

## Houston Forward Times Receives Merit and MillerCoors Awards

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Out of more than 200 member newspapers, the Houston Forward Times received 2nd Place Award for Best Original Advertising and 2nd Place for Best Business Section. Congratulations to Jacqueline Lawson, Managing Editor, who has done the layout, written articles and provided content for the Business Section.

Congratulations also to Jeffrey Boney, Associate Editor, who received an award for Best Commentary out of over 300 entries. Congratulations to Henrietta Wilson, Advertising Director, Grace Boateng, Graphic Designer, and the entire staff for Best Original Advertising.

"Our member newspapers continue to improve each year, making the Merit Awards increasingly difficult to judge," said Karl B. Rodney, chairman of the NNPA Foundation. "The Merit Awards recognize the excellent work NNPA papers produce on a consistent basis."

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## Society



Jeffrey Boney, Nykayla Richards, Jacqueline Lawson, and Chelsea White



Peabo Bryson



Jeffrey Boney and Karen Carter Richards

### FABULOUS AROUND HOUSTON...HITS ATLANTA!!!!!!

IT was that time of year again. The time where black publishers from all over the country converge down in one square foot mile, this year's venue - Atlanta, Georgia, to celebrate, congratulate, appreciate, and accommodate the accomplishments each has made as members of the NATIONAL NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION. Yes, NNPA Conference 2012 was a blast. There is also learning, trading of ideas, meetings of the minds and major networking with corporate America, to put it in plain English.

The conference kicked off with an elaborate Chairman's Reception, hosted this year by Coca Cola welcoming everyone to the conference.

The Legendary Pashals Restaurant was the venue selected for the A. Phillip Randolph Messenger Awards and the NNPA Foundation Merit Awards Dinner. Congratulations goes out to Yvonne Coleman Bach, Louisville Defender, who was named **Publisher of the Year**, and our own **Houston Forward Times** for receiving two awards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Best Original Advertising and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for Best Business Section.

Our very own Jeffrey Boney, Associate Editor was presented with the MillerCoors Messenger Award for Best Commentary, for an article that he penned, "Wanted: Underground Railroad Conductor." Our own, CEO/Publisher Karen Carter Richards, served as a panelist on Wells Fargo's Succession Planning Workshop, along with Charles V. Douglas, Sr. V.P. and Wealth Advisor, Wells Fargo and James H. Lowry, Senior Advisor to The Boston Consulting Group, served as Moderator.

In attendance, representing the largest black owned publication in the south were Karen Carter Richards, Jacqueline Lawson, Jeffrey Boney, myself, Nykayla Richards, and Chelsea White

The conference climaxed with the Legacy of Excellence Awards Gala, held in the grand ballroom of the Hyatt Regency, Atlanta. Honorees for this year's awards were the creator of the Legacy Awards himself, Danny J. Bakewell, Sr., and Ambassador Andrew Young. In attendance to this fabulous gala were distinguished guests, Dr. Xernona Clayton, John Eaves, Congressman John Lewis, Cheryl Pearson-McNeil, Nielsen, Scarlett Pressley-Brown, Rev. Raphael G. Warnock, Ph.D., Senior Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church. Peabo Bryson serenaded the audience as he served as entertainment for the evening. And boy, can he blow!

And of course, there's no conference complete without a party. Yep, National Newspapers Publishers Association, hosted its Website Launch Party, for BlackPressUSA, a site dedicated for keeping the world informed and telling our story, at the swank Club Indigo. The Publishers were able to celebrate a great 4 days of work and accomplishments, with dancing, laughter, food and drinks. Follow us @NNPABlackPress on Twitter and Like Us on Facebook!

NNPA Chairman Claves C. Campbell, Jr., the NNPA Convention Committee, and a host of other participants pulled off yet another great conference.

### WHISPERS IN THE WIND - (A Little Dirt for the Week)

Boy it's gonna be some lower dimensions taken this Sunday, as the buzz around town is centered on the well known Gospel-singer whose business has hit the fan! Plead guilty to scolding a 4 yr old child? The street committee is wandering what kind of spin he is gonna put on that horrible act.

No one can understand why he didn't go to jail. He better watch out, 'dem church folk don't play!

*Hazel*



Jacqueline Lawson, Cheryl Pearson McNeil, Hazel Ramsey, Nykayla Richards, Chelsea White, and Karen Carter Richards



Karen Carter Richards



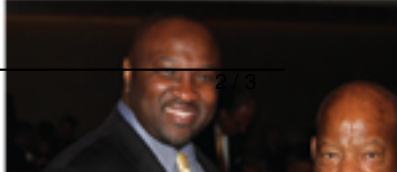
Larry Waters and Jeffrey Boney



Yvonne Coleman Bach



Claves C. Campbell Jr., Ambassador Andrew Young, and Dr. Xernona Clayton



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