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Last Chance...Last Chance Talent Search



Renita Hunter

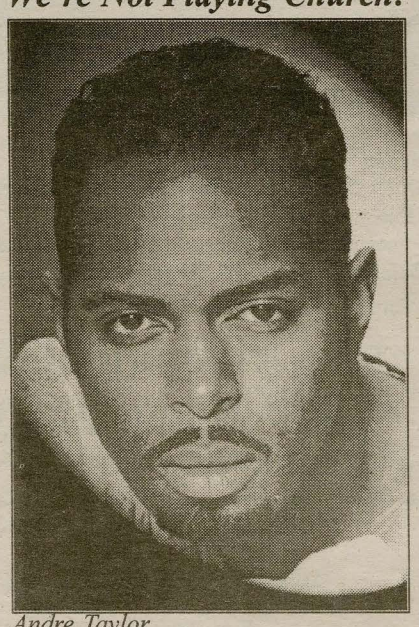
Hal Jackson's Talented Teens of Washington Scholarship Program is an exciting and wonderful opportunity for pre-teens (8-12 years old) and teens (13-17 years old). It is a program for individual talents, wherein all genre of talent are performed in live theater. This includes vocal music, instrumental music, dance of all forms, drama, gymnastics, martial arts and other creative theater arts.

Auditions for the 2006 Scholarship Program will be held in Seattle and cost $10.00. The auditions will be held at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 19th at East Madison, Sunday, march 5th from 4 pm to 7 pm. The contestant winners for 2006 Scholarship Program will have an 8 day free trip to new York City and perform on Apollo stage or 4 days to Orlando, Florida, to compete for an International title, college scholarship, public appearances, etc.

For further information call (206) 722-1839 or email to talentedteenswa@yahoo.com.

"It has been said that dignity is the ability to hold back from the tongue that which never should have been on the mind in the first place."

Streetsweeper Ministries We're Not Playing Church!



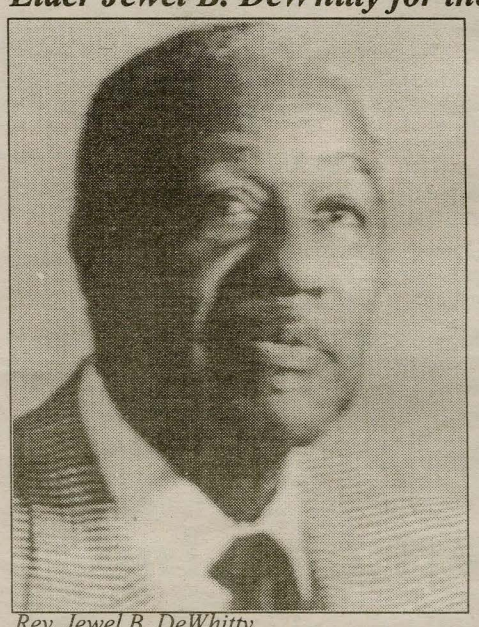
Andre Taylor

Aren't you tired of the same OH thing? Don't you want a new and fresh word from God? Don't you want the fire of God back in your life! Well step out of your conformity and let God show you something new. Fear is keeping you from change. But God's Spirit is always moving to cause change. Move with the Holy Ghost and don't let anyone keep you from your destiny! If you want an extreme change in your life, take an extreme chance and make God aware of you again. Take back your life, I'll help you, cause I took back mine from pimping, prison and women. So I can feel and understand your pain! I, Andre' Taylor come to you from the gutter to glory!

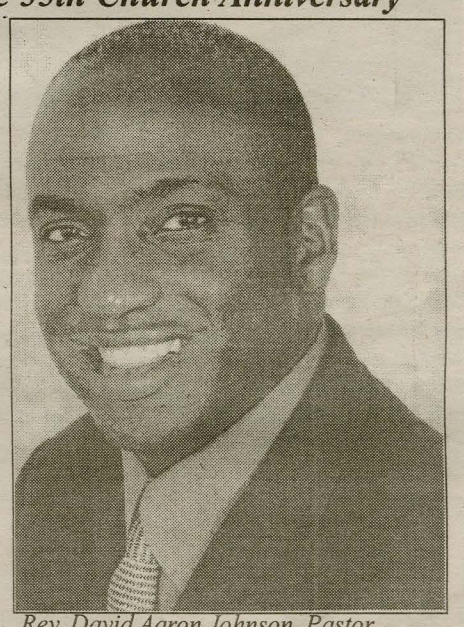
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:00PM (THE HOLIDAY INN, ONE SOUTH GRADY WAY RENTON,WA, THE SPRUCE ROOM)

Please visit Street Sweeper Ministries on line
www.streetsweeperministries.com

Walker Chapel A.M.E. Church brings Retired Presiding Elder Jewel B. DeWhitty for the 55th Church Anniversary



Rev. Jewel B. DeWhitty



Rev. David Aaron Johnson, Pastor

The celebration is scheduled for Sunday, February 26, beginning with our newly appointed pastor Rev. David Aaron Johnson, bringing the morning message at 10:30 a.m. and will climax Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. with the dynamite Rev. Jewell B. DeWhitty. Rev. Dewhitty has a long list of accomplishments including Pastor, presiding Elder and community leader in the Seattle Area. Also featuring the music ministries from First A.M.E. Church, Seattle, and Allen A.M.E. Church, Tacoma. The anniversary also highlights Walker Chapel A.M.E. Church's pianist, the accomplished Neil Jones, and the awe-inspiring WC Praise Dancers.

God has allowed the church to continue to provide opportunities for worship, praise and empowerment through faith. Our anniversary theme is "Chosen for the Kingdom's Work", with the Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9.

We invite you to help us celebrate God's blessings upon our Church! Please consider joining us for fellowship and refreshments after the service. We know you will experience the presence of the Lord as we celebrate God at this event. For more details, contact the office at 206-325-8468. To God be the glory!

Cynthia Fowler, Church Anniversary Chairperson, Rev. David Aaron Johnson, Pastor

Oneness Christian Center Celebrates Black History

The Greater Puget Sound Area is cordially invited to attend the Oneness Christian Center as Black History Month is celebrated on a grand scale. The celebration will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2006 at 3 p.m. at the church, located at 2716 E. Cherry at Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The program will feature the role of many Black women in the course of history in the United States, music by Total Experience Gospel Choir and a reader's theater presentation by Keeper of the Dream. The cast of Keepers of the Dream include Jackie Moscou of Langston Hughes Cultural Arts Center, Director of "Black Nativity": at Intiman Theater, and playwright of "Keeper of the Dream"; Josephine Howell, noted local actress and singer; Pastor Pat Wright, Pastor of Oneness Christian Center and Founder/Director of Total Experience Gospel Choir.

There is no admission fee, however, a free will offering will be welcomed.

For additional information, please contact Pastor Pat Wright at (206) 322-7904.

Support Changing the King County Logo!

Come and support, King County Councilmember, Larry Gossett's ordinance to change the King County Logo from an imperial crown to an image of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Effective 2005, Governor Gregoire signed a law making Dr. King our County's official namesake. For further information or details on this meeting, please call Nick Allen, legislative aide to Councilmember Gossett, at (206) 296-0321.

When: Monday, February 27, 2006
Where: King County Council Chambers
10th Floor of King County Courthouse
516 3rd Ave., Seattle
Time: 2:30 PM

King County Council Holding Public Health Town Hall Meeting in the Central Area

On Monday, February 27, 2006, the King County Council is hosting a Town Hall meeting at First A.M.E. Church (1522 14th Ave.) entitled, "Public Health: Disparities in Health". The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 AM. For more information, contact Cindy Domingo, legislative aide in Councilmember Gossett's office, at (206) 296-0312.

When: February 27, 2006
Where: First African Methodist Episcopal Church (FAME)
1522 14th Ave., Seattle
Time: 9:30 AM Meet and Greet Your County Councilmembers
10:00 AM Meeting

Seattle International Church Offers FREE Shuttle Service -

Seattle International Church will offer Every Sunday Transportation to and from our church in Downtown Seattle. Pick up is at 9:30 AM on 10th and Yesler, in the front of the Yesler Terrace Community Center. Drop off will be around 1:15PM.



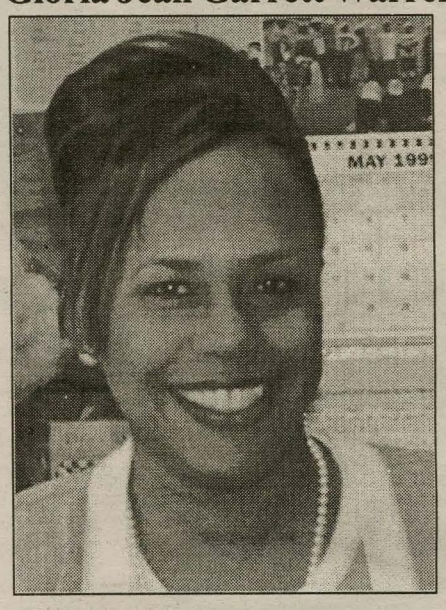
Please call today to reserve you seat, at (206) 256-0100, or be at the location at 9:20 AM, bus departs at 9:30 AM.

3 Day
Purity, Holiness and ConSercration Revival starting TONIGHT!
February 23rd-25th

Come out and join this 3 day revival where we will focus on how to live a prosperous and successful life
Wednesday Night at 7 PM - Pastor Julia Hampton
Thursday and Friday Night at 7 PM - Bishop Ray Hampton III

Seattle International Church **is located at 2130 6th Ave.**
(6th & Blanchard in Downtown Seattle). (206) 256-0100 www.seattleichurch.com
Bishop Ray and his lovely wife, Julia Hampton, who are the senior Pastors are looking forward to serving you.

In Loving Memory Of Gloria Jean Garrett Warren



Sunrise - July 19, 1953
Sunset - February 17, 2006
The family and friends of Gloria Warren will say good-bye on Saturday, February 25, 11:00 AM, at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Avenue, Seattle, WA. Gloria was born July 19, 1953, in Lubbock, Texas, to Willie Rose Downs and Noble Cook. She then spent many of her early years in Marshall, Texas, before relocating to Seattle, WA in 1966. Gloria was a member of the Martin Luther King Baptist Church in Renton, WA.

After attaining her bachelor's degree at the University of Washington in 1975, she began her career as an educator at Olympic Hills Elementary School in Seattle. She went on to hold numerous teaching positions before attending Seattle University, where she obtained her Master of Education degree. Gloria then returned to teach within the Seattle School District before beginning her career as a school administrator.

Gloria's vice-principalship at Madrona Elementary began in 1990. She was then assigned to Emerson Elementary School for her first principalship. After eight years at Emerson, Gloria was placed at Hawthorne Elementary, where she was Principal for four years. She dedicated her life to ensuring that all students were academically and socially successful within the Seattle School District. She retired in January, 2006, after serving 32 years as an Educator.

With a passion for life, Gloria was an avid traveler and book enthusiast. As a devotee to family and friends, many will miss her radiant presence. Gloria is survived by her husband Ardie Warren; son, Marques Warren; mother, Willie Gammon; father, Noble Cook; sister, Carla Bailey; brothers, Eugene Garrett, William Garrett, and Frederick Garrett; mother-in-law, Lois Encarnacion; father-in-law, Emilio Encarnacion; and brother-in-law, AnTony Warren. She has numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and loving friends. Memorial donations may be made to the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance.

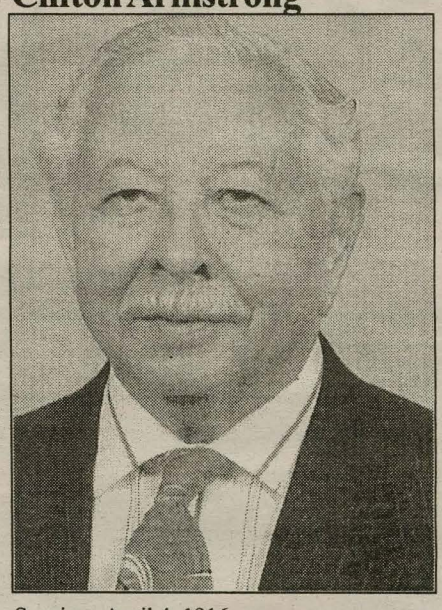
In Loving Memory Of Doris Dickerson



Sunrise - January 24, 1937
Sunset - February 14, 2006
Doris Dickerson was born in Memphis, TN to Holsey and Myrtle Carson.
Funeral service will be held at Greater Mt. Baker Baptist Church, 2425 So. Jackson St. Saturday, February 25, 2006, at 11:00 AM.

"There is a sense in which no gift is ours tillwe have thanked the giver"

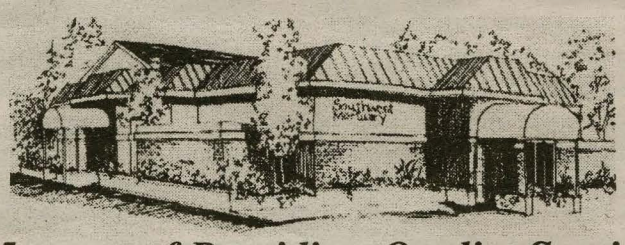
In Loving Memory Of Clifton Armstrong



Sunrise - April 4, 1916
Sunset - February 19, 2006
Born in Savannah, Georgia, married to Inez S. Pinder in 1942 - to this union, two sons, Clifton Bruce Armstrong and Richard T. Armstrong (deceased), complete the blended family of son Samuel Cambridge, and daughter, Eugenia Cambridge. Active member First AME Church, Seattle, since 1971. A faithful and devoted husband and father. Funeral February 24, 2006, at 11:00 AM, First AME Church, Seattle, WA. Interment at Evergreen-Washelli.

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When: Tuesday February 28st, 2006, from 5-7 pm
Where:The Community Justice Center at
Catholic Community Services
100 23rd Ave. South (23rd & Yesler)

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www.law.seattleu.edu

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Pastor Gloria Jean Polk... There's A Storm Coming

You and ME!

By Gloria Jean Polk

YOU AND ME
Walk hand-in-hand
In this land
By the still waters
And...
By the roaring seas golden sand...
YOU AND ME
Work in the courtyards of the wealthy
Pray in the hospital rooms
Of the less than healthy... ***YOU AND ME!!***
YOU AND ME
REBUILD the shambled lives
After the STORMS'
Angry and blighting winds of rage...
While looking into the faces of the hurting
And the lost...
Young and old of every age...
FEEDING them...
CLOTHING them and
COMFORTING THEM
By bringing them in outa' the cold...
YOU AND ME!
TOGETHER as a TEAM
Shall lift up the ***BLOOD STAINED BANNER...***
The ***WORD*** of God and
JESUS CHRIST'S Holy Name
To the hurting, lost, and lonely
With His love
That buries ***ALL SHAME... YOU AND ME!***
TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!!!
IT IS WRITTEN: "ONE CAN CHASE A THOUSAND AND TWO CAN PUT TEN THOUSAND TO FLIGHT."

12th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration!!!

New Direction MBC



The New Direction Missionary Baptist Church Family invites everyone to come and lift up the name of Jesus as we honor and appreciate our Pastor and his wife, Pastor Matthew J. Thornton and Sis. Nel G. Thornton. February 17th at 7:00 PM - Rose of Sharon Pentecostal and Bishop A. L. Hardy, and Feb. 19th at 3:00 PM - New Hope Church of Portland, Or - Pastor R.C. Jointer. Along with other sister churches of the city.

Our 1st Lady's Day will be Feb. 18, 2006, at 1:30 PM, at the church. The speaker of the hour will be Sis. Evie Dodson of the Mt. Pleasant Church - Rev. Cecil Dodson, Sr. Pastor. Please come and fellowship with us on this grand occasion. New Direction is located in Georgetown at 755 S. Homer St. For further information, you may contact the church at (206) 763-2151.

Help us celebrate our Pastors 26th Pastoral Anniversary



Pastor Alfred L. Roberson & First Lady Linda W. Roberson

We, the members of Trinity Faith Temple, are inviting you to come and help us celebrate our Pastor Alfred L. Roberson & First Lady Linda W. Roberson's 26th Pastoral Anniversary.

Services will begin Sunday, February 19, 2006 @ 3:30 PM & convene Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, February 22, 23, 24, 2006, at 7:00 PM nightly.

We will be honoring our very own First Lady, Linda W. Roberson, on Saturday, February 25, 2006, at 4:00 PM.

The close out of this great event will be Sunday, February 26, 2006, at 3:30 PM. The services will be held at: Trinity Faith Temple, 601 21st Avenue, Seattle, WA. For further information, please contact the church at (206) 323-7522 or Sister LaVerne Green at (206) 324-3533.

Pastors Pray for the Healing of AIDS:

17th Annual Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS Sunday, March 5 - Saturday, March 11, 2005

African Americans Reach and Teach Health (AARTH) Ministry and African American churches in Seattle and King County observe the 17th Annual Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS. The Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is a powerful week of prayer, education and action. This national AIDS awareness campaign engages Black congregations to support, encourage and empower African Americans, African and all people of the Diaspora, to take action toward stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS in Black communities worldwide.

HIV/AIDS continues to spread out of control in our community! African American women are disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS. As such, HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death among African American women ages 25 to 34. Of the estimated new AIDS cases, 61% are among African American girls and women ages 13 - 29. African American gay men continue to be at high risk for infection, accounting for an estimated 57% of AIDS diagnoses among men.

To find out how your church can get involved or to obtain a list of participating churches in your neighborhood, contact AARTH Ministry at 206-850-2070, aarthministry@yahoo.com or www.aarth.org. The Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is a national program developed and sponsored by the Balm in Gilead, Inc. For more information contact www.balmingilead.org.

Somebody Take a Stand

Yes! The life of a Black man seems limited at best. Bound to prove himself by any given test. The blowing of the wind can't determine his fate, yet to improve his standards in life he can only sit and wait. Women of our kind stand a better chance. In living a fuller, wholesome lifestyle, than any African American man. Why must this be for a race that's strong as we? Relegated to exist at the whim of the powers that be. Held at the start as to be sure and hamper our speed. Blocked in limited income, if any, as we die in pain from the economic bleed. Oh! Common man, boy, or child, of the African American strain. You must learn or be taught, in the way of making yourself a better man. "Than I"! Let's stop blaming another for our usual downfall, by bringing your grades up in school and not dropping out at all. Sure, that's a tall order when the deck is not in your favor. So, start looking in your mirror and make a pledge to your individual way of life. Thus becoming a better grader of your success from your determined way of "Thurgood Marshall" type of life! (Peace).

"Make Black history, don't just be a person of it."

Author: Stanley M. Watts Sr.

D. King and V.I.P. (Vibrant In Praise) 1st Year Anniversary Celebration Concert



Come and join D. King and V.I.P. (Vibrant In Praise) for our 1st Year Anniversary Celebration Concert, we will have a 9- piece band, with guest singers B the Truth, Ryan Anderson and Carma. The concert will be February 25th, 2006, at 7:00 PM, at unity COGIC, 8302 Renton Ave. South, Seattle, WA98118. Come, celebrate and have a joyful time in the Lord with us. For further information, please call (206) 679-9448.

Northwest Connection Choir in Conjunction with N-Time Music Productions Presents "The Ultimate Workshop 2006" March 16th, 17th, & 18th, 2006 Goodwill Baptist Church 126-15th Ave. Seattle, Washington Host Pastor, Bishop Gary Tyson

Multiple Classes & Instructors Workshop Classes:

Elder Jimmie Jordan "Church Administration" - Can churches continue to operate in the 21st century, like we did in the 20th century? We'll take a look at the differences between then and now, and offer some changes necessary to minister to the 21st century saints. Should your ministry be about quality or quantity, or can you experience both? Are the finances of your church in order? What should your financial reports look like? What is financial integrity and does your church have it? What does the IRS say is necessary for your church not to jeopardize its nonprofit status? Finally, we will look at how Administration in the Church should differ from Corporate America? How should they be similar? We will give you some helpful tools that promote church organization and enhance church growth.

Minister Royce C. Shorter "The Business Music" - This class will cover all aspects of the music business. Learn about copy rights license agreements, and how to market your product to the industry. Also learn new trends in the music industry.

Minister Grady Austin "Praise & Worship" - Is Praise and Worship a new movement that's sweeping the country? Is the Praise and Worship segment of our services really for our church? Is it just for non-denominational, interdenominational, and the more charismatic church groups and ministries? How do we usher in the presence of the Lord as a Praise Team! Song selection, non-verbal communication and much more!

Minister Royce Shorter "Mix 101" - From how to act in the choir stand to, how to decide what to wear. Gain knowledge on etiquette from a national perspective! How do I understand three part harmony? How can I sing on pitch? What is the spiritual duty of a choir member. Every choir member should take this class. (Plenty of hand outs will be available).

Jackie Hardy "Vocal Clinic" - These sessions are to help you improve your vocal technique. Singing is the one thing that all of us can do. You'll receive information on how to place your tones properly, how to breathe more efficiently, how to relax while singing, and how to exercise your voice.

Jackie Hardy "Choir Directing" - Learn how to bring out the best in your choir. Don't just direct the choir; direct the musicians, and the congregation. Know signals and cues from a national perspective! Also hearing parts clearly.

Minister Sam L. Townsend "Missing In Action" - The importance of corporate Praise and Worship"...And the Father seeketh such to worship Him". Do you notice a shortage of praisers in the house of God? You know, the kind we use to have that stood up, and clapped their hands, and sang the songs of Zion. Do you feel like you are the only one? Does it seem like there are some praisers Missing in Action? If you haven't noticed, God has! Come and discover the importance of corporate Praise and Worship and find out if you are the one who is Missing in Action.

Teresa Jordan "Holy Hip Hop Dance Class" - Winner of 2005 Extravaganza Dance Award brings: Holy Hip-Hop Class I - Have you always wanted to start a Holy Hip-Hop Dance Team at your church? Do you have teens at your church who desire to dance with the energy that God has given them? Come check out this class taught by Teresa Jordan, Dance Coordinator and Choreographer at Christ The King Bible Fellowship and owner of her own dance ministry Righteous Dance Company.

Pastor Dana E. McClendon "What Is Expository Preaching?"
How to preach using expository preaching techniques. This is a must for every evangelist, preacher and missionary.

Walter Davis "Piano I"- This class will teach the basics. A must have for keyboard players that are just beginning. Keyboard learning has never been more enjoyable!

Minister Royce C. Shorter "The Business Music"
This class is a must for anyone who wants to learn the business side of The Gospel Music Industry. Learn about contracts, copyrights and publishing your music. Learn the process of obtaining a recording contract. All aspects of Gospel Music Ministry.

Pastors Pat Wright "Return To Basics In Solo Singing"
So you think that you can sing, huh? Let Pat Teach you how to deliver a song in different settings. Learn how to use the power and when to use it! Learn how to preserve your voice so it last a life time.

Phyllis Byrdwell -"Sight Reading & Ear Training". This class will teach students how to read music. Every singer should know how to read music, this class will help in that process.

Apostle Edward Donalson "Leadership"

Monica Mcafee "Praise Dance & Praise Mime" Class will perform at Concert.
What is dance? How can dance be considered a Ministry? Is it appropriate in the church? This class will feature four different types of Dance in the Church! Familiar, Warfare, Expressive & Praise & Worship! This class will also focus on, knowledge and training physical and spiritual aspects. This class will learn the techniques in mime, Mime etiquette. The do's and don'ts for applying the makeup, how to apply and remove the makeup. This class will actually learn a mime routine and perform with Chris Byrd.

David Jones "Tamborine"- This class will teach those that really want to learn how to play the tambourine in any type of church service. This class will cover all of the basics of playing on beat.

and Much More! This is the largest workshop in the Pacific Northwest! Send your entire music department! Download registration forms here:

http://www.ntime2000.com/Registration.htm For more information, call 206-723-3152

Full Gospel Pentecostal 18th Women's Convention



Evangelist Tammie Gibson of Riverside, California, and Pastor Naomie Stewart of Phoenix, Arizona, will be our guest speakers at our 18th National Women's Convention of the Full Gospel Pentecostal Church. Evangelist Gibson will be speaking Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm (March 10-11, 2006) and Pastor Stewart will speak on Thursday (March 9, 2006) at 7:00pm. Evening services are being held at Miracle Temple COGIC (formerly known as PowerHouse COGIC), 7100 42nd South, Seattle, WA.

Day sessions on Thursdays and Friday (March 9 - 10) 9AM - 2:30 PM, at Holiday Inn, One South Grady Way, Renton.

Saturday Brunch with a Fashion demonstration (March 11, 2006) from 10 AM to noon.

For more information, please contact Sis. Margaret Shephard at 425-747-3969.

Evangelist M.R. Wells, Convention President, Mssn. Rosemary Daniels, Convention Co-President, Bishop AA Wells, Presiding Bishop FGPC.

Praise Chapel's Women's Conference

Theme: Consistency In Christ
February 24th - 26th, 2006

Sister 2 Sister

Guest Speakers Include:
Friday, February 24th, - 7PM
Missionary Myra Hughes - Center of Faith COGIC
Saturday Feb 25th Day Session
Registration 7:3a.m.
sessions begins at 9am
Presenters:
Missionary Gwendolyn E. Lawson - Townsend - Greater Glory COGIC
Sister Sherry Galston - Altheimer Memorial COGIC
Sister Robin Warren - Saint Paul Minstries COGIC
Sister Mimi Rahn - Priase Chapel COGIC
Sister Clarissa Barcliff - Praise Chapel COGIC
Summary: Missioanry Norma Muse-Praise Chapel COGIC

Sunday,
February 26th - 3PM
Elect Lady Jean McGraw - Praise Chapel COGIC

Registration $15.00
Includes: Saturday - Breakfast & Lunch, Seminar Package & Conference T-Shirt
Free Shopping Spree

Radioligist Dr. Marks Goes to Africa to Train Ultrasound Imaging



Radioligist, Dr. William M. Marks (right center), will make another trip to Africa (Tanzania) this March. He will be teaching about Utltrasound Imaging to Physicians there. Dr. Marks has done other work with Physicans in Africa in the past. This trip is a continuation of his ongoing commitment to improving healthcare to the underserved third world countries. Dr. Marks is a Radiologist for Providence Campus of Swedish Medical Imaging Department.

Free Wellness Workshop - February is Black History and Healthy Heart Month

It's time in 2006 to take care of your health and your wealth!!!
Did you know the leading cause of death for African Americans is 1) Heart Disease 2) Cancer 3) Stroke. Learn the dangers of prescription drugs that causes side effects. Let us show you also how to get rid of toxins and harsh chemicals in your home. Please bring a friend and come hear how millions across America have taken control of their health and their wealth. You don't want to miss this great opportunity. Please be on time, space is limited!!

When: Saturday, February 25th
Time: 12:00-1-30 pm
Where: Safeco Building, 306 23rd Ave. Suite 200, Seattle, WA
Contact (253) 332-9562 or (425) 336-4482 for further inquiry.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
Feb. 22 - March 8, 2006 Black History Month			22 SUPPORT AFRICAN AMERICAN BUSINESS IN SUPPORT OF BLACK HISTORY	23	24 Whirligig Seattle Ctr. Noon—5pm	25 Feb 25-26, 06 Seattle Choral Co. 24th Concert Season 05/06 800-838-3006
26 Walker Chapel & Oneness Christian Ctr Front Page	27 K.C Coucil Holding Public Health Town Hall Meeting @ First AME 9:30 am Support Change King County Logo (206)296-0321 2:30pm	28 Sonics vs Hornets 9pm Dance Classes @ Mt Baker Comm. Club 2811 Mout Rainier Dr So	1 Streetsweeper Ministries Andre Taylor @ Holiday Inn 7pm	2 Mar 2-5 Monty ALexanda Spirit of Jamaica @ Jazz Alley (206) 441-9729	3	4 Happy Birthday Brandy Allen
5 Sonic vs Utah 6pm.	6 March 4-25 Student Find Help w/College Entrance Exams info (206) 768-6600	7 Mar 7—8 Mary Stallings @ Jazz Alley (206) 441-9729	8 Marla B's Birthday Sonics vs Memphis 7pm	SAFEWAY Ingredients for life.™		

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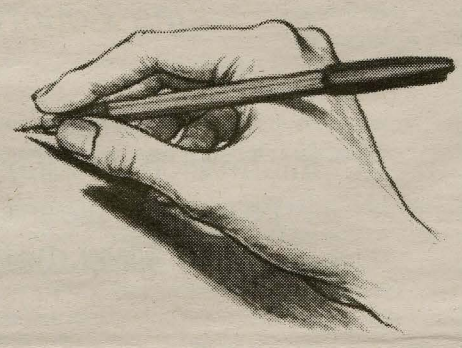
SPORTS
By Mazvita Maraire

Accountability: After reading last week's Seattle Times article about all of the alleged illegal recruiting violations that occurred at the Sealth High School Girl's Basketball Program, one could not help but wonder where is the accountability. During the same week, Garfield Girls Basketball Coach, Joyce Walker was suspended one game for an administrative error. At least Walker took responsibility for her mistake. A week before that a Garfield High School athlete was deemed ineligible for the rest of the season due to grades. In these three instances there is one common victim here and that is the youth. Every year you hear of countless numbers of kids becoming academically ineligible and the team, school, and coach, move on. One less troubled youth on the team. I think it is time to hold the King County Conference Central Administration and it's schools responsible. To many times youth are not being given the resources they so need to graduate. The alleged recruiting scandal was all about a coach who promised parents one thing and did not follow through. Both parties in this instance should be held responsible, parents for taking part in the alleged recruiting promises and the coaches for making the alleged promises. High Schools should be held responsible for the amount of students the graduate, just like the Colleges. Parents should be held responsible for ensuring that thier youth attend school and ask for the necessary resources needed for their kids to graduate. Conference head quarter, such as the King County and Metro should revamp how there schools compete, come up with a revenue sharing plan to help inner city schools compete with the private schools. It is time to use the resources that are available to our kids. Youth are being asked to do well in the classroom, and on the athletic fields that is fine. Youth need to be more responsible. The question is who is holding the parents and school administrators responsible? You cannot use the same athletic registration, scheduling, and transportation methods from twenty years ago in today's world. It just does not work. It is time our kids deserved better from school and athletic administrators.

Seattle Teachers Opt to Combat U.S. Statistic: 90% of Educators Feel Unprepared to Teach Handwriting

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Why: While research shows that children who write comfortably perform better in school, enjoy their classes more and take pride in their work, more than 90% of primary grade teachers feel unprepared to teach handwriting. Additionally, with the new SAT handwritten essay section, proper writing techniques have never been more important for kids.

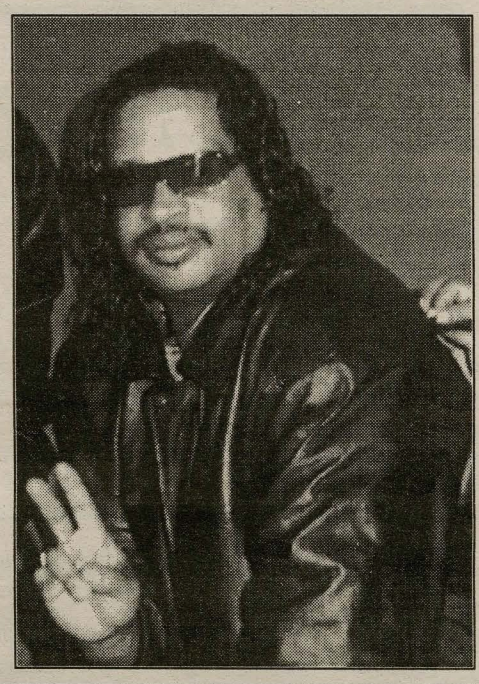


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Saturday, February 25th - 8 am - 5 pm
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Elements:
- Workshop Leader, Katrina Erickson, OTR, interview
- Tips parents can do at home to help ensure academic success for their children
- Simple tools and finger movements that will be introduced during the workshops
- Local teachers who have attended the workshop
- The founder of Handwriting Without Tears, Jan Z. Olsen [by phone]
- Visual opportunities - songs, Magic C Bunny puppet and Mat Man demonstrations

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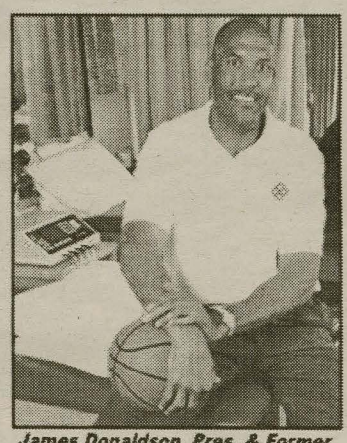
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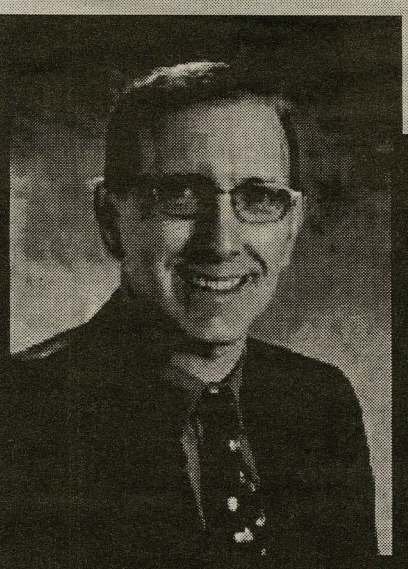
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Economic Justice On Thursday January 26th, African Americans who care about our community rallied at the board meeting of SoundTransit in order to advocate for Blacks getting contracts and jobs. Although sad things happened at that meeting that showcased the little regard for our community, our voices were heard. As you know, SoundTransit is authority that owns the light rail project, a project that will end of spending billions (not millions) of tax payers dollars to run trains from the north end to the airport (and beyond).

The group pushing for King County Blacks receiving our fair share of this money is called the Community Coalition for Contracts and Jobs (CCCJ). Remember this name and support CCCJ, for it has been working in your interest. The point persons are stalwart community leader and businessman Eddie Rye and able co-leader Ms. Patricia Paschal. These leaders called area pastors, civil leaders, business owners, union workers, and other civic leaders to attend last Thursday's SoundTransit board meeting. Why? Because the general contractors have not been fair and responsive to CCCJ requests; and to add insult to injury, on an $87 million dollars paid to date on the $280 million dollar tunnel contract, African American contractors and suppliers only received a total of $857,000. Brothers and sisters, if my math is right this means our people only received less than 1% of this project that our tax money supports.

Perhaps a little bit of recent history is in order. How did CCCJ form? Well, folks in our community got fed up driving by projects in our community on which Blacks were not working. In 2003 Verlene Wilder, Pastor Ricky Willis, Pastor Kenneth Ransfer, Carl Mack, Pastor Pat Wright, Tony Orange, Todd Hawkins, Michael Woo, Frederic Simmons, Harold Wright, Eddie Rye and my self, Pastor Carl Livingston, and others got fed up seeing Seattle Housing Authority (SHA), South East Effectiveness Development (S.E.E.D.) and other agencies doing projects such as rebuilding housing at Holly Park and Rainier Vista without Blacks so much as even holding up a sign that read "Slow." We are unemployed, under-employed, poor, and tired. We can't take this situation of business as usual anymore. A prayer vigil was held prior to a Seattle Housing Authority Board meeting and the group demanded equity from SHA Board. LELO and CCCJ obtained information showing that SHA has been in non-compliance in ways that hurt Blacks and thus a complaint was filed with US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) against SHA and their prime contractors.

In June and July of 2003 CCCJ, the Black clergy, Black contractors, and community members to protest the awarding of the initial Sound Transit contract to Kiewit Pacific for $94 million dollars. In its bid Kiewit listed three Black contractors for less than $300,000. Black contractors, Black clergy and other community leaders called this unacceptable. Speaking with facts and passion, we called the board for not including Blacks in a fair way on the design and prep work contracts that had been awarded. We reminded this that this is happening in our community, right under our noses, and that we pay taxes too. We said that we were fed up, and were not going to take it any more. As a result of the protest of the contract award was delayed for over a month.

During this period, former Sound Transit Board chair and Martin Luther King County Executive were instrumental in increasing promised participation by African American contractors to more than $3 million dollars. He and others promised our community that they would not allow any community to be passed over from sharing in this work in a fair way. This was the promise; we are holding Sound Transit to, and thus we entered into discussions with board members who would listen to us, and negotiated with contractors who (acted like) they would work with us.

As is typical, promises have not resulted into actions. How often have we seen this? Our architects and engineers have been overlooked for design work. Contractors, suppliers, tradespersons and journeymen have not received significant work. These are the kind of practices that keep us poor and impoverished, sick and tired, disadvantaged and disenfranchised. King told us before he died that the battle is economic now-not legal. Political segregation is largely over; today the battle is about the money. Let me teach a little bit.

Since slavery Blacks have been skilled in construction. We were craftsmen before we came here. Just look at the pyramids and the obelisks. When we arrived, we built Monticello-just ask Thomas Jefferson; we built the capitol building that Congress meets in-just ask George Washington; we built the master's house and the slave quarters-just ask Willie Lynch and Aunt Jamima. We know how to build things. During Jim Crow in every quarter of this country we continued to build things. We built Boley, Oklahoma-Boley was a Black town; we built Quandara, Kansas-Quandara was a black town. We know how to build things. We built black neighborhoods in majority White towns. We built Black Tulsa-go ask John Hope Franklin; we built out Black Harlem-go ask Zora Neale Hurston; we built out Central Area Seattle-go ask the Gaytons. We were the best trades people in Alaska until the unions ran us out of the money in the 1950s. We know how to build things.

We even know design work. When the French architect ran off with the plans to build the capitol and the country was 'up the [proverbial] creek without a paddle', it was an African American who figured out the design, committed it to plans and specifications, and said, 'Go ahead America, you can build from these'-go ask Benjamin Banneker. Back to the point.

The Asian American owned construction firm that received a significant part of the early work stopped working with Rye and others. This by itself was too much to take. Then when word arrived about the $87 million that largely passed our community, we had to respond. Paschal, Rye and others sent out the call. The Black media dedicated radio programming to the subject. CCCJ brought the banners out. We came to the meeting early, but could not speak on the agenda early. The board moved us towards the end. This was the beginning of the negativity we were to experience.

We witnessed a Citizen's Advisory Panel speak on a report that basically praised SoundTransit, and said nothing about SoundTransit's commitment (or lack thereof) to diversity, and especially to the Black community. We witnessed a Black attorney working for Sound Transit state that a contract for $89 million for a parking garage could be waived from having to meet diversity goals because the contract was indivisible.

Who's fooling whom? The demolition is not divisible? The excavation is not divisible? The grading is not divisible? The trucking of materials is not divisible? The concrete work is not divisible? The steel work is not divisible? The framing work is not divisible? The painting is not divisible? Not even the landscaping is divisible? Do they think we are ignorant? Only Sound Transit Board member, Seattle City Councilman Richard McIver spoke against this. I personally told the African American attorney as he walked by me, "Man, you're killing us." Yet, the contract was approved unanimously.

Other contracts were approved without any requirement for participation by women and minority owned firms. Seattle City Councilman McIver spoke in favor of a provision to maximize participation by women and minority owned firms on all Sound Transit contracts. The chair and others countered, "I don't think we can require this given I-200." McIver countermanded properly, "Aren't we receiving federal money and doesn't federal law have such provisions?" They called their attorney to the table and he agreed that I-200 may well make such language either illegal or unenforceable. An African American attorney working with him stood behind but had nothing to say.

Now that I am on this point, let me ask: how long are we going to allow African Americans to work against our interests when it is generally understood that they have their job because they are African American? How much longer will we do this? Should not be at least talk about such people in our Black media and then on behalf of the community protest their position to the powers that want our vote? I am tired of it; what about you?

Finally, they called us to the table two hours after the meeting started. About half of our crew had to leave by then. Patricia Paschal spoke effectively about the $87 million that was largely denied our people. On the next panel, Eddie Rye, Pastor Kenneth Ransfer, and myself, Pastor Carl Livingston spoke on the discrimination the few contractors who are working are experiencing, on the broken promises of concerning Blacks getting our fair share, and on how this is the same stuff we have been experiencing for forty years.

I stated that I had no confidence, after what I witnessed today, that the board even cared (except for McIver). I said that the attorney was patently wrong about federal law. The doctrine of preemption (and the Supremacy clause of the U.S. Constitution) made federal law applicable at all times where significant federal money is involved. I said this is all the more the case where federal government officials are on the board, and thus part of the governance and the financing. I also stated that I-200's supporters always said that I-200 would not prohibit outreach programs. Yet, no outreach was done for our community. What about that?

The next panel was comprised of such contractors and workers as Harold Wright, president of the Black Builders Association (and a founding member of the Central Area Contractors Association). Mr. Wright drove the point home: this makes forty years that he has been fighting for contracts and for work in this city. He detailed all that has been done to keep him out of the money on the projects the board oversees. Most of our members and friends had to rush away after speaking. This event will be televised on public television, but what we really need not to wait for the re-airing of the event, nor even to read this and weep; instead, we need you to talk up what is going on, come to our rallies, and help us keep the pressure on. The CCJC is fighting for jobs and contracts for you-fight with us. Frederick Douglass stated, "Power concedes nothing without a demand." By: Rev. Carl Livingston 206.587.2922 papaschal@hotmail.com erye@comcast.net

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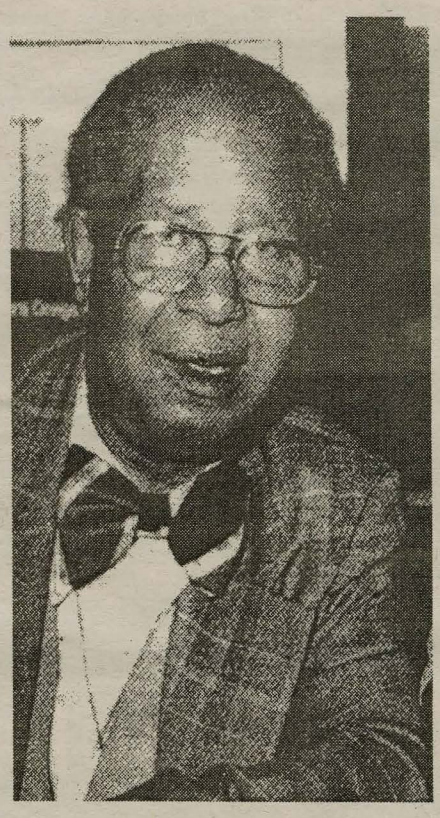
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The principal objective of a DRB is to assist in the resolution of claims that might otherwise result in litigation. The DRB is not intended to manage the contract. DRB members will consider matters submitted for resolution within the framework of the contract and its decisions shall be consistent with the contract terms and appropriate legal precedence. The DRB members may provide written advisory opinions.

It is not mandatory that you have prior experience as a DRB member. The County will consider persons with experience in the design, construction and/or legal fields.

Interested candidates are requested to submit a resume outlining relevant experience in the construction industry (including design) and with the preparation, defense, and/or resolution of construction claims. We are also interested in learning more about a potential member's technical experience with contract and construction law, and particularly experience in applying Washington law to construction disputes.

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* Proposed hourly fees
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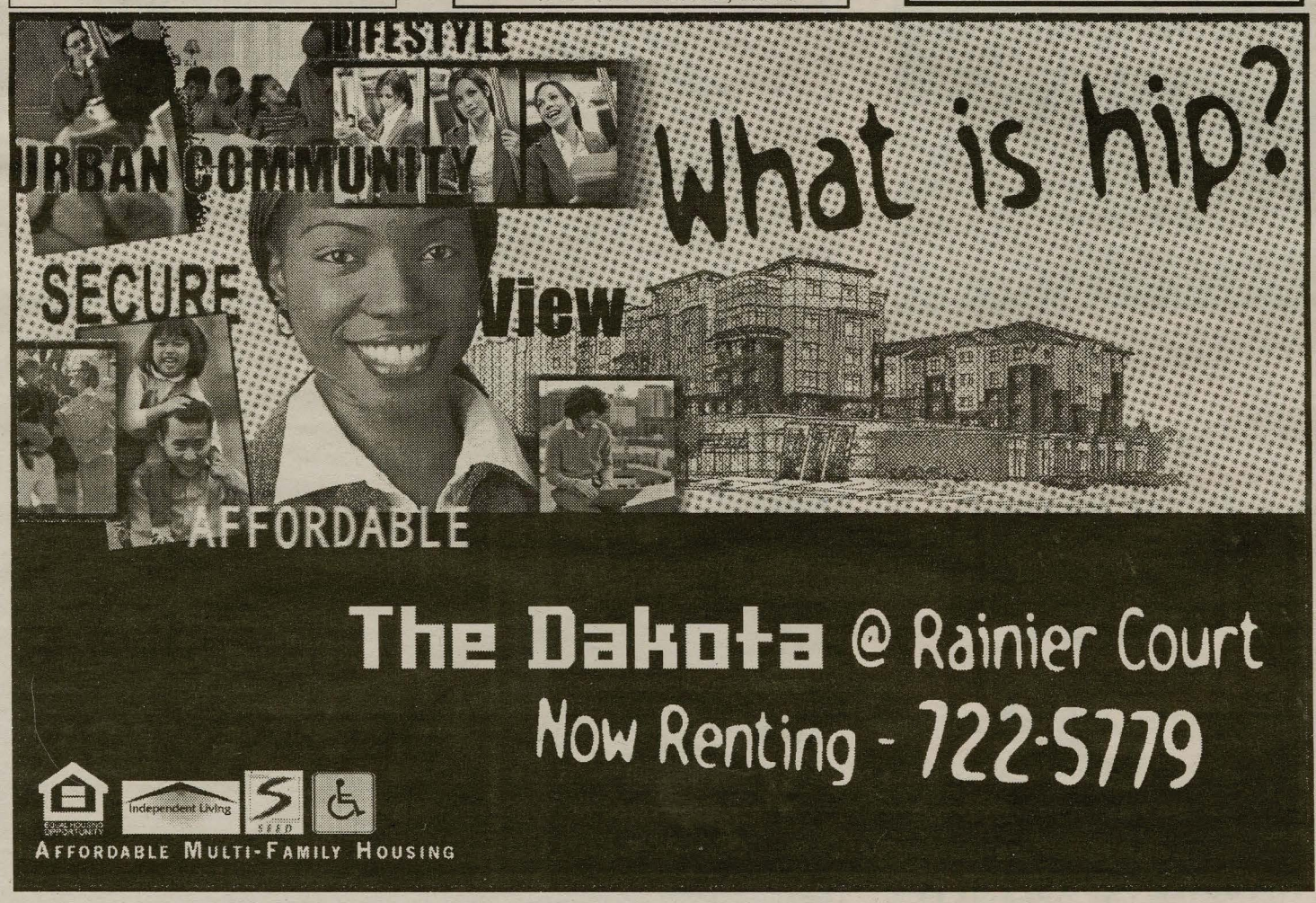
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I recently returned home after a trip to the Washington state area. I flew to the area to facilitate workshops and a Leadership Retreat. My youngest sister, Benita, and my friend, Geena, met me at the airport, took me out to eat and catch up on our lives. The next day my beautiful daughter, Gera LaQue', and her partner, Jonathan, prepared a delightful dinner for me and topped it off with my Glam'son, Saaj. I realize how truly lucky and blessed I am for being in the company of such accepting people. I am so happy that Gera LaQue' has someone in her life that is willing to step up and be the responsible father/partner. On one occasion I was in the parking lot of Safeway and ran into a friend, Larry Wilmore. We talked and shared about his wonderful family and our lives. Larry opened my first business account twenty-two years ago and he is someone with such integrity and honor. I count him as my extended family amongst many others who have touched my life. Over the years people like Glen Heathcote, Mildred German, Norm Chamberlain, and Alicia Strong, have been so instrumental in my growth as a person. I am grateful they extended their hearts and took the time to share their life with me. Are you taking the time to extend your life to include others? It's amazing what happens when we open our lives to be inclusive as opposed to exclusive. Perhaps it's the lonely neighbor, the older gentleman, or young child, that would love for you to say a kind word. Look over your years and carefully observe the people who opened their lives to include you. What gift did they leave you? What gift did you bring to them? I believe that connections keep the world moving forward, so I sometimes pick up the phone and call people who have touched my life. Many times those calls go unanswered or are met with questions. I've asked myself, have we lost the sense of humanity, the sense of simply honoring each other? My hope is that we all reflect on our extended family and honor such people with a call or a simple thought of gratitude. Will you extend your heart today, your time, or even your arms, to include someone who is waiting patiently for your attention? I promise you, you will be glad you did! Until then, I extend my love and honor to you. Glad you are a part of my life!

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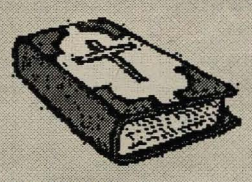
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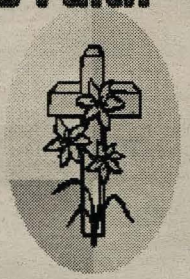
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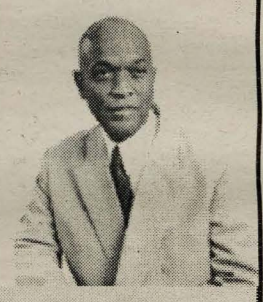
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