

RELIGION

The Day For Moral Deliberation

On September 11, Oregon and Washington faith groups will give people with diverse opinions the opportunity to listen to and understand each other's views on the fate of the Columbia River. The Day for Moral Deliberation, to be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Richland Lutheran Church in Richland, Washington, will bring together clergy, farmers, fishermen, advocates for barge companies, industries and irrigators, members of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and members of the steering committee of the Northwest Roman Catholic Bishops' Columbia River Pastoral Letter Project.

As moderator, Sandra LaBlanc, Director of Rural Ministry Resources and Networking of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will use a recently developed dialogue process to help participants share their views without prejudice, politics and fear. The daylong event, called "The Columbia Basin: Many People, Many Perspectives," is sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Washington Association of Churches, Lutheran Public Policy Office of Washington, and Lutheran Advocacy Ministry of Oregon. The event is of special significance to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which just officially released a document describing the dialogue process. The management of the Columbia River watershed, perhaps one of the most complex and controversial environmental issues of the Pacific Northwest, provides an ideal testing ground for the

moral deliberation approach.

"It's very important that all of us affected by the Columbia River understand each other as neighbors," said Danielle Welliver, Director of Lutheran Public Policy Office of Washington.

"A key religious insight behind the dialogue is love thy neighbor," said Jenny Holmes, program manager of EMO's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns. "Columbia River issues have challenged people of faith to consider not only their neighbors next door, but those upstream and downstream in the watershed."

The Day for Moral Deliberation follows other ecumenical and community gatherings to discuss issues related to the Columbia River, including a January event in Pendleton sponsored by EMO to discuss environmental, economic and social concerns related to the river, and an ecumenical gathering in Spokane in February, to discuss the Columbia River Pastoral Letter Project. The Spokane event was sponsored by EMO, WAC, Montana Association of Churches, and the Columbia River Pastoral Letter Project steering committee.

EMO is an association of 15 Christian denominations including Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic religious bodies that work together to respond as a people of faith to the needs of Oregonians. For more information on the Day for Moral Deliberation, contact Jenny Holmes at (503) 244-8318.

Winans Phase II Debuts On Myrrh/Epic

The Winans, the undisputed first family of gospel, has long encouraged its talented progeny to share their God given gifts with the world. From the traditional gospel of Mom and Pop Winans, to the renowned, second-generation contemporary styles of the multi-Grammy winning Winans and BeBe & CeCe, to their younger singing siblings, Angie & Debbie, the family's unprecedented musical legacy continues to amaze. Now the stage is set for Winans Phase II, the Godly dynasty's young third-generation quartet, whose reverent, new millennium blend of R&B, hip-hop, pop and gospel, powerfully populates We Got Next, their impressive debut Myrrh/Epic album.



Carvin III, Juan, Marvin Jr. and Michael Jr.

Clearly on a groundbreaking mission to build new bridges between secular concepts and inspirational lyrics, the album's potent lead single, "It's Alright," makes an impact with faith inspired flavor, vibrant vocal blends and bold bomb beats. It also affirms that Winans Phase II is just as "dedicated to spreading the Word through our music as our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins are," advised Marvin

Winans Jr., son of Marvin Winans, Sr. (the Winans) and gospel star Vickie Winans. "It's just that in order for us to express ourselves we feel we have to do it our way, taking a musical route that our generation can totally identify with. Once our music draws them in, then we want our positive messages about faith and living right

to ultimately get through to," adds Marvin Jr., who with Carvin Winans III (his dad's twin brother), Juan Winans, and Michael Winans, Jr., has been in Detroit based Winans Phase II since 1998.

Indicative of their heritage, Marvin, Carvin, Juan and Michael have reached this point in their collective evolution by taking the

high road, never compromising their beliefs, or changing their lifestyle in order to fit in or succeed. "When your name is Winans you are taught not only to talk the talk, but to walk the walk in the name of the Lord from the day you're born," says Carvin III, 19, who is 16 year-old Juan's older brother. "We live the life we sing about," Carvin III adds. "We all read the bible regularly, pray together, go to church. But we're still very aware of what's going on around us and in the world. Our parents never pushed us to sing, but now that we're doing it, through our music and by example, our goal is to bring as many of our generation into recognizing the benefits of having God in their lives as possible."

Alluding to the irony that being born a Winans doesn't automatically put you in gospel singing rotation as you mature, Juan said, "Considering that singing wasn't what the four of us had planned to do until Phase II (before that they each dreamed of starring in the NBA), for it to happen the way it did, and as fast as it did was kinda mind-blowing."

Community Artist/Activist Charlotte Lewis Memorial

Community artist/activist Charlotte Lewis has passed away after a long illness. An internationally known artist, Charlotte will be remembered for her uncompromising view that art should be for the people. She had a passion for creating art that was accessible and that created an awareness of the beauty of the human form and spirit, but most especially, art that would leave a legacy of pride in the contributions of her people. In addition to textbook illustrations, cards, posters and paintings in private collections, Charlotte's numerous murals & quilts can be seen throughout the state of Oregon.

Charlotte in any form on a sheet of paper no larger than 8 1/2 X 11. These remembrances will be collected, assembled and given to Charlotte's family.

The family can be reached by calling or writing:
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Gifts may be made to the Charlotte Lewis Memorial Fund through the Black United Fund of Oregon. P.O. Box 12406, Portland, OR 97212. 503/282-7973

A memorial service for Charlotte is set for Sunday, September 19, 1999 at 3:00 P.M. at the Gazebo in Peninsula Park, 700 North Portland Blvd.

At Charlotte's request, participants are asked to wear colorful clothing.

Participants are asked to walk or carpool to the service and to assemble in the Rose garden promptly at 3:00 P.M. for the procession.

Because Charlotte's art has touched so many, from small children to large corporations, participants are requested to bring their own remembrances of

Woods of Portland, Oregon sister Kathryn Hale of Milwaukie, Wisconsin. Daughter and Son in law, Kathleen White and Robert Cochran. Grandchildren Billy White III, Nakaya White, Dwayne Okapaise, Tamisha White, Anthony and Michael Cochran, Reggie Lazenby, Latisha Wesby and Davina Wesby. Great Grandchildren Marcus and Marcellus White, Eric Jr. and Aaron Ellis, Dwayne Jr. and Derrick Okapaise.

Birth Announcement

It's a Boy!

Jacob Patrick Bering was born on July 16, 1999, to Beth T. and Gary P. Bering of Sherwood, Oregon. He weighed 8 pounds 1.6 oz at birth.

OBITUARIES

Deontay Burrell Morris, Sr.
Mr. Deontay Burrell Morris Sr. was born September 30, 1980 in Portland, Oregon to Carolyn Johnson and David Morris Sr. He has six sisters and four brothers. Deontay attended Portland Public Schools and was a member of Greater Solid Rock - Church of God in Christ.



For those who didn't have the pleasure of knowing Deontay, he always had a smile and there was nothing that he wouldn't do for someone else. He was very intelligent and always dressed to impress. He was loved by his family and friends. Because of his smile, as a child, his grandfather named him "SWEET POTATO PIE", "Tada" for short. He will be greatly missed.

Deontay leaves to mourn: Parents - Carolyn Johnson and Duane Hill, Sr. and David Morris, Sr. and Melanie Morris; 3 Children, 6 sisters, 4 brothers grandparents, and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends and a loving companion. Preceding Deontay in death are: Daughter, Grandfather and Grandmother.

MAY YOU REST IN ETERNAL PEACE, DEONTAY (TADA). WE LOVE YOU!!

Margaret Dorothy White was born August 14, 1914 in Lacyn, Kansas, to George and Florence Woods. Margaret attended Cleveland Grade School in Coffeerville, Kansas, Roosevelt Junior High School & Graduated from Phil Kinley High School in Coffeerville, Kansas. Margaret also attended 2 years at Coffeerville Junior College. Margaret was a nurse at Butler Hospital for 14 years. Margaret had one son Robert Lazenby by a previous marriage and he preceded her in death.

Margaret moved to Portland, Oregon, in 1943 and married William White, Sr. Together they had a bountiful life and she worked in the ship yards in the 1940's. They were blessed with 3 children Sandra Cochran of Portland, Oregon, Brenda White of Rosita California and William White, Jr. of Portland, Oregon. Margaret's husband William White, Sr. passed away in 1964. Margaret continued working actively in the community, counseling and working with over 100 young people. Margaret was licensed minister at A.M.E. Zion Church, and an active member of the Eastern Star. Margaret later joined Mount Olivet Baptist Church. Margaret after a long courageous battle with illness passed away August 26, 1999. Margaret is survived by her three children Sandra, Brenda and William, Jr. brother William Harold

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