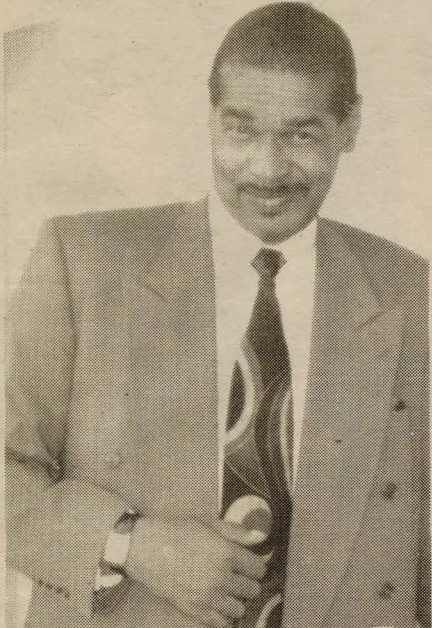


Business Writes By Bobby Fleeks



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We all know the saying, "What you see is what you get." But that is not always true in business dealing. Just recently, some nefarious people from outside this country approached me with an amazing offer that at first, I thought was the deal of the century. They said that my company could make millions of dollars if we could hold funds for them that were about to be confiscated by their government, unless they could secure an American bank to transfer this money into until the turmoil in their country was settled.

Now, how many of you would see this opportunity as an amazing windfall for just a little work. The deal was to transfer over 21 million dollars to my business account, hold it until these government officials, called for it, and for the service, we would make 4.5 million on the deal. How simple!

It was not till later after I had become suspicious and started searching the web about the affairs of this country, did I find that there was a scam out such as this, that had been running since 1998. It was shocking and a revelation to find that while this scandalous activity had been going on for some time, it was well guarded and even calling network news and the FBI was to no avail. No one seemed to care or give much interest. It is just fortunate I was not savvy and aware enough to have been one to outsmart the slicksters. I saved myself bundles of money, yet they are still out there.

A business associate lost over \$25,000 to a similar seemingly authentic government plea from this same county, and he just happened to be a native of the region! So you can see how well put together the scheme is. It can fool even one of their own.

I write all this to make you and other businesses aware that this is happening, and that the next targeted business could be yours. This one came in the form of an e-mail from a brother in Africa purporting to be a government official. These types of emails can come from anywhere and promise many things to all types of people. And sure, we're all looking to expand our horizons financially, but let me tell you that the old adage still applies, "if it sounds too good to be true...it probably is!"

That's news you can use from the "Write Professional" Bobby Fleeks. Guard your money and invest wisely to build business growth. Quick money schemes are still out there...Some may work...some may not. Remember WRITE PROFESSIONALS' job is "Building Dreams Into Visible Realities" and that is what I can help you with, but it still takes more than just wishful thinking. And that my friends, is today's BUSINESS WRITES.

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EFFECTIVE REMEDIES TO IRS TAX DEBT

Hello again friends. As you know, my job is to help solve your tax problems. If you are behind in your taxes, all the good the new prosperity has brought is still probably causing you headaches and worry.

If you were behind on your taxes, it would be advisable not to be fooled by the Internal Revenues new taxpayer friendly approach. I've told you about the legislative reforms that were passed in 1998 to help protect you from overzealous collections agents. But you need to know that the IRS has not forgotten its job - to collect what it thinks taxpayers owe. Interest and penalties on back taxes can run as high as 24% a year, so it's a good idea to get caught up as soon as possible.

Seek an effective remedy with the IRS to settle your tax debt issues. **Offer In Compromise**, my office specialty, is a settlement program that is designed for the person who has amassed a large debt that they aren't realistically able to pay off. It's a formula-driven program that is based on a delinquent taxpayer's net worth and future income stream. **The Offer is Compromise** is for people who truly cannot pay their back taxes and wish to settle the matter. You should seek an Offer in Compromise when you are still in financial trouble, not when they start coming after your property of assets.

A Penalty Abatement is a request by an individual who has been paying his or her tax debt to have the penalty excused because of the special circumstances (death in the family, divorce, natural disaster, etc.) that prevented them from paying their taxes in the first place. Quite often, the amount excused equals the amount of the original tax debt.

Another program, Tax Resolution, helps reduce the amount you owe. Often tax debt can be reduced to a payment of pennies on the dollar.

To avoid these troubles before they happen, work out the best deal up front. When extenuating circumstances such as job loss or illness contribute to tax delinquency, it's sometimes possible to get the penalties associated with them removed. In order to arrange this type of settlement, you need to know the laws and regulations. That is why I am here. To help you work out the best solution to all these problems. Don't expect the IRS to point out the angels what work in your favor. You need some one like me, who knows the best method of getting you the best and most satisfactory settlement.

Just more tips on saving money on your taxes. Till next time..... "Stay Money Wise & Money Smart" and remember to "Keep the Man Out Of Your Pocket." This is your "Tax Lady" Lorna Fleeks, and I'll see ya at the bank!

Langston Hughes clears Peter Pan for take-off



4th annual All-City Summer Musical booked at the Paramount Theater

The Langston Hughes Cultural Arts Center is planning, once again, to unleash the exuberance and creative energy of over 60 multi-cultural youth for this upcoming All-City Summer Musical. This year a cast ranging in ages from 8 to 18 will perform in **Peter Pan-- Parents Just Don't Understand**. Free tickets for the August 16th & 17th production will be available August 1st at all Rite Aid TicketMaster locations.

Participating youth are completely immersed in the "theatre experience" as the production is prepared for its opening at the Paramount Theater (911 Pine St.). They learn everything from stage lighting and building sets to character development and costume design. It's important to note that at least one third of the cast and crew come from low-income or "at-risk" families.

While the Langston Hughes production of Peter Pan remains true to the original, the music has been updated to provide a contemporary feel. And there is no doubt that this is the first version where Captain Hook has dread-locks and speaks with a native Jamaican accent.

This is truly a labor of love for co-directors Darcell Hubbard and Isiah Anderson. "It's amazing to watch the transformation that the kids go through," explains Hubbard. "They're not the same kids by the final performance. They've really grown and matured."

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New Birth Ministries COGIC Second Anniversary



Rev. Maynard & Carolyn Sopher

It is with excitement and greatest joy that we extend an invitation to you to fellowship with New Birth Ministries COGIC for our second Church anniversary and dedication of our new Church facility. The services are scheduled as follows:

Friday August 25th at 7:00PM (Dedication Service)

Saturday August 26th at 7:00PM (Musical)

Sunday August 27th at 3:00PM (Dedication Service)

There will be several churches in the community that will celebrate with us, and also there will be some of the greatest musical talent in our area attending the musical service. To name a few, Youth for Christ Shabach, Songs of Solomon, Kent Stevens and Urban Rhythms and others. Bishop T.L. Westbrook will be the guest speaker on Sunday, August 27th.

For further information, contact New Birth Ministries @ (206) 772-6557.

Tabernacle MBC begins 50 year celebration with "Homecoming Service" on Sunday, August 27th

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Manaway, Sr. and the Tabernacle MBC would like all former members of Tabernacle to come "Home" in celebration of the church's 50th Anniversary. Homecoming service will take place on Sunday, August 27th at 9:30 and special 5PM service. Contact Larry Norman @ (206) 352-8713 for more information.

L.J. Green District Annual Christian Women's Convention August 16th-18th

Theme: Women Called and Consecrated for Such

A Time As This

Evening Session 6:00PM (Seminars)

7:30PM Worship

Morning session 10:00AM

GUEST SPEAKERS

Wednesday Evening - Evangelist Helen Hicks

Unity Church of God In Christ, First Lady

Thursday Evening - Superintendent James E. Hick

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Friday Evening - District Missionary Lena Brewer

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