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aside from academic and career growth, their personal perspectives were enhanced... The annual "An Afternoon of Jazz," held on the estate lawn of the Jacki Robinsons' Conn. estate will sound off from the green acreage of the Gallagher estate, Cranbury Park. Rachel sold the nest she shared with late super star baseball spouse, Jackie Robinson, to record producer / performer Kashif... Betty Scott is bubbling over the success of her inspired "Fletcher Henderson Day" in his birth town. Casper, Ga. Buoyant by this initial acceptance, she and the town leaders will match drawing boards to make the Day of greater nat'l interest in '88... Would you believe ex-boxing champ Roberto Duran sang to help Victor's Cafe 52 celebrate its 25th ann'y. And that wasn't all that took place when the spot's owner, Victor Del Corral excited the taste buds of invited guests to dine on his fine authentic Cuban Cuisine to the sounds of Latin song stylist Bobby Capo. Big Red's Don

Thomas, Time Mag.'s Carole Riley and Ian Lawrence were among the guests emcee/comic Rolando Barrel called attention to... The late Joe Louis' personal sec'y, Freddie Guinyard is expected here for the celebration of kin Mattie Goodlett, who joins the octogenarian set with a b'day party announcement... Speaking of age, In view of its 160-birthday, White Plains' Mt. Hope AME Zion Church can now be ranked as one of the oldest in that affluent N'York County. Perhaps Rev. Ralph W. Gullette, as shepherd of the flock there for 36-yrs, can claim a personal record. In the 50s he organized the Kensico cooperative to provide housing for area residents before such a move became popular on the political circuit.

IT'S NEWS to many that before July 4th Dr. Isaac H. Miller, Jr., prexy of Bennett College, will hand over the baton of authority to Dr. Gloria Scott... "Fences," odds on favorite to win B'way's triple honors, is the 5th stage event to bring a "Tony" Award nomination to Lloyd Richard's Yale Repertory Theatre. This prints up as perhaps a record for a resident non-profit theatre...

Freshmen entering the Univ. of Colorado's College of Arts and Sciences are now required to take 3-hours of either ethnic or women studies. Wondah why it's either or? The mandate is said to have been inspired by a case involving the demeaning depiction of African American and Latin students on a frat rush poster and in a column of the campus newspaper... Though not out of the financial forest yet, things are looking up for Atlanta U. The seven schools comprising the A.U. Center are embracing and using their united power to strengthen each other... Lot-a-luck to them. It's a rule the entire race should follow, beginning with the many organizations we support.

HAVE YOU READ the rumblings in college and university circles over the wide gap of corporate dollar giving to Historically African American institutions and those that are predominately white orientated? However, the debate gets louder when the discussion deals with Black corporate giving. Why don't you mention some names in your next "Black Bothered and Bewildered" take off... Dizzy Gillespie is scheduled

to be the first artist to have his sound style released under the new Addul Jabar's Karberry Records... If you start petty cash saving now you could stash enough to guest me to dinner at Am'News Wilber Tatum's new downtown eatery. Your buddy Jack the Rapper has discovered your Ortheia Barnes. He agrees with you, she is having a love affair with music and its lyrics... While graduations are a traditional sign of summer, a new trend is burning rubber on the roads of America; it's the Miller Sound Express to bring free music concerts right to your neighborhood with its cool sounds to de'heat those hot nites... California will be blessed with the company of Nobel Prize laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He will be the center of a major benefit for his African Fund. This is the 25-yr. old organization which works to stem the tide of illiteracy among Black native Africans by subsidizing the education of needy children. At a 'N'York press conference the good Bishop stated: "I'm not a racist, but I'm very glad that Black artists are taking this as their cause. We've been supported for a long time by White artists, and we welcome that support, but this is our cause and we've been bound for a long time by a history of oppression. Our Black skins are our Star of David..." It's always a write hand pleasure for Nancy Hite to typesit for Billy Rowe, syndicated columnist.

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Ravenholt said that the Clark County Health District AIDS library has many brochures, posters and videotapes that are available to anyone upon request by calling 383-1202 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Each month, the Health District sponsors an open forum about AIDS which includes the latest statistical information plus facts about transmission patterns and projections about infection rates in the United States. The topic of the next forum will be "Prostitution and the Spread of AIDS." The forum will be held Monday, June 8, at 7 p.m. at the District Health Center, 625 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas.

In addition, the Health District operates an AIDS information hotline, 383-1393, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The line is staffed with informed, trained personnel and all calls are considered confidential.

Nationwide, the number of diagnosed cases of AIDS is nearly 34,000. Nearly 17,000 deaths have been reported.

A national AIDS information number, 1-800-342-AIDS, is available 24 hours a day. Persons who wish to volunteer time or assistance to AIDS patients in Clark County may contact Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN), 369-6162.

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Fire's "Can't Hide Love." Together with such original highlights as, "Feels So Good To Me" and "For The Love Of You," Najee's Theme is an exquisite blend of serious, but accessible jazz-oriented music.

A consummate musician, Najee instinctively upholds the tradition of such jazz greats as Charlie Parker and Eddie Harris. However, his electrifying approach and styling often reflect the contemporary influence of Ronnie Laws and Grover Washington. But here the comparisons cease, because, as Najee notes, he is on a musical mission of his own. "I'd like to bring instrumentals back to the common ear; a lot of people miss it."

Luckily, growing up there were few musical idioms Najee missed. His home provided a fertile incubator for his talents. "Before his death, my father was a classical violinist for the New York Philharmonic," says Najee. "My mother was also very supportive and gave me my first saxophone at 14."

Born and raised in New York City, Najee attributes his mastery of music to the musician-filled neighborhood he lived in during his high school years in Queens. "The healthy competition made me want to play better."

His formal post high school training was done at the New England Conservatory of Music. While studying saxophone and arranging, he also began to do session work and had his first experience leading a local jazz band. Today his cumulative experience includes stints with such big bands as Chaka Khan and Meli'sa Morgan; and recording sessions with Melba Moore, Kashif, Lillo Thomas and George Benson.

His session work soon brought him to the attention of Hush Productions. There he was given the opportunity to record his first album. Confident about his future and the future of instrumental music, Najee states, "I know what touches people's hearts." Indeed he does, for Najee's Theme not only touches the heart of jazz, but the soul as well.

Najee will be appearing at the Moulin Rouge for two shows - 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. on Sunday, June 14. Also appearing on the performance will be Ray, Goodman and Brown. The show is a M.O.W. Production.



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June 12 - August 31

Tournament: August 29-31

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4th - 6th Grade

Saturdays beginning June 27
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Registration ends June 13
\$50.00/Team - \$5.00/Child

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June 16

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