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Gospel Music Play To Premier

Jenean Dunn had a dream she believes came to her from the Lord and that dream will come to life in a huge production of her original music-filled play, "Highway to Heaven," opening March 24-26 at Maranatha Church, 4222 N.E. 12th Ave., with the help of generous contributions from former Trail Blazer Clyde Drexler and some local banks.

Dunn has been a friend and fan of Drexler's since his college days, and is well acquainted with his family. News of his contribution of \$1,000 came in the first week of March, according to Dunn.

Performances are slated for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26.

"The play was clearly inspired by the Lord and it portrays the street life in the inner city and it brings a message of love for the world to relate to," added Dunn.

Drawing on the characters in "The Wiz," Dunn has written a musical play with 24 songs or raps presenting strong morality, religious and anti-drug messages. The play also

features the Portland Metropolitan Youth Mass Choir under the direction of Pearl Thomas. The choir is made up of 125 singers with ages ranging from four to 18 years old.

Some of the music and rapping is local and original. The remaining music reads like the past year's Billboard Top 10 chart for gospel music and includes popular tunes from most national groups and artists.

Included are tunes recorded by John P. Kee, Mississippi Mass Choir, Georgia Mass Choir, Witness, Hezekiah Walker, Ben Tankerd, Yolanda Adams, Rev. Milton Brunson and many others.

Original compositions include "Crack Monster Poem," by Lynn Thomas, "Stop the Killing by Andrew Shoals," "True Love," by Selena, and "YFOC," by Joaquin Harvey

and others.

More than 100 persons are involved with the production, which Dunn is direction. Participants come from many local African-American churches and include some of the leaders of the Portland gospel music community. Minister Terry Davis, who is musical director at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, is music director of the play.

Homes Renovated

Area business and labor organizations have banded together to turn two former drug houses into a new home for the North Portland Bible College.

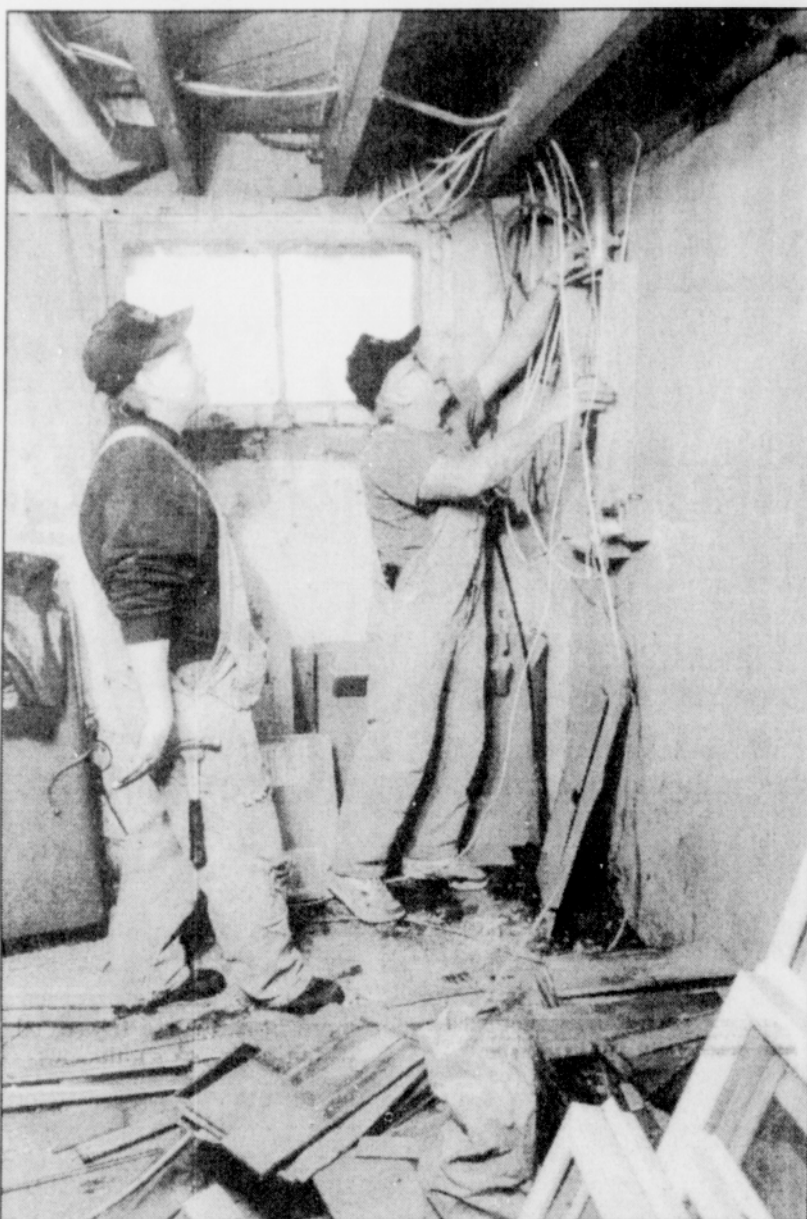
The college, a community-based evening school, has been operating out of borrowed facilities at community churches for 11 years. It recently purchased a city block on Vancouver Avenue in inner north Portland which included two existing, but derelict houses.

The buildings are being renovated through the efforts of a variety of volunteers and contractors, including the National Electrical Contractors Association, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Friberg Electric, Baugh Construction, and Northwest Natural Gas.

"We want to thank all the companies and individuals who have made generous donations to our college building program," said Fred Wilson, chair of the college board. "They have greatly encouraged us in our endeavor to develop a school with positive impact on the north and northeast communities."

Baugh Construction has completed basic work on the remodeling and Friberg electricians are installing new lighting and wiring which is crucial to the buildings' new functions as meeting rooms, a library and offices.

The electricians have completely replaced the old, unsafe wiring and installed a new, state-of-the-art lighting system.



Electricians Bill Henderson and Darren Virell from Friberg Electric provide volunteer help to wire one of the two buildings being remodeled as a home for the North Portland Bible College.

Conference To Address Social Justice

The eighth annual "Peace-ing It Together" conference will take place on Saturday, March 25. "A Spirituality of Social Justice" Well-spring of Catholic Social Teaching, Preaching and Practice" will be the keynote presentation by Father Walter J. Burghardt. The event will be held at the University of Portland campus Chapel of Christ the Teacher, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Burghardt is a senior fellow at

the Woodstock Theological Center, Washington, D.C. and director of the center's "Preaching the Just Word." He was the editor of Theological Studies (1967-1990) and was honored by the Catholic Press Association for outstanding contributions to Catholic journalism.

The conference was founded by Catholic Peace Ministry of Oregon. It offers people in the Pacific Northwest an occasion to focus on the

theology and practice of peace making. This year's event is being co-sponsored by Catholic Peace Minister of Oregon, the University of Portland, the office for RENEW and the Office of Justice and Peace of the Archdiocese of Portland.

Costs are \$10 per person if pre-registered by March 17 and \$13 at the door. For registration contact the Archdiocese of Portland at 233-8361.

Hubbard Birthday Observed

A worldwide celebration marking the birthday of the late L. Ron Hubbard was observed by over 400 people in Portland Saturday at the Portland Art Museum.

Hubbard, a founder of the Church of Scientology, was a writer, educator, and philosopher. His self-help book "Dianetics: Modern Science of Mental Health," has been sold around the world.

A satellite broadcast acknowledged Hubbard's landmark discoveries about the human mind and spirit and his contributions to education and drug reform.

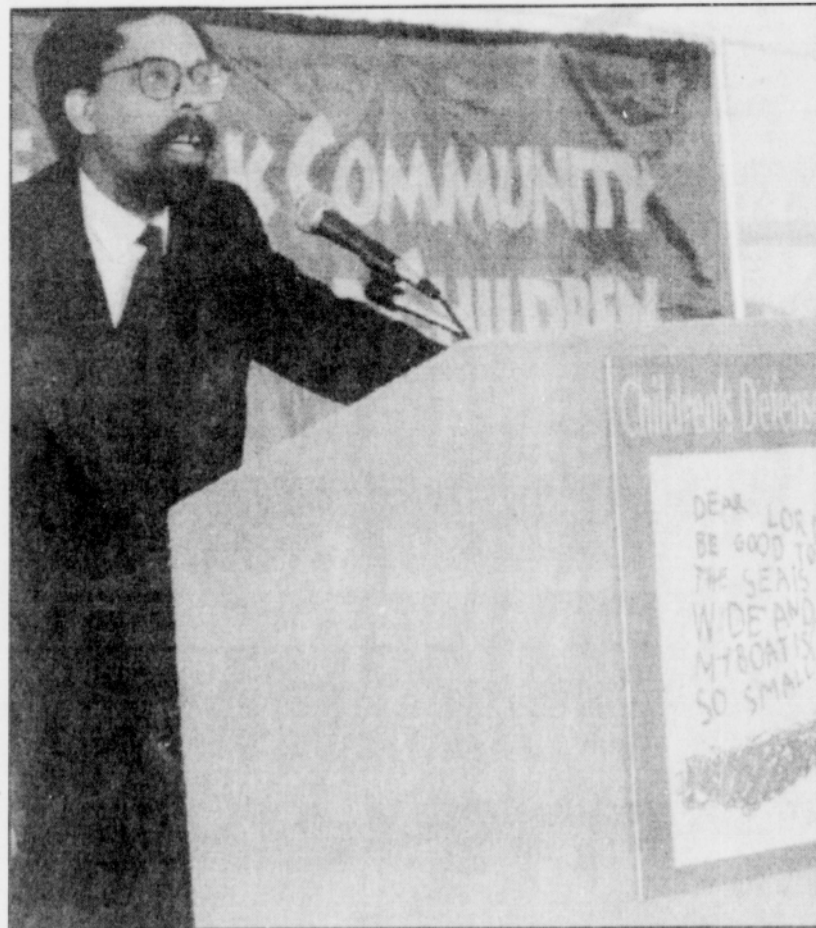
Celebrating The Home Going of Mr. John David Bell

OBITUARY: May 5, 1927 - February 11, 1995

John David Bell was born in Helena Arkansas. The only child of Josh and Elnora Bell. After completing his education in Arkansas he moved to Washington State where he worked in the construction field. He later moved to Portland, Oregon and joined local 296 where he remained until his retirement in 1990. John loved children, because of this he volunteered as an umpire for the little league. During one of these games he met the woman who would become his wife, Barbara Harry. They were united in Wedlock in 1988.

Mr. Bell joined his wife at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. C.E. Faulkner.

Mr. Bell leaves to celebrate his home going, his wife; Barbara, sons; Clyde Bell of Spokane, WA., Raymond Bell of Seattle, WA., daughters; Mayfie Bell and Tiffani Braxton of Portland, OR.; step sons; Torrae Harry and Philip Stephens of Portland, OR.; three grandchildren, God children and a host of relatives and friends.



Cornell West of the Black Community Crusade for Children, addresses African American leaders at the opening of the former Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, Tenn. The site will serve as a center for spiritual and leadership development and renewal, for character and community building and for intergenerational and interdisciplinary communication.

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

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Pastor, Re. James C.E. Faulkner

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