

# RELIGION

## Relations Sought With Cuba

The Board of Directors of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon has adopted a resolution concerning the U.S. relationship to Cuba.

The Rev. Dr. Phil Harder, Chair of the ministries' Refugee, Immigrants and International Ministries Commission, asserts, "In a situation similar to the on-going life of Christ's church in East Europe and Russia before the destruction of the Berlin Wall, the life of the church in Cuba has remained alive. We feel it is time for the U.S. to initiate negotiations with Cuba to remove the Caribbean Wall and let trade and travel grow between our countries."

"We are gratified that the Board of Directors of EMO has joined the growing chorus of people and organizations across the U.S. -- both left and right, church and non-church -- in asking our government to normalize relations with Cuba and to reevaluate U.S. policy, which seems counter-productive for both Cuba and the U.S.," stated Tom Hansen, Regional Director of Pastors for Peace in Cuba of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

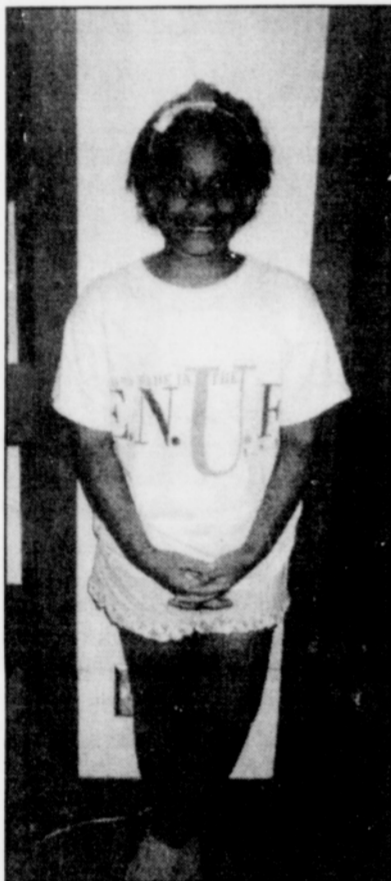
## Affectionate Veronica Waits For A Family

Veronica is a lovely child with considerable potential and much to offer an adoptive family. This affectionate 9-year-old has a happy disposition and is an excellent student with advanced reading abilities and expressive language skills.

Veronica has never experienced the permanency of a stable, loving family, and her self-esteem is very low. As a young toddler, Veronica and her older sister were abandoned by their birth mom due to chronic parental substance abuse. An aunt in the extended family became their guardian until 1991, when she was no longer able to care for them. Two subsequent, foster placements disrupted amidst evidence of abuse.

Veronica has been living in a group treatment center, where she has made wonderful progress in addressing her feelings of grief, her fears of abandonment, and her fragile ability to trust. She is now ready for her own permanent family. Veronica very much wants to be part of an African American or a bi-racial family.

Veronica's sister is being adopted by a family in western Washington, and it will be important for the girls to have the opportunity for contact with one another as they grow up.



Veronica

Oregon agencies waive or reduce fees for families adopting older children like Veronica. To learn more, contact the Special Needs Adoption Coalition at the Boys and Girls Aid Society, 222-9661.

## Services To Honor Civic Leader, Writer Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

Mattie Ann Callier-Spears, daughter of Edward and Olivia Callier, was born April 6, 1944 in New Orleans, Louisiana. She was the mother of four children; Ulf Hansson Von Spears, Velma Maria Spears-Penn, Erick D'amon Spears and Derick LeMont Spears. She had also been blessed with four grandchildren; Dionte Jovon Spears, Solomon Nathaniel Spears, Christian Lamont Penn and Adreanna Olivia Spears.

She is also succeeded by three brothers and three sisters: Brothers, William Elliot, Ronald George and Ricky Lovell. Sisters, Geraldine Elizabeth Hammond, Gwendolyn Lorraine and Maryetta Delisa. And a host of nieces and nephews.

Mattie began singing at the early age of 6 years old and at the age of 16, became the first "Negro" to join the Tri-Music Masters Society in Portland, Oregon. Her singing career was well on its way and Mattie received many remarkable accolades by the time she graduated from high school. One notable accomplishment was her being recognized as the first black (in the South) to sing for the launching of a large ocean vessel from the Amy Lykes Lines at Avondale Marineway.

Following high school, Mattie was accepted to Xavier University where she would major in Voice and minor in Strings. It was there that Mattie began writing and became a



Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

member of the Creative Writers Guild. Since then, Mattie has studied with the Portland Opera Association, under Mrs. Dorothy Fisher-Jones, Mr. Gibner King and tutored by Mrs. Gloria Cutsforth; notable

artist in their field.

Mattie was a devoted member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. A servant with a big heart, she had served as the Church Soloist, choir director and choir member.

She had also served in a number of other capacities such as member of the American Baptist Women's Mission Department, Church Women United, Part-time Church Secretary, Assistant Director of the Prison Ministry, In-Take Counselor, and Editor of the Voice (Mt. Olivet's newsletter).

Her civic activities included: Le Femmes Debutante and Cavalier Society, National Council of Negro Women, NAACP, African American Festival Association (Exec. Secretary, American Business Women, F.I.T.S. Prison Ministry, Editor for the Religion section of The Portland Observer and Northwest African American Writers Workshop.

These activities and her demands to sing kept Mattie busy. Nonetheless, Mattie said her greatest accomplishment had been that "she is a child of God and she shall be found actively doing the work of her Father who sent her."

Viewing is scheduled Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Vann & Vann Funeral Home, 5211 N. Williams. A Home Going Tribute/Viewing is Thursday at 9:30 a.m. with a Home Going Celebration following at 11 a.m. at Mt Olivet Church, 8501 N Chautauqua. If you would like to send some type of contribution, please send them to: Ulf Spears, 5622 NE 10th, Portland, OR 97211. Phone 281-5380 or 249-8284.

## Christian Coalition Leader Repudiates 'Christian Nation'

The American Jewish Congress has released a letter from Ralph E. Reed, Executive Director of the Christian Coalition, repudiating statements attributed to him in the Wall Street Journal on July 19, stating that the goal of the Coalition is for Christians "to take back this country, one precinct at a time" so "we will see a country once again governed by Christians...and Christian values."

In his letter to AJCongress Executive Director Phil Baum, Reed stated categorically, "As for the quotation attributed to me in the July 19 Wall Street Journal, I never made any such remark. During my entire tenure at this organization, I have never made a comment that even

remotely resembled that which has falsely been attributed to me." Reed added, "I hope that this clarifies my view on this very important issue."

Baum had asked for Reed's clarification following a meeting between Jewish and evangelical leaders in Washington on November 29 in which Reed offered views that contradicted the remarks attributed to him in the Journal story. He has now expressly repudiated those remarks in writing.

"It's quite clear that in the months and years ahead there will be numerous and substantial disagreements between AJCongress and the Christian Coalition on prayer in the schools, reproductive rights and other signif-

icant issues," said Baum. "What Ralph Reed's letter has done, however, is remove the diversionary theme of a 'Christian Nation' from our debates with the Coalition; it allows for more rational discussion on the merits of the issues that divide us. It doesn't contribute to the quality of public discourse to allow emotionalism and rhetoric to distract us from the genuine differences we con-

front."

In his December 8 letter to Baum, Reed also quoted from his book "Politically Incorrect: The Emerging Faith Factor in American Politics." In this quote, Reed discusses "the enormous contribution that Jews have made to America," and calls the idea of a Christian Nation "something of an anachronism."

## New Year's Day Concert

Theme: "Jesus Is The Center Of My Joy"

Featuring



Miss Karen F. Simpson

Special Guests: Mr. David Hollins  
Mr. Michael Whitmore

January 1, 1995 --- 6:00 PM

Faith Temple Church  
4224 SE 62nd Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97206

Come And Bring A Friend  
& Lets Celebrate The New Year Together

Also

The Annual New Year's Revival  
January 2-6, 1995 7pm Nightly

Guest Revivalist:  
Elder Don S. Hudson of Brooklyn, New York

### The Lords Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the Power, and the glory forever. Amen! Matthew 6: 9-3

### FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH

4224 S.E. 62nd Avenue  
(between Powell & Foster)  
Portland, Oregon 97206

#### SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:30am  
Morning Worship 10:45am  
Evangelistic Service 7:30pm  
Tuesday Pastoral Teaching 7:00pm

#### FRIDAY

Evangelistic Service 7:00pm  
DAILY  
Prayer 12:00pm & 6:00pm

(503) 774-5470

PASTORS: Bishop Robert Simpson, Jr. • Dr. Ida M. Simpson



## 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

We Invite You To Come And Worship With Us.  
The Church Where Everybody is Somebody And Christ 1. All.  
Dr. Joe S. Hardie, Pastor

## 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



## Mt Olivet Baptist Church

8501 N. Chautauqua Blvd.,  
at Willis Blvd.

Worship Services 8:00am & 11:00am,  
Church School 9:30 to 10:30am,  
Bible Study, Wednesdays, 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

Church Office 116 NE Schuyler St. • (503) 284-1954

## St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

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

Sunday Service 10:45  
Sunday School 9:30  
Bible Study 6:00  
Evening Service 7:00pm

Pastor, Re. James C.E. Faulkner