

ENTERTAINMENT

"A Night At The Rap" To Be Presented By Pat Wright And The Total Experience Gospel Choir

It will be a powerful performance experience when the youth of Rainier Valley and Pat Wright and the Total Experience Choir take to the stage at Benaroya Hall.

A night at the Rap, a talent-packed show to raise awareness and support for Powerful Schools will be held May 4, 7-8:30 p.m. at Benaroya Hall, Third and University. Admission to the 9th annual performance is free encouraging everyone to come out and celebrate both the students and the achievements of the Powerful Schools programs.

"A Night at the Rap has traditionally been held at Franklin High School, so this year the children are extremely excited about the chance to impress the

audience with their singing, dancing and acrobatic skills on such an incredible stage," says the program coordinator Jennifer Gaer.

Powerful Schools is a non-profit coalition of four Seattle public elementary schools (Hawthorne, John Muir, Orca and Whitworth) and two community organizations that work in Rainier Valley to improve academic achievement and strengthen the community. Powerful Schools programs include after school and evening classes for kids and families, a computer giveaway program, and reading and writing programs that seek to dramatically increase literacy among at-risk kids.

U. S. Bank is the prime sponsor of the event, with key support from PONCHO and community members. The donors will be honored at "Pre-Night at the Rap" donor reception at the Seattle Art Museum. The reception will give the donors a chance to see the work of the students that have been involved in a four-year visual art project and study in partnership with the Seattle Art Museum called "Growing Up with the Arts."

"Kids today have more needs than ever before," says Greg Tuke, Executive Director of Powerful Schools. "What we're showing is that when all of us in the community pull together, we can create schools that nurture all children's potential."

"WOW!"

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4. Erin Brockovich (R) Julia Roberts
5. The Road to El Dorado (PG) Feat. the voice of Kevin Kline
6. Return to Me (PG-13) David Duchovny, Minnie Driver
7. American Psycho (R) Christian Bale
8. The Skulls (PG-13) Joshua Jackson
9. (Tie) Final Destination (R) Devon Sawa
9. (Tie) High Fidelity (R) John Cusack
10. Where the Money Is (PG-13) Paul Newman

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Ask Gwendolyn Baines Stop! Don't Co-Sign That Loan!

DEAR GWENDOLYN:
Two years ago my husband co-signed for his brother to purchase a car.

As a result of that transaction, we are in the process of losing our house.

After receiving the vehicle, his brother only paid four payments. My husband paid eight payments and for the past year, the payments have been made by me. My husband does construction work and often finds himself in-between jobs. At present, he is not working.

I told him not to co-sign for his brother. His brother never keeps a job beyond six months, and doesn't seem to care for anyone except himself. We have three children. Two are still in daycare and one just entered high school. I am so disgusted.

RUTH

DEAR RUTH:
You have reason to be disgusted. Some men are always doing as they please never giving full thought to the repercussion. Since he is often without work himself, why would he co-sign for his brother? You, and your children should have been his priority concern. Because your husband has seasonal work, co-signing a debt for someone else was not wise.

It is amazing how people without any form of transportation don't want to utilize public transporting. He should have suggested to his brother to work, save his money, then purchase a car on a sole signature, his. After all, according to you, he didn't need a car for the purpose of getting to work. You indicated that he doesn't keep a job anyway.

Ruth, this is my advice to you: Protect first the dwelling that is needed for you and your children. Try desperately not to lose your house.

Have you considered refinancing the house with a smaller monthly payment?

After you have mastered your mortgage crisis, you are still going to be faced with another problem. You need to reclaim the car from your brother-in-law for resale. Try to put it back on the market at a price that will leave a balance of zero. Sometime cars are repossessed, resold at a too low value, and the owner remains accountable.

You seem to be carrying the entire financial burden on your shoulders, and that can be dangerous. With two children in daycare, one in high school, and husband without work, be cautious. Don't worry to the extent you damage your health.

If all options have been taken, lose the house, resale the car, and start all over again. I will tell you this: If you have to start over again, then make the venture with only you and your three children. Your husband should have listened to you and given more consideration to the fact he was not working. This type of situation has caused many happy couples to divorce.

Ruth, think about it. Your husband needs to come to the reality that although he has a brother and loves his brother, the wants of his brother should not come before the needs of his wife.

Businessman's Opposition Plays Major Role In Denzel's Oscar Denial

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NNPA) — According to sources, a Fort Lauderdale businessman, by the name of Cal Deal played a major role in ensuring Oscar nominee, Denzel Washington of not receiving an Oscar for his performance in "The Hurricane." The film tells the powerful tale of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter's relentless fight for freedom after twice being convicted of a triple murder. Deal's reason for not giving the Oscar to Washington, "I openly opposed an Oscar for Denzel Washington because of his disinterest in the truth and his public endorsements of Carter."

Dear Diane

DEAR DIANE:
I just found out that one of my friends thinks that something of a romantic nature might happen between her and one of her professors.

Am I mistaken, or is that "against the rules"? Can't one or both of them suffer serious consequences from this?

She's in grad school, and I'd hate to see her get kicked out for something like this. Help! What should I do? What can I tell her?

WANTS TO EDUCATE RITA

DEAR WANTS:
From what you've written, it sounds like nothing romantic has happened yet between your friend and her professor. This is a good thing.

It's perfectly natural for a young woman to develop a crush on an older man, and it's even more common for coeds to become smitten with their professors.

It may very well be that your friend's suspicion that the professor harbors feelings for her may be a figment of an overactive imagination on her part.

However, it is also true that professors sometimes have eyes on their young students, and affairs between the two are also common. In other words, your friend's intuition may be correct. If this is the case, this is a Bad Thing. On many campuses, teachers can get into serious trouble for fraternizing with their students.

I'd think that if your friend was seriously interested in pursuing a relationship with this man, she would do the right thing and withdraw from his class. If the add/drop date has already passed, she should wait until next semester to take this affair to the next level.

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