

RELIGION

Churches help diabetes screening



Medical technician Sherrilyn St. Mary, left, and diabetes educator Maudia Gentry from Baylor College of Medicine prepare to test people for diabetes in a Houston Church.

Churches may be the key to attacking the problem of diabetes among black Americans.

A program directed by Dr. Susan Baker at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston has screened about 3,500 people in Houston's black community since mid-1995, and that figure should rise to 8,500 by mid-1997, said Maudia Gentry, a diabetes educator in Baylor's Department of Community Medicine.

"We have discovered many people who did not realize they were diabetic and at risk for such consequences as foot and leg amputation," Gentry said.

Working with registered nurse Cathy Wielgus from Houston Baptist

University and Baylor, Gentry first developed culturally sensitive materials on diabetes which are distributed during regular weekend appearances at churches.

Gentry and Wielgus are also assisted by health-care technicians from the Harris County Hospital district, nursing students from HBU and pharmacy students from Texas Southern University.

Gentry and Wielgus teach participants what diabetes is and how it can be managed, explain how it is epidemic among blacks and screen for the disease.

Those who have diabetes or are at risk are referred to cooperating physicians.

Gentry and Wielgus also form liaison committees composed of residents of the targeted areas.

"These committee members really help us stay plugged in to what kinds of programs work best in each community," Gentry said. "They keep us on our toes."

Follow-up is also part of the program.

"Once we refer people to a physician, we don't just forget about them. We go back later and see that they visited a doctor and are getting the care they need," Gentry said.

"Diabetes among blacks does not have to be the kind of health problem it is," she said. "Education and screening minimize this problem."

Bravo! Concert Series

The Bravo! Vancouver concert series presents George F. Handel's Classic oratorio "Messiah", on Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 pm. Tickets for the concert are \$11 for reserved and \$8 general admission.

This is the third season for the Bravo! Concert Series, and it has gained a loyal following and built a reputation for staging outstanding concerts. "Messiah" features the resident Orchestra and 85 voice Chorale of St. Joseph. Soloists are Barbara Custer, donna Olson, Kurt Alakulpi, and Craig Kingsbury. This

choral masterpiece has become the traditional season opener for the Bravo! Vancouver, Music at St. Joseph series.

Other choral and orchestral concerts this season are February 9th, "a Taste of Italy"; Haydn's, "Creation" on March 23; "America, the Beautiful", May 4; and the season finale, "Big Band Bash" on June 14. All concerts are held in the beautiful sanctuary of St. Joseph's church, 400 S. Andresen Road, Vancouver. To order tickets, call 696-4407, St Joseph Church, or any FASTIXX outlet.

Maranatha Church of God Music Department Christmas Carols

Saturday, December 7, 1996, 7:00 PM

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Obituary

Stanford Collins Jamison, Age 55
April 17, 1941 - November 14, 1996

Friends are invited to attend a mass of Christian Burial Thursday, November 21, 1996 at 11:00 A.M. at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church - N. Portland Blvd & Williams Ave.

Stanford grew up in Kansas City, Kansas and has lived in Portland for the past 30 years. He worked as a contractor, owning the Jamison Construction Company in Portland for several years until he had to quit working about 6 years ago. He was a member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Jamison was never married.

Stanford left to mourn: Father Alonzo E. Jamison, Sr. Kansas City, Kansas; Brother Alonzo E. Jamison, Jr. Portland, OR; Sister Rita M. Jamison Portland, OR.

Mausoleum Entombment will follow at River View Cemetery Mausoleum in Portland, Oregon.

Obituary

Malinda Louise Smith

June 24, 1934 - November 11, 1996

Malinda's homegoing celebration was held Monday 18, 1996 at The Vancouver Avenue 1st Baptist Church.

Malinda lived in Shreveport, Louisiana until 1965. She has lived in Portland since 1965. She and her husband Earl K. Smith were married on November 28, 1968. Malinda was a member of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church and her occupation was a homemaker.

Malinda left to mourn: Husband Earl K. Smith; Son Arthur D. Capers; Daughter Robin L. Capers; Son Ricky W. Capers; Daughter Laura M. Capers; Son Jessie M. Capers; Daughter Doris S. Capers; Son Clyde B. Capers; Mother Inez A. Davis; Sister Christine Hill; Sister Doris J. Brazil; Brother Ernest Davis; Brother Bobby Davis; Brother Robert Davis; and Sister Martha Craig.

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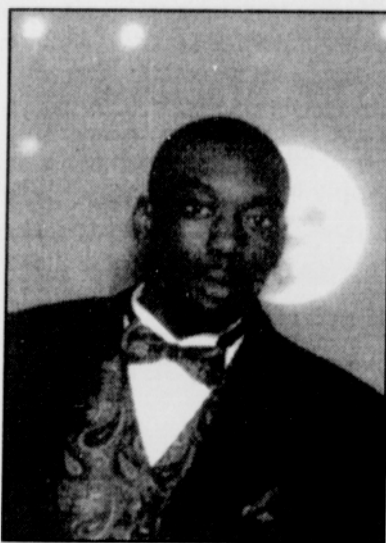
In Remembrance of Willie Banks, Jr.

Willie Banks, Jr. was born January 1, 1977 in Portland, Oregon to Willie and Earnestine Banks.

Willie Jr. attended Portland Christian Elementary, Holy Redeemer Catholic School, Central Catholic High School (where he received a four year scholarship in sports) and Business Computer Training Institute in Vancouver, Washington studying in Business Administration, to graduate January 1, 1997.

June 1990 Willie Jr. earned the 'Best Summaries Award' from Urban League, Whitney Young Learning Center for his daily summaries. He received a \$30 award in recognition of his achievement.

April 1993 he received an evaluation from his Senior Counselor at Central Catholic High as Junior counselor describing his supervisory ability with a cabin group of 6th graders for a week long residential program. He received scores ranging from 8 to 10 in the following areas: rapport with children, leadership abilities, reaction to problem situations, enthusiasm and dedication for job, extra contributions to program. 'Willie more than met my expectations for a first time J.C. I would like to see him come back to counsel again to watch him gain more experience and become a strong part of our staff' (Steve



Willie Banks, Jr.

Arilleur, Senior counselor).

April 1993 evaluation from Central Catholic High, Resource Special Evaluation indicated high scores in teaching ability, supervisory ability, ability to work independently, flexibility/enthusiasm for job, learning and relating information. 'Willie met my expectations as a first time junior counselor as the week progressed, Willie's confidence and success increased. Thank you for the time you spent this week' (Lisa Dickinson, Senior counselor).

Summer 1993 Willie was a member of the Clean River Conservation Corps. He was employed at the US

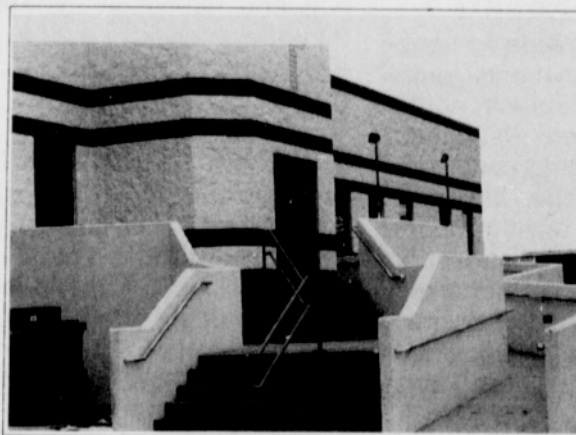
Department of Housing & Urban Development, Community Planning & Development. His evaluation from John Bonham, director indicates, 'Willie has been an exemplary employee, punctual, polite, responsive, well dressed and very willing to undertake any task assigned.'

He was a member of the Greater Solid Rock COGIC, Bishop A.R. Hopkins and member of the Teens For Christ Auxiliary.

Willie leaves to mourn his father, Willie Banks and mother, Earnestine Banks; brother, Emmett Banks and sister, Yolanda Banks; Uncles: Napoleon Jelks and Daniel Franks, Portland, Oregon. William Jelks, Ned Franks, Texas. Gregory Franks, Joe Franks, Robert Franks, Louisiana. George Banks, Jr., Dennis Banks, Florida. Curtis Banks, New York; aunts: Eunice Wilson, Callie Frazier, Lou Ella Franks, Portland, Oregon. Beatrice West, Julia Jolley, Lucille Granvill, Lillie Jelks, Carrie Peyton, Betty Williams, Texas. Helen Branch, Joyce Hall, Deva Horn, Grandmother, Isabell Banks, Florida; cousin, Callie Peyton, Louisiana; and a host of relatives and friends. May our loss be heaven's gain!

Funeral Services, were Saturday, Nov. 23, 1996, at Maranatha Church, NE 12th Street, Portland, Oregon. Interment, Rose City Mausoleum.

CENTER PROVES IT'S WORTH



LCM Community Center

The center also serves as the permanent meeting place for the Martin Luther Memorial Lutheran Church. The church's activities consist of Sunday worship, Sunday school and Wednesday evening Junior High and adult Bible study.

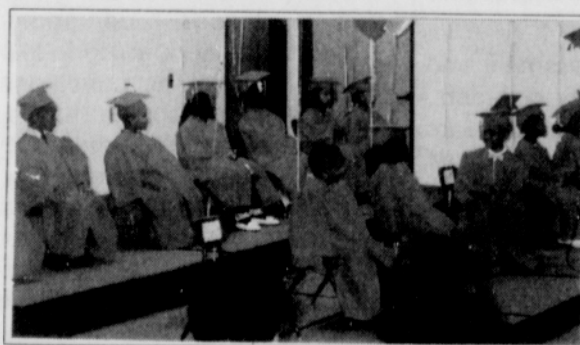
Pastor Gilmore is often asked if the building is a church. He always answer "no, it is a multi-purpose building and a church group meets here." He also states "I never felt it prudent to invest one's resources in a building that was limited only to a one dimensional program. For sure, there is the need for a place of worship. And, there is also the need for a place where people from all walks of life can meet and deal with the other issues that affect their lives."

Since its opening in May 1994, the multi-purpose building, known as the "LCM Community Center," has proven beyond reason of doubt its value to the inner N/NE community of Portland

The center has been the meeting place for weddings, family and pastor's anniversaries, Christmas and other celebrations, various workshops, economic empowerment meetings, voter registration drives, community police meetings, boys and girls scout groups, aero-space (CAP) meetings, bazaars and many other activities. The center has a preschool program that provides full day and before and after school care for children ages thirty months to ten years.



Children in Childcare Program



Headstart Graduation Program

who wanted to support a ministry for children and their families in the N/NE Portland community.

His first task upon returning was to identify a central location for a building that would be attractive to the residents of the community and would accommodate a variety of community activities. His dream began to take shape in August 1993, at the ground breaking ceremony, when Mayor Vera Katz stood on the site at NE. Skidmore and MLK. Jr. Blvd., and addressed an assembled group of supporters.

"Hopefully this center will continue to be a place where people can gather to address the social, economical and spiritual needs of the community," Rev. Gilmore stated.

Those needing space for special meetings and events may call Marge Moss at 281-7036, or visit the center location at 4219 NE. MLK. Jr. Blvd.

The center represents the dream of Rev. Rozell Gilmore, a long time resident who took a ten year leave from Portland to complete Theological studies at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and to pastor congregations in Miami, Chicago and Seattle. He returned to Portland in 1989. His primary mission in returning was to establish an out-reach ministry in the community.

Rev. Gilmore's base of support consisted of the NW. district of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Lutheran congregations and individuals

Celebrate Hanukkah at the Center!

December 9 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center.

This is the main event of the Portland Hanukkah season.

Klezmer music will be provided by Sammy Epstein's Mazel Tov Orchestra, with dancing encouraged for all. Craft projects for children will be offered.

Hanukkah singing and a candle-lighting ceremony will round out the festivities.

Potato latkes and hot dog will be available for purchase.

Admission is \$5 general admission and \$4 for seniors and students.

The Mittleman Jewish Community Center is located at 6651 Sw Capitol Hwy. in Portland.

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