



Religion

Jefferson Grad Dies at 90

Ruby M. Siler

A memorial service was held Friday, Aug. 24, in Crossroads Church of Christ in Portland for Ruby M. Siler, who died Aug. 17 at age 90. Mrs. Siler was born Ruby M. Pittman on Nov. 23, 1910, in Beaver, Okla. She moved to Portland and graduated from Jefferson High School and the University of Oregon. She was a secretary until retiring in 1966. In 1968, she married Zell Siler; he died in 1984. Survivors include her nephew, Larry Bjorem.

Interment in Skyline Memorial Gardens. Remembrances to Kern Park Christian Church. Arrangements by Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.

Nurse, Church Member Remembered

Stella Marie Perry

Funeral services were held June 26 for Stella Marie Perry who died June 21 at age 89. Mrs. Perry was born Stella Marie Williams on Aug. 15, 1911, in Maurice, La. She moved in 1955 to Portland and was a surgical nursing assistant in Physicians and Surgeons and Holladay Park hospitals, retiring in 1976.

Survivors include her daughters, Jo Ann Brown, Ann L. Barnes and Gloria Hames; sons, Wilson Jr., Robert L., Gilbert and Carroll; sisters, Rose Evans and Antoinette Chagois; 26 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Interment in Lincoln Memorial Park. Remembrances to her church. Arrangements by Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.

Grammy-Nominee Releases New CD



Beverly Crawford

Popular Gospel artist Beverly Crawford's has a new album.

"Beverly" is the Grammy-nominated performer's first release in more than 4 years, marking her debut on EMI Gospel/Dexterity Sounds, the record label co-owned by EMI Gospel and world-renowned pastor, author and entrepreneur Bishop T.D. Jakes.

The 11-song album features a blend of traditional and contemporary Gospel infused with jazz-pop and Caribbean influences and capitalizes on Crawford's trademark power vocals in both the studio and live settings.

Piedmont Place Blends In

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One man called for more variation in the roof line. "The roof shape doesn't do it for me," he said. "It still looks like a two and a half story wall."

Radigan said that the size of the buildings to the east, and the density of the project, was an issue. "We'll be seeing 60 units where we're used to seeing 60 junk cars," she said. She thanked Jeffries for limiting the height to four stories.

Referring to nearby Alberta Simmons Plaza she said, "We watched it go up. At three stories

it was perfect. At four it was bearable. At five - it doesn't fit for me." She added that unlike Alberta Simmons, which has "such a flat facade," the proposed buildings have a variety of materials and details.

Greene agreed and compared it favorably with the Fremont Nature's store, which he said looked like "a chicken coop from Georgia."

The biggest critical comment was that because of street patterns and restrictions imposed by the city, traffic access to the site will be difficult and likely to cause con-

gestion. People grudgingly said they could live with four-story buildings. "I'd like to see them lowered another ten feet, but I don't think that will happen," one man said. Radigan warned, "These are design concepts, not blueprints, and they could be altered."

She asked what features should be retained at all costs. Residents cited the design of the row houses and the materials used in the larger buildings.

"Because of your participation, we'll get a project of the quality we want and deserve," Radigan said.

Lead in Schools' Drinking Water

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Scherzinger said that most of the problems stem from drinking water faucets, also called "bubblers." He noted that there are probably some problem pipes as well.

The district will immediately begin to replace all problem bubblers, add in-line water filters and, where needed, replace pipes. Repairs will be paid for with facility bond funds, and will not affect money designated for instruction.

In high enough quantities, lead can cause developmental problems, particularly in children under two years of age. According to the EPA, lead in water is almost never the sole cause of serious problems. Deteriorating lead-based paint, usually in the home, is by far the most important way young children are exposed to lead.

"National data tells us that lead in water is a minor contributor to elevated lead levels, said Gary Oxman, M.D., Multnomah County Health Officer. "In dozens of investigations of children with elevated blood levels in Multnomah County, drinking water has never been implicated as an important source of exposure."

Dr. Oxman further advised parents that because lead has been found in Portland Public Schools water, they do not need to rush out to get their child tested. "If you're worried about your child and lead, your real concern should be whether they are exposed to deteriorating lead-paint," he said.

Scherzinger emphasized that lead from all sources needs to be kept as low as possible, and that the district is being very aggressive in doing that. The district has not used lead paint since 1974.

"We had a complaint-driven system before to address problems such as peeling paint; now we are proactively inspecting and re-

pairing all buildings. We urge all parents to look for and reduce potential sources of lead at home as well," he said.

The Portland district first tested its water in 1991, and was one of the first in the state to do so. Twenty-three schools had one or more samples over the EPA action level at that time. Because flushing is one of EPA's recommended interim options for lowering lead, the district continued with its water-flushing program.

"It's now time for permanent changes," Scherzinger said. Individual school results are available on the district's Web site at www.pps.k12.or.us.

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The event is free with seating on a first come, first served basis. Men and women, young and old alike are encouraged to attend this conference, where you are sure to be uplifted and gain insight for your life.

Conference speakers include Dr. Iona Locke, national evangelist and founder/pastor of Abyssinia Church in Detroit; evangelist Joyce Rodgers, international chair for the COGIC Youth Department in Denton, Texas; and evangelist Rita Twigg, overseer of pastoral affairs for bishop T.D. Jakes Ministries in Dallas, Texas. For more information call 503-727-2677.

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2RealRecords will be celebrating the release of their new album Guilty til proven Innocent with a Celebrity Softball Game Sat Sept. 1 from 1-6 at Farragut Park located on N. Kerby. This record release BBQ will include special guest 3xCrazy, GOTM, Lil Gee, Mister Spence, Cool Nutz, Bully wit Fullys, Bosko, and Tyrone Lue of World Champions LA Lakers. This event will be fun for the whole community. DARE will be present to bring awareness about drug abuse and community relations. The Cascade Aids Project will be present with their booth to giveaway information about HIV and AIDS. This will be a star gazing event you won't want to miss. Guilty til proven Innocent in STORES NOW!

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