

RELIGION

Montrel Darret

Get ready for the future, because it just arrived. The name is Montrel Darrett, and the mind-boggling, solo debut album is called *Chronicles of the Soul*.

"I wanted to go out kind of raw and create something that's not happening anymore," explains Montrel. "That's what a lot of cats in the '60s and '70 were so good at. The instrumentation played a big part in bringing across the feel and the emotion of the words. It wasn't just there filling up space. It was a little sparse, but it was happening. That's what I tried to capture. I wrote every song on the album on a funky old blue electric guitar in a little studio in downtown Nashville. The passion of my songs all begins with that guitar."

Passion indeed. Echoes of past guitar masters from Jimi Hendrix, Ernie Isley and Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page filter like lasers through the montage of Montrel's almost limitless imagination. With amazing musical breadth and depth, Montrel also arranged and produced all 12 songs that the alternately delicate and downright combustible *Chronicles of the Soul* comprises.

After big-league training singing with modern Gospel master John P. Kee, and three years as lead vocalist and songwriter with urban Gospel pioneers Commissioned, Montrel has more than proved his mettle as he now embarks on a trip that's decidedly his own.

"This album is definitely my heart and soul right out there on the line," states Montrel. "I know that radio and formats and markets are all important, valid considerations, but overwhelmingly, my thoughts were to create something that would impact my generation. I want to make lasting music that satisfies the people's souls."

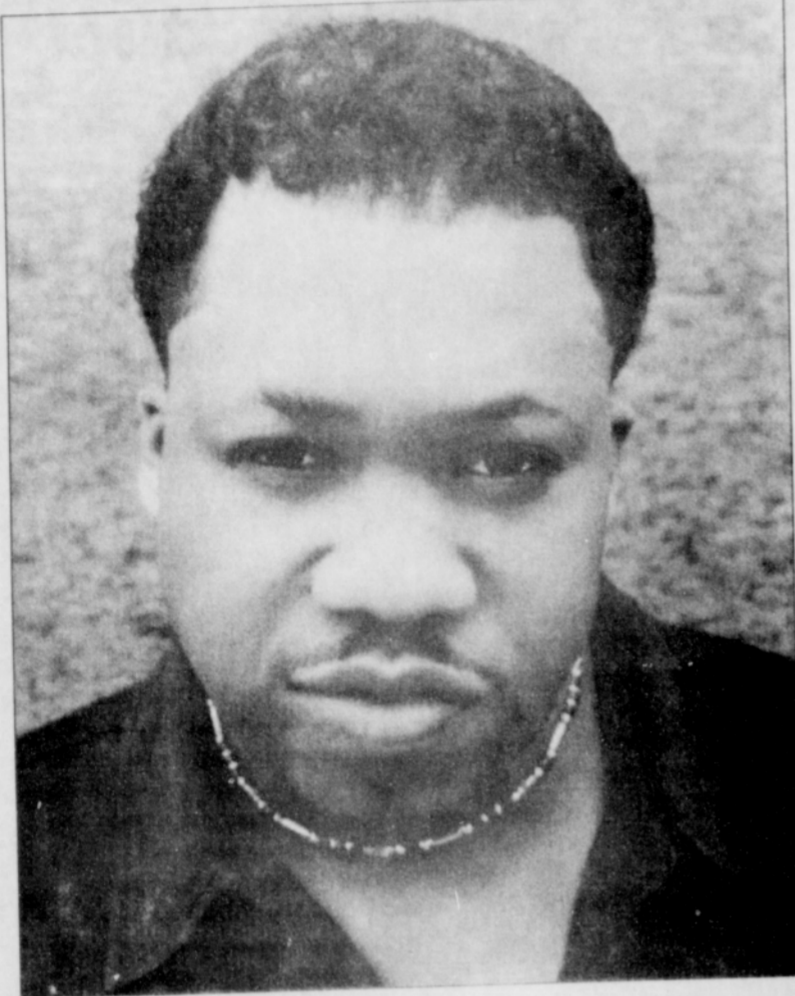
"It's been a long process," Montrel continues. "All different kinds of music I've soaked up in my life have become a huge part of who I am, who God has made me. I love everything from rock and folk to hip-hop and stone-traditional Gospel. 'I've tried to show respect to those who've come before me, without being imitative. *Chronicles of the Soul* is very much who I am."

Mellow Rhodes pianos are offset with a ferocious, power-chording guitar and relentless bass and drums

on "Issues," as Montrel delivers a riveting, multi-layered vocal performance that deals a dead-on body-slam against racism, ego and denominational divisiveness. Not since the early '70s—when one of Montrel's mentors, soul superstar Marvin Gaye, asked a troubled world "What's Going On," and Motown legends The

hooky chorus that rings with a classic R&B groove. "Rain" smolders with a quiet fire sparked by a slinky, too-cool wah-wah guitar and vocals as fervent as Sunday-morning church.

"What A Friend" resounds with an anthemic power unheard since Curtis Mayfield & the Impressions added their music to the '60 Civil



Temptations declared this earth a "Ball of Confusion"—has an artist so daringly broached the quandaries of a culture spinning out of control.

"Issues" deals with breaking down the barriers that we've built between the races and the cultures," says Montrel. "And there are musical walls that talk. They say, 'You can't sing soul because you're white.' Or 'You can't sing country because you're black.' We've got to teach our kids about good music—and good lives—that know no color. That's the day I'm looking for."

A mesmerizing hip-hop groove and topical lyrics on the verses of "Sakedown" segue into an irresistibly

Rights Movement, singing a whole culture from bondage to freedom with "People Get Ready." Baby boomers might hear shades of the Chi-Lites or Delfonics in the gorgeous ballad "Hold On," though once again Montrel turns timeless tradition into something uniquely his own.

"This song is me reaching out to be a friend and helper to people who are hurting!" says Montrel. "Without a doubt, that's how we bring people to Christ. Jesus won the hearts and the trust of people by reaching out to them, and inviting them to come to Him. He opened up the door to a relationship with them, and in so doing won their souls."

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OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of Timothy Jerome Ross. Sunrise August 3, 1962, Sunset March 18, 1999.

Timothy Jerome Ross, affectionately known to his family as "Buckin Hoss" was born to Henry and Sadie Ross on August 3, 1962 in Portland, Oregon.

Timothy attended Grant High School where he excelled in basketball and football. After leaving high school, Timothy held various labor jobs and performed community service work. Timothy loved giving back to the community where he lived.

When Timothy was ready to give his life to the Lord, he was baptized at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church. Timmy later united with Bethel A.M.E. Church where he served faithfully for many years. At Bethel, Timmy sang in the choir. After leaving Bethel, Timmy united with

Maranatha Church of God under the leadership of Dr. T. Allen Bethel, where he remained a member until his death.

Timmy leaves to mourn: his devoted parents Sadie & Henry Ross, brothers Henry Ross, Jr., William Ross Sr., and Darryl Ross Sr.; sisters Versa Lampkin, Jaquelyn Ross, and Kim Ross; brother-in-law Ray Lampkin, Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Timmy, we love you and you will be missed by all.

In Loving Memory of Bernice Jean Goulsby. Sunrise May 15, 1925 Sunset March 27, 1999

Funeral services were held for Bernice Jean Goulsby on April 2 at Daniel's Memorial Church in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Goulsby passed away on March 27, 1999 in Portland at

the age of 73. She was born on May 15, 1925 in Madera, California to Eugene and Viola (Payne) Whiteside.

She married Major Goulsby in Los Angeles in 1970. He preceded her in death in 1975. Bernice moved to Portland in 1980. She worked as a receptionist for Wynne, Hewitt, Dodson & Skerritt law offices before retiring in 1995.

Mrs. Goulsby is survived by her children, Willie Graham of Madera, CA., Shirley Benson of Los Angeles, Ca., Eligha Graham of Portland, OR., Leon Graham of Madera, Ca. and James Dixon of Portland, Or.; one sister, Idella Armstrong of Alaska; 23 grandchildren and 49 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Willamette National Cemetery. Arrangements are in care of Caldwell's Colonial Chapel.

Portland to Welcome National Convention of the NBEA

The 36th Annual Convention of the National Black Evangelical Association (NBEA) will meet this year at the Embassy Suite at Portland Airport, April 22-25. The general theme is "Redeeming and Restoring the City." Rev. Aaron Hamlin, pastor of Mallory Avenue Church of Christ,

is the national president of NBEA, and Rev. Henry Greenidge, pastor of Irvington Covenant Church, is the local chairman of the convention. Greenidge included the following in his words of invitation to the entire church community:

"This is a pivotal time in the history of our country! The NBEA is uniquely positioned to provide information, inspiration, and fellowship as we seek to be the "people of God" in the city. We can no longer rely on "rhetoric" nice slogans or merely "hopes and dreams"

Along with national board of NBEA, we have brought together a wide variety of speakers, ministers, clinicians, theologians, effective grass roots programs dealing with the full range of need-meeting ministries. The convention is a time for us to come together to wor-

ship, share strategies and resources, and build relationship as we labor together for righteousness, justice and reconciliation. We look forward to seeing you. There will be youth and children's programs every day call 288-8550

Birth Announcements

Baby's Name
Gannon Andrew Connelly
Sex: Males
Date of Birth: 03/21/99
Father's Name: Andrew F. Connelly
Mother's Name: Alison E. Gildersleeve-Connelly

Baby's Name
Alexis E. McKenzie Stetson
Sex: Female
Date of Birth: 03/25/99
Father: Jeremian Stetson
Mother: Alysia A. Stetson



Rev. Henry Greenidge

Statement of Archbishop John G. Vlazny Urging an End to the Death Penalty

Today I join my brother bishops in a Good Friday Appeal to End the Death Penalty. On the day when we recall the execution of Jesus Christ, the Administrative Board of the Bishops' Conference has released a statement calling for an end to the death

penalty in the United States. It was inspired by Pope Paul II's words and actions in St. Louis last January.

The Catholic community speaks out from a perspective, which is unconditionally pro-life. Not only do we defend innocent human life, as in our opposi-

tion to abortion, but we also defend the lives of those who have done evil.

This is not an issue and all of us need to consider how we will stand up for life, stand for the victims of crime and work for a society that does not solve its problems with violence.

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New Testament Survey III Ministry to Urban Families III	
Tuesday Mornings, 9:00 – 12 Noon	E. Nance, M. Div.
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Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Michael Lindsey, M.Div. Brian Fraught, B.A. Jay Held, M.Div. Annett Stanton, B.A.
Bible Lands and Customs Equipping the Saints II Lay Counseling II MS Windows 95/Word 97	
Wednesday Mornings, 9:00 – Noon	Michael Lindsey, M. Div.
Bible Lands and Customs	
Thursday Mornings 9:00 – Noon	James Coleman, M.A.
Old Testament Survey III Educational Ministries of the Church: Making Our Programs Ready for 2000	Debra Jenkins, M.A.
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