

RELIGION

Alternatives

Traditional Values Versus No Values

BY M. ISAACS

The city gives OK for unmarried domestic partners of city employees to receive health benefits without regard to sexual orientation. It seems, again, our public servants, elected by us, have chosen alternatives directly opposed to the values established by our forefathers, and maintained through the years by Believers in One God, and one nation, under God. Traditional values that emphasize family units are being husband, wife and children. Even common law marriages were considered legal only after several years had passed, during which a couple had remained together, bore children and established a home.

Doors are rapidly being opened to unwholesome activity, sinful activ-

ity and the breakdown of American Christian family structure. Portland City Council has now endorsed the selection of partners for the sole purpose of acquiring health benefits and of course, these partners can be changed at the whim of the unmarried city employee. This decision is also a hidden endorsement of male/male partners being called a family unit. Mike Lindberg called this decision pro-family. What kind of family is he referring to? Certainly not a couple, legally married under our legal system. It seems our public servants are having trouble with definitions of just what and who constitutes a family. This decision is not a broadening of the definition of family, but a blatant disregard of what/who con-

stitutes a family.

Some men and women change partners several times a year; even those unmarried city workers with children to support. Just who or what agency will investigate the private life style of city employees to determine if they lied when, on a signed affidavit, they stated how long they've lived with a partner. Who can say if they (the partners) are responsible for each others welfare? Only they can say... and we can only trust they will not lie. Ha! "They must not be married to anyone." Is this statement a sanction of unmarried partners or a deterrent to marriage? If it is against the law of the land for males to marry males, it follows that the city should not pay health benefits for male/male partnerships nor define this type of domestic partnership as a family.

This is not about health care benefits which are available to married partners; nor is it about who will pay for care for those partners who live together without sanction of marriage, as our Mayor would have us believe. This is about the decline of Christian values/family values and Godly attributes among elected officials who have no regard for the legal system, Christian foundation; nor for the Christian forefathers and the Godly people of this city, who elected them.

It is frightening to see such denial of our Christian heritage, especially under the guise of "benefit for the people." A clear message is being sent that this city/nation is no longer "under God." The destruction of our nation's very foundation is the goal of the insidious evil agents of darkness. War has not accomplished this goal, nor has disregard or misuse of national resources; therefore, the target has changed. The sanctioned legal family unit has now been targeted (for

at least three generations) with scary results. The justified part of the family unit which is evidently the main target are the children. The evident result of the target change: Children are dying by the millions; legally aborted daily. Serious crime increase, by children whose regard for life has been "cut away" cleanly. Children becoming parents of children through incest and/or rape; children abandoned by parents or sold into prostitution and/or exploited by pornographic greed mongers. This by no means cites all the evils pervading the home life of children of the lesser gods who call themselves families.

Education declines, poverty increases, disease increase, crime increases and the slaughter of innocent people continues. The moral teaching of children is abandoned and their lives are not sacred anymore. When and if these unholy children grow to amoral adulthood... we can expect decisions such as "health care for domestic partners without regard to sexual orientation," to be adopted. God fearing people should not be surprised at these types of decisions, considering fact that all the Commissioners are strong supporters of "gay rights." Let us who worship and serve God Almighty, pray that these types of decisions become and remain totally unacceptable alternatives to family living in a Christian Nation based on a Godly foundation.

We must not remain mute in the face of adverse ungodly decisions. Christians must awake before our "rights" under God are overrun and we become a minority in a nation of unholy people, whose only god is themselves and their altar of worship, their unholy desires, without regard to friend, neighbor or foe.

Obituary



Pennie L. Relf

Today we celebrate the homegoing of Pennie L. Relf. She passed away on Friday, June 10, 1994 at the age of 65 years.

Pennie was born on Oct. 22, 1928 in Greggton, Texas to the proud parents Henry and Essie B. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are both deceased.

The family moved to Portland in 1944. Pennie graduated from high school in 1947 and later completed

two years of secretarial training. On Aug. 16, 1948 she married Style Arthur Relf II and to that union God blessed them with four children, Barbara Ann, Styne Arthur II, Mary Ellen and Michael Douglas.

Pennie was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing, fishing and camping. In addition to being a skilled seamstress she was also an accomplished furniture re-upholsterer.

The family wishes to acknowledge the many individuals who were of great assistance during her illness and convalescence.

Pennie is survived by her loving husband and children. In addition she leaves behind four grandchildren, her brothers John Henry Johnson and Alton Douglas Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews and many friends.

A reception was held June 17 at St. Phillip The Deacon Episcopal Church following the funeral service.

Family Connection Celebrates Phillips Anniversary



Rev. Joshua D. Phillips

The public is cordially invited to attend the Family Connection's 70th Anniversary of Rev. Joshua D. Phillips. The celebration will take place at the Piedmont Friends Church, next to the "Give Us This Day" ministry office at 5736 N. Albina at 7 p.m. Friday, June 17.

Special worship service will be held at the church with a reception following in the church annex. Please come and share this special occasion with us.

Rev. Phillips is the co-founder, along with his wife, Dr. Virginia Phillips, and administrator of Give Us This Day, Inc., a nationally known

organization specializing in African-American children adoptions and extended family programs. In addition, Give Us This Day is the only African-American adoption agency in the state of Oregon. Rev. Phillips is also a most trusted confidante and advisor to clerical, civic and political leaders throughout the state and the country.

He has worked tirelessly to make Portland and the state a better place for all of us. Thank you in advance for coming and sharing in our celebration of a very committed and worthy community leader.

"Let the People Rejoice"

The Mass Choir of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will hold its Annual Day Celebration, "Let the People Rejoice", on Sunday, June 26, 1994 at 5:00 p.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church 5828 N.E. 8th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. A free will offering will be taken.

The program will feature the Mass Choir along with other local talent including Mrs. Lessie Williams, well known Portland singer. Spiritual, gospel, as well as traditional selections will be performed.

For more information, call Bethel A.M.E. Church at (503) 288-5429.

The 25th National Convention of The Full Gospel Pentecostal Association

"Silver Anniversary"

June 19-26, 1994 at

Whittaker Auditorium

5700 N.E. 39th, Portland, Oregon

Guest Speaker: Dr. Ray Campbell of Dallas, Texas
Music by: Rev. Hezekiah Walker from Brooklyn, NY

For info, call: 287-2223

President: Bishop A.A. Wells

The Little Chapel Of The Chimes

Funeral Home

Cemetery - Memorial Garden

Lombard Chapel
3018 N. Lombard
Portland, Oregon 97217
503-283-0525

Killingsworth Chapel
430 N. Killingsworth
Portland, Oregon 97217
503-283-1976

St. Mark Baptist Church

103 NE Morris St., Portland, OR 97212

- Sunday School - 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship Service - 11:00am
- Sunday School Teacher's Meeting Tues - 6:30pm
- Bible Study Wednesday - 6:00pm
- Prayer Meeting Wednesday - 7:00pm

Church Phone Number 287-7457



Dr. Joe S. Hardie, Pastor

We Invite You To Come And Worship With Us. The Church Where Everybody is Somebody And Christ Is All.

Greater St. Stephen M.B.C. Is Sponsoring A Pre-Father's Day CHICKEN DINNER Luncheon Greens, Green Beans, Macaroni or Potato Salad, Bread and Dessert Saturday, June 18 11AM-5PM Dine-in 3335 NE Mallory Dinner \$ 5.50 Generation Special \$ 13.00 Treat That Special Person(s)

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

8101 N. Fiske Avenue • Portland Oregon 97203
Church Phone: 289-0147 Study Phone: 21 9-1911

Sunday Service

10:45

Sunday School

9:30

Bible Study

6:00

Evening Service

7:00pm



Pastor, Rev. James C. E. Faulkner

We Welcome You to The Greater Saint Stephen Missionary Baptist Church

"Serving The Lord With Gladness" Psalm 100:2

Sunday School 10am
Morning Worship 11:05
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7pm
Rev. G.L. Black I Pastor
3605 N.E. Mallory Ave.
(503) 281-8117 Portland, OR 97212



Rev. and Mrs. G.L. Black I

Mt Olivet Baptist Church
Has moved Sunday services to Family Life Center, 8725 N. Chautauqua Blvd., at Willis Blvd.
Worship Services 8:00am & 11:00am, Church School 9:30 to 10:30 am, Bible Study, Wednesdays, 116 NE Schuyler, 10:30am & 7:00pm Radio Ministry each Sunday, 8:00am on KBMS
A Teaching Church With A Reaching Ministry
Dr. James E. Martin, Senior Pastor
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Mallory Avenue Christian Church
"Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Morning Worship
7:30pm Tuesday Bible Study and Prayer
Inter-racial Congregation
126 NE Alberta Portland, OR 97211 (503) 288-5173



Denise Bell

Birth Announcement
Baby's Names: Davis Thompson West
Sex: Male
Weight: 8 lbs.
Length: 21 inches
Paternal Grandparents: Ronald West
Maternal Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. George Calley
Date of Birth: 5-17-94
Father: Jeffrey R. West
Mother: Nanette C. West