

# RELIGION



HIGHWAY Q. C's

It is in a tradition that has spawned such greats as the Mighty Clouds of Joy, the Williams Brothers, the Dixie Hummingbirds, the Pilgrim Travelers and the Five Blind Boys, that the Highway QC's have made their mark.

It is a rich tradition forged over fifty-two years ago in Chicago when four teens—including the Creedell Copeland, Charles Richardson, Lee Richardson and the late Sam Cooke (who defected in 1949 to the Soul Stirrers)—set out to make a national

name for themselves on the gospel music scene. All were attendees of the Highway Baptist Church and students at a local high school from which they took the initials Q.C.

After a half-century of seasoning and more than 40 releases, appearances at the Apollo theater, Carnegie Hall and Madison Square Garden, and performing with legends like Mahalia Jackson, Clara Ward and James Cleveland, The Highway QC's are still going strong with a new label, a new deal and a new release, entitled "I'm Still Here"

## Foundation Basics 101

Pick up your Bible and give it a thorough visual inspection.

One would think, that, the writers prepared themselves for decades, in order to reach the level, of "genius", just to write a few verses of scripture. Well, some were very learned men, while others were just like you and me. They were not saints. They were human beings; sinners, just everyday people that made a decision to obey God's laws to the best of their ability. In return, God gave them special gifts, such as: Faith, Creative Communication, Healing, Public Speaking or Preaching etc.

Many Christians are unaware that the twelve apostles were not followers of God when Jesus met them. They were any and everything but the epitome of Christianity. Some were: Murderers, Rapists, Pimps, Thieves, Robbers, Adulterers, Liars; basically a bunch of corrupt criminal outcast or misfits by society's standards, in some cultures.

These were just the people Jesus wanted as his followers. The ones

in the most need of salvation. Through the message Jesus brought from his Father, and intense love for mankind, these men became the foundational elders of the Christian - life we so aggressively desire to lead. \*The leaders of the Church.

When you give your life to God and claim Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, at-that-time, through God's abundant love, you are given a gift. Actually, to be more exact, you're given a spiritual-Gift. This is a gift only from God, delivered by the Holy Spirit. It is Gods will and our duty for us to use the gift or gifts given us to the best of our ability.

The way you can identify your gift is through your accomplishments.

When you perform a task that exceeds your normal human capacity, you have just put to use one or some of your Spiritual Gifts. Use your gift to promote growth and health in the body of Jesus Christ!

By A. J. BRADFORD

## Helen and Egbert Oliver Memorial Lecture

October 5, 1997

The Renewal of Mainstream Protestantism



William McKinney, President Pacific School of Religion

First Congregational Church of Portland proudly announces that the Rev. Dr. William R. McKinney, President of Pacific School of Religion, will be the guest speaker for this year's Oliver Lecture. On Sunday, October 5, 1997 at 2 p.m., Dr. McKinney will discuss "The Renewal of Mainstream Protestantism."

The Oliver Lecture steering committee invites you and your congregation to attend this lecture and asks that you publicize this event in your church.

Dr. McKinney has served as research director for the United Church of Christ Board for Home-

land Ministries and as Dean and Professor of American Religion at Hartford Seminary. His research and insights about church growth and renewal are highly relevant for the mainline church approaching the new century. A luncheon at 12:30 p.m. will precede the lecture.

The Helen and Egbert Oliver Memorial Lectures have been presented at First Congregational Church since 1978. The lecture is free and open to the public. Any questions may be directed to Rev. Patricia Ross at 228-7219. First Congregational Church is located at 1126 SW Park Avenue.

We look forward to seeing you on October 5th.

## Bethel AME Church is seeking a Musician/Choir Director.

Requirements:

- Demonstrative willingness and ability to work with a diverse populace for the edification of the church
- Basic music background necessary
- Programming coordination abilities, a plus
- an interview is also required.

Contact: Rev. Dorsey McCullough

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The Nation

## Birth Announcement

Malik Joseph Rahsaan

Born: Sept. 8, 1997 @ 9:37 PM

St. Vincent Hospital

Weight: 7 lbs 10oz Height: 19 3/4 Inches

Mother's Name: Lisa Renee Kennedy

Father's Name: Michael Joseph Rahsaan

Grand Parents: A. Halim Rahsaan, Diane Cross and Brenda, Gary Templin

Great Grandparent: Wilma L. Pitre

## Home-Going Services

For Ramona Taylor

Thursday

September 25, 1997

11:00 A.M.

At 4936 N.E. Skidmore

St.

Portland, Oregon

Bishop Curtis E. Montgomery, D.D. Officiating Greater Christ Temple, Tacoma, Washington

A very special "Thank You" to all of the caring medical staff who were involved in the care of Ramona Taylor down through the years.

Ramona Taylor, daughter of the Executive Director of the Portland Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation has passed away at the age of 36. Funeral service will be held Thursday, September 25th, at The House of Prayer, located at 4936 N.E. Skidmore, Portland, at 11:00 a.m., where she was a member. A Memorial Fund has been opened in her name at the U.S. National Bank (42nd Avenue Branch at Alberta) A donor need only stop at any U.S. National Bank and tell the teller they would like to contribute to the Ramona Taylor Memorial Fund. For additional information, please call 249-1366 or 281-4070.

# Observing

## Sport Camps Entertain Kids

A variety of sports camps for young people are sponsored by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department. Included are:

**Flag Football** for ages 9 to 12. Meet at Memory Field behind Ft. Vancouver Regional Library on Mill Plain Boulevard. Equipment is provided. Participants must provide own mouth guard. Meets Mondays, starting Sept. 22, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Fee is \$22 (\$20 city resident).

**Co-ed Basketball Camp for ages 7 to 10.** Class will emphasize basic skills through drills and scrimmages. Meets Mondays starting Oct. 6, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fees \$20 (\$18 city resident).

**Co-ed Basketball Camp for ages 11 to 14.** Class will emphasize basic skills through drills and scrimmages. Meets Wednesdays starting Oct. 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fees \$20 (\$18 city resident).

**Co-ed Soccer Camp for ages 5 to 8.** Improve soccer skills. Awards will be given. Nerf balls are used. Meets Tuesdays starting Oct. 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fees \$20 (\$18 city resident).

Call Angie Brosius, recreation coordinator at Bagley Center, 696-8006, for details.

## Mark Bosnian Band Plays Vancouver's Neighborhood Fair

Singer-songwriter Mark Bosnian will play City of Vancouver's Neighborhood Fair Saturday, Sept. 27 at noon. The fair will be held at the Bagley Community Center, 4100 Plomondon in Vancouver. For more information on the fair call 1-360-696-8222.

Mark was hand picked by the Neighborhood Office because his songs reflect the joys, concerns and choices we face. They know the attendees will be able to relate to songs like "I Need A Nap" which exposes the overwhelming amount of information we're barraged with on a daily basis, to "Perfect World" which asks the listener to check their priorities and examine where true happiness lies.

You can catch Mark Bosnian and his trio the third weekend of every month in Vancouver from 8:30 to midnight at R.P. McMurphy's in the historical Academy Building located at 400 E. Evergreen.

What: City of Vancouver Neighborhood Fair

Who: Mark Bosnian Band

When: Saturday, September 27th Noon to 1:30 PM

Where: Bagley Community Center

4100 Plomondon - Downtown Vancouver

Cost: Free

## Fire Training Exercises To Resume In October

The Vancouver Fire Department will resume training in properties

purchased by the City for the Mill Plain Extension Project beginning in October. The first property will be 600 W. 15th St. which is an eight-plex and will provide similar experience to a strip mall fire.

The fire department is working in partnership with the Mill Plain Extension Project to provide opportunities for training in structures that will otherwise be demolished for construction of the roadway. Live fire training is recognized as an effective method of teaching and maintaining firefighter skills and knowledge in the areas of fire behavior, building construction, pump operation, hose evolutions, building ventilation, fire suppression, and rescue techniques. The fire department is required by law to train each firefighter in a burn drill annually.

The fire department has used two other city properties on the Mill Plain Project Right of Way for training. Police and emergency service training activities were suspended, however, on Aug. 12, following an incident on one of the properties.

Following increased scrutiny of training exercises, Mill Plain Project stakeholders and staff determined that fire training would proceed after revising procedures to further minimize risks associated with property management and fire training.

## Senior Gift Shop Opening A Success

The new "Elderberry Corner" senior gift shop in Luepke Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin

Blvd., is on the lookout for unique, handcrafted consignment items. The gift store reported a successful first week after opening Sept. 8. The store operates with volunteer help.

People interested in selling items through the gift store can bring up to 10 items to be evaluated by a jury which meets on the first and third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at Luepke Center. Jury decisions require approximately 15 to 20 minutes. Walk-ins are welcome. No appointment is necessary. Consignors must be aged 50 or older.

Elderberry Corner offers a variety of items from paintings, jewelry and clocks to Christmas ornaments. The store is open 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Proceeds help fund senior programs.

Call Judy Stutznegger at Luepke Center, 696-8202, for more information.

## Adult Flag Football League Starts In October

Adults interested in an eight-on-eight flag football league can get a team together and register at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon. Team fees are due at the time of registration. The first of eight games begins Saturday, Oct. 4, Memory Field. Team fee is \$175. Player fees are \$32 (\$28 city resident).

Call Angie Brosius, recreation coordinator at Bagley Center, 696-8006, for details. The league is sponsored by Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department.



## Lack of Skills Becoming an Emergency?

Portland Community College can respond with training in emergency service disciplines.

- Law enforcement, fire science, emergency medical response and emergency telecommunications (9-1-1).
- Training in one year (or less).
- Degree in two years.
- Financial assistance available

To find out more, contact: criminal justice at 987-5317; fire science at 492-6910; emergency medical technology at 788-6205; or emergency dispatch at 978-5424.

Classes begin Sept. 22.



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"In Thee, O Lord, Do I Put my trust;  
Let me never be put to confusion"  
Psalm 71:1