

# RELIGION

## In Need Of A Family Jay

"Sweet and compliant" Jay will celebrate his third birthday this month. He has spent almost his whole life in state foster care, and is now one of approximately 180 Oregon children awaiting adoptive families. If you are ready to make a permanent commitment to a child through adoption, please read on!

Like many of the youngsters in need of adoptive parents, Jay had a rough start in life. Born to a mother who was unable to meet his needs, Jay lived briefly with a relative, and then entered the foster care system. He has received excellent care from a medically trained foster mom, and has overcome the early effects of prenatal drug exposure. Jay is now ready for a family of his own.

Jay is a healthy boy who enjoys music, drawing, being read to, and playing outdoors. He is shy until he gets to know a person. When he feels secure and happy, Jay has a wonderful smile! Jay has good coordination and muscle control. He enjoys playing with mechanical toys such as Legos, and shows advanced ability with them. Jay is behind other children his age in his language skills, and he receives speech therapy to



Jay

help him express himself. He is gentle around small children and animals, and shows sensitivity towards others.

Adoptive parents, singles as well as couples, are sought for children like Jay. The requirements are patience, nurturing, stability, and the ability to care for and advocate for children whose histories have left them with special needs. Adoption orientation meetings and pre-adoption trainings are offered statewide. To learn more, call The Special Needs Adoption Coalition at 222-9661.

## Raymond

Meet twenty-month-old Raymond, described by his foster mom as "a very busy boy." A social and animated child, young Raymond enjoys playing with noise-making objects and shows a special fondness for music.

Born drug affected, Raymond is now a robust, healthy boy, despite his rough start in life. He is just now on the verge of using language, and his foster mom believes he is about to begin huge leaps in his development. Raymond receives special services to help him learn play skills and increase his attention span. He will need a family that can love and accept him unconditionally, even with the unknowns about his future potential.

If you enjoy "rough and tumble"



Raymond

little guys, please consider adopting Raymond!

To learn more about adoption and the Oregon children who wait, call The Special Needs Adoption Coalition at 222-9661.

## Churches Rally To Support Inner-City Programs

Facing likely cuts in government funding for programs serving the inner city, churches in North and Northeast Portland are rallying to support the social action mission of the Albina Ministerial Alliance.

According to Rev. Henry Greenidge, pastor of the Irvington Covenant Church, more than 15 inner-city pastors have designated March as "AMA Unity Month."

"Many members of our congregations are struggling," said Greenidge. "Some of them have received help from the Alliance. But none-the-less we recognize a responsibility to support those who have

less." Rev. Greenidge noted that the participating churches represented a collective membership of over 3,500 members.

Participating pastors have designated one Sunday in March as "AMA Unity Sunday". Pastors will use the pulpit to inform their congregations about the Alliance's mission and to build financial support among their congregations.

Churches may participate by taking an "AMA Unity Offering" or by making a direct donation from their budget. Several churches will also appeal to their national denominational bodies for support for the Al-

liance. "AMA Unity Sunday" is a return to the roots for the Alliance, which was formed by African American pastors after World War Two to support Portland's African American community.

"The church has always been a strong center in African American culture," Greenidge noted. "AMA Unity Sunday is one way that we can begin to reassert that role."

Since its formation the Alliance has acted as inner-city advocate and sponsored many social programs including Albina Head Start and Self Enhancement, Inc. The Alliance is

now inter-racial and ecumenical, with a total membership of over 40 pastors. Its current social action programs serve over 7,000 people each year.

Greenidge noted that in addition to supporting the Alliance's social action programs, member pastors are also undertaking collective evangelistic efforts.

"We feel a need to address the whole person," said Greenidge. "And that's why AMA's mission is so important."

For more information on the alliance and AMA Unity Sunday, please call 285-0493, x206.

## Parents Anonymous Of Oregon Hope For Families

Since 1974, Parents Anonymous has been a presence in Oregon for strengthening families and preventing child abuse.

In 1984, Waverly Childrens Home was asked by the non-profit Board of Oregon PA to umbrella the statewide program and to charter with National PA, Inc. as a state office.

Currently, Parents Anonymous of Oregon is 17 groups strong, all sporting a structured play group for PA parents' children. Sixty percent of PA groups are in the tri-county metro area, with additional groups in the counties of Josephine, Jackson, Coos, Deschutes, Marion. We are serving approximately 900 families per year. All PA direct services are provided by volunteers.

In addition to our support groups, we provide a statewide, toll-free 24 hour Parent Helpline which is totally staffed by volunteers.

A parent education series is available to parents in the tri-county metro area which is entitled, "Discipline That Doesn't Hurt". It is offered for free to parents in our programs and serves as an auxiliary class for CSD mandated clients.

PA of Oregon also conducts a parent-planned, parent-led statewide Convention each year as an opportunity to develop parent leadership, network with other PA parents, and to celebrate our families.

We currently conduct 50 public awareness presentations to the community each year; provide profes-

sional training to agencies on a staff of unpaid volunteer advocates providing services every day to Oregon families (approximately 230 individuals statewide volunteer their energy and time).

Parents Anonymous of Oregon is supported by Waverly Childrens Home, and receives other small grants:

- Oregon Childrens Trust Fund (\$12,500 annually)
- Clackamas County Commission on Children & Families (CCF) (\$9,000 statewide)

• For the entire state of Oregon, we have 2.5 FTE. Our revenue is approximately \$60,000 annually, dependent on Waverly's success at private fundraising for the agency as a whole.

**What Parents Anonymous Can And Cannot Do For Families**

**What Parents Anonymous Can Do:**

- Provide supportive listening and adult contact for isolated parents.
- Provide a place to freely discuss difficulties in raising children.
- Have as a resource a professional in the group to identify further help in the community.

**Provide information about child rearing:**

- Child Development (Expectations)
- Alternatives to Corporal Punishment (Positive Parenting)
- Ideas on building children's self-esteem

• In most locations provide a program for children that is structured to work on self-esteem, friendship, and confidence building.

• Provide a network of other parents to assist the parent in child care, phone contact, support and caring.

• Enable parents to take better care of themselves so that they can take better care of their children.

• Assist parents who want to improve their parenting by providing models, information, and ongoing support while learning new child rearing techniques.

• Provide support to families as they grow towards health and non-violence.

**What Parent Anonymous Cannot Do....**

- Provide therapy, counseling for parents.
- Serve parents who are under the influence of drugs/alcohol
- Provide help for sexual perpetrators

• Serve parents who are mentally ill and not able to function in groups.

- Parents Anonymous Works Best For Parents
- Who Are Seeking Changes In Their Lives

Parents Anonymous of Oregon; 3550 SE Woodward; Portland, Oregon 97202; Office: (503) 238-8819; 24 Hour Parent Helpline: 238-8818 or 1-(800) 345-5044

## Women For Sobriety

Women for Sobriety, a support group for women recovering from addictions, meets every Tuesday, 5:30-6:45 p.m., at Town Hall, 3704 North Interstate, Conference Room D.

One of more than 300 groups nationwide, Town Hall Women for Sobriety utilizes a discussion format to provide support based on the program's philosophy, which centers on issues of women's self-esteem. Members learn strategies to form healthy life and thinking habits.

Not a Twelve-Step Program, WFS is a non-profit organization which offers a philosophy of 13 Statements, such as (#1): "I have a life-threatening problem that once had me," and (#12): "I am a competent woman and have much to give life." Emphasis is on growth and on the present: Participants learn from the past, plan for tomorrow, and live today. Meetings are lead by a peer moderator.

Women are invited to call for further information or literature (Karen, 235-0647), or simply to attend a meeting. A \$2 donation is requested.

## Readings At Powell's Update

Powell's books presents an evening of the works of Paul Monette on Friday at 7:30 p.m. The event will honor his life and work and to bid farewell.

Judith Barrington, Tom Spanbauer and Walt Curtis will be among those to celebrate Paul Monette, with presentations of his work, his life and his presence in our lives.

All Powell's events are free unless otherwise noted.

## Interchurch Event To Benefit College

Both Gospel and contemporary music will be featured at the Annual Musical of North Portland Bible College on March 11 at Maranatha Church.

Since NPBC is an interchurch, community-based college, the program will include choirs, ensembles and soloists from several different N/NE churches. Some familiar names will be: The Sermonettes, Julia Black, Sheila White, Larry Davis, Bethel A.M.E. Young Adult Choir. George and Mary Merriweather of Northeast Com-

munity Fellowship will MC the occasion and lead a time of praise and worship, which will open at 7 p.m.

The theme of the evening will be "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the development of the college, which is preparing two houses at North Vancouver Ave. and Alberta Street to provide facilities for its programs. Rev. T. Allen Bethel is the host pastor.

Contact person: Beth Nance, 287-0885.

## Birth Announcement

Baby's Name: Sade Danielle Massey

Date of Birth: 2-17-95 Sex: Female

Mother's Name: Devin Brooke Killian

Father's Name: Manuel Lynn Massey of Portland, Oregon

Weight: 6'12 Length: 18

Grandparents/Paternal: Laura and Bill Guyton

Grandparents/Maternal: Christy Ray Killian, all of Portland, Oregon

## 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 Is All.

Dr. Joe S. Hardie, Pastor

## NA'IM'S

Hair Connection Full Service Salon

4603 N. Williams Ave Portland, OR 97217 (503) 288-3171



## 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



## 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

ATeaching Church With A Reaching Ministry

Dr. James E. Martin, Senior Pastor

(503) 240-PRAY

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## 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



## Lighthouse Church Of God In Christ

8138 N Hudson Portland, OR 97203 (503) 283-3558 • Church (503) 283-0169 • Home Elder Tom Moore, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 A.M.

YPWW 6:30 P.M.

Sunday Evening Worship 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday Prayer/Bible Band 7:30 P.M.

Friday Worship Service 7:00 P.M.

"Come Unto Me All Ye That Labor And Are Heavy Laden, And I Will Give You Rest. Take My Yoke Upon You And Learn Of Me." Matt. 11:28-29

We have a place for you. Come fellowship with us!

A Welcome Is Awaiting You!