



# NEWSBEAT...

Newsletter from the Office of  
**Senator Bill Perkins**

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February 12th - 14th, 2010, 39th Annual Legislative Conference Weekend, 2010

New York State Association of Black & Puerto Rican Legislators, Inc.

**11:00 AM, Sat. February 13th, Legislative Office Bldg.(LOB), 1st Fl., Room 130**

## **Senator Bill Perkins Press Conference**

**Protecting The Property Rights of New Yorkers:**

**SENATOR PERKINS UNVEILS HISTORIC REFORM OF EMINENT DOMAIN LAWS**

**This historic legislation protects the rights of property and business owners and preserves neighborhoods**

**12:00 PM, Sat. February 13th, LOB, Room 817**

## **OPEN HOUSE - Office of Senator Bill Perkins**

**Meet Senator Perkins and his staff \* refreshments will be served**

**1:00 PM, Sat. February 13th, LOB, 1st Fl., Rm 130 (LCA Press Rm)**

## **Senator Bill Perkins Workshop on “*Eminent Domain*”**

The use of Eminent Domain to acquire land and property for greater public benefit has been thrown into intense debate as city administrators, private corporations and the judiciary have begun to redefine and misuse this powerful tool for the benefit of private corporations. I have put forward legislation and called on the Governor to correct this misuse and defend the public interest. Join us in discussing and supporting these efforts.

**4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Sat. February 13th, Crown Plaza Hotel, Ballroom E**

**Senator Bill Perkins will be presenting**

## **CHRISTINA VINCENT**

**Valedictorian of Wadleigh High School for the Visual and Performing Arts**

## **Black Senate Conference Achievement Award**

17 year old Christina Vincent over came many hardships in her short life, but always kept a focused and positive attitude. Christina says, “I learned that having an open mind makes you more knowledgeable, so I focused on my schoolwork immensely. Knowledge will place you on a path to success. I know that ultimately it will lead me to the opportunities I need in life”.



**2:00 to 4:00 PM, Sun. February 14th, Albany Crown Plaza Hotel, Lodge and State St.**

**Senator Bill Perkins will be presenting**

## **ELOMBE BRATH**

**Black and Puerto Rican Legislators’**

## **Humanitarian Award**



Elombe Brath has been the leading historian and speaker in this area on the Black Consciousness Movement, African Liberation and Black arts and culture. He became the leading figure in bringing African liberation groups and their leaders to Harlem and giving them a voice to tell of the woes of their life under colonialism and Apartheid, and their quest for freedom. Elombe impressed these young representatives of the liberation groups and became a close confidant to many. Some of these liberation fighters, who later became presidents of their countries, invited Elombe to visit their countries as a honored guest. Elombe was at the inauguration of President Sam Nujoma in Namibia and Nelson Mandela in South Africa. Elombe, who has taken ill, stands along side the legacy of our greatest Pan-Africanist.