

# RELIGION

## ALTERNATIVES

### Defining The Age (Times) #4

BY M. ISAACS

There is a global resistance against the knowledge of God! Evil times are upon us! "And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted this way upon the earth." (Genesis 6:12). "Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men." (Psalms 12:1). "The fool hath said in his heart, There Is No God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that

doeth good." (Psalms 14:1). (Isaiah 57:1), the righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart, and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come." (Isaiah 59:4). Judgement is turned away backward (1.5 million babies aborted since 1975) and justice standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." An unrighteous decree is allowing 4,000 babies per day to be aborted (Roe vs Wade). (Isaiah

10:1). Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed." (Micah 7:2). The good man perished out of the earth; and there is none upright among men; they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net." The followers of the One God must stand united, bold, strong in the Lord; "Redeeming the times (age), because the days are evil". (Ephesians 5:16).

"This know also, that in the

last days perilous times shall come". (2 Tim. 3:1-2) for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous (greedy), boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy (vs 3), without natural affections (men lovers of men; women lovers of women), truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent (loose tongued, out of control), fierce, despisers of those that are good, (vs 4) traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more

than lovers of God, (vs 5) having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away. (vs 6) For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers (many different) lusts, (vs 7) ever learning, and never able to come to the understanding of the truth." "God hates (1) a proud look, (2) a lying tongue, (3) hands that shed innocent blood, (4) a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, (5) feet that be swift in running to mis-

chief, (6) a false witness that speaketh lies, and (7) he that soweth discord among brethren."

What are we, the followers of Jesus, the Christ, to do? (Proverbs 31:8-9). "Open Thy Mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy." (Acts 5:29). "We ought to obey God rather than men". (John 11:26). And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth Thou This?

### A Way Out Of No Way

BY BERNICE POWELL JACKSON

Old black folks used to talk about making a way out of no way, usually when talking about God's power to make the impossible possible. Even in these times which seem hopeless, people are still making a way out of no way. Here are two such stories.

The Young Knights Chess Mentor Program in Oakland, CA is only a few months old and is the brainchild of Gerald Lampkin, a man who is a brick mason by trade and a natural-born role model and mentor. Lampkin, who learned to play chess at age 9, realized that chess offered a way to capture the Imagination and minds of Oakland youth. "Once you capture their minds with chess, you can teach basic respect, patience, morals and values," he explained in a recent interview.

Funded by the Oakland Park, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, this program has managed to draw in dozens of young people after school. It teaches them discipline, self-control and how to think for themselves. "It teaches them discipline, self-control and how to think for themselves. "It stops everything else and it makes me exercise my mind. I see myself thinking steps ahead in chess. It's what I need to do in life. It keeps me out of trouble," said 17 year-old Philip Johnson, who lives in a homeless shelter.

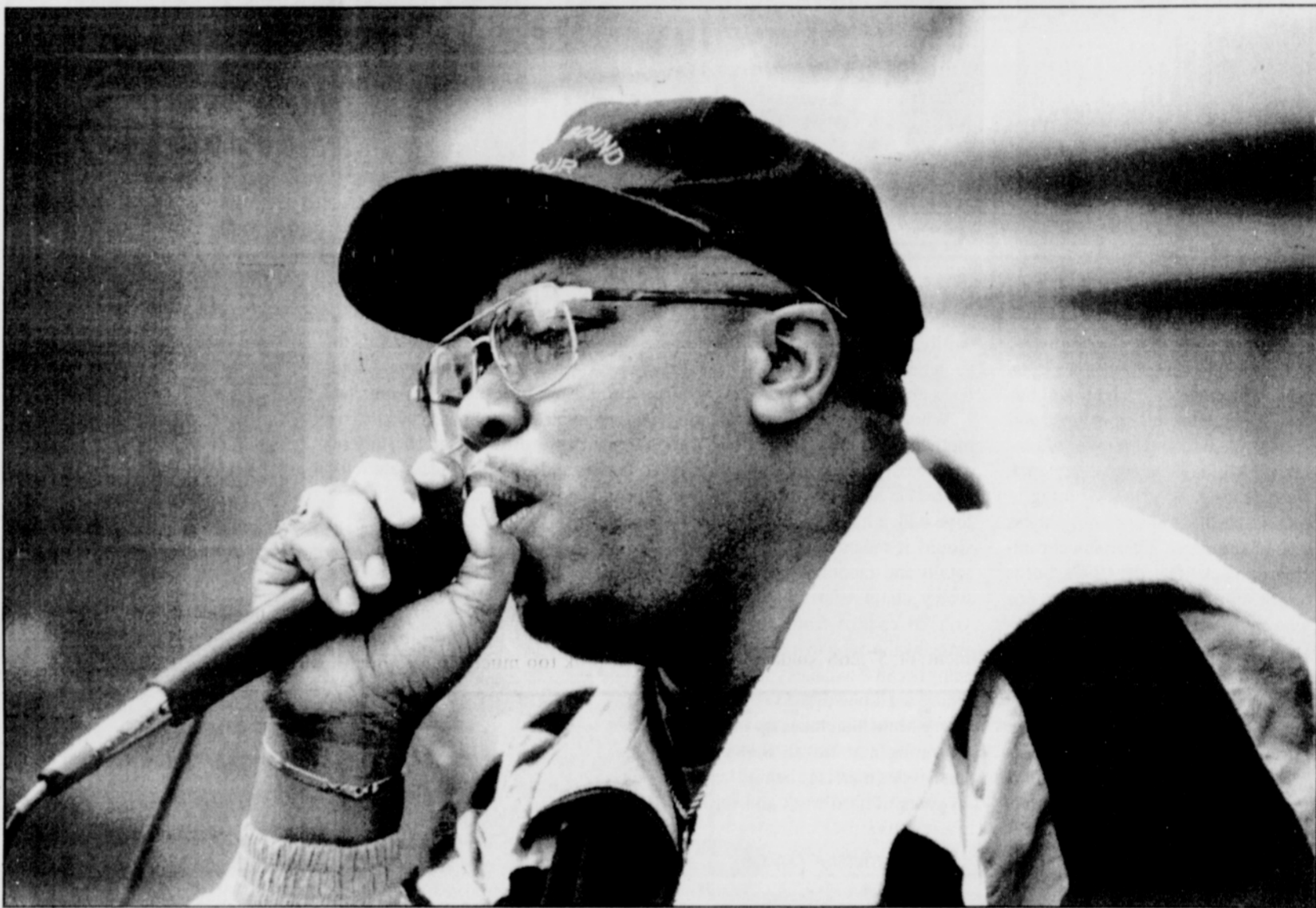
Gerald Lampkin believes that chess is a metaphor for life, which helps students think about their next moves in life, while teaching patience and the importance of considering the consequences of their moves. Gerald Lampkin knows how to make a way out of no way.

Azim Khamisa and Ples Felix, Jr. share that ability to make a way out of no way. They were able to reach through their own personal pain to establish the Tariq Khamisa Foundation in San Diego to seek the causes of youth violence and find ways to prevent it.

The miracle of it is that Tariq Khamisa, the son of Azim, allegedly was murdered by Ples' grandson. Tariq, a college student who worked as a pizza deliverer at night, was killed by gang members during a robbery. Tony Hicks, Felix's grandson, became the first 14 year-old charged under a new California law allowing minors to be tried as adults. "Tony's family are as much victims in this as mine," said Khamisa.

Both Khamisa and Felix have had an instant course in violence, gangs and youth. "I didn't know there are 50 gangs in San Diego," said Khamisa. "Many of our children, after three o'clock, they're left to their own devices. There's a big void there. And our kids fall into it," said Felix.

### Heaven Bound Will Record Live Album



Lonnie Hosley

Both the voices and religious commitment of the entire city of Portland are invited to help record a live album of songs with Heaven Bound Gospel Music Ministries at a free concert Sunday, May 5, according to Elder Lonnie Hosley, the choir's founder and director.

The audience's response to the music will help the group select which of its songs to use as the title of the album, said Hosley. All music has been written by present and past members of Heaven Bound, he added.

The 5 pm session at Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12 Ave., is believed to be the first live album of gospel music ever recorded in Portland, according to Hosley.

A special guest at the recording concert will be Roger Dorris of San Jose, and another national artist to be named soon, said Hosley.

The album is being produced by ManMik Records of Seattle, under the leadership of Rev. R.L. Manaway. Release is planned later this year or early in 1997.

Featured on the program will

be Tabernacle Recording Choir of Seattle, added Hosley.

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