

# RELIGION

## Christopher L. Gary and The North Carolina Mass Choir



Christopher L. Gary, in his own quiet and distinctive manner, has become one of gospel music's most phenomenal talents.

We're talking about a young man who's conducted workshops and seminars all across the country; who's performed in a major MGM Motion Pictures release titled, *Black Rainbow*; who is the owner and president of a music publishing company; who's written songs for the likes of the Rev. James Cleveland, Edwin and Walter Hawkins; as well as having performed with gospel giants such as, Daryl Coley, La Shun Pace, Twinkle Clark, Bobby Jones and New Life and Rev. Timothy Wright among others.

Recently, Gray was contracted to serve as musical coordinator and director for the 87th National convention of the NAACP held in his home town of Charlotte, North Carolina. He also served as musical coordinator and director for the off Broadway musical production of *LORD Save My Children*, which has featured such artist as Douglas Miller, Karen Clark Sheard, Gray and Bruce Parham. And to top it all, The Rosie O' Donnell show contracted the title tract from Gray's project, *He's All That* to use as her theme song and slogan (*She's All That*).

Gray takes his music ministry to the next level with his latest release for CGI Records entitled, *Great Things*, featuring the powerful and anointed voices of the North Carolina Mass Choir.



### Obituary

#### Effie Dee Ray

(Maiden Name of Lang)

March 3, 1909 - April 7, 1997

Services were held April 11, 1997 at 1st A.M.E. Zion Church in Portland, OR.

Effie lived in various cities including Houston, Texas and Lake Charles, Louisiana before moving to Portland, Oregon in 1939. Her husband, Lisco F. Ray, Sr. died on July 16 1966. She had worked for Meier & Frank Company from about 1948 to 1969. She was a member of the 1st AME Zion Church, the Katie Bowie Missionary Society and Choir Member of 1st AME Zion and was a member of the ladies auxiliary with the railroad.

*She leaves to mourn:* Enid D. Ray, Daughter, Portland, OR; Lisco F. Ray, Jr., Son Yakima, WA; Deborah E. Harvey, Daughter Portland, OR; Mildred Stockton, Sister Long Beach, CA; Jimmy Lang, Brother Santa Cruz, CA; Hollis Lang, Brother Los Angeles, CA.

Effie was buried with her husband at Lincoln Memorial Park, Portland, OR.

### Birth Announcements

#### Natetoryen Leontae Howard

March 17; Male

6lbs 13oz; 19&3/4

Mother: Oleitra Jackson

Father's Name: Nathan Howard

All of Portland, OR

#### Barrow JaRon Jordan-Willie

March 31; Male

7lbs, 21&1/2"

Mother: Jacqueline Jones

Father: Ronald Robert Barrow Jr.

#### Asia Rose Kapua -I- Milia Griffin

March 23; Female

7lbs 5oz; 10&1/4"

Mother: Manina Willams

Father: Terriance Valdez Griffin

#### Autumn Marie Dailey

March 27; Female

8lbs 10oz; 21"

Mother: Kristina Jean Dailey

Father: Michael Joseph Dailey

#### Lacey Catherine Stratton

March 16; Female

6lbs 8oz; 19"

Mother: Catherine M. Lauman

Father: Eugene C. Stratton

#### MacKenzie Natasha Ann Blair

March 25, 1997; Female

8lbs 3oz; 21 1/2"

Mother: Amber L. Blair

Father: Christopher L. Blair

### Obituary

#### Donavin Seymour Bass

August 15, 1954 - May, 28, 1997

Donavin Seymour Bass was born August 15, 1954, in Long View, WA. He was a graduate of Adams High School and later Pacific University. He married Valerie Brier in 1978. He was employed for 19 years at KPTV Channel 12 in Portland as a producer/director. *Donavin leaves to mourn:* Valerie Bass, Wife Aloha, OR; Danielle Bass, Daughter Aloha, OR; Douglass Bass, Father Vancouver, WA; Muriel Bass, Mother Vancouver, WA; Theresa Bass, Sister Beaverton, OR; Lowell Bass, Brother Portland, OR

Services were held at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Portland, OR, on Monday, June 2, 1997. Internment will be at Finley - Sunset Hills Mortuary. Friends who wish may contribute to: Donavin Bass Memorials Scholarship Fund c/o Pacific Univ. or St. Vencent Hospice.

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The mother and family of Sister Claudia Lewis Tellis which to acknowledge their sincere thanks and appreciation for the many beautiful cards and flowers and the comfort given doing the loss of their love one Claudia Lewis Tellis who past this life on April 26, 1997. Again thanks to the entire City of Portland

--Mr. Clara Lewis

### Obituary

#### Ida Mae Walker

April 25, 1914 -

April 5, 1997

Ida Mae Walker was born in St. Louis, Missouri, from there she moved to Cleveland, Ohio and in 1966 she moved to Oregon. She work for the Sheraton Hotel and J.C. Penny's at the Lloyd Center.

Ida Mae married Wilbert Sr. whom preceded her in death.

*She leaves to mourn:* Wilbert Walker Jr., Son Los Angeles, CA; Arlene Aaron, Daughter Portland, OR; 6 Grandchildren; 13 Greatgrandchildren; 9 Great Great Grandchildren.

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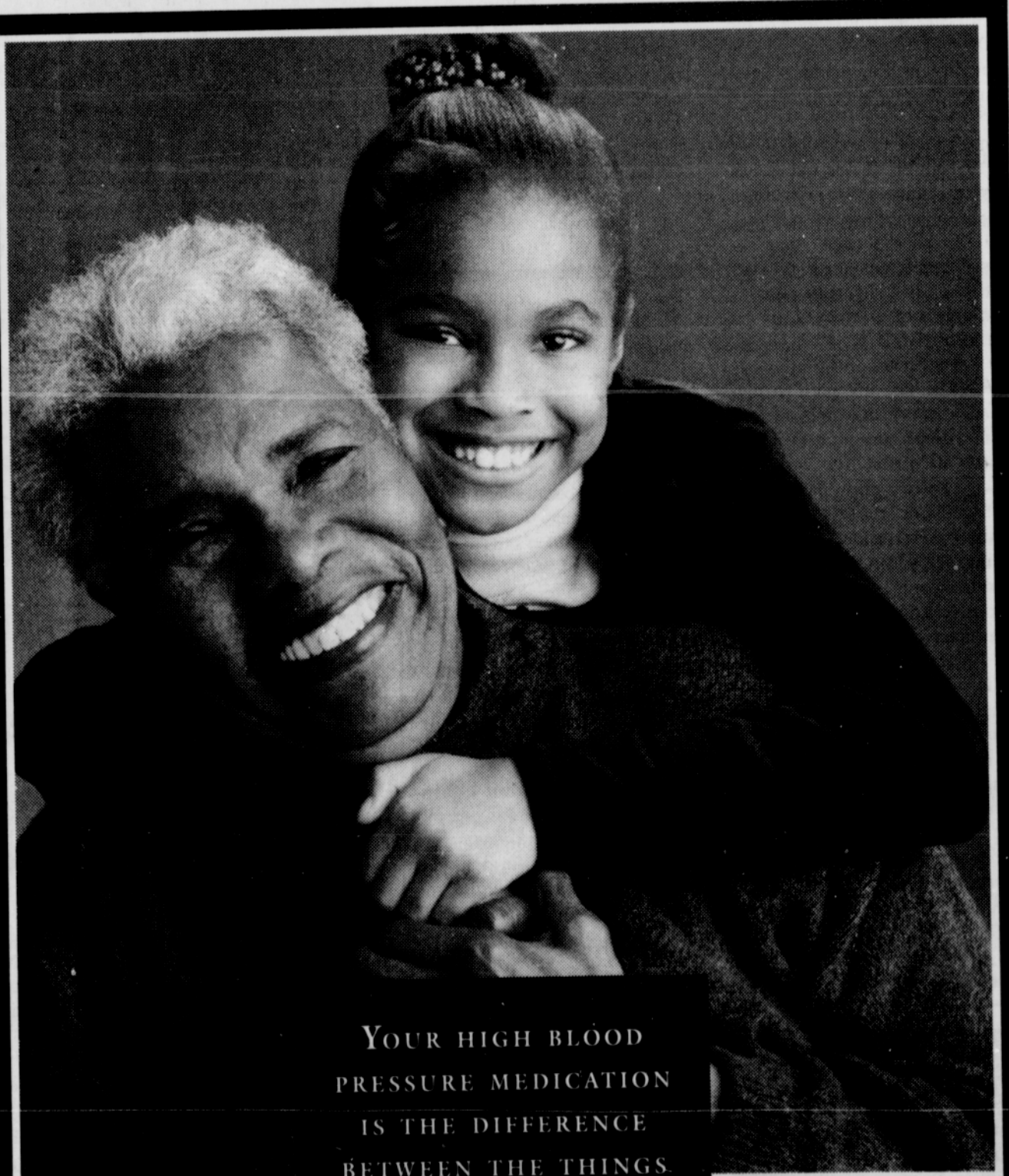
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