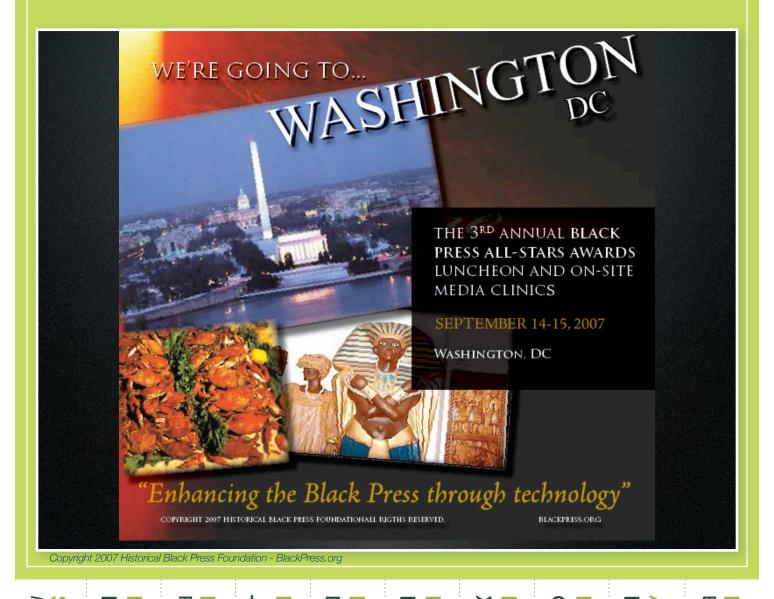
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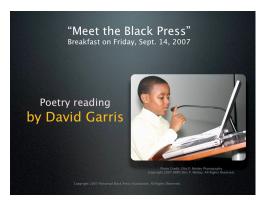
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Black Press All Star Awards

Readers, media professionals, publishers, podcasters, bloggers, musicians and more gathered in Washington, DC to meet the honorees at the inaugural "Meet the Black Press" breakfast hosted by the Washington Post on Friday, Sept. 14, 2007.

Aspiring students



The Black Press All Stars Award weekend kicked off with a special "Meet the Black Press" breakfast hosted by the *Washington Post*. Attendees were treated to musical tribute to the late **Van McCoy**, who wrote the songs, "The Hustle" and "Baby I'm Yours." The honor was accepted by E.A. Jackson and the R&B singer, **Jean Carne**, who sung briefly. They were representing the Van McCoy Music, Inc., which fights to protect the legacy and future of his music. Attendees included students from an area DC public school, publishers, readers, staffers from the *Washington Post* and surprise guests included actors **Darra "Like Dat" Boyd** of VH1's Charm School and **Wil "Onix" Lash** of "I Love New York."

Speakers and Performers



The Black Press All Star Awards Luncheon took place in Washington, DC at the swanky new restaurant Jordan's 8 and was enjoyed by all. "All of the publications, publishers and media professionals are winners to me. Day in and day out I see the most amazing commitment to excellence and I'm delighted that the efforts of these dedicated professional now has a national stage. Take *Honey Magazine* for example," said DC Livers, managing editor for the Historical Black Press Foundation. "It clearly deserves the most improved Black magazine award because it managed to emerge from bankruptcy and overcome its obstacles. Today, *Honey* is again thriving and I hope you join me congratulating them for their success. Their efforts give me hope for our struggling industry."

Honorees and Winners



The Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor, was given to the late **Gordon Parks**, **Sr**. His son, **David Parks**, who worked with his dad on the movie, "Shaft" and co-produced "Superfly" with his brother the late Gordon Parks, Jr., accepted the award at the breakfast and delivered the keynote speech at the Black Press All Stars Awards Luncheon.

"My dad would have liked DC [Livers]," he said during his speech. "He would have believed in her vision and tried to help her. That's exactly what I'm going to do because we need the Historical Black Press Foundation. It's important for all of us," said Parks.



Legacy Award honoree Van McCoy was remembered

The Historical Black Press Foundation invited readers, media professionals, publishers, and students to attend the inaugural "Meet the Black Press" breakfast on

Friday, September 15, 2007. The event took place as part of the 3rd Annual Black Press All Star Awards and was hosted by the world famous *Washington Post* at 1150 15th Street, NW in heart of Washington, DC.

We celebrated the legacy of the late Van McCoy, who was granted the Legacy Award and remembered in word, song, poem and prayer by artists like DC public school student **David Garris**, a ten-year-old, award winning poet who was inspired by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Others included rapper and spoken word artist, DC native **Smokey the Scientist**, and **E.A. Jackson** (r) and R&B singer **Jean Carne** (l) who spoke and sang on behalf of **Mattie Taylor**, sister of Van and executive director of Van McCoy Music, Inc. **David Parks** son of the late **Gordon Parks** also spoke on behalf of his father, who was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Pastor Gray, Jr.



Pastor Elwood Gray, Jr., opened the event in prayer. He asked that God bless the work that the Historical Black Press Foundation is doing and that we all take heed of the importance of Black-owned media outlets, which he felt was important to helping to bring needed attention to the work he does to bring prisoners to God.

Gospel Music Selection



Pastor Gray's prayer was followed by a special treat from a local gospel singer who breathed the spirit into the room, kicking off a wonderful, fruitful breakfast.

Her gospel selection was truly moving and was well received by the attendees who all agreed that it was a perfect way to begin the event and the day.

Smokey the Scientist



Anacostia DC native **Smokey the Scientist** provided a heartfelt rap read as a spoken word message of living your dreams.

Smokey met DC Livers in an area library two days before the event and asked for a chance to share his gift. Everyone agreed his presence was one of the most memorable.

THE FUTURE OF THE BLACK PRESS



The Future of the Black Press



In hopes of attracting young people to the field of journalism and working for the Black Press, HBPF invited students and their teacher from the Douglass Transi-

tional Academy to attend the "Meet the Black Press" breakfast at the *Washington Post* Located at 2600 Douglass Place, SE Washington, DC, Douglass Transitional Academy works with students who are seeking opportunities to turn their lives around.

At the breakfast, students met celebrities like David Parks who produced the movie, "Superfly" and reality TV stars including Charm School's Darra "Like Dat" Boyd and I Love New York's Wil "Onix" Lash. The students were treated to complimentary magazines including *Kitzuri*, *Black Enterprise* and the book <u>A Search for African American Life</u> by John C. Cothran that will be used in the First Annual BlackAcademicOlympics.com in February 2008.



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SOUNDS OF THE BLACK PRESS



Lionel Neptune, VP Comm. Dev Wash Post



Important Black staffers from the *Washington Post* attended the event and spoke to the attendees. They spoke of their accomplishments, their work in the field of

Journalism and why they believe that the Black Press is important. They were treated to special songs by the barbershop quarter from the group above.

Gene Robinson, Columnist, Wash Post



Eugene Robinson told the group about some his toughest assignments and how he dealt with the pressure of writing articles that would sometimes change lives.

He also allowed a 15 minute question and answer session. Attendees were able to:

- Cast their vote for "People's Choice Award"
- Receive FREE Black magazines, newspapers, and podcasts from BlackPodcasts.com
- Meet some of the nominees
- Meet Blacks at the Washington Post
- Enjoy a delicious breakfast



3RD ANNUAL BLACK PRESS ALL STAR AWARDS

September 14-15, 2007

3rd Annual Black Press All Star Awards Winners

Lifetime Achievement Award

The late Gordon Parks, Sr.

Centennial Award

Pittsburgh Courier (1907)

Legacy Award

The late Van McCoy (The Hustle, Baby I'm Yours)

Black Publisher of the Year

Dr. Lawrence Kaggwa (District Chronicles)

Best Black Newspaper

Philadelphia Tribune

Best Black Magazine

Black Enterprise

Black Writer of the Year

Eric Monte (Good Times, The Jeffersons)

Black Photographer of the Year

Harlee Little

Black Author of the Year

K'wan Foye

Best Black Publicist

Danny Alexander

(Client: James Brown's daughter LaRhonda Pettit)

Black Press Fallen Hero New

The late Chauncey Bailey (Oakland Post)

People's Choice Awards

Best Black Reality TV Star New

Patrick "Tango" Hunter (I Love New York)

Best African Publication New

Ovation International Magazine

Best New Black Publication New

Drahma Magazine

Most Improved Publication

Honey Magazine

Best Black Niche Publication

Booking Matters Magazine

Best Black Men's Publication ** New

Black Men Magazine/ V-Style Magazine (tied)

Best Black Women's Publication New

Global Woman Magazine

Best Gospel Publication New

Gospel Today Magazine

Best TV Network

TV One Network

Best Black TV Show

Urban America Outdoors

Best Black PSA or Documentary New

When the Levees Broke (Spike Lee)

Best Black Radio Network

Radio One

Best Black Radio Station

WBLS FM- New York, NY (2006 winner)

Best Black Radio Show

The Joe Madison Show (2006 winner)

Best Black Songwriter New

Ne-Yo (Irreplaceable performed by Beyonce)

Best Hip Hop Publication

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Best Publication Web Site

XXLmag.com

Best Black Blog New

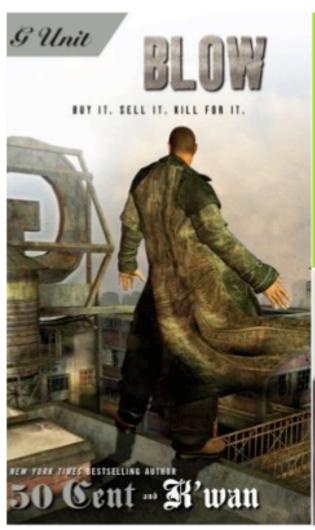
ShaSpeaks

Best Black College Newspaper

Howard Hilltop – Howard University

Save the Date: Sept. 19, 2008 4th Annual BP Awards

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"K'wan is to books what Spike Lee is to movies. His books are motion pictures in print."

- DC Livers, Black Press Magazine

Award Ceremony: Friday, Sept. 28, 2007 at Hip Hop Cultural Center at 125th next to Magic Johnson Theater in Harlem at 8 p.m.



K'wan named Black Author of the Year at 3rd Annual Black Press All Star Awards in DC

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I know that guy.

That's what you'll end up saying to yourself as you read page after page of any of the books penned by bestselling author, K'wan, who fills each book with life-like characters, vivid imagery and killer plots.

He's one of the only authors in the country to have been published by not just one publishing company, but two at the same time. Both St. Martin's Press and G-Unit Books published books by K'wan in the last 12 months and from the looks of things, there's no end in sight.

"He makes it look so easy," said DC Livers, the managing editor for Black Press Magazine, a trade publication for Black media professionals, publishing executives and companies committed to diversity. "I'm sure it's a labor of love but what comes out of him reminds me of books by James Baldwin and Donald Goines. It's so far ahead of its time, yet so "right now" that I think generations will still be trying to figure him out after he's gone."

Most artists don't get to enjoy the accolades of their accomplishments while they're still alive. But K'wan has already racked up more than two dozen awards.

K'wan will receive his 28th award on Friday, Sept. 28, 2007 in New York City's Hip Hop Cultural Center located in Harlem on top of the Hue-Man Bookstore at 125th street next to the Magic Johnson theater. The free event starts at 8:00 p.m.

The award ceremony will be a part of K'wan official book release party for his latest masterpiece, Still Hood, the sequel to his monster hit, Hoodrat.

To hear the exclusive podcast on K'wan visit http://www.blackpressradio.com and enter keyword: K'wan.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007 @ 2509 GOOD HOPE ROAD, SE, DC



Girls Empowerment

This year the brunch will take place at Operation Good Hope in Southeast Washington, DC, and will focus directly on the images that young Black girls see on TV and hear on the radio. Besides getting to get dressed up, they try their hand at using different forks, learn how to interact as ladies, etc.

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*Lead the Revolution *

The Historical Black Press Foundation's motto is "Lead the Revolution" because as a news organization, we understand our responsibility to address the media bias towards Black women.

JOIN US AT THE DOROTHY HEIGHT CONFERENCE CENTER

As young Black girls watch today's TV shows, read the trendy urban fiction books, listen to the blazing new sex-laced songs on the radio and watch how men treat the women who are willing to ask for more "booty time" in the music videos, they are also extracting damaging life lessons.

Since 75% of Black girls do not have mentors, they are left to decode these messages for themselves. A quick walk down any street in the Black community will reveal the conclusions they've drawn for themselves.

That's why every year, I pay out of my own pocket to present the

"Girls Empowerment Brunch" as an effort to try to introduce young girls to some women who managed to escape the glamourous "thug life" lifestyle that they are thinking about living.

It may sound silly, but I know that one brunch can change their lives. In the bottom of your heart, you know it too.

Black girls are not like a box of chocolates. If we invest in Black girls, we can be assured of exactly what we're going to get.

Now that's a reality that we all should welcome.

- DC Livers, managing editor

SOS: Save Our Sisters

Just look at the headlines that today's Black women had to contend with this year and there's little wonder why young girls are drowning in negativity.

Don Imus calls the Rutgers women's basketball team "Nappy Headed Hos"

TMZ.com calls Charm School's Saaphyri and Flavor of Love 2's Deelishis "Hot Ghetto Trash." Help us reverse the stereotypes about Black women by supporting the Girls Empowerment Brunch on Sept. 15, 2007.



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Girls Empowerment Brunch:

Black female journalists wore bandages on their faces to bring attention to the stereotypes of Black women in the media. The 9/15/07 brunch was held in the Dr. Dorothy Height Conference Center at Operation Hope ran by John Hope Bryant in DC's Anacostia neigborhood. The brunch was catered by Sinfully Wright Catering. Prayer was led by author and minister Kevin Wayne Johnson.

"It's a labor of love for me," said DC Livers, who organizes the event. "By far the hardest thing I do all year is to try to pull this event off. But, I know that we're making a difference."



BlackPressAfrica.com to launch blog, podcasts and MySpace page



With over 20% of the audience coming from the continent of Africa, Black Press was forced to launch

BlackPressAfrica.com in 2006 to accommodate the international

desire for news about Black Americans. As a result, BlackPressAfrica.com has become one of the most important resources for Africans across the globe for news about what's happening in America.

BlackPressAfrica.com will launch a new blog, podcasts and its ever appearance on a social network,

MySpace.com.

2Face Idibia

One of Africa's brightest stars, 2Face Idibia, granted an interview with Black Press Africa and allowed American audiences to download his award winning song, "African Oueen."































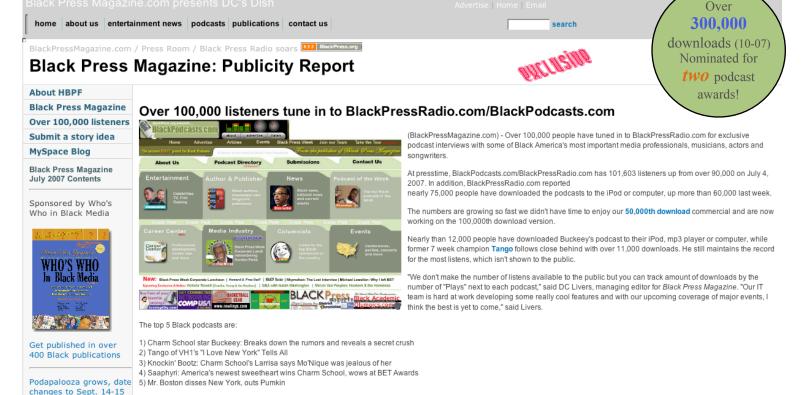
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Saaphyri beat out the podcast entiled. "Gay Rappers: Myth or reality? An exclusive interview with a gay rapper." which held the top 5 position for two consecutive weeks.

SAUE THE DATE: 4th Annual Black Press All Star Awards Weekend

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18, 2008

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. VIP Welcome and Networking Reception (Invitation Only)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 2008

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. "Meet the Black Press" Breakfast and Kickoff Press Conference

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Onsite Media Clinic Workshops (varied) (Sessions I)

Noon - 2:00 p.m. 4th Annual Black Press All Star Awards Luncheon

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Townhall Meeting

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Onsite media Clinic Workshops (varied) (Sessions II)

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. VIP Winners Circle Reception (Invitation Only)

9:00 p.m. - until Black Press All Stars Awards After Party

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20, 2008

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. New Media Clinic Workshops (Sessions III)

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Girls Empowerment Brunch

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Self Publishing Workshop (Sessions IV)

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Hip Hop Journalism Summit (Sessions V)

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Authors and Publishers Meet & Greet and Autograph Expo

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Black Media Tour (Invitation Only)

9:00 p.m. - until Black Press All Stars Finale After Party

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