# RELIGION



## "Certification Celebration"

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

On Sunday evening, the 12th day of June, the North Portland Bible College will be holding their Certification Celebration at the Mount Olivet Baptist Church. The program will begin at 4:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. James E. Martin, pastor of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church will deliver the celebration address.

The students being honored that day will be receiving certificates in Bible and Christian Education.

North Portland Bible College is a community based school and has been in operation for the past six (6) years. It is housed in the basement of the Maranatha Church.

The College began under the auspicious tutelage of the, now deceased, Rev. John Garlington, Jr. It has continued to prosper and flourish in the community with excellent instruction and fellowship.

Although, the college is not an accredited institution - it provides its students with a strong foundation in Bible knowledge. Warner Pacific has been known to accept one or two students and their credits.

A student may receive a Bible certificate after completing 36 credit hours or a Christian Education certificate after finishing the required 27 credit hours of study.

The college has served, to date, students from over 30 churches in the Portland community area.

The staff members are all qualified to teach and have earned their Masters Degree or are in a Masters Program, presently.

It is the desire of the school to provide each student with a strong and complete knowledge of the Bible and the ability to teach others "what thus saith the Lord". The school slogan is: Evening classes for Working Students.

The Board of Directors consists of persons from various churches. They are either pastors, ministers or laypersons. Rev. June 12, 1988 at 4:30 p.m.

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member of the Board.

The school's Purpose Statement is: 1) To make Bible college training available to any who wish to study, but who can do so only on a part-time basis; to make it possible for anyone in the Community who seriously desires to know God's Word better, to receive instruction and be recognized for his/her achievement, whether by certificate or diploma. 2) To provide Christian training relevant to the needs and ethnic cultures of the urban areas of Portland. 3) To provide on-going professional ministerial training for pastors and licensed ministers at minimum cost. 4) To provide training for all persons involved in Christian education in local churches, including teachers, superintendents, youth workers or other staff. 5) To promote training in evangelism and discipleship, thereby aiding local churches to involve themselves in effective outreach in the urban

Some of the churches participating the on-going promotion of education through the Bible study courses offered at the North Portland Bible College, are: AME Zion, Bethesda Christian Church, Allen Temple Church, Vancouver Missionary 1st Baptist Church, Berean Baptist, Morning star Baptist, Maranatha, Piedmont Friends Church, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Holladay Pard Church of God.

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## "Women's Day Program"

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

The Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church is planning its Annual Women's Day Program on the 5th day of June in the afternoon at 3:00 p.m. The celebration will be held at the church which is on 111 NE Failing Street.

There will be singing from choirs, vocal groups, and soloists. If you were there last year, you should have your hands and voices ready to clap and shout out "Praises"; because, the spirit will be high and moving. If you want to receive a blessing, "COME ON DOWN!"

Helen H. Whitley is the president of the United Methodist Women's Society and they are preparing for a festive occasion with culinary delights that will be served immediately following the program.

This year's theme is: "Black Women's Future in Oregon".

For further information concerning the program, please call the church office: (503) 281-2332.

Rev. Curtis Kirkpatrick, pastor.

## "Open Your Heart"

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

There are many of our young Afro-American males now housed in the Oregon State Prison.

Open your hearts and take out your pens and stationary. Write to a prisoner and let him know that someone cares.

As parents, we must be tough with our children so they, too, will not be caught up in the pits of misunderstanding and unconcern. Our children need "Tough Love" as our parents and our grandparents gave us and our parents. We survived becaused we knew what our places were.

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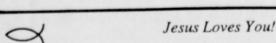
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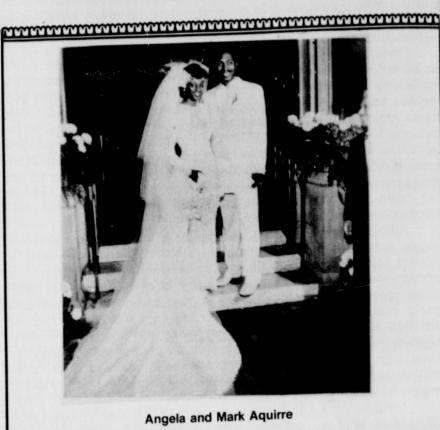
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## **Traditional Marriage**



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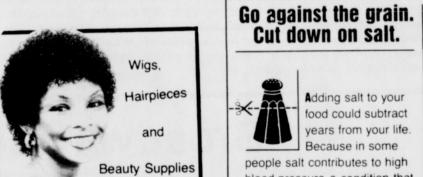
The standards of what is considered orthodox in holy matrimony have changed, as couples today are older, more established professionally, and spare no expense in what is now a \$23 billion industry.

In one case, Dallas Mavericks basketball star Mark Aguirre and his bride Angela Bowman were married during the NBA All-Star weekend, with such basketball stars as "Magic" Johnson and Isiah Thomas as attendants.

Another couple, Patricia Jamison and Nathaniel Howse, Jr., after four rehearsals were united in a stylish ceremony before 800 guests, with 32 attendants in the wedding party. Their wedding, which included limousines, a towering wedding cake, dinner and a reception for 600 featuring a live band, carried a hefty price tag of \$30,000.00.

The \$2.5 million people who tied the knot in the U.S. last year spent an estimated \$12 billion on home furnishings, and \$1 billion on wedding and engagement rings alone. Although not all current weddings are lavish, tying the knot today clearly signals a return to individual style and elegance.

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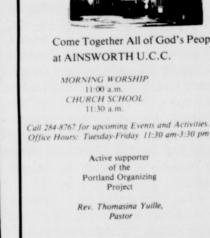
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