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Soul Fest 2003 This Weekend

Soul Festival 2003 promises to be the most exciting yet. With a host of food booths cooking up down home favorites, arts and crafts, carnival rides, entertainment, gospel music, and much more, Soul Fest 2003 is definitely the can't miss event of the summer.

The festival will take place this weekend, July 11-13, at the Franklin High School Playfield on the corner

of Rainier Avenue South and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way South.

The annual Gen. John H. Stanford/M. L. King Unity Parade will take place this Saturday, July 12 at 12 noon. The co-grand marshalls for this year's parade are legendary recording artist Lou Rawls and Seattle Police Department Assistant Chief Harry Bailey.

The parade also features an

electrifying line-up of some of the top drill teams in the area and will feature many organizations and dignitaries from the community including 2003 Seafair King, Rev. Dr. Samuel B. McKinney, King Neptune Rex LIV.

The festival is the largest event held in Seattle's African American community, drawing upwards of 65,000 attendees last year. During

the three-day festival, area residents experience the best of soul food, arts, cultural activities, hip-hop, soul, drama acts and gospel groups.

Soul Fest 2003 will officially begin on Friday, July 11, at noon, when The Seattle Medium Newspaper Group's Rhythm & News Radio Program, on KRIZ 1420 AM and KYIZ 1620 AM, hosted by Connie Cameron and

Chris B. Bennett, will broadcast live from the festival site at Franklin High School. Featured guests on Rhythm & News include Lou Rawls, Rev. Jackie Jackson of Second Coming, and popular gospel recording artists Witherspoon!!!!

Sponsors for Soul Fest 2003 include: Washington Mutual, State

Farm Insurance, Western Union, Sound Transit, the Seattle Mariners, People of Color Against AIDS Network (POCAAN), and the University of Washington.

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Over 20 Participants Highlight Soul Fest Gospel Expo Second Coming, Latter Rain, S.T.A.N.D., Witherspoon

This year's Soul Fest Gospel Expo of singers, praise dancers, gospel rappers and others begins at 12 noon on Sunday, July 13, at the Franklin High School Playfield on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way and Rainier Avenue South, with top-notch gospel talent from all over the state.

After services at 10:45 a.m. with Church in the Park with the Emerald City Community SDA Church, the event opens with a brief show that includes prayer with the Rev. Ruth Saunders, associate minister at Mount Zion Baptist Church, and "Precious Lord" to be sung by Rev. Jackie Jackson.

This year's Gospel Expo is dedicated to Sis. Bonnie Dee Pennington, a legendary gospel announcer, who retired a few years ago from the Z-Twins' Heaven



Gospel Recording Group Witherspoon!!!!

Bound Train after over three decades in the gospel industry. Sis. Bonnie Dee will be relocating to Chicago later this month to be with relatives.

Also on Sunday, award-winning author Connie Bennett Cameron will be on hand to sign copies of her debut book, "Preacher Man," based on the series in the highly read column, "Poetic Thoughts From The Publisher."

Others on the show include national recording artist Second Coming, the Soul Fest Official Gospel Artist of the 2003 Gospel Expo, as well as recording artist Witherspoon!!!!, the Ipintombe Praise Dancers of South Africa, Latter Rain, and the popular S.T.A.N.D. Mime Dancers.

See Sunday's Line-up on Page 5.

Entertainment At Soul Fest Is A Must-See!

Soul Fest, the event of the year is finally here with lots of great entertainment. This year the Soul Fest Committee has lined up many local and national acts on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with a wide variety of live bands, funk, Rhythm and Blues, and Hip Hop acts to choose from.

Some of the famed artists include Mr. Benjamin, BFD Band, The Old School Fellas, As-One, Reyshard, C.T. Thompson and Kevin Gardner & WineTime Entertainment.

But that's not all, for those who love step, dance, and drill teams, Soul Fest has added a new attraction to the entertainment line-up with The Battle of the Drill Teams, Step, and Dance Group competition. On

Saturday July 12 over 7 drill teams from throughout the Northwest will take stage and compete for \$500, \$300, and \$200 scholarships in the hottest competition of the year.

Like every year, the youth will definitely be representing themselves at Soul Fest; this is an event you do not want to miss.

The fun does not end there — on Sunday, the Gospel Expo will end the event with gospel choirs, groups, praise teams and soloists praising God with their heavenly tunes and dance routines.

For complete information on Friday and Saturday's entertainment line-up and The Battle of the Drill Teams, see Page 6. For more information on the Gospel Expo, see Page 5.

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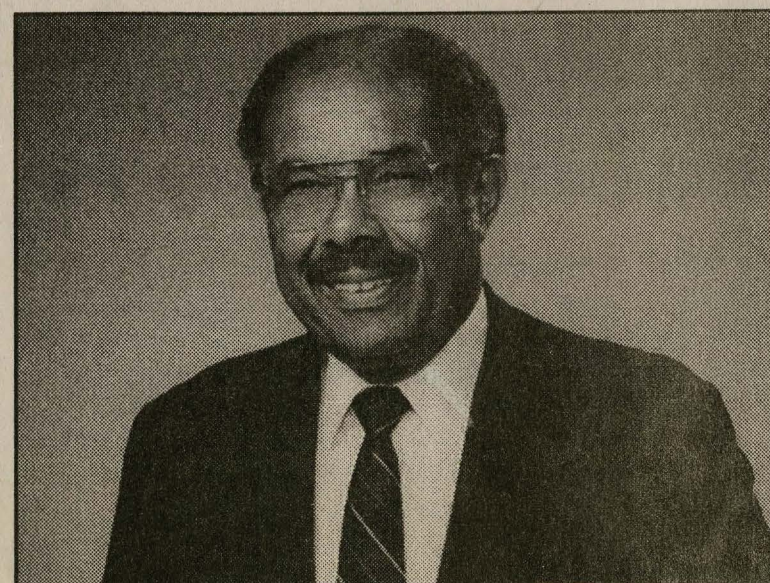
Velvet-Voiced

Barry White Dead At 58



Velvet-voiced R&B singer Barry White died Friday morning, around 9:30, July 4, at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, his manager Ned Shankman said. White, who was renowned for his lush baritone and carnal lyrics that oozed sex appeal on songs such as "Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Babe," is shown after being honored with the Heritage Award for career achievement at the 8th annual Soul Train Music Awards in this 1994 file photo in Los Angeles. Barry White suffered from kidney failure from years of high blood pressure. He was 58. AP File Photo/Rhonda Birndorf.

Dr. Don Phelps, Noted National Educator, Passes



Dr. Donald G. Phelps, former chancellor of the Seattle Community Colleges and president of Seattle Central Community College, died on Saturday, July 5, following a brief illness. He was 73. "Don Phelps was a mentor and a personal inspiration to me and to hundreds, if not thousands, of students," said Dr. Charles H. Mitchell, chancellor of the Seattle Community College District. A memorial service is planned for Tuesday, July 15, First A.M.E. Church on Capitol Hill. See related story on Page 2.

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Gen. John H. Stanford/ M.L. King Unity Parade Route

