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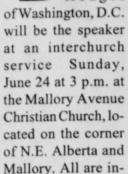
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Dr. J. Morgan Hodges

graduate of the Nyack Bible College and pastor of the Universal Holiness Church of Washington, D.C. He has made a number of trips to

Hodges is a

South Africa. He is a practical thinker and builder, possesses superb leadership capabilities in the art of communications.

He is Chairman of the Board of the Mary B. Mullens Bible Camp in Lake Lure, N.C. His program as an advocate to incarcerated men has been a distinctive success.

A Biblical scholar in eschatology, Hodges is an ordained minister who has served as senior pastor in denominational churches in Cleveland, Ohio, Montgomery, Alabama and Washington, D.C. He is an authority on the needs of the people and how they relate to current events, social and individual problems.

Dr. Hodges is the father of five children, two granddaughters and one grandson.

Hosting the event is the Evangelical Ministries International, located at 3905 N. Vancouver. For more information, call 503-

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Gospel, R & B Group Tours City

A local group called Unisun, a Gospel and R&B sensation, include performers Ice (from left), Raymond, Dwight, Curtis, Angela, Barry, Chili Dog, Michael R and Leebo. The group is performing throughout the month at several venues. Every Thursday, they will be at Seges, located at 818 S.W. First and Taylor, from 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.; Every Friday at the Ramada Rose Quarter Club, located at 10 N. Weidler St., from 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.; Every Sunday at the Edgewater Lounge at the Red Lion Coliseum, 1224 N. Thunderbird Way, from 9 p.m.



Senator Gives Up Ministry in Scandal

(AP) - State Sen. Frank Shields, D-Portland, resigned as a Methodist minister following revelations that he had extramarital relationships.

Shields' wife, Suzanne Gilliam, filed a sexual misconduct complaint against him to the regional Methodist bishop on June 6. Within hours, Shields told a near-empty Senate floor that he would surrender his credentials as a Methodist minister.

Shields' resignation got renewed attention after a weekend Methodist church meeting at Willamette University, when the case was discussed in a confidential session.

Shields, 56, said Monday that he never was legally married to Gilliam, and lived apart from her since 1992. But he acknowledged having two romantic relationships with other women since then. And he says he was fully aware the church bars sexual relationships for Methodist ministers who aren't married.

"I'm no longer a minister," he said. "I've paid the price, because I know the high standard that's expected of a Methodist minister. I asked God for forgiveness."

Shields started his political career in 1992 after making a name

as an activist minister and crusader for the poor.

His Portland congregation, Sunnyside Centenary Church, opened Oregon's first churchbased homeless shelter, and drew big crowds to its free meal program. During five terms in the Legislature, Shields has been a leading champion for the poor.

Shields said he married Gilliam in 1986, a year after divorcing his first wife. Years later, they learned the first divorce decree had never been signed by the judge. Technically, the divorce wasn't legal until 1992, when the oversight was corrected. Under Oregon law, he said, that meant his second marriage was never legal. Around that time, Shields said, he and Gilliam moved into separate homes. He acknowledged the two con-

and that people in church and Salem political circles viewed them as a married couple. Though few Senators were on the floor when Shields made his

tinued going to parties together,

statement, one colleague offered support.

"Whatever the circumstances, whatever the issues are," said Sen. Lenn Hannon, R-Ashland. "You are loved by this body."

Gospel Music to Fill Dawson Park

awson Park Music Festival pays hom age to its roots Saturday, June 23 with a return to gospel music, courtesy of a local African-American

The choirs, soloists, mime team, and minister of Salvation and Deliverance Church of God in Christ will minister from 2 to 6 pm, according to festival organizer Joyce Boles. The park is on North Williams Avenue across from Legacy Emanuel Hospital.

"This presentation will be the very best of contemporary and traditional gospel music, and provides a rare opportunity for those who haven't listened to gospel music since Mahalia Jackson to catch up with this living, vibrant tradition," said Boles.

The churches have traditionally been the nurturing place for African-American musical traditions, which have historically been the source of all American music, from Ragtime and Dixieland through Jazz, bebop, rock, blues, and now hip-hop and funk, she added.

This will be the third week of concerts in Dawson Park, long a troubled spot in north/ northeast Portland, but lately revitalized with a communitywide effort to take the park back into positive family uses, noted Boles.

For more information, call Boles at 503-335-6923.

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Garza Executed in Same Gurney as McVeigh STORY CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

from a drug enterprise.

Despite lingering questions about the racial and geographic equality of the federal death penalty, President Bush and the U.S. Supreme Court refused Monday to delay Garza's execu-

The court rejected claims that the jury should have been told that the alternative to a death sentence was life in prison with no possibility of release, and that Garza's death sentence would violate two international trea-

ties. Following the two Supreme Court rulings, Bush turned down a clemency request by Garza, a U.S.-born Mexican-American convicted in Bush's home state of Texas in 1993.

Garza attorney Gregory Wiercioch said an upcoming report on the death penalty from Attorney General John Ashcroft would someday be placed on the shelves next to the Dred Scott decision and Plessy v. Ferguson, "as a shameful attempt to justify the unjustifiable."

"Some day this precise sav-

agery will end, but not today," Wiercioch said. "Today President Bush had the last word. But he will not have the final say on the death penalty. History will."

Death penalty opponents and some former Justice Department officials wondered whether Garza would have been sentenced to death if he were white or had committed his crimes elsewhere.

Six of the 19 men now on federal death row were sentenced in Texas; 17, including all six from Texas, are minorities.