

Community Scene



The Core Ensemble will perform at the Hayti Heritage Center Feb. 17

Programs at the Hayti Heritage Center Through February's Black History Month Celebration

The Art of Benny Andrews and "Testaments of the Spirit" through March 31, 2004 in the Lyda Moore Merrick Gallery at the Hayti Heritage Center. Benny Andrews is a national treasure. At 73 years old, he is a major figure in American art. His artistic career spans more than five decades. An important artist and chronicler of the human experience, his series of exhibitions and paintings that include "The World," "The American Series," "The Revival Series" and others. Andrews succeeds in conceiving, capturing and creating universal portraits of the human spirit.

Heritage Rhythm Dance Class, each Monday night from 6:30 — 8pm through April 5th. Prepare to travel the African Diaspora in this energetic and culturally rich dance exploration. Let the rhythms of the drums and movements of the Motherland uplift your soul and jump-start your body. The 90-minute class incorporates deep breathing, conditioning, and cardio intensive movements from various dance styles. Men and women of all levels are welcome. Childcare not provided. All are welcome to join us at Hayti! \$5 per class.

Drum Class for ages 8 to 14. Adults welcome too! Each Saturday morning from 10 am — 11am through March 27. Explore the rhythms from the continent of Africa. Learn the meaning and culture associated with each rhythm. Bring your own drum. Come and join us for lots of fun!

10th annual Black Diaspora Film Festival, February 12th — 15th. "Depicting the Spectrum of Black Life in Film". Now, celebrating its tenth year, the festival's mission is to bring renowned and aspiring films and filmmakers together with enthusiasts and academic in a setting conducive to the intellectual discourse on the contributions and uniqueness of the Black artistic tradition in film. The various films chosen will look at how major historical figures in African American culture, and numerous others have been treated both within the African American filmmaker community and by Hollywood. Independent filmmakers will be saluted and featured during this year's festival. All films are free and open to the public.

Thursday, February 12th 6:30 pm Lecture on **Creating A Legacy: "Collecting African American Art,"** an open discussion on collecting African American art for those interested in beginning their collection or for those who have begun and want pointers by Cheryl Sutton, owner of Cheryl Sutton & Associates. The evening will include films depicting African American life through the visual arts perspective from masters such as Faith Ringgold, Romare Bearden, Charles White and Benny Andrews. Free and open to the public.

The Core Ensemble in Of Ebony Embers- Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance, Tuesday, February 17, 2004. A joyful exploration of African American music and poetry of the 1920's and 30's. It features actor/playwright Akin Babatunde, portraying three of the greatest poets of the period: Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and Claude McKay as well as the renowned painter and muralist Aaron Douglas. The musical score is drawn from great composers of the Jazz Age (Ellington, Strayhorn,

Morton) as well as African American composers of classical music (Jeffrey Mumford, George Walker). (cello, piano & percussion) Tickets \$15 adults; \$10 students & senior citizens. Heritage Arts for Youth Program-School Show 9:30 am, Tickets \$5 per person, teachers and chaperons admitted free with group.

February 19th, **A Staged Reading: "How I Got Over"**; 7:00 PM In a local collaboration, Maurice Wallace of Duke University and Johari Jabir, visiting artist/scholar, will offer a stage reading of their original African American history pageant, "How I Got Over." The performance includes readings and recitations of classic writings in African American history and black sacred musical performance. After the reading, Wallace and Jabir will discuss the artistic vision that inspired their multimedia collaboration and talk about value of collaborative work. FREE to the public.

For more information call (919) 683-1709 or view our web site at www.hayti.org

Back To The Mountain

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National Pan-Hellenic Council to Sponsor Workshops Durham African American Heritage Week

The Durham/Chapel Hill Alumni of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) which is composed of nine International Greek letter sororities and fraternities, will sponsor African American Heritage Week February 16-20.

During the week, NPHC will address such topics as employment, AIDS, substance abuse, and violence.

Joe Bowser, Durham County Commissioner, will address employment in Durham as it relates to the rebuilding of downtown Dur-

ham on Monday, February 16, at 7 p.m., in the Alfonso Elder Student Union of the campus of North Carolina Central University.

Bowser is the Kick-off speaker for the employment workshop. The workshop will be hosted by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information: Trevaughn Eubanks, 919/843-2668, cubankstb@hotmail.com

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Morning Star

Family and Friends Day is set for February 15 at 3 p.m., at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 4610 Fayetteville Road. The speaker will be Rev. Bobby McCoy. The Men's Chorus will sing. Rev. William A. Henderson is pastor. For further information, call 544-8596.

Gates of Praise

"What Does God Say About Money?" is the title of a financial seminar to be held Friday, February 20 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, February 21, at 9 a.m. at Gates of Praise Christian Church, 2524 Highway 55 Robinson's Suite (near the intersection of Riddle Road and Highway 55). To reserve a seat, call 493-2480.

First Community

Black History Month is being celebrated during the month of February at First Community Baptist Church, Hillsborough. A special presentation will be given each Sunday. On the fourth Sunday, the congregation will dress in African attire. On the fifth Sunday, a traditional soul food dinner will be served after the worship service. The church is located at 509 Eno Street, Hillsborough. Rev. William Richardson, Pastor. For more information call 732-6135.

Greater Joy

Greater Joy Baptist Church will hold its Annual Youth Dance on Saturday, February 7. Free Food! Free Prizes! Ages 5-8 at 4 p.m., Ages 9-12 at 6 p.m., Ages 13-18 at 8 p.m. Attire is formal or semiformal. Will be well chaperoned and have excellent security. Call 688-5888 for more information.

Faucette Memorial

Faucette Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will conduct a Home Ownership Seminar on Saturday, February 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Faucette Memorial is located at 2124 Charles Street in Durham. The seminar is free and open to the public. A continental breakfast will be served.

Seminar presenters are licensed professionals in the real estate and home mortgage business. Participants will receive a FREE Personalized Home Buying and Credit Review.

Participants will learn:

- How to build wealth in real estate
- Different ways to purchase a home
- How to protect their real estate investment
- The role of an attorney in real estate transactions
- The basics of credit and how it is used to buy a home
- Different types of mortgage loan programs
- How to qualify for a mortgage

To pre-register or receive additional information, contact Dr. Moses V. Goldman at 405-2267 or via e-mail at mvgoldmon@aol.com

Fisher Memorial

Fisher Memorial United Holy Church, 420 East Piedmont Ave., will have its annual Black History program Sunday, February 8. The program will begin at 6 p.m. Ms. Cora Cole-McFadden is the guest speaker for this occasion. The public is invited.

Henderson Grove

Billy Turner will sponsor a song festival at Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 2806 Page Road, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 8. The program will include The Voices of Harmony, The Price Family, Rev. Julia Harris and the Henderson Grove Male Chorus. The public is invited. Rev. Johnnie M. Bethea is pastor. For further information, call 596-6750.

First Calvary

First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Avenue, will sponsor a Young Adult Conference February 11-15.

2/11 - Wednesday Night Bible Study facilitated by Minister Michael Hamlin at 7:00 Praise and Worship begin at 6:30

2/13 - "Friday Night Live" Join the First Calvary Baptist Church Young Adult Choir and various groups as they minister through song, drama, mime, and Testimonies including The Boston University Inner City Gospel Choir. The program begins at 7:00 p.m.

2/14 - "Empowering Conversations" is the title of this year's Christian education workshops.

Flesh vs. Spirit: Domanic A. Smith

Ministering & Managing in the Midst of Your Mess:

Dawn Howard

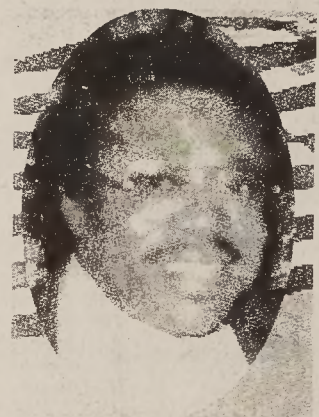
What you Need to Know Before and After you Say I do:

Pastor Fredrick and Judith Davis

Classes begin at 8:30 a.m.

2/15 Sunday Worship will be the conclusion of the Young Adult Conference. Dr. Maurice Wallace, chairman of the Department of African Studies at Duke University and former pastor of New Red Mountain Baptist Church, will be the guest preacher at 7:45 and 10:45 worship services.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION



RICHARD DONALD JAMES, JR.

Final rites for Richard Donald James, Jr. were held Monday, January 26, at First Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. Fredrick A. Davis, pastor, officiated. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery. He died Thursday, January 22.

He was born March 2, 1935 in Durham, a son of the late Richard Donald and Mrs. Cara Baldwin James. He was a member of First Calvary Baptist Church.

He joined the United States Army at an early age and retired from the Army Special Forces after 27 years of duty. He reached the rank of Sergeant Major and served in Japan, Germany and Southeast Asia as a Special Forces Senior Medic. He served several tours-of-duty in Southeast Asia including Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He was awarded several commendations, including the Bronze Star.

He was a member of the Fellows Club. He received a master of arts degree at North Carolina Central University.

He was married to the late Mrs. Edith N. James.

Surviving are a son, Hironori Thomas; a daughter, Edith Richele; two grandchildren, Hironori Thomas, II of Missouri and Emiko Sunita; three sisters, Ms. Mary Evans and Ms. Catherine Bolden, both of Durham, and Ms. Patricia Blanks of Delaware; two brothers, Raymond and Fredrick.

Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home, Inc.

MRS. PENNY BURGE PARKER

Final rites for Mrs. Penny Burge Parker were held Sunday, February 1, at Scarborough Memorial Chapel. Rev. Bennie Griffin, Jr., pastor, New Jerusalem Community Church, officiated. Interment was in Glennview Memorial Park. She died Wednesday, January 28.

She was born June 13, 1967 in Onslow County, Jacksonville, a daughter of Joseph M. and Mrs. Ellen I. Burge. She was a 1985 graduate of Southwest High School and a 1989 honor graduate of North Carolina Central University. As a youth, she was a member of Evening View Baptist Church in Jacksonville, sang in the Celestial Choir and the junior usher board. After moving to Durham, she joined New Jerusalem Community Church, served on its Youth Advisory Board and was president of the Finance Committee. She assisted with the Praise and Dance Team. She was employed at GlaxoSmithKline.

Surviving, in addition to her mother of Jacksonville, are her husband, Curtin Parker, Sr.; a daughter, Kaylyn Parker; a son, Curtin Parker, Jr.; ten sisters, Ms. Marva Williams of Johnstown, N.Y., Ms. Ruth Grant of Oakton, Va., Ms. Linda Thomas of Albany, Ga., Ms. Vanessa Garner of District Height, Md., Ms. Jerri Harris of Richmond, Va., Ms. Sonja Owens, Ms. Martha Jones, Ms. Narda Burge, Ms. Bonnie Davis and Ms. Jackie Brooks; four brothers, Joseph Burge, Jr. of Washington, D.C., Bruce Burge and William Burge, both of Durham, and Robin Burge of Jacksonville; numerous nieces and nephews.

Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home, Inc.

WALTER GENERAL HART, SR.

Final rites for Walter General Hart, Sr. were held Thursday, January 29, at Union Grove AME Zion Church, Bear Creek, N.C. Rev. Jace L. Cox, pastor, officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery. He died Thursday, January 22, at Duke University Medical Center.

He was born May 21, 1923 in Chatham County, a son of the late Thomas Clinton and Mrs. Judie Reaves Hart. He was a lifelong member and a steward of Union Grove Church.

He was a graduate of Goldston High School and of Bull City Barber College in Durham. He was an instructor and manager of the college for 24 years. He began operating the barber shop in Chidley Hall at North Carolina College in 1953, and the relocated barber shop in the Student Union until retirement in 2003. He was the first recipient of the Walter Hart Chautauqua Pioneer Award presented in 2001 by NCCU. He was a member of Doric Lodge #28. He served in the United States Army of four years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Izetta Tysor Hart; a daughter, Mrs. Diane Hart Ragin of Durham; a son, Walter Hart, Jr. of Durham; three granddaughters, Jerrica Ragin, Kimberly Joyner and Brandy Hinton; three grandsons, Donald Ragin, Derrick Joyner and Saquan Hart; a great-granddaughter, Demishia Joyner; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Cozel Woods of Fayetteville and Mrs. Earna Mae Horton of Bear Creek; several nieces and nephews.