDREWS AFRICAN

Methodist Episcopal Church hosts the First State wide Colored Citizens Convention. The general assembly creates an association of auxiliaries and establishes a \$10,000 discretionary fund to wage a statewide campaign against laws denying African Americans the right to vote and the right to give testimony against a white person. (See Proceedings of the State Convention of Colored Citizens of the State of California, Sacramento, 1855, 1856, 1865.)

1856 DECEMBER 9-12... SECOND AFRICAN

American Convention creates a committee to spearhead a campaign to repeal the 1852 law barring Black children from public schools. As an interim measure, the committee affirms its commitment to establish private schools to provide immediate instruction.

1856... SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

First Black Baptist church organized at 5th Street between N

and O streets .

1917... KYLE TEMPLE AME ZION IS FOUNDED

with seven members by Thomas Allen Harvey who served as its first pastor. Pastor Harvey filed the first discrimination suit in Sacramento.

1920... DR. RICHARDSON,

Sacramento's first Black general practitioner He treats patients at Agnes Hospital, a Japanese facility. Richardson tries to establish a clinic. Receives no support and leaves Sacramento in 1930.

1925... NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

is organized by Rev. W.H. Hughes

1929 SEPTEMBER... ANNE VIRGINIA COKER

is admitted to the California Bar.

1930... ROSCOE BREWER, D.D.S COMES TO SACRAMENTO.

He is Sacramento's First African American dentist. He sets up his office at 1517 - 7th Street.

1930... DUNLAP'S DINING ROOM OPENS IN OAK PARK

at the end of Fourth Avenue, on the edge of Oak Park. It was nown for its fried and smothered chicken, baked ham and T-bone steaks. Well to do clients from all over the region came to dine at this family run business. Its legacy is on permanent display at the Discovery Museum 101 "T" Street in Old Sacramento.

1936... THE NEGRO WOMENS' CIVIC & IMPROVEMENT

Club is founded with the merger of three African American Women's clubs.... The Ladie's Monday Club, followed by the NUG Arts Club and thrid to be formed was the Sorosis Club. The NUG Club and be traced back to 1923. Viola Brooks was the first president of WCIC.

1940... DR. KENNETH JOHNSON

arrives in Sacramento.

1940... TED THOMPSON ARRIVES IN SACRAMENTO

For 16 years he is the only Black mortician in Sacramento.

1940 AUGUST 7... VIRNA M. CANSON

comes to Sacramento. She is remembered for her involment in the NAAC.P .

1942... REVEREND J. T. MUSE

founds the Sacramento Outlook, the predecessor of today's Sacramento Observer. Rev Muse came to Sacramento in 1934 as minister of Shiloh Baptist Church. The Outlet covered issues

pertinent to the Black liberation struggle

1942... ZANZABAR NIGHT CLUB OPENS ON CAPITOL AVENUE.

1953... ATTORNEY DOUGLAS GREER ESTABLISHES PRACTICE

1954 NOVEMBER... GEORGE STEWART, D.D.S

opens a private practice off of Broadway and Martin Luther King Blvd.

1954... ATTORNEY NATHANIEL COLLEY

and family are greeted a with a burning cross at their front door in 1955 when the family moves into their Land Park. They are the first African American family to buy a house in South Land Park.

1955... ABRAHAM MCINTOSH ARRIVES IN SACRAMENTO

to complete his medical internship at the Sacramento County Hospital.

1956... ATTORNEY CLARENCE CANSON

establishes his practice

1958 MARCH 14... THE SACRAMENTO OUTLOOK,

lists African American professional as: 11 dentist; 35 technical engineers, 3 architects, 16 clergymen, 4 attorneys, 6 physicians, 32 social workers, 41 public schools teachers, 814 clerical workers, 4 policemen, 10 firemen, 486 skilled craftsmen, 112 salaried managers & officials and 56 small business owners.

1959... ATTORNEY L. ARCHIE HARRIS ESTABLISHES HIS PRACTICE

1959... PATRICIA WILLIAMS WINS

Miss Sacramento pageant. This makes her the first African American woman to become eligible for the Miss America pageant.

1962... REV MUSE SELLS THE SACRAMENTO OUTLOOK

to the Men's Civic League. Buyers were Attorney Douglas Greer, Attorney Lucy Greer Amerson, Realtor Ed Bussey. Disjockey Geno Gladden, John Cole and Realtor William J. Lee.

1962 NOVEMBER 2... THE SACRAMENTO OBSERVER

Sacramento's leading African American Newspaper is founded by Gino Gladden. William Lee, John Cole.

1962... ROSENWALD ROBERTSON

is assigned Executive Director of the Untied Christian Centers of the Greater Sacramento area. He supervises 25 staff positions, operation and maintenance of three center building complexes, and financial supervision of a multitude of programs.

- 1963 AUGUST 17... STANFORD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
on Sacramento Blvd. is burned to the ground
- 1963 DECEMBER 9... CITIZENS COMMITTEE CONVENES  
to studies de facto segregation. School Identified as  
segregated were American Legion, Donner, Camellia,  
Argonaut, Elder Creek. African American students are  
bussed out of their communities. American Legion  
is turned into an adult education facility, Argonaut is  
closed, student attendance at other schools is reduced.  
Grant Union High bused Black student to Rio Linda  
High School. The result was racial violence. (See  
unpublished Master Thesis CSUS by James Williams:  
“A Study of Freeport Manor and selected variables as  
related to the positions residents took toward closing of  
Argonaut School.”)
- 1965... MARION WOODS IS FIRST DIRECTOR OF SAEOC  
Six identified poverty areas: Washington, Southside,  
Oak Park, Glen Elder, Del Paso Heights and Garland.
- 1967... GEORGE S. STEWART, D.D.S.  
is the first African American elected to serve on the  
Los Rios Community College School District Board of  
Trustees.
- 1967... KENNETH G. PONDER. D.D.S.  
opens private practice
- 1967... Milton McGee elected to City Council  
McGhee is the first African American to be elected to  
this position in Sacramento
- 1967... May... Black Panthers  
visit the State Capitol to protest a bill outlawing the  
right to carry fire arms. Bee headline. “Capitol Is  
Invaded,” followed by subhead: “State Police Halts  
Armed Negro Band.”
- 1968... SACRAMENTO POLICE BATTLE  
with Sacramento Black Panthers
- 1968 JULY 6... BLACK AND WHITE BASEBALL TEAMS BATTLE  
it out in McClatchy Park
- 1968... TEMPLE 73 IS ORGANIZED IN OAK PARK  
at Sacramento Blvd. near 8th Avenue. In the early 70’s

it moves to 35th Street. They establish the Shabazz Fish 'N' Chips Restaurant, a grocery store and bakery.

1968... SACRAMENTO URBAN LEAGUES

receives local charter.

1969... BLACK PANTHERS FORM

Breakfast Program in Oak Park

1969 JUNE 16... SHOOT OUT IN OAK PARK

More than 100 shoots are exchanged between police and Black community in the McClatchy Park vicinity, between 5th Street and 35th Streets. Fifteens to 20 persons are injured and 38 are arrested. African Americans say their community is an occupied zone. On June 20, over 450 persons packed the City Council chambers in response to the shoot out. City Council calls for a Grand Jury Investigation to probe police action during the disturbance as well as the conduct of Oak Park citizens in evolved in the June 16 confrontation.

1969... "THE ZEBRA COMPANY"

Sacramento State College Drama Department supports the Black theatre group known as the "Zebra Company." In the spring of 1969 and 1970, the company" Produced Clara's Ole Man by Ed Bullin and the Dutchman by Leroi Jones. Martin heads Production; Adrian Woodfork heads Public Relations and Publicity; Michael Benjamin heads Technical and Props; Larry Grand is its House Manager and Merrill Wozniak is its Photographer. Other members included: Don Brown, Debbie Daniels, Richard Fauntleroy, Larry Grand, Ed Jefferson, Clint Jones, LaRay Miles, Rhonda Rodgers, Mel Rosier, Sharyn Sephus, Debbie Watson, Dorothy Wilson.

1970... SON/ANCESTORS AT CSUS

the Pan African Studies Department in conjunction with the Drama Department founds Son /Ancestors under the direction of Playwright/Director Paul Carter Harrison. Under Harrison's guidance 30 students from the college and the Afro-American community developed African American styles of ensemble acting or ritual. It was a most ambitious program including Black thought (African Philosophy), Acting techniques through modal forms, and development of Black literature for production. However emphasis was placed on those styles that reflected the African continuum. The program encompassed a resource center for theatre

scholars and artists. A consultant service was available for problems germane to Afro-American ritual. The program also augmented the cultural initiatives of the community. And more importantly, and filled the cultural vacuum for Black Students in theatre arts. Workshops were conducted in the Black community which allowed students to develop skills consistent with Black theatre styles. The works of Black Playwrights were researched and compiled for scheduling and production within the CSUS Drama Department's seasonal programs. This work prepared through the auspices of the Pan African Studies Department at CSUS was the most ambitious program on the west coast in terms of establishing acting styles consistent with African American sensibilities. Three one act plays were prepared for travel: "Home Cooking" and "Andrew" by Clay Goss, Playwright in Residence at Howard University, and "Sister Sonji" by Sonya Sanchez. Harrison produced and directed Ain't Supposed to Die a Natural Death, written by Melvin Van Peebles and adaptation of Amos Tutol's novel, The Palm Wine Drinkard. The Great MacDaddy was Harrison's last play at CSUS. He took this play to New York City where it won an OBIE.

1970... WILSON C. RILES

is elected superintendent of public Instruction

1970... MAY 9... BERNARD BENNET

while patrolling 35th Street in Oak Park is fatally shot by a sniper. Seven African American men are arrested May 30, 1970. Within hours the African American community forms a defense fund and circulates a petition demanding the arrested men get a fair hearing in court. Four of the arrested men are arraigned and tried on conspiracy charges. These four men become known as the Oak Park Four. The other three men become witness for the prosecution. Attorney for defendants are Joseph Cooper, Douglas Greer, James Long, and public defender Kenneth Well.

1970 AUGUST - SEPTEMBER... THE ZEBRA COMPANY

produced "The First Militant Minister" by Ben Cadwell, "Flowers For The Trashman" by Marvin Jackson and "How Do You Do" by Ed Bullins at the Outdoor Theatre at Sacramento State College.

1971... JAMES FISHER PH.D. THESIS:

"A History of the Political and Social Development of Black Community in California."

1971... HAROLD EUGENE PARR,  
Unpublished M.A. Thesis CSUS., "The Poverty Program and  
SAECO (1964-68)"

1971... NOVEMBER... ROSENWALD ROBERTSON  
represents District 2 on the Sacramento City Counsel.

1971 JAN 28... OAK PARK FOUR ACQUITTED.  
Superior Court Judge Joseph Decristoforo dismissed all  
charges against the Oak Park Four

1972 DECEMBER 3... RAYMOND BREWER  
SHOT BY SACRAMENTO POLICE.

Fifteen year-old Brewer is shot in the back by three Sacramento police. After shooting him in the leg, they shot him in the back. The three police were on a stake out for robbery suspects. Brewer's two friends, Adrian Richardson and Larry Ward who were walking with Brewer were handcuffed and beaten by the police. The three officers were assigned to desk jobs. African American community felt the three policemen were trigger happy and that murder charges should be brought against them. On December 7, 300 angry Black people packed the city council chamber and corridors, and made the following demands: suspension of the officers until a complete investigation is made; creation of an investigation commission, stricter gun control polices for the police, a permanent citizens advisory commission and for city to pay funeral expenses for the Brewer family. City sets up a multiracial committee to investigate the shooting.

1973... REV. ASBURY PAUL JONES  
is the first African American Chaplain in the State Legislature  
in the first 124 years of the state

1973... DR. EDWARD FORT  
becomes first African American to Serve as Superintendent of  
the Sacramento City Unified School District

1973 JUNE... RUMBLE, INC. PUBLISHES  
its first issue featuring a commentary by Dr. David Covin  
on the relevancy of the Citizens Committee appointed by  
the City Council to address African American grievances  
following the fatal shooting of teenager Raymond Brewer by  
Sacramento cops.

1973 AUGUST 2... A 24 MEMBER COMMITTEE  
chaired by Joseph Cooper releases report on "Police Prac-  
tices" to the Sacramento City Council.

- 1974... WILSON RILES (CHECK DATE)  
is elected as California State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He is the first Black to ever be elected to a state wide office in California
- 1974... THOMAS DAUGHERTY  
becomes first African American Judge appointed to the Sacramento bench
- 1974... POLICE RAID AND CONFISCATE DOCUMENTS  
at the Muslim Temple located at 2952 35th Street. Following the raid a press conference is held at McClatchy Park on April 25. The NAACP, Urban League, Sacramento Area Black Caucus, and the Sacramento Black Media Association all give statements saying the raid was unjustifiable "harassment."
- 1974 JUNE 16... SACRAMENTO AREA BLACK CAUCUS  
holds their First Unity festival at Miller Park.
- 1974 AUGUST 1... VIRNA CANSON  
becomes Regional Director, of NAACP West Coast Region.
- 1974 NOVEMBER 11. ELEVEN YEAR OLD STEPHANIE BLACK'S  
body is found in a swampy rice field about five miles from Rio Linda. She was last seen Oct 24, while waiting for a school bus in Rio Linda. Her father was murdered several years ago in a barroom fight.
- 1975.. CALLEY CARNEY  
appointed to the Sacramento City Council
- 1975 JANUARY 10... THE SUFFOCATED BODY OF  
Harrie Elizabeth Riley is found stuffed in a large trash container a mile and a half from her home. Her body is fully cloth, face up, wrapped in a white bed sheet under some papers. The day before on January 9, Harriet Elizabeth Riley leaves home at 3:45 p.m. to play four blocks away in Larchmont Park. When she didn't return by 6 p.m. her Mother reported her missing. Deputies and volunteers search the child throughout the night. The next day, January 10, a cleaning woman finds Harriet Elizabeth Riley's body stuffed in a large trash container. Mrs. Riely first hears about her daughter's death in a television broadcast. She collapses and is rushed to nearby McClellan Air Force Base hospital for treatment. Harriet is seen playing with two boys in Larchmont Park near her home after school January 9. The boys told detectives they placed pieces of plastic

wrapping material over Harriett's face and tied her ankles with twine while "engaged in playful children's activities in the home of one of the boys." Sheriff Duane Lowe said the boys were unable to explain to detectives what happened after the "game" ended. He said they apparently left the house shortly after 7 p.m.... Harriett her feet bound and face covered was left inside, apparently dead, Lowe said. We do not believe the body was moved by the little boys. And we do not believe the two boys had any malice whatsoever in the game they were playing.... she... in all probability died by suffocation and probably by accident." They were not charged with any crime. The question of who put Harriet's body in the trash can remains unsolved. The Sacramento Branch of the NAACP said the way Sheriff Duane Lowe conducted the investigation into the death of Harriet Elizabeth Riley would do "little to advance the confidence of the Black community in the sheriff's department."

1976 APRIL 23 - 24... BLACK POLITICAL CONVENTION  
is organized by Naaman Brown convenes.

1977... ALEX HALEY, AUTHOR OF "ROOTS"  
visits Sacramento

1977 FEBRUARY 20... PROCLAIMED ALEX HALEY DAY  
in commemoration of Haley's outstanding novel, Roots.

1978... SACRAMENTO HOMICIDES VICTIMS  
King C. Brown shot January 7, Robert Taylor stabbed January 22, Donald Harian, shot January 31, Roy E. Hayes shot February 16, Exia Cathy shot March 4, Kevin J. Coleman shot March 4, E Heidelberg shot March 24, Donald W. Bates shot April 9, Bettye Harris stabbed April 15, Roy Middleton stabbed April 20, Harvey L. Hearn shot May 6, Melvin Belton shot May 6, Dennis Robinson stabbed May 23, Tom C. Sessions shot May 28, Curtis Thomas shot May 30, M.D. Douglas shot June 15, ZL Dorsey shot June 21, Dan Woldridge shot June 30, Georhe Cowart stabbed July 21, Eddie A. Selmon shot July 28, R.L. Preston shot August 5, Bob Thompson shot Seot 24, Larry Williams shot November 14, Melvin J. Paige shot December 5, Willie Jackson shot December 8, Ralph L. Dellsid stabbed December 10, Percy Jones shot December 28. (Sacramento Bee Special Report)

1978... BAPAC HOLDS BLACK POLITICAL CONVENTION

1978... SACRAMENTO REPERTORY THEATRE IS OPENED

on the corner of 7th Street and Stockton Boulevard by Michael and Dorothy Benjamin with the seven one-act plays in the summer of 1979.

1978 JANUARY 15... ACTING GOVERNOR MERVYN M.

Dymally proclaimed Martin Luther King Day

1978 APRIL 22... ANTI BAKKE DAY

In 1973 and 1974 Allan Bakke, a 34 year-old white engineer applied to admission to the UC Davis medical school and was denied admission both times. Encouraged by a university official, Bakke filed suit against the University of California in 1974 alleging that students less qualified than he, were admitted under the special admissions program solely because of their race. He claimed he was a victim of "reverse racial discrimination," and that the Davis special admission program violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment and was therefore unconstitutional. In turn UC Davis filed a counter suit to insure that the constitutionality of the special admissions program be determined and not just whether Bakke should or should not be admitted to the Davis medical school. No actual trial was held. Instead the case was decided solely on the basis of written evidence. On this meager foundation, Judge Manker, who came out of retirement just to hear this case, ruled that the special admissions program did discriminate against Bakke because of his race and was therefore unconstitutional. He also concluded that Bakke was not entitled to an order of admission to Davis. As a result both Bakke and UC Davis appealed the decision. Because of the importance issues involved in this case the Court of Appeal was bypassed and the California Supreme Court transferred the case to its own review.

1978... BAKKE V THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF

California. The U.S Supreme Court declared racial quotas unconstitutional. Progressive African Americans drew a correlation between this decision and the Dred Scott decision of 1856. The rights of Black people still lies upon the "whims of white people." In America the legal precedent for the treatment of Blacks is as slave, not as people.

1979 FEBRUARY 18... RUMBLE, INC.

hosts its first Black Leadership Services Awards program at Cosumnes River College. Recipients include Attorney Nathaniel Colley, , Los Rios Community College District Board Trustee Dr. George S. Stewart. Del Paso Community Activist George Smith. CSUS Professor Michael Gates for his two award-winning plays. Visual Artist Bob Burge. Tryone Netters for his untiring commitment to overturn the Bakke decision.

Performing Artist Pam Kay. Presenting awards were City Councilman, Dan Thompson, Professor David Covin, Poet Eugene Redmond, and Publisher Grace Douglas. Key note speaker was East Palo Alto Mayor and founder of Nairobi Day Care School Gertrude Wilks. Mrs. Wilks' profound address is on file in our Archives. Email us at [riverscitygriot@sbcglobal.net](mailto:riverscitygriot@sbcglobal.net) for a transcript.

1979 APRIL ... VERNON FREEMAN

becomes Executive Director of the United Christian Centers.

1979 JULY 25... THE MILTON BAKER, JR.

Community Coalition for Justice forms an ad hoc committee in August of 1979 after seventeen year old Milton Baker Jr. died from the slashing of his two main arteries in the neck. When Milton's parents asked that charges be brought against his two white assailants, they were told by the Sheriff's department that Milton's death was the result of a mutual conflict among three men. And that even though the two men delivered the fatal stab, they acted in self defense. Sheriff officials said there was no grounds to prosecute and closed the case. The purpose of the ad hoc coalition was to bring this matter to the attention of the Black community. To get the case reopened and to get due process for Milton Baker, Jr.

1980... CARL C. MACK, JR.

becomes Executive Officer of Del Paso Height Elementary School District

1980... BENIN MEDIA SERVICES

is launched by Ndugu B. Chui (aka Byron Robinson)

1980... BLACK MARKET DIRECTORY

publishes first issue. The tabloid is founded by Grace Carter-Douglas and her brother Herald Wayne Carter. Its coverage included an African American business directory, profiles and article addressing the status of the local Black community

1980 APRIL 20... DR. DONALD CHEEK

author of *Assertive Black, Puzzled White* is keynote speaker at Rumble Inc.'s Second Leadership Service Awards. 1980 Recipients are Asa G. Hilliard, III, dean of the school of education at San Francisco State University, Mel Assagai, staff reporter at the Sacramento Bee, Adrian Woodfork program host for KCRA, Artist Mark Teemer, Community Servant Margaret (Mama) Marks, Professor Otis Scott, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church Ephraim Williams, and Debbie K. Lewis, student at Valley High School. Dr Cheeks address is available.

1981 SEPTEMBER 27... RUMBLE, INC.

hosts Third Leadership Service Awards. Recipients were Dr. Carl Mack, Dr. Howard Harris, Neville M. Bowen, Michael and Dorothy Benjamin, Adrian Woodfork, Silvia Spencer. Keynote speaker was Cal Poly Professor Locksley Geoghagen

1982... JAMES L. LONG APPOINTED JUDGE

1982... COMPUTER ALTERNATIVE CENTER

for Independent Study is opened by the Black Sacramento Christian Club Organizers. The Organization offers free computer classes for children ages 12 -17. Tutoring in basic English and Math, and used clothing and household store.

1982 DECEMBER... ALICE A. LYTTLE BECOMES

Sacramento's first Black woman municipal court judge.

1983 APRIL... LOUIS CARTER

is appointed State Superintendent of Banks by Gov. Deukmejian

1983 DECEMBER 15, 1983... TRI-UNIVERSAL CONCEPT

organizes the fourth Annual Martin Luther King Day Memorial March and Rally to celebrate passage of legislation making the slain human rights leader's birthday a national holiday. The march begins at 1:00 P.M. at the Crocker Art Gallery Park and ends up at the West steps of the State Capitol building for a scheduled rally. Neville M. Bowen is president of Tri Universal Concepts and the organizer and coordinator of the march.

1984... CAROLS BOOKS AND THINGS

specializing in books on African American subjects opens at the Courtyard on Freeport Boulevard.

1984... CALIFORNIA CULTURAL ASSEMBLY

hosts Jazz Outreach Clinics, Summer Workshops and Giant of Jazz Concert. Over a 100 students participate in an intensive 10 day Jazz music instruction. Each five day workshops culminates in a Friday night concert, featuring student ensemble groups, jazz instructors and guest artists. Robin Ware is founder of the California Culture Assembly

1984... CALIFORNIA CULTURAL ASSEMBLY

Creates and produces Sacramento's first comprehensive

60 panel travelling exhibit profiling over 200 little known women making significant contributions to the United States. This same year it publishes Sacramento's first and only comprehensive 12 month multi-cultural events calendar.

1985 OCTOBER 18... CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION

of Black Social Workers host conference: "Our Heritage and Our Future: Who will Protect them." Keynote speaker John Colen, Dean of School of Health and Human Services CSUS.

1986... DR. ALLAN GORDON

Art Historian and Chairman of the Art Department at CSUS organizes exhibition of contemporary California Black Artists. The exhibition entitled "Works on Paper by Black Artist" includes drawings, watercolors, gouaches and prints. Artists represented include Dewey Crumpler, Mike Henderson, Margo Humphrey, Oliver Jackson, John Franklin King, Mary Lovelace O'Neal, Leslie Kenneth Price, Betye Saar, Raymond Saunders, and Stephen von Mason. Also shown were the works of Charles White (1918-1979) who's work is highly influential on many younger Black artists.

1985... DR. WILLIAM LEE,

PUBLISHER OF THE SACRAMENTO OBSERVER

is named publisher of the year by the West Coast Black Publishers Association

1986 APRIL... DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ASSASSINATED

1986 APRIL 14... SENATOR DAVID ROBERTI

commends Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for its support of Families for Literacy Program Measure and for its many contributions to the citizens of California

1986 MAY... BLACK ADVOCATES IN STATE SERVICES

Senate President Pro Tempore, David Roberti commends Black Advocates in State Services for addressing the needs of Black state employees and the Black community. Bass represents more than 13,000 Black state employees. The organization, established more than a decade ago, was founded to address the needs of Black state employees and the Black community at large.

1986 MAY 21... MELISSA CADET IS PROJECT DIRECTOR

of the Minority Business Development Center this year opened.

1986.. RAYMOND J. CHARLES

is the first African American fire chief in the city.

1986 MAY 31... DOROTHY ENOMOTO

Black Women gather at the home of Dorothy Enomoto to chat on what's happening in "old jobs, new jobs, old money, new money, new careers, new moms, new grandmothers, new attitudes, helping hands, caring, loving. Black is still beautiful.

1986 JUNE 16... SACRAMENTO REPERTORY THEATRE

commemorates the Soweto Massacre. Guest speaker is Mr. Mosala Mosagome, a survivor of the 1976 Massacre and an ANC Freedom Fighter student in exile. On this day racist south African troops shot unarmed Black students in the back as they ran for cover.

1986 OCTOBER 8... JUDGE ALICE LYTLE

is appointed to California Council of Criminal Justice

1987... GRANTLAND JOHSON

represents the northwest county of Sacramento as the first African American elected to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

1987... SACRAMENTO VALLEY RAINBOW COALITION

Organizing Committee. Local citizens organize to support Jesse Jackson for President under the banner " jobs, peace and justice." Supporters included: Grantland Johnson, supervisor, Sacramento County; Trustee Ida Russel, Andrea Rosa-Tedla, Co-Chair, SVRCOC; David Fontaine, Trustee, Grant Joint Union School District; Alan Rowe, President Grant Joint Union School District; James Shelby, Director, Citrus Heights Fire District; Leslie Campbell, Trustee, Del Paso Heights Elementary School District; Charlotte Bolton, Ronald Colthirst; David Covin; Vincent Harris; Tyrone Netters

1987... BLACK STUDENT SCHOLARS

sponsor Trade Fair at American River College

1987 JANUARY... SACRAMENTO AREA

FREE SOUTH AFRICA MOVEMENT

in conjunction with the Sacramento Area Black Caucus and Black Advocates in State Service sponsored a bus trip to San Francisco to see the new musical, "Sinning in Sun City by Ed Bullins and South African playwright Selaelo Maderi. The event doubled as a fund-raiser to fight antiapartheid activities. (See Vincent Harris letter to the Bee)

1987... SOUTH AFRICA DIVESTITURE ORDINANCE

A packed chamber gives City Council a standing ovation for unanimously adopting an ordinance prohibiting the city of Sacramento from doing business with firms having ties with South Africa.

1987 JANUARY 15... MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

FIGHTING THE BATTLES WE THOUGHT WE WON, a tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring Hon. John Conyers, Jr. and Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ Choir at Freeborn Hall University of California Davis

1987 FEBRUARY 12... LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS

host Black Family Forum at the State Capitol. Forum examine the effect of state polices on the Black Family. Issues covered at the free forum included homelessness, tax reform, welfare reform, state wide health issues, educational funding, crime and employment

1987 JUNE 14... PROJECT SEED

holds open house. Participants included Cloteal Issac, Outreach Administration Counselor at CSUS; Dr. Barry Tucker, Dean of students, Sacramento City College; Marion Woods, of Marion Woods & Associates Economic Opportunities; Richard Tillso, Asst. Deputy Director, Prevention & Corrections, CYA--Deliquesces Prevention; Peggy Brown, Concert Artist; Voices of Triumph, Calvary Christian Center; Earl Owensby, Saxophonist.

1987 OCTOBER 13... DEL PASO HEIGHT

PASTOR SIM WALTON JR.

is shoot down in downtown Sacramento by a white man driver at the corner of 8th and J streets. He fired three shots. Thomas E. Pruitt, a Black pedestrian suffered a superficial neck wound from one of three bullets. Pruitt said he saw the rifle in the passing car, and I could see the gunman wasn't shucking or jiving so I ran to the side. He aimed at me. Shot once and missed. Then he shot the other guy twice. Pruitt suffered a superficial neck wound from a bullet that passed through his collar. Pastor Walton was shot dead. He came to California from Louisiana in 1941 and worked as a forklift operator at Sacramento Army Depot. He was the first and only pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church. He was described as a non violent man who always wanted to reconcile. (Source Sac Bee)

1987 NOVEMBER... AQUARIAN SPIRITUAL CENTER

convenes a three day Regional Conference in Sacramento at the Beverly Garland Hotel. The conference is coordinated by Grace Carter-Douglas. She is a member of the Sacramento

Chapter of the Mary Ellen Pleasant Lodge. Conference Subject: "Self is Intimacy: Coming to Terms with your Anima and Animus."

1988 JANUARY 19... RUMBLE, INC.

holds reception at Crocker Art Gallery for the newly published anthology: *The Griot: An anthology of African Necromancers*. The rare collection is a compilation of local black writers

1988... GRACE CARTER-DOUGLAS

READS FROM HER BOOK:

*The Griot: an anthology of African Necromancers* at the Sacramento Valley Chapter of the National Black Women's Health Project,

1988 JUNE 5... SOPRANO MARLYNN SMITH

in concert at Strauss Island in Elk Grove. Smith a native of Sacramento, received her Bachelor of Music Degree from the Conservatory of Music, University of Pacific and her Master of Music Degree from the San Francisco Conservatory in Voice Performance. She studied at the Summer Vocal Institute in Graz, Austria.

1988... THE PAN AFRICAN STUDIES CSUS,

in conjunction with the visiting Scholars Committee presents a week long retrospective on the historical and political setting of the Harlem Renaissance. The symposium highlights the roots of the Renaissance and Black Life in the 1920's. Participants include historian Harold Cruse, Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Michigan, and author of *The Crisis of the Negro Intellectual*, Robert A. Hill, Editor-in-Chief of the *Marcus Garvey Papers* at UCLA, former poet in residence at CSUS Eugene Redmond, Professors Hortense Thornton, Allan Gordan, Otis Scott and Michael Gates.

1988... PREMIERE READING OF

CHOKING VINE: A BOOK OF SOUTH AFRICAN

Poetry by Nathaniel Scott

1989 APRIL 29... K STREET FLASH SUTTER GALLERIA

host book reception for local Black authors: Sandy Dood read from her book *License to Fly*. Eddie J. Porter, read from his book *Satin Treasures*. David Covin, read from his first novel *Brown Skies*. Douglas reads from *The Griot: an Anthology of African Necromancers*

1989... ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

Eta Gamma Omega Chapter premieres Tony Brown's anti-

drug movie "The White Girl."

1989 OCTOBER... CAROLS BOOKS AND THINGS RELOCATES  
in the Lanai shopping center on Freeport Blvd.

1990... AL GEIGER ORGANIZES THE BUSINESS INCUBATOR  
headquartered in a 75,000 square feet complex at 24th and  
Florin Road, It offered retail office space, business support  
services, technical assistance, training and a micro loan pro-  
gram.

1990... ZELPHRAY CHAMBERS CREATES  
a line of handmade African dolls dressed in native fabrics.

1990... PAT CANTERBURY PUBLISHES  
her award winning Chapbook of Poetry "Shadowdrifters...  
Imges of China"

1990... GRANTLAND JOHNSON  
is first Black to chair the Sacramento County Board of Super-  
visors

1990 FEBRUARY 9-11... AFRICAN STUDENT ALLIANCE  
Conference: Amandla In The 90's... Decade of Revolution.  
Keynote Speaker: Kwame Ture. Workshops covered the dy-  
namics of the oppressive environment that African men and  
women are exposed to in the United States. Which concept  
do you subscribe to... Martin or Malcolm? Ethnic Studies  
and their Implementation; "The Striker Report; Afrocentric  
extended family vs the Eurocentric nuclear family; What is our  
responsibility to our brothers and sisters in South Africa;

1991 NOVEMBER... DR. KATHRYNE FAVORS  
makes a call for action. She disseminated a letter to Black  
ministers and heads of organizations to urge their members  
to support Carol's Book Store. Letterhead endorsers included  
Minister Imhotep Akebulan, Ms. Loraine Brown, Dr. Minta  
Brown, Professor Ronald Charles, Dr. Carolyn Ann Minor.  
Grace Carter-Douglas, Dr. John Favors, Patsy Haynes, Rafael  
Jackson, Maxine Phillips, Phyllis Purvis.

1992... ATTORNEY NATHANIEL COLLEY DIES  
in his home of a brain tumor.

1993... ETHIOPIAN BORN HAILE GERIMA, FILMMAKER,  
producer and Howard University professor releases his film  
Sankofa

1993... SACRAMENTO NAACP OFFICE IS BOMBED

- 1993... CAROLS BOOKS AND THINGS  
is the object of racism and vandalism.
- 1993... IS, THE COLOR OF MISSISSIPPI MUD, A PLAY  
by Charles Curtis Blackwell and directed by Jame Wheatley  
is presented by California's original Theatre Company.
- 1993 JULY... STAAJABU & V.S. CHOICHEZI  
reads from their new collection of poems Baam!... at Carols  
Books and Things.
- 1993 AUGUST... CELEBRATIONS ARTS  
sponsors its annual Art and Soul Festival of Black Folklore.  
This year's theme is A Tribute To The Harlem Renaissance.
- 1994 NOVEMBER 1... EIGHT AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN FILE  
a class action suit against the California Franchise Tax Board.  
Carl Lee Jr., James Oliver Jr., Michael Melvin, Maurice  
Belcher Bey, Paul Williams, Marty Ware, Anthony Brewer  
Sr., Marcell Mills Jr. all residents of Sacramento, charged the  
California Franchise Tax Board of racial discrimination and  
name California Pete Wilson as one of its defendants.
- 1994... SACRAMENTO OBSERVER  
named "Top" Black Newspaper.
- 1994... MAMIE JENNINGS RETIRES  
from the Sacramento Board of Supervisors.
- 1995... KATHRYN HALL,  
founder of the Sacramento Birthing Project is  
honored with an Essence Magazine's National Community  
Service Award.
- 1996... NEW HOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
is burned to the ground.
- 1997... PATRICIA E. CANTERBURY  
signs book contract with Discovery Press for her first chil-  
dren's novel of the Delta Mystery Series: Carlotta
- 1998... MICHAEL HARRIS PUBLISHES  
first issue of Black Excellence.
- 1998 STATE OF THE RACE CONFERENCE  
hosted by the Sacramento Area Black Caucus
- 1998... NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DREADLOCK CONFERENCE

is organized by Straight Out Scribes in conjunction with  
1998... MEADOWVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER  
is renamed in honor of Councilman Samuel C. Pannell.

2000 FEBRUARY 12... THE SACRAMENTO AFRICAN AMERICAN  
Historical and Cultural Society in conjunction with CSUS  
Pan African Studies begins a project to archive and document  
the presence of African Americans along the American River  
during the gold rush days. One object of the plan is to estab-  
lish a William Alexander Leidersdorff Interpretive Center at  
Negro Bar State Park. Joe Louis Moore is the project man-  
ager.

2000 APRIL... SHIRLEY JO FINNEY DIRECTS  
Blues for an Alabama Sky by Pearl Cleag.  
It is presented by the Sacramento Theatre Company.

2001 JUNE 18... KYLE TEMPLE  
celebrates 85 years. The last founding member, Mr. John  
Edward Brent, died last year.

2001 JULY 7... INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON "RACE AND DEMOCRACY IN THE AMERICAS"  
The conference looks at challenges facing Black communities  
in the United States and Brazil.. David Covin Coordinated  
the conference

2003... VIRNA CANSON DIES

2003 MAY 2... ST. HOPE'S 40 ACRES OPENS AT  
35th Street and Broadway

2003 MAY 17... DAVID COVIN LIBRARY IS FOUNDED

2003 NOVEMBER 15... CAROLS BOOKS  
and Things relocates to 300 Florin Road.

2004 FEBRUARY... UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TEAM  
at CSUS. Terry D. Webb, Library Director and Dean at CSUS,  
History Professor and Underground Specialist Joe Moore, Dr.  
Shirley Ann Moore, begin cataloguing primary sources and  
material, for the National Parks Underground Railroad Proj-  
ect. (For more info about the archives contact the Moores at  
916 278-7302 or [sniire@csuc.edu](mailto:sniire@csuc.edu).)

2004 APRIL... ALPHA PHI ALPHA. ZETA BETA LAMBDA  
celebrates it's 50th Golden Anniversary

2004 APRIL... THE KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

57th Western Region Convention is held at the Hilton hotel on Arden West. Hosted by the Sacramento Alumni Chapter. One hundred and forty-five (145) brothers representing the Western Province Chapters attended.

2004 APRIL 18 - JUNE 20... LES BELLES ARTES

Club, Inc. in collaboration with the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission and the Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau hosts a film festival of independent Black filmmakers and Black films.

2004 APRIL 21... COMMUNITY FORM

The Crisis in Haiti is hosted by the Sacramento Area Black Caucus. Guest speaker is Pierre Labossiere.

2004 APRIL 25... SACRAMENTO'S MEDICAL TRAILBLAZERS

honored by the Capital Medical Society & the National Dental Association.

2004... MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, "COMMUNITY NEWS"

is published by The Freedom Bound Center

2004 MAY 23... MALCOMN X COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sacramento Area Black Caucus holds a ground breaking ceremony at the Malcolm X Community Garden located at 18th Avenue and 44th Street. One of the goals of this garden is to create an urban nature Park that will provide young children an ecological and agricultural hands on experience. Herbs, fruit trees and vegetables will be grown in the garden. This will give Black children an opportunity to learn the true origins of the food they eat. The garden will attract insects, birds and animals that are beneficial to the garden. Natural predators like ladybugs, praying mantis and frogs will be incorporated in the garden to hinder the infestation of harmful insect. A pond with a landing island made of logs will be created as a habitat for frogs and turtles. Children who visit the garden will have the opportunity to observe the animals in a habitat that imitates their natural environment. The garden will become a small wildlife refuge in the urban area of Oak Park. Shila Riley is project manager.

2004 SEPTEMBER 12... REAL BLACK RADIO WENT ON LINE.

Real Black Radio is a world wide radio station that caters and expresses the total Black experience

2004... INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL

Culture and Education Exchange founded by The purpose of INICEE is to raise the aesthetic consciousness through cultural education and artistic endeavors.

## Continuum

2004... ANGELA STEWARD

helped lead the Luther Bank girls basketball team to its first SJS seasonal title.

2004... ASA SALLEY

is named Sacramento County's Teacher of the Year for 2005. He teaches 3rd grade at John Bidwell.

2005... TALKING DRUMS

a community newsletter is published by Sacramento Area Black Caucus. Faye Kennedy is the editor.

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