

Toyria Sonea' Martin and her son, Stanley Paige Simpson IV.

My Life's Celebration

Toyria Sonea' Martin

Toya, was the name family and friends alike called her. Toya, was the first child born to Mona L. Moore and Ervin L. Martin, on June 21, 1974 in Portland, Oregon. Toya, was one of three children. Her brother Charles, preceded her in death in 1976.

Toya, received her education in Portland, Oregon. Her cognitive years in education was at Woodlawn Elementary and Whitaker Middle School. Toya went on to Jefferson High School and then POIC where she earned her high school diploma. Toya, was an excellent student and very intelligent. Toya loved math and computers. Toya, was employed in the field of Financial Accounting. Up until her death she was employed by Multnomah Kennel Club.

Toyria's Family Life

Toya, was raised in the home of her grandparents Sam and Ethel Moore. In 1990, Toya gave birth to the love of her life Stanley Paige Simpson IV. Toya, was determined to continue her education and to make a life for her and her son. This she accomplished. Toya was a good

mother even at her young age. Toya had a loving spirit, a kind and gentle heart. Her love for life was overwhelming. Toya was a young, beautiful and gifted young lady that was admired and loved by all her family. Toya had a wonderful relationship with her family members. DeAngelos was real close to his sister and very protective. Being raised in a family of love Toya gave her love freely. Her love for children was not only received by her son but by all children. Toya, never met a stranger. She made herself available to anyone in need.

Toya leaves to cherish her memories, her loving son Stanley Paige Simpson IV, her parents Mona L. Jimenez and Ervin L. Martin, her brother Charles DeAngelos Jenkins, her grandparents Samuel L. & Ethel M. Moore, Surilla A. Martin, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and special devoted friends.

Toya was called home June 22, 1995, but only God knows when she left to be with him.

"Rest in peace my child for you have suffered your last injustice."

Join A Swim Team This Summer!

The starter's whistle is about to signal the opening of the 1995 Summer Swim League at many of the Portland city pools. Swim teams are supervised by the Portland Parks and Recreation Department, and the program is open to young swimmers through age 17. Participants must be able to swim the crawlstroke and backstroke for the length of a 25-yard pool. There is a fee of \$45 per swimmer.

The Summer Swim League is designed for novice swimmers. The goal is for all participants to have fun while improving their skills. Daily one-hour workouts are offered, with several Saturday morning dual meets scheduled for July and August. The City Championship meet will be held August 19 and 20 at the Wilson pool.

For information on the Summer Swim League and other programs offered at the Portland pools, call the pool hotline at 823-SWIM.



A youth action group from Portland gather after providing public service help to the community. See story on front page.

Recent Events Regenerate Racism

By BERNICE POWELL JACKSON

I remember when I was young and we believed that once those old-timers, steeped in Jim Crowism and die-hard segregation, died off, racism would go away. Were we ever naive; were we ever wrong.

In the past few days two stories have proven that and shown that the struggle against racism is a never-ending process and one that we as a nation must take very seriously for every generation. Those who believe that racism is an issue of the past are sadly mistaken.

Both stories involve high school seniors -- the future leaders of their communities. One is the story of the seniors in Greenwich, CT who put a coded message in their yearbook which read "Kill all the niggers" and

then bragged about it. Five young men, most of them scheduled to go on to college in the fall, who were proud they were able to fool school administrators and make a racist threat. Five young men, part of a supposedly liberal community, who used their yearbook to spew racial hatred.

When interviewed on television, some Greenwich residents said they believed it was only a prank. But the students could have chosen to write a coded message which poked fun at something if they were just interested in a school prank. Others said that they believed this was an isolated event. But how do they know?

A similar event occurred in New York City when four high school seniors placed an anti-Semitic note

under their Jewish teacher's classroom door with a swastika, the word "Hitler" and a vulgar personal insult on it. It seems they were angry because she had canceled a class trip because of lack of student response. Just as racism is still alive and well in the next generation of leaders, so, too it seems, is anti-Semitism.

In the Greenwich case, the administration took immediate action. The students were not allowed to take their final exams, nor allowed participate in their graduation ceremony. Indeed, law enforcement officials are investigating whether this should be considered a hate crime and, thus, whether to prosecute the young men. The young men have also agreed to attend a special class on racism led by the Congress of

Racial Equality (CORE), which will include having them get to know some black people.

In the New York City case, the students were suspended, barred from the school prom, the yearbook party and the senior class trip and graduation. Each student was required to perform 15 hours of community service. In addition, one student, who was a member of the student government, was removed from her post and another was removed from the varsity baseball team. Likewise, after a police department investigation, the four students responsible were arrested for this bias crime. The principal also enlisted the aid of the National Council of Christians and Jews and the Anti-Defamation League.

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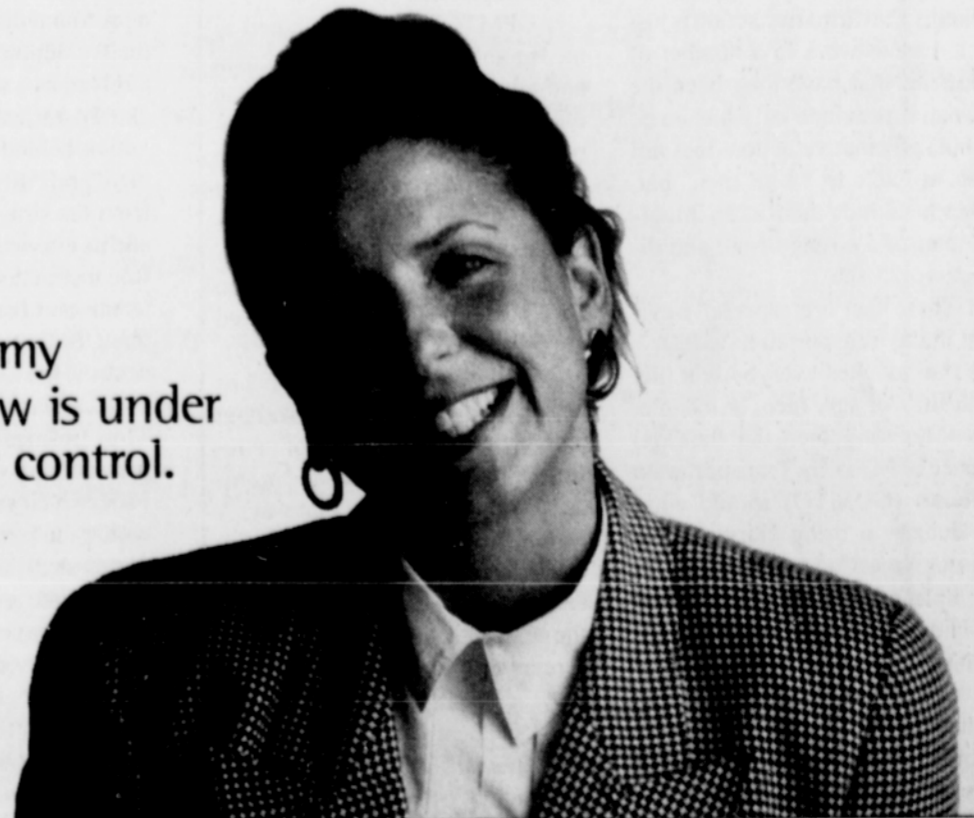
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