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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Michael Bolton And Mariah Carey Named Songwriters Of The Year

Mariah Carey and Michael Bolton led all other songwriters with three citations each to take Songwriter Of The Year honors.

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### The Roberts Report

I had to make many tough decisions as I proposed a balanced state budget for 1993-95. Public safety programs, our prisons and state police was the only area that took a smaller cut than education in my budget proposals.

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### Hatfield Questions Labor Secretary On Dislocated Workers

Under this new program, dislocated workers will receive timely access to an enriched array of basic adjustment services such as... training if needed, and income support.

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### NAACP Leaders Meet With Clinton

The meeting followed the Presidents signing of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (the Motor Bill) which had been aggressively supported by the NAACP.

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### Portland Police Bureau Establishes LET Program

Law Enforcement trainees will be given a broad exposure to law enforcement and will participate in comprehensive education and training.

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### The Oregon State Home Builders Calling On Oregon Legislative To Walk The Extra Mile

The Home Builders Association is requesting the Agriculture Subcommittee of the natural resources Committee in the Oregon House of Representatives to review state timber management programs...

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### Anti-Catholic Billboards Are A Continuing Concern For Ecumenical Ministries Of Oregon

The advertisements of "666" on the billboards first appeared in the Medford area in April of this year, and were authorized and paid for by the Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Remnant Ministries to create a climate of hatred and prejudice. Ecumenical Ministries is asking that Pastors throughout the state keep watch...for the billboards in their area and to complain to the billboard company and also to inform the Ecumenical Ministries Of Oregon.

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## Ahmad and Phylicia Rashad To Be Honored In Delta Air Lines Grand Floral Parade

Since joining NBC Sports in 1983 as an NFL commentator and reporter for NBC's "Sport's World," Portland, Oregon native Ahmad Rashad (left) has extended his broadcasting resume to include studio hosting and feature reporting as well as analysis and commentary.



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Rashad has also written a best-selling book, *Rashad... Vikes, Mikes and Something on the Backside*.

Phylicia Rashad is best known to television audiences for her portrayal of Clair, attorney, mother of five and wife to Bill Cosby on NBC's "The Cosby Show." A native of Houston, Texas, Phylicia graduated cum laude from Howard University in Washington, D.C. She and her sister, actress/director Debbie Allen, have since endowed a scholarship fund at Howard in honor of their late father, Dr. Andrew Allen.

In addition to her role on "The Cosby Show," Phylicia has starred in four made-for-television movies as well as starring on Broadway in the Tony Award-winning musical "Into the Woods." Her Las Vegas show, in which she sings and dances with a 12-member backup troupe, was featured as the opening act for Jerry Lewis' Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

Her recording of "Baby's Nursery Rhymes" has won almost every major children's entertainment award. Phylicia received the Honoree of the Year Award in 1991 from the Harvard Foundation for her contributions to American Performing Arts and Intercultural Relations. She has also been named by Ladies Home Journal as one of "The 50 Most Beautiful Women" and has taken an active role in the realm of education and continues to serve on the board of Recruiting New Teachers, a program established to encourage future educators on a national level.

The Rashads have a son, Billy, 18, and a daughter, Phylea, 6.

Some 1,000 Rose Festival volunteers, sponsors and supporters attended the Kickoff Luncheon. The Luncheon was sponsored by Viking Industries. The event is held each year to officially mark the beginning of the Festival season. Other highlights included the introduction of the 1993 Junior and Senior Rose

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Ahmad and Phylicia Rashad will serve as Grand Marshals for the 1993 Delta Air Lines Grand Floral Parade. 1993 Rose Festival Association President Gerri Tisdell made the announcement at the Rose Festival's Kickoff Luncheon at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.

"It's been a long standing tradition of the Rose Festival to choose grand marshals who have ties here in Portland," said Tisdell. "Ahmad is a native of Portland and a graduate of the University of Oregon, and we couldn't be more thrilled to have Ahmad and Phylicia represent us for the 85th annual Portland Rose Festival."

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resume to include studio hosting and feature reporting as well as analysis and commentary.

Rashad began his NBC career as an analyst before moving to a commentator's post on "NFL '83", NBC's studio pregame show. In 1991, he assumed the role of co-host of "Notre Dame Saturday," NBC's Notre Dame football pre-game show.

He continued as a commentator on various "Sports World" telecasts, and was one of the anchors on "NBC Sports Prudential Update." Since the beginning of the 1990-91 NBA season, Rashad has served as a court side reporter on NBC's professional basketball coverage, and co-host of "NBA: Inside Stuff," NBC's Saturday morning NBA entertainment program. Rashad also served as a studio anchor during NBC's coverage of the Seoul Olympics, for which he won an Emmy Award

for writing.

Rashad was an All-American football player at the University of Oregon, where he set 17 records, nine of which still stand as major records. In 1992, Rashad was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the University of Oregon, where he holds a degree in education. He was a first-round draft choice of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1972. Rashad went on to play for Buffalo and Seattle before settling in at Minnesota in 1976 and playing the next seven seasons for the Vikings where he was All-Pro four time and holds the Viking record for the most career receptions (400). He is also second all-time reception yardage gainer. Over his entire pro career, Rashad had 495 receptions in 10 seasons. During the summer of 1987, Rashad was inducted into the State of Oregon's Sports Hall of Fame.

## Zahn To Co-Host 1993 Delta Air Lines Grand Floral Parade



Paula Zahn at left

Paula Zahn, co-anchor of "CBS This Morning", will join KOIN-TV's Mike Donahue and Shirley Hancock as hosts for the 1993 Delta Air Lines Grand Floral Parade on Saturday, June 12. KOIN-TV will provide exclusive live coverage of this premiere event to 30 television markets across the country beginning at 10am. On Friday, June 11, the Rose Festival grabs the national spotlight as Zahn co-hosts "CBS This Morning" from Portland beginning at 7am.

Zahn has been co-anchor of "CBS This

Morning" since 1990. She also served as co-host for CBS Coverage of "The Health Show" before becoming co-anchor of "World News This Morning" and the news segments on "Good Morning America".

Prior assignments included anchor and reporter at WNEV-TV in Boston, KPRC-TV in Houston, KFMB-TV in San Diego and WFAA-TV in Dallas.

Zahn was born in Omaha, Nebraska. She received a B.A. degree in journalism from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri,

which she attended on a cello scholarship. Zahn, her husband and their daughter reside in New York City.

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## Rev. Williams: The Passing Of A Legend

BY MATTIE ANN CALLIER-SPEARS

Ever since I've known that there was a Portland, Oregon, a conversation never ended without mentioning Rev. O.B. Williams. Even if you travelled outside the state, someone would ask, "You're from Oregon? Do you know Rev. O.B. Williams at Vancouver Avenue?"

I can remember when I first came here, in 1961, my family members were divided between Mt. Olivet and Vancouver Avenue First Baptist. Reminiscing—I can recall Rev. O.B. recruiting people from Louisiana. When my family arrived here, he called on my parents and told them, "Now, my dears, you know that you shouldn't be anywhere else but at Vancouver Avenue. You see, that's where all the Louisiana folks are," he said emphatically. Well—my dad and mom had made up their minds where they wanted to serve but Rev. O.B. would have one, or all, of us over periodically to sing or do something on a program, but of course, with the express permission of our pastor, Rev. John H. Jackson. Once he commented to Rev. Jackson, "Now, I don't believe that it is altogether fair for you to have the entire family of Calliers in one place. We are brothers! Why don't we just share the harvest?" Those two were so funny together, Rev. O.B. and Rev. Jackson. At that time, they had the two largest black congregations in the city of Portland and the state of Oregon.

Aside from my family knowing him for so many years, thousands of families have gotten to know him, have been married before him, baptized by him, ministered to by him, disciplined by him (from the pulpit and outside the church), bailed out of jail by him, christened by him and loved by him and his lovely wife.

Rev. O.B. Williams was a young minister, with a young wife, on fire for doing the Lord's work. He wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty. "If you need to get something done, you just do

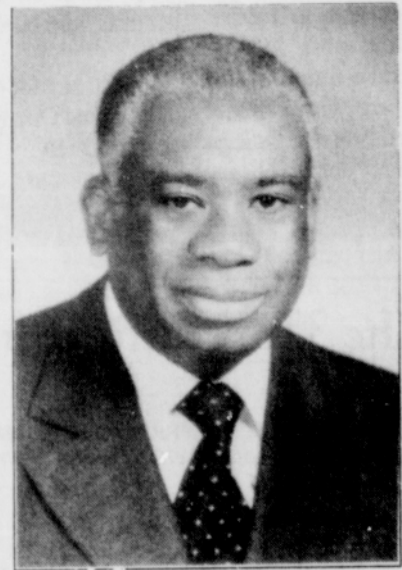
it. That's all!"—Rev. O.B. Williams and do it, he did.

He initiated so many different and wonderful things until the mayors and the governors, he served under, were in constant amazement over his accomplishments.

He was soft spoken—but, not timid.

He had a way of appealing to your soft-side. If everyone had tried an approach to the same problem, Rev. O.B. never would let it lay until it was resolved.

During Rev. O.B. Williams' administration, from the pulpit of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, there was never another pastor other than Rev. O.B.. However, many ministers served under him, were ordained by him, licensed by him and are now pastoring their own churches or are serving as associate pastors across the United States. Some have gone on to be with the Lord and Rev. O.B. was there to give them a good home-going.



Rev. O.B. Williams 1917-1993  
Wake services will be held at the O.B. Williams Convention Center, 220 N. E. Beech today the 26th of May at 7PM - 10PM. Funeral will be held at Vancouver First Baptist Church at 11AM Thursday the 27th.

### Perspectives

#### "What's In A Word? II: Shakespeare And The Africans Knew"

They show, in fact, that the Black influence on the Mediterranean is no secret for any scholar: they pretend to be unaware of it, yet use it when they feel so inclined.

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### News

#### "Ten Community Leaders Honored: Kick Off For A Peaceful Summer"

These unsung heroes offer hope and an example that living and growing up in poor economic conditions does not mean the end.

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#### "Kid Search Finds A Great Kid"

When Johnny Anton Laray Asher was born, he weighed in at three pounds and three ounces in fifth month of his mother's pregnancy...He is a very determined child

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### Automotive

#### "The Best Way to Buy A New Or Used Car"

The best way to lurch beyond potential lemons and locate true, cream puffs is to first do some research.

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