

ESSENCE AWARDS

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On the music front, James Ingram will perform "Sing for the Children" for the very first time and Anita Baker, Shanice, Kathleen Battle, Karyn White, and Sounds of Blackness will be among many other performers adding to the stellar lineup. Phyllis Yvonne Stickney and Mark Curry will be among the comedians on the show. The show will be choreographed by the electrifying Michael Peters, whose extensive list of credits have earned him numerous awards including a Tony and an Emmy. The show will be directed by Bruce Gowers, whose most recent credits include the Lincoln Memorial Inaugural Concert for HBO, MTV's Inaugural Ball and Up Close with Paul McCartney for ABC. Gowers also serves as Executive Producer with his partner in Together Again Productions, Carol Rosenstein.

Rosenstein's award-winning credits as an executive producer, producer and writer include live award shows, children's program's and comedy specials. Also serving as Executive Producer is Dan Gasby, Gasby, Inc. whose production credits include 26 one hour episodes of Big Break, a musical variety program hosted by multi-Grammy Award winner and Arist of the Year for 1991, Natalie Cole. Valerie Norman is producer and Rita Cash and Khephra Burns are the writers.

The 1993 Essence Award recipients are Senator Carol Mosely-Braun, the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Senate; Gail Devers, U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist; Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul and multiple Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter; "Sweet Alice" Harris, community activist and founder of Parents of Watts (POW); Lena Horne, legendary actress, singer and

dancer; Rosa Parks, civil-rights activist; Tina Turner, multiple Grammy Award-winning singer and actress; and Dr. Corla Wilson-Hawkins, educator and community activist.

Susan L. Taylor, Editor-in-Chief of ESSENCE magazine says, "For the second year we are proud to bring the Essence Awards to a national audience. The strength and depth of these eight women show us a world in which all things are possible. This year's award recipients are role models for the nation's people, especially our children."

The 1993 Essence Awards is sponsored by Clairol, Colgate-Palmolive Company, JC Penny, Johnson & Johnson, Kraft General Foods, MCI, Pepsi-Cola, Revlon Color Style and Toyota. A corporate donation from this year's event will be made to the Children's Defense Fund.

Although the Essence Awards was established in 1987, this year's special marks the second time that the variety special has been televised. Past honorees have included award-winning poet and author Dr. Maya Angelou; astronaut Dr. Mae. C. Jemison; Grammy Award-winning musical superstar and actress Whitney Houston; founder and president of the children's Defense Fund Marian Wright Edelman; teacher and civil-rights activist Dr. Betty Shabazz; and nationally syndicated talk-show host, Oprah Winfrey.

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first community-owned and operated health center that now serves as a model for other reservations, and as a symbol of hope for all Native Americans;

Lou De Sitter, who has committed his life to bringing essential health services to Latino farmworker families and others in his rural Oregon communities.

Barbara Garcia helped transform a tiny pediatric clinic in an apple shed into a comprehensive health center in a new building, using her political savvy and borrowed money to make a significant difference in the lives of the migrant worker families in the poverty-stricken community of Watsonville, California.

Doriane Miller, M.D., watched the older African-American women she cared for in San Francisco develop physical and mental health problems as they took on the job of caring for their grandchildren—and co-founded one of the nation's first programs aimed specifically at the needs of grandparents who are taking place of their substance-abusing children;

Judith Panko Reis, M.A., M.S.C., rebounded from a nearly fatal assault that left her with disabling brain damage by earning two graduate degrees and becoming a driving force in the creation of the first center in the country to provide comprehen-

sive health education and support services created specifically for women with disabilities;

James Roundtree, formerly a homeless alcoholic, was the first person helped by the housing program that was founded by Father Roger Giglio at the St. Benedict-the-Moor Neighborhood Center, a storefront clinic in New York's high-poverty, high crime South Bronx area;

Beatrice Clark Shelby took what was initially a no-pay job as director of a community center in Marvell, Arkansas, and created a multifaceted center in a converted textile factory that now

offers health care, education, child care, recreation and serves as the heart of the African-American community in Marvell;

Kenneth Tittle, M.D., has served the people in the border town of Calexico, California, in numerous ways — directing a low-income medical clinic as a county health officer, acting as an interim minister of a local church, and now working in the county correctional system — but his unique contribution is the Mariposa Project, created to help Latino teens and young adults cope with their own physical disabilities from polio, spinal cord

injuries, etc., "leaving our coons and learning to live."

The Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program is a national program located at The Massachusetts Health Research Institute and is supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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in order to pass the most urgent and necessary bills that they are concerned with. This is politics folks! Politics at it's worst, not best.

The people make the government which it serves. Therefore, it is the people that must now rise to their calling. If you are unemployed, can't get into college or another post graduate institution, or are concerned about other aspects of change for the Africa American community and state of Nevada then you need to get involved. Every day, the Legislative Hotline is enedated with the phone calls from "so called" concerned citizens. In actuality, some of the calls are people that have been set up to show support for legislation that really has no support. If you call, perhaps a difference can be made and accountability can occur.

If we are going to pay taxes folks, we might as well assure that the revenues from those taxes go to the right place and to the right causes. The following are important pending legislation that needs to be heard before the session is over and the bills die due to a lack of interest:

AB282- Pending the Assembly Committee for Taxation authorizes local government to

impose property for "pay as you go" financing of public works upon approval of voters.

AB 92- Pending the Assembly Committee for Ways and Means which allows adjustment of appointment for support of education of handicapped children less than 5 years of age.

AB201- Pending the Assembly Committee for Ways and Means requires for periodic fundamental review of each state agency to determine whether there is justification for it's existence, costs and programs.

AB261- Pending the Assembly Committee for Ways and Means makes appropriation for program of nutrition for WIC program.

AB515- Pending the Assembly Committee for Ways and Means makes appropriation to City of Las Vegas for restoration of historic Moulin Rouge Hotel and Casino.

AB516- Pending the Assembly Committee for Ways and Means makes appropriation to department of human resources for tutorial program at Doolittle Community Center.

SB 86- Pending the Senate Committee for Finance requires development of state plan for educational technology.

SB252- Pending the Senate Committee for Finance requires

health division to establish pilot program to evaluate viability of providing health care centers for pupils.

SB300- Pending the Senate Committee for Finance directs state librarian to establish pilot project to provide grants to "certain" public libraries for purchase of books and library materials.

And still, there are rumors of threats for further cuts for education and health care. The growth in Nevada demands attention to our children that need better education, health care, and future job opportunities. Without the vocal and written input of all citizens of the state of Nevada, these bills that could have a direct benefit for the African American community could become the benefit of every community except the African American community. Now is the time to make a difference, contact the legislative Hotline at 687-5545 or contact the legislator in your district.

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the necessary skills, and I felt I may not be employable. Much to my surprise, I was hired within a week and fully enjoy going to work every day. The people at TITLE V, have given me a new lease on life," she said.

The TITLE V Program is specifically designed to assist needy Seniors obtain greater financial independence, contribute community service, develop or improve job skills, and regain

their self respect. The eligibility criteria for the TITLE V Program is: you need to be 55 years of age or older, and you are on a low income. Having met this criteria, a Senior is encouraged to call the TITLE V Program office at CCSN, 385-2550, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, please call Ms. Valerie Cabella, Director of Senior Employment at CCSN at 385-2550.

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