



# Metro / Religion

## Evander Holyfield's Real Deal record label introduces....



Adrian Smith p.k.a Agee, an Urban Contemporary Gospel artist who recently released his self-titled album "Agee". If he looks familiar to you, it's because you have seen him as one of the lead singers for Fred Hammond's group, Radical For Christ (RFC). Agree is featured on songs such as "No Condemnation," "Joy of My Desire," "Peace that Passes All," "Unconditional," and "Breathe Into Me Oh Lord." RFC was just one of the many blessings God had in store for Agree. God prepared Agree for his solo career by placing in his life mentors such as Fred Hammond, Pastor Marvin Winans, and Donnie McClurkin. Hammond noticed his singing abilities as well as the desire he had in his heart for ministry immediately. Performing with the aforementioned artists, Agree gained television exposure on Bobby Jones Gospel Hour, Get Ready with Bishop T.D. Jakes and TCT Celebrate, to name a few. He also won two Stellar awards in 1996 as part of RFC. Nationally, he has made many appearances with artists such as Kirk Franklin & Family, Yolanda Adams, the Clark Sisters, and The Winans. Agree's new album on Real Deal Records offers you sounds of praise and worship, traditional gospel, and rhythm & blues.

## Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Parent Mentor Program is the recipient of a 7,500 grant from the E. Henry Wemme Fund of The OCF

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The Parent Mentor program's mission is to help mothers recovering from addiction and domestic violence to improve their parenting and other life skills through activities with volunteer parent mentors. These mothers are completing residential treatment in specific agencies that collaborate with EMO to provide mentors. "Oregon Community Foundation is impressed with the Parent Mentor Program's work to pair parents with mentors who will help them develop the parenting skills and attitudes needed for their children to get a healthy start in life," OCF program officer Jeff Anderson said. "It seems clear that this kind of early intervention is among the most effective means of preventing later problems. It's not the whole solution to the problems faced by families at

risk for drug abuse or violence, but it's an important part." The Oregon Community foundation, established in 1973, manages charitable funds donated by individuals, families, and businesses to enhance and support the quality of life in their communities. Today, the foundation's endowment consists of more than 6000 funds with combined assets of \$3000 million. The

foundation makes grants through an application process that involves local citizens in the review and evaluation of requests for funds. Application materials are available through the foundation's Portland office. Individuals or businesses interested in establishing a fund may contact the Portland office at 621 SW Morrison, Suite 725, Portland, OR 97205, 503-227-6846.

## Twin brothers organize outings to discuss religion

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Twins David and Justin Arana have taken their faith in God to an extreme level. The 17-year-olds from Salem have combined Christianity with their love of mountain biking in a ministry called "Extreme Outdoors." Offered through Dayspring Fellowship in Keizer, the ministry organizes bicycle outings designed to develop friendships that may lead to conversations about Christianity, and to help believers to become stronger in their faith. The idea came about after Karl LaCalli, pastor of student ministries, challenged the brothers to use their interest in mountain biking for more than just fun. "In today's culture, we see extreme sports all over the place, and I think we need to take that to a ministry level," LaCalli said. "I dropped the hint to (the Aranas) by saying, 'You guys love this; why not consider it ministry?' And they took off with it." The teens organized an overnight trip this past weekend and planned day trips for July 27 and Aug. 8. The brothers have scouted out the locations and the logistics of making the trips happen.

## Obituaries

In loving memory of Hannah Butler March 10, 1918 July 10, 2000



Hannah Butler was born March 10, 1918 in Grants Oklahoma. She was the youngest of two children born to Claude and Dora Benson. She came to Portland in 1942 she worked for Portland Poultry and labored in the shipyards and later did domestic work. She married Reuble Butler in 1963 who preceded her in death. She believed in taking care of family and friends and was very kind hearted and giving. Hannah will always be remembered for her words of wisdom and compassionate heart. She loved fishing and to can foods and was known for her excellent cuisine. Hannah lived simple and had a zest for life. Some of Hannah accomplishment was that she won three beauty contest in young adult life. She leaves to mourn; three children Jessel Wooten, Portland; Claude Pierce, of Seattle Washington and Arthur Pierce, of Portland and a sister Florida Lane of Portland, Oregon, 17 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and host of relatives and friends. She will be dearly missed by her family. God saw you getting tired when a cure was not to be so he closed his arms around and whispered "come to me"

In loving memory of Williams Phillip March 31, 1946 July 11, 2000

Ms. Arletha Phillip and Family invite

you to celebrate the life of. Williams "Phil" Phillip March 31, 1946-July 11, 2000 Memorial Services Saturday July 22, 2000 N.E. Community Fellowship Foursquare Church 636 N.E. Stanton - Portland, OR 97212 6:00 p.m. Floral arrangements can be sent to the church address Friday July 21, 2000 between the hours of 10 a.m. 02 p.m. Cards, Well wishes, etc. can be sent c/o Ms. Arletha Phillip P.O. Box 11182 - Portland, Or 97211

In loving memory of Cannie Mae Roberts July 15, 1931 July 17, 2000

Cannie Survived by Sister Inez Chaney of Portland, OR and Brother Timothy Marsh of Oklahoma. Daughter's Patricia M. Robert, Gale M. Goldsby of Portland, OR and Son Stevens L. Roberts also Of Portland, OR. Grandson H. Jerry Jenkins and Granddaughters: Shardaily Jacobs, Tenysa Jacobs, and Shawndra L. Green. Services were held at Little Chapel of Chimes at 1:30 on July 17, 2000

In loving memory of John Linear 14 August 1922 5 July 2000

Youngest of 10 children born to Emma and James Lanier. Married: 13 Aug 1951 to Esther Rose Lapidoth in Portland, Oregon. John was a loving father to three fine children: Beth Ann Criswell (48) Oakland CA, Debbie Rea Linear (46) Oakland CA and James Ray Volk (26) Salem OR; Grandfather to Marcus Jamal Linear of Suisun CA, Donnell Keith Criswell of Oakland CA, Kele Rose Criswell of Oakland CA, Dakota McKene Crawford of Salem OR, and Janas Alexander Isaiah Volk of Salem OR; great grandfather to Brytnee, Marcus, Aaliyah, Khalil, Tyriq, and Taariq. John resided in NE Portland and was retired from Housekeeping Department at Oregon Health Sciences University. Sunset: 5 July 2000 at OHSU in Portland, Oregon, at the age of 77, the last of his siblings. Survived by Esther

and all descendants. Cause of death: Diabetes and heart disease. Graveside services: 11am Friday, July 14, at Lone Fir Cemetery, SW 20th and Morrison. Memorial Services: 11am Saturday, July 15, at the Portland Baha'i Center 8720 N Ivanhoe.

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