

# WELCOME TO OUR FRIENDS HAVING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Dad Says  
Happy  
"12th" Birthday



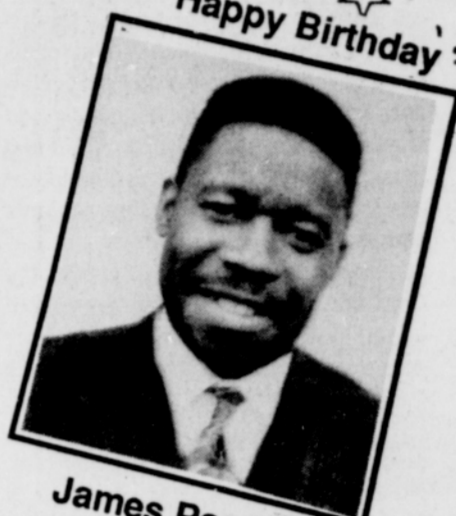
**Shalanda Carr**  
Best Wish's From Friends And  
12 Years old

Happy Birthday



**Ryan Spaise**  
March 14

Happy Birthday



**James Posey**

Happy Birthday



**RoseMarie Davis**

Happy Birthday  
Willie  
We Love You

Happy  
6th Birthday  
DeMitrion  
Rhone-Spears  
You're my best friend  
Love Sharee  
March 9



**Dan Bell**  
March 10

Happy Birthday  
Kevin Patrick  
March 12  
22 years

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## TV on Trial

Town Hall Celebrates its 500th Broadcast With a  
Special Examination of its Own Medium

Watching television may lead to anti-social behavior, obesity, gender and racial stereotyping and a lack of self esteem. These are the conclusions of a report released February 25th by the American Psychological Association. Yet, television is more deeply ingrained in our culture than ever. Nationwide, two-thirds of Americans now depend on television as their primary source of news. Sixty-eight percent of Portland's homes have two or more TVs and 75% have VCRs. Television is popular, but is it good for you?

The average child witnesses thousands of TV murders before finishing elementary school, leading critics to believe TV has desensitized us to violence. Political observers wonder how well television informs the electorate. They note that the average soundbite of presidential candidates has been shortened from 42 seconds in 1968 to 10 seconds in 1988. Others criticize TV's abundant sexual messages and say TV still needs to improve its portrayal of women and minorities.

Defenders of the medium point to its ability to communicate visually and immediately, and its capacity for connecting us to unfamiliar people and countries. They say TV is democratic—if people don't watch, programs won't last. They say television reflects the interests of society.

Is there too much sex and violence on TV? If television is a mirror of our society, do we like what we see? How much of the message is the medium responsible for? What does TV do better than other media? What does it do worse? How can viewers sift the best from the rest?

Join Jack Faust and his guests for this special 500th broadcast of Town Hall on Sunday, March 22, from 6-7 PM. For seat reservations, please call Frank Mungeam, Alison Highberger, Liza McQuade or Lynn MacRitchie at 231-4620. Guests should arrive at KATU studios (21st & N.E. Sandy Blvd.) between 5-5:15 PM. The public is welcome, but reservations are required.

## A Star For Winter Olympics 2000

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and then there are "power skating lessons" and other little amenities all season long. I feel honored at the opportunity to cite these two dedicated gentlemen. We need many more to support our youth.

Devon Sahir wishes to be another

"Wayne Gretzky," what else. And he has a 12-year-old brother, Ahmed Elijah Saahir, who has a 3.5 grade average at Ockley Green--A defensive end in the Pop Warner League. Good luck and congratulations to all of these wonderful people.

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