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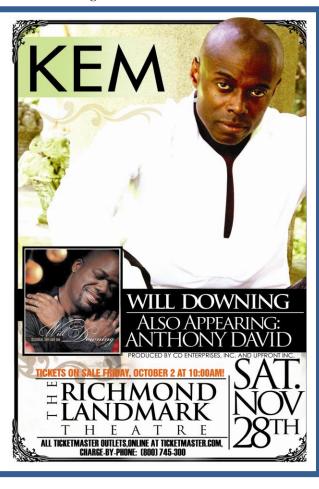


Richmonder Freeman Gosden portrayed a Black man on WMAQ Radio in Chicago and eventually became the Longest-running radio program in broadcast history. Guest who? Page 5





Deeds called McDonnell a liar on TV debate Candidate Bob McDonnell and Creed Deeds doing a TV debate criticized each other plans and Deeds call McDonnell a liar several times. Is this the best Virginia has to offer?





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White actors have been portraying this cowboy for years in TV.

Guest who he is?

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A Call To Action

This fast paced lifestyle of ours has unfortunately led to a lack of cohesiveness and connection in our neighborhoods. Many of us now may only know one or two people at most in our building or block. The days when neighbors sat on the front porch and watched and looked out for the kids coming home from school have been replaced by many latch key kids coming home alone to an empty house. While I realize that traveling down memory can result in selective memory, I sometimes find

myself wishing for the days when parents were responsible for all of the kids on the block and the days when teachers would request and expect parents to ensure that homework was completed and behaviors were in check.

Today's parents are in a position where they have to do everything necessary to make ends meet including working long hours and multiple jobs. While I know that looking back through rose colored glasses won't change where we are today, the principles of personal and collective responsibility are in desperate need of a resurgence. Let me acknowledge and congratulate the majority of good and responsible parents who are there for their children and their neighbors kids every day and remain great role models in our communities even in these trying times.

Unfortunately, in too many instances, the concept of personal responsibility appears to be rapidly disappearing in this age of passing the buck. Why is it considered taboo by some to suggest or even discuss the fact that we as a whole can do a better job of accepting personal and collective responsibility for our lives, destiny and more importantly those who depend on us for guidance? Daily news



broadcasts give us images of youth violence, gang related activity, teen pregnancy and school dropouts. We blame the school systems for failing grades, but how often do we as parents show up for PTA meetings and school board meetings to express concerns. We blame the police for violence in the streets and judges for the high rate of incarcerated youth and rap videos for displaying graphic portrayals and glorification of thug life but leave the supervision of our kids to the streets and cable TV.

Add the troubled economic climate, rising unemployment and underemployment to the mix and life can appear to be overwhelming. So what's next, some of us blame the President, government and anyone else we can think of. There is enough blame to go around, from failing schools to corrupt politicians to greedy Wall Street executives. But at the end of the day we all have to look at what we can do to improve our little piece of the world. Let's admit and acknowledge that we are a part of the problem whenever we expect someone else to make things better for us. We cannot afford to make excuses for a lack of personal responsibility. Celebrities like Bill Cosby have been lambasted for suggesting that there is a lack of responsibility in our communities. Some have suggested that our dirty laundry should not be aired in public. I say it is aired every night on the 6pm news. There is a lot of wisdom in an old childhood saying," whenever you point your finger at someone there are four fingers pointing back at you."

Take responsibility, be a part of the solution. Take this opportunity as a call to action. Share your feelings on personal responsibility this week at TanyaFree.com

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THE SHADOW KNOWS!



Walkwood Properties owners pled guilty Darrell Underwood, 43, and Cynthia Underwood, 41 both of Chesterfield, Virginia, was sentenced for their roles in a multi-million dollar fraud scheme.

According to court records, Darrell and Cynthia Underwood owned and operated Walkwook Properties. Walkwood properties were a real estate company that offered various home owners an opportunity to save their homes from foreclosure. Through that company, the Underwood's also offered an investment program to various individuals. They promised up to 50% return within 60-120 days. As a result of the Underwood's scheme, they received approximately \$18,400,000 in investor funds. Of that amount, the bank records established that only \$2,100,000 was actually paid towards any type of real estate transaction. Most of the invested money was used to repay earlier investors to keep the scheme going. It was also used for the Underwood's' personal expenses—among others for mortgage, car and boat payments as well as \$17,200. In church tithes. A number of the victims were taken in through church ties. Also, the Underwood's lived in an \$800,000 home and at one point scheduled a boat cruise for investors. The Underwood's investment program had an outstanding balance of over \$14,000,000 owed to various investors. Darrell received 120 months and Cynthia 36 months. Judge Spencer scheduled a final restitution hearing on the case for December 15, 2009

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Towing rates could increase

The Richmond City Council is considering increasing the rates that towing companies can charge to remove vehicles from private property, even though some companies already have been charging more than the city ordinance allows. The city's maximum towing fee would be raised from \$65.00 to \$125.00. A recent investigation by the Richmond Police Department found that some towing companies have been charging excessive fees when they tow and store illegally parked vehicles from private property. The city also wants to increase the daily storage fee from \$20.00 to \$35.00 after the first 24-hour period and allow a \$30.00 administrative fee for vehicles not picked up within 72 hours. The proposal also would clarify what fees would apply if the owner of a vehicle arrives before the vehicle is towed off. In that situation, a \$30.00 fee to release would be charge.

Many low income citizens have lost their vehicles to towing company because of all the fees added while they are trying to raise the money to get their car. Fees should stay at \$65.00 and there should be a 5day grace period to give citizens an opportunity to find out who towed their vehicle and pay the fees.

City Council should protect citizens from towing companies that prey on the community. Also, a good tip is if you have an accident or broke down, have your vehicle tow to your home or to your mechanic because if you don't the towing company is going to charge you every day that your vehicle sits on their lot.

August Moon supports in November 3, Election:

Governor R. Creigh Deeds Lieutenant Governor Jody Wagner Attorney General Stephen Shannon 69th House of Delegates Betsy Carr Henry Otis Brown 70th House of Delegates 70th House of Delegates Jennifer McClellan 74th House of Delegates Joe Morrissey

7th City Council Deanna Lewis or Cvnthia Newbille

Commonwealth Attorney Michael Herring Sheriff C.T. Woody Treasurer Eunice Wilder

Moon say's he is a democrat and support the democratic ticket but he supports independent candidate Henry Otis Brown over Delores Mcquinn. He was hurt, because he thought Delores Mcquinn was a people's person but she fought Mayor Wilder the whole time he was Mayor and when Dwight Jones was elected Mayor why in the world would she walk away from her seat on city council and go to the House of Delegate when she could have help Mayor Jones more from council then in the House of Delegate. I wish she had put as much time in the community as she did with the slave trail, she could have became the first Black female President of city council.

In the 7th district it's too close to call between Lewis and Newbille.

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KING SALIM KHALFANI



Virginia State Conference NAACP Convention- The 74th Annual State Convention was held October 23-25th in Richmond, Virginia. Rev. Dr. J.Rayfield Vines, Jr. was reelected President, Sylvia Wood was reelected Vice-President, Rovenia Vaughan was elected as Treasurer and Janet Martin was elected by the Convention to serve at-large. The others will serve two-year terms.

Black businesses and the Black Press were honored at the convention. Tiffany Satchell, staff writer for the Voice Newspaper, Raymond Boone, Editor/Publisher of the Richmond Free Press Newspaper, Michael Paul Williams, Columnist for the Richmond Times Newspaper, Clovia Lawrence, Producer of the Tom Joyner Morning Show of Radio One, Gwen Williams formerly of WRIC 8 News and Preston Brown, President of WCLM Radio 1450am and The Heart and Soul of the City Newspaper were all honored for the contributions to the struggle for liberation. Al H. Bowers, President of Bowers Family Enterprises Consulting, Willie Lee, President of Jirch Construction, Brian Melchor, President of the Tactical Security Training Group, LLLC and the Black Business Alliance of Virginia, an advocacy organization for the betterment of Black businesses were honored by the NAACP for their support of the programmatic thrust of the Association.

Al H. Bowers, Chief Development Chairman of the Virginia State Conference NAACP presented a check for \$10,000.00 as part of his ongoing efforts to raise monies for the operation and programs of the Conference. Kudos goes out to Al Bowers for breaking the record for individual fundraising by a member of the Executive committee.

We are available to discuss matters on Mondays, from 5-6p.m. on Ready 4 Revolution with King Salim Khalfani Radio Show on Mondays at 231-

Khalfani is the Executive director of the Virginia State Conference NAACP. He also owns KSK Consultants.



Amos 'N Andy Show



Like many of its early television counterparts, the Amos 'n' Andy television program was a direct descendent of the radio show that originated on WMAQ in Chicago on March 19, 1928, and eventually became the longest-running radio program in broadcast history. Amos 'n' Andy was conceived by Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll, two white actors who portrayed the characters Amos Jones and Andy Brown by mimicking so-called Negro dialect.

Amos 'n' Andy was first broadcast on CBS television in June 1951 after a 30 year run on radio. The TV show lasted some two years before the program was canceled in the midst of growing protest by the black community. It was the first television series with an all-black cast and the show was nominated for a Primetime Emmy for Best Situation Comedy.

To some the characters in Amos 'n Andy, including rude, aggressive women and weak black men were offensive. Neither The Kingfish nor Sapphire Stevens could engage in a conversation without peppering their speech with faulty grammar and mispronunciations. Especially abhorred was the portrayal of black professionals. The NAACP, bolstered by its 1951 summer convention, mandated an official protest of the program. The organization outlined a list of specific items it felt were objectionable, for example, how "every character is either a clown or a crook," Negro doctors are shown as quacks," and "Negro lawyers are shown as crooks." As the series appeared in June 1951, the NAACP appeared in federal court seeking an injunction against its premiere. To network executives, the show was harmless, not much different from Life with Liugu, The Goldbergs, or any other ethnically oriented show of the times. In 1953, CBS reluctantly removed the program from the air, but not solely because of the efforts of the NAACP. This period in America history featured a swiftly changing climate for race relations in the United States. Consideration for the southern market was of great concern to major advertisers. In an era when African Americans were becoming increasingly vocal in the fight against racial discrimination, large advertisers were reluctant to have their products too closely associated with black people. Fear of White economic backlash was of special concern to advertisers and television producers. So, television said good bye to Amos "n" Andy.

Nat Love a.k.a Deadwood Dick



Nat Love and his Family

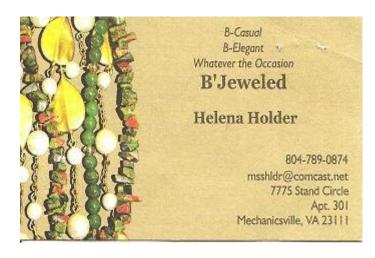
Nat Love was born June 14, 1853 as a slave on Robert Love's plantation in Tennessee. Love would grow up t be one of the most famous cowboys in the Old West. In 1869, Love left his family and wented to Dodge City, Kansas and joined the Duval Ranch after breaking the wildest horse they had. The 16 year old quickly adapted to life of a cowboy, showing excellent skills as a ranch hand and practiced so often with a .45 revolver that his shooting skills also became very good. After three years with Duval Outfit, Love moved on to Arizona in 1872, where he went to work for the Gallinger Ranch on the Gila River. There he traveled many major western trails, sometimes working in dangerous situations in Indian battles and fighting off rustlers and bandits. During these years as an Arizona cowboy, Nat was referred to as Red River Dick and claimed to have met many of famous men of the West including Pat Garrett, Bat Masterson and Billy the Kid.

In the spring of 1876, the Gallinger cowboys were sent to deliver a herd of three thousand steers to deadwood, South Dakota. When the crew arrived on July 3d, the locals were busy preparing for a 4th of July celebration. One of the many organized events included a "cowboy" contest with a \$200.00 cash prize to the winner. The contestants competed in roping bridling, saddling, and shooting. Winning every competition, hands down, Nat walked away with the \$200 prize and the nickname of "Deadwood Dick."

Nat continued to work as a cowboy in the southwest for another 15 years before he began to settle down and got married in 1889. The next year he took a job in Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. As such, he worked on the routes west of Denver and moved his family several times to Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada before finally settling down in southern California.

In 1907, Nat Love published his autobiography, The Life and Adventures of Nat Love, Better Known in the Cattle Country as "Deadwood Dick" a tale that tended to take on the epic proportions more noted in the many "dime novels" of the time. Though he boasts in the book that everything actually happened, there is very little external verification, such as those famous western men that Love allegedly met.

In other cases, there are no records for the cattlemen that he said he worked with and for. As to what portion of the book is fact and what is fiction will never be known; however, that didn't stop the American public, hungry for tales of the west, from avidly reading the book. Love's last job was working as a courier for the General Securities Company in Los Angeles, California.





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RICHMOND SPOTLIGHT

How Richmond City Council became majority black in 1977?

Curtis J. Holt Sr. was a social activist who challenged the imposition of a moral code through subsidies and other forms of state funding. He is most notable for the changes he brought to local governance in Richmond, Virginia. In 1972 Richmond City council elections were suspended after Holt filed a lawsuit challenging the city's annexation of part of Chesterfield County. This annexation was part of a large movement called Massive Resistance, and was an attempt by the largely white city council to retain a white majority in the city during a time of immense white flight. Holt argued that the annexation diluted black voting power.

Curtis Holt Sr. and the Richmond Crusade for Voters was the major force in the mobilization of the black community from the years of quiet desperation under Democrat Harry F. Byrd's political machine. The Richmond Crusaders of Voters made up primarily of black middle-class male professionals led the struggle for black political representation. In 1977, federal courts ordered a plan to replace the at-large voting system for the council with a larger city council divided into nine wards. The result was a black-majority city council that then elected Henry Marsh as the city's first black mayor.

How Richmond City Council became majority white in 2008?

The majority black council started off good, but for some reason some became unaccountable and not accessible to the community. Some forgot they were black, some went to jail, and some just didn't do anything. You be the judge. Let's think about it, if you got 6 black votes out of 9 you should be able to pass any bill you present if you work together. You can vote to put more money in the schools, you could vote not to raise taxes, you can vote not to give money to projects unless it serves all communities. You could have voted not to give 25 million dollars to Crestar Bank or 30 million dollars to Center stage. You could have voted on reasonable rent for 6th street market place so the businesses could have survived or you could have made the permits reasonable for the street vendors without putting them out of business too. You could have cut some of the red tape so people would want to open a business in Richmond. You could have voted to put money in summer programs for the youth and you also could have made sure money made it back to the minority communities. You could have voted not to add so many fees to light, phone or water bills. You could have voted for the city to stop out sourcing soon much business outside of Virginia when jobs are needed here. You could have helped many of the minority businesses that had to close because real dollars never made it to minority communities. If you could have invested 5millions in the youth then you wouldn't have overcrowding in the jail now. They could have made a difference!





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Highlights from 7th District Forum



The 7th District forum was held October 15 at Robinson Theater on 25th street. The forum was sponsored by the Churchill Association and video highlights can be seemed on www.churchillpeoplesnews.com. All the candidates were up on the issues except Ronald Bond who didn't seem to know about Echo Harbor or the City Master Plan and was weak on all his answers. Polling taken from Churchill people news blog and some of the people in attended puts Deanne Lewis and Robin Robinson as front runners in the debate followed by Cynthia Newbille, Garry Powell, Clarence Kenney and Ronald Bond in last place. Cynthia Newbille spoke elegance and with confident but people seem to fear her relationship with Delores McQuinn and Henry Marsh. House of Delegate candidate.Henry Otis Brown was there to show his support and pledged to work with the 7th district and the councilperson if he is elected. No one is ready to drop out of the race. This race is up for grabs.......



Hord On The Street

The Mouth of the South Sr. and Jr. may run for office!

Community Actvist and Radio Talk show host August Moon after many people asking him why he never entered into politics is considering running for Senator Henry Marsh seat and Preston Brown is considering running for Senator Donald McEachin seat. Moon say's we need to replace some of the elected officals because they have been playing games and we need new faces and ideas .





Mouth of South Sr.

Mouth of South Jr.

Word on the street about SENATOR HENRY MARSH next move?

It's been rumored that Senator Henry Marsh wants Cynthia Newbille on City Council, Delores McQuinn in House of Delegates and if he can land the job as Attorney for Richmond School Board then he will push for Delores McQuinn to take his seat in the Senate and Newbille to move up to Mcquinn seat in House of Delegates . What a plan......

Some Richmond Crusade for Voters members unhappy.

It's rumored some of the members are unhappy with Crusade President Antoine Green, they say a certain element is running the crusade in a direction not wanted.

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Community comes together after break in at P. T. Brown Auto Sales

Thieves broke into P.T. Brown Auto Sales located at 3203 Hull Street some time after closing Tuesday October 21. In the break in 2 computers and a pack of 30 day tags were stolen. Owner Preston Brown who was named The City of Richmond 2008 Minority Businessman of the Year by Mayor Wilder took to the streets looking for his property and by 5:30pm one computer and his 30 day tags were returned. Two black males and a black female were seem riding through Southside in a small car with a difference color fender trying to sell computers. By Thursday at 11am a person of interest a known Southside lesbian prostitute who goes by the name of T was picked up and questioned by police about her involvement. She claimed she didn't break in but was only trying to help sell the computers. She was later charged with possession of stolen property and released after giving police other information that will aide them in their fight against drugs in Southside. While eyes were watching all over Southside, T was spotted carrying a big gym bag around 4pm Friday two blocks away from the car lot. By 4:30pm Preston Brown walked in on T trying to sell his computer. Crimes like this and other crimes can be solved when the community works with the police.

Councilman Marty Jewell arrested for DUI



What's the big deal, a lot of elected officials drink?





The Real Deal with Preston Brown

THE NEW DISCRIMINATION IS WITH THE MONEY!

Why I'm prepairing to sue about picture on Main Street

The Supreme Court has found that the government (legislators) has a Constitutional responsibility to address and keep public peace. The offensive image of President Obama at 15th and Main Street is a historical stereotypical statement (antilocution) that provokes American of African heritage and those that also voted for this first non white President. Our elected officials have been negligence or dereliction of their duty by not dealing with this issue.

Why I'm preparing to sue about Blacks not making money doing the election

The Democratic and Republican Parties has historically discriminated against the African Americans by antilocution, avoidance, and discrimination by denying opportunities to participate in the election process except as a volunteer or just to vote. The Democratic Party spends very little money with African Americans and the Republicans spend less than that. For years democrats have assumed blacks will always vote democratic. Many blacks are asked to volunteer when many others are paid as consultants or campaign workers. From the Virginia Board of Election reports some consulting fee range from \$500.00 to \$10,000.00 and campaign workers can make up to \$2000.00 per month. Some African Americans have been paid \$25.00 to \$100.00 to canvass their neighborhood but the real money they never get an equal share. The report file by Deeds Oct 21 reports that from Oct 1-21 he paid over \$100,000.00 in consulting fees and this has nothing to do with the people on paid salary. Deeds also paid the Democratic Party of Virginia \$275,000.00 for campaign services. Between Deeds and McDonnell there is over 15 million dollars in this Virginia election being circulated and minorities are not given the same opportunity to make money at a time when so many families are in need.

Black contractors are still not getting a fair share of State and City contacts. Why have Black legislators not spoken up about this issue. When former Senator Benjamin Lambert spoke up about money for Black colleges and cross the party line trying to get the money other black legislators crossed him.

A Book Review from
The Voices from the Drum Radio Book Club
Hosted by Gloria Taylor Edwards on WCLM 1450/AM Radio
CASANEGRA: A Tennyson Hardwick Novel

By BLAIR UNDERWOOD with TANANARIVE DUE and STEVEN BARNES

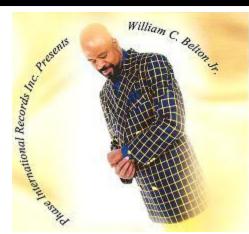




Reviewed by: Gloria Taylor Edwards for Simon & Schuster

Let me begin with an unconventional, yet simplistic: Wow...what a remarkable, roller-coaster ride of a story! I was barely through the first chapter before I found myself captivated with protagonist, Tennyson Hardwick, and now I can't wait to read his next happenstance detective adventure. Write-brain to paper doesn't create flawed-hero, implausible (yet, believable) characters like Hardwick for just ONE episode. So surely there's got to be another novel in the works. About: Former gigolo, and struggling actor, Tennyson Hardwick's quest to find out who murdered his former client, successful rap artist/actress, Serena Johnston (alias Afrodite), presents an action-packed storyline that successfully presents such real-life scenarios as: the complex relationship between Hardwick and his ailing father; Serena's relationship with her no-talent sister and jealous, deceptive childhood friends; and, the occasional senseless violence often depicted in today's hip-hop culture. Filled with a cadre of intriguing characters: some lethal, a few pathetic, (and one or two who made me want to jump into the book and slap them upside the head), CASANEGRA literally leaped off the pages, transferring itself into a mind-movie that kept me enthralled up until the ending. In this reviewer's opinion, Underwood's collaboration with Due and Barnes is electrifyingly-creative. To this end (or beginning), I look forward to these three churning out more Tennyson Hardwick novels. On my Author's Scale of one through ten – with one being devastatingly-bad and ten being awesomely-wonderful – CASANEGRA: A Tennyson Hardwick Novel is off the Richter scale, scoring a well-earned ten-and-a-half!

WHAT'SHAPPENING IN MUSIC



William C. Belton Jr. releases new CD "Make you DanceVol.1"

WHERE DID BLACK RADIO START

America's first black radio with an all Black on-air staff that programmed Black music all day is WDIA in Memphis, Tennessee. In the fall of 1948, WDIA began assembling its air staff with DJs like Rufus Thomas, Dwight "Gatemouth" Moore, and "Hod Rod" Hulbert. 1070 WDIA is still a premiere station in the Memphis area and continues to be the #1 station serving the African American community.

The first black owned radio station was WERD Atlanta in October 1949. Jesse B. Blayton Sr., a well-respected businessman and accountant from Atlanta purchased it in the late 1940's, and hired his son Jesse Jr. to run it. Also hired was "Jockey" Jack Gibson, among the most popular black DJs. The station was housed in the Masonic building on Auburn Avenue, then one of the wealthiest black neighborhoods in the United States. Jack "The Rapper" Gibson-The Father of Black Radio. He helped start the first Black owned and operated radio station in America. Jack the rapper is also credited with developing a new design for radio control rooms where he elevated the equipment forcing disc jockeys to stand. In the early 1960's Jack left radio and began to make his mark in the record industry. His pioneering efforts brought many in the Black music profession together. He put together his first music convention in 1977. Jack The Rapper became known within today's Hip Hop circles with his music convention in Atlanta. It was considered to be the first Black Music convention and it was soon the template for the numerous others to follow. Jack Gibson passed away from cancer in February 2000. It's ironic, that Jack, Jocko and Frankie Crocker all pioneers in Black radio passed away in 2000. Next month August Moon talks about his friend Jack the Rapper.

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Hometown Talent

It's no secret that Richmond has produced its share of national and international stars in the world of entertainment and sports. Bill "Bojangles"Robinson, Tommy Edwards, Major Harris, Max Robinson, Arthur Ashe, Shirley Maclaine, Warren Beatty, Fran Trakenton and D'Angelo, just to name a few. All too often, hometown talent is not recognized or supported until it has been whisked away from our midst by the rest of the world. **BLACK LIQUID** maybe just such a talent.

A combination of Gil Scott heron, brother J of the X-Clan, and Arrested development, **BLACK LIQUID** brings back to the table the spirit of



"story telling" to the rap and hip hop genre. "I never thought music would be my thing", said the 27 year old Richmonder, "the music business is seriously materialistic and self aggrandizing; people have a tendency to define themselves by what they lack, and consequently, have lost the value of their values."

If **BLACK LIQUID** seems "deep" it's because he is, and his music follows suit with rhythm. When I

asked him about the name "Black Liquid" he stated, "you have to dig deep into the depths of the earth to find its black liquid, and you have to dig deep within yourself to find your black liquid, your "truth". Deep. How deep? With his fifth CD released October 30th, he has yet to charge a dime for his music. "Music should be free." And free it is. And in case you are thinking, 'you get what you pay for", let me assure you, it definitely does not apply in this instance. Look for **BLACK LIQUID** and his music on facebook.com/blackliq, twitter.com/blackliq.

I welcome all comments questions. Email me: jonesfj550@yahoo.com or call (804) 986-8994 Fran Jones Uptown/Downtown

The Pulpit Aid Ministry sponsored a Banquet & Fashion Show at Triumphant Baptist Church 2003 Lamb Ave as a special treat Comedian King Fish Jr. made an appearance along with Chocolate Chip of Wclm Radio in the Skit "Midnight Cruise" written by Leila Booker on October 10. King Fish Jr. known as the funniest man in Richmond radio had the packed church laughing so hard it brought tears to their eyes.





King Fish Jr.

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