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Albina Ministerial Alliance Celebrates

The Albina Ministerial Alliance Banquet Dinner, celebrating 50 years of service to the community, will be held Tuesday, April 24 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 N.E. Airport Way from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tony Hopson, president of Self Enhancement, Inc., will address the subject "saving our children" as guest speaker. Roy Jay, president of the African American Chamber of Commerce will conduct a dinner auction. Music will be performed by the Disciples of Christ. Proceeds from the event will support non-profit social service agencies. For ticket information, call 503-285-0493.

Partnership Helps With College Savings

Oregon State Treasurer Randall Edwards has announced a partnership with the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in northeast Portland to promote the Oregon College Savings Plan.

Under this partnership, the church will establish a college saving plan account of \$25 dollars in the name of a given child.

"This partnership is a practical demonstration of my genuine com-

mitment to education and my willingness to work together with community, private and public organizations to ensure that every child has the opportunity to a college education with minimum investment from guardians and parents," Treasurer Edward said.

The state savings plan can be a saving grace for those parents or children that cannot afford the enormous cost of college education.

"We are very proud to be part of this partnership with the Treasurer Edwards and his vision to help all children in Oregon save for college. I also want to thank our stakeholders who made this trust a reality. We express our gratitude and pray that the good Lord bless this effort" Rev Ronald Williams, pastor of the AME church said. The Oregon College Savings Plan, introduced in January this year, al-

lows participants to save up to a total of \$150,000 toward college education, and deduct contributions up to \$2,000 per year from their state income tax.

Interest earned is tax-deferred until it is withdrawn to pay qualified college-related expenses.

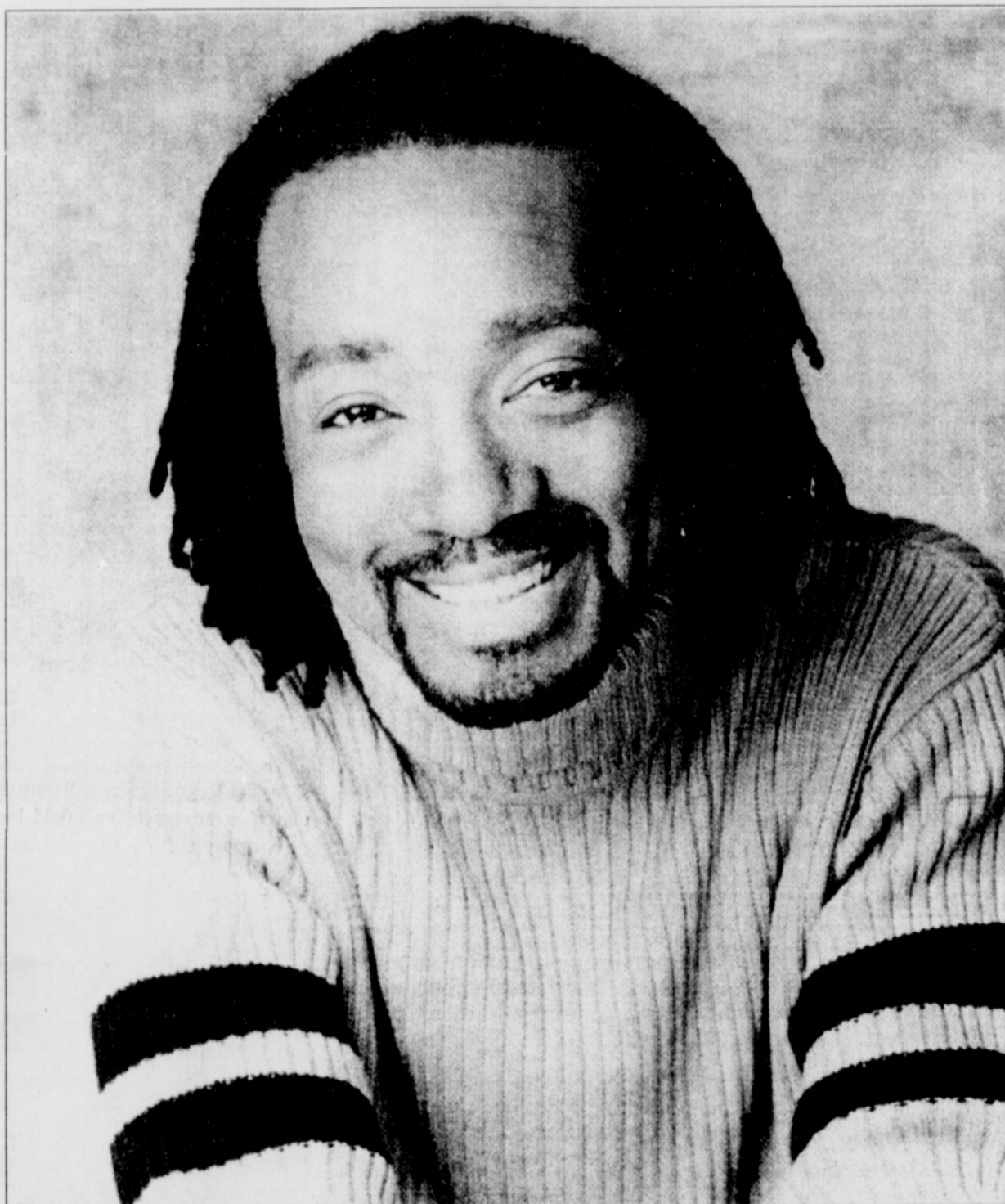
Treasurer Edwards oversees the Oregon College Savings Plan. He introduced legislation, which created this new program.

Anniversary to Remember



Congratulations go out to Bill and Mildred Carr of Portland on the occasion of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary, Wednesday, April 18.

Slocumb to Bring His Comedy to Mt. Olivet



Jonathan Slocumb delivers with music, monologue, and a crisp stage presentation that's "Pure Entertainment"!!

Area residents will have the awesome opportunity to see in concert one of world's funniest comedians, one Jonathan Slocumb!

Jonathan will be performing Thursday, April 26 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 8725 N. Chautauqua, at 7 p.m.

Jonathan was discovered by the jazz accapella group, TAKE 6! And since that time he has wowed audiences from Los Angeles to London! Slocumb has been unofficially titled "The Next Cosby." In the style of Cosby, Jonathan does not use profanity yet he is known to keep his audience in stitches!

Because of his "clean humor," Jonathan was blessed to be the first comedian received by churches of all denominations. He has had guest appearances on HBO's Def Comedy Jam; BET's Bobby Jones Gospel, BET Tonight with Tavis Smiley, Planet Grove, Vibe, the Montell Williams Show, and TBN's Life Today.

In addition to these, Slocumb has appeared on Radio City Music Hall with James Brown, at The Apollo with Chaka Khan, has toured with Fred Hammond and Yolanda Adam as well as entraining audiences for The Image Awards and Essence Awards.

To round out his multitalented act, Slocumb has a recurring role on the Steve Harvey Show where he plays Clyde-the-Slide, the stuck-in-the-70's members of the Hi-Tops!

In addition to the concert, a reception will be held for Slocumb on the same day at Reflections Bookstore at noon on the corner of Northeast Martin Luther King Boulevard and Killingsworth.

Admission to both events is free to the public.

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Obituaries

Mattie Morrison

Mattie Morrison, 85, died April 15, 2001.

A public visitation will be held Wednesday, April 18 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, April 19, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Killingsworth Little

Chapel of the Chimes.

She was born on May 1, 1915 in Decatur, Ala. Her maiden name was Mattie Robinson.

Survivors include a sister, Adella Gibson of Portland.

Marjorie Thomas

A funeral was held Friday, April 13, 2001, in Rose City Funeral Home for Marjorie Thomas, who died April 7 at age 71. Mrs. Thomas was born Marjorie Johnson on April 13, 1929, in Shreveport, La.

She moved to Portland about 1950 and was a homemaker. She was a member

of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. Her husband, Clarence Thomas, died in the early 1980s.

Survivors include her sisters, Jean Rayson, Shirley Jackson and Martha Council; and many nieces and nephews.

Interment in Rose City Cemetery.

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Dalai Lama Visit To Include Youth Summit

(AP) - Six thousand teenagers from Oregon and southwest Washington are expected to take part next month in a youth summit with the Dalai Lama. Two hundred will meet with him privately.

The Tibetan spiritual leader hopes to spark dialogues on issues such as nonviolence and conflict resolution. The teens will gather May 14th in Portland's Memorial Coliseum to hear the Dalai Lama, who has become a world leader and is a winner of the Nobel Peace

Prize. The gathering is being dubbed the "Educating the Heart Youth Summit." According to local Tibetans, it will be the largest gathering of teens the Dalai Lama has addressed at one time.

Students from Bend to Bandon, and Grants Pass to Vancouver, have been immersing themselves in studies about the Buddhist monk and his teachings. Sharon Kitzhaber, the governor's wife, is chairing the steering committee for the youth summit.