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**MARK BAPTIST CHURCH presents Black History Program**

St. Mark Baptist Church is presenting a Black History Month program entitled "How I Got Over" on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 3:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 831 N.E. Fremont. The program of music and story telling will commemorate the faithful endurance many American Christians of African ancestry have displayed from slavery to the present. Music guests include the Grant High School Gospel Choir, the Harriet Tubman Middle School Choir and soloist Ms. Lorene Wilder. The program is co-sponsored by Open Door Communication Ministries. For more information call 503-287-7457.

Life Skills Gained 'When I'm In Charge'

AmeriCorps volunteers began Martin Luther King Day by teaching "Babysitter Training" and "When I'm In Charge" skills to over 400 Portland area kids, ages 7 to 15.

The course developed by the Red Cross and taught at the organization's Oregon Trail Chapter on North Vancouver Avenue teaches babysitting skills and responsibilities, supervising siblings, handling emergency situations and basic first aid.

Alecia Lightfoot - a graduate of the "When I'm In Charge" program, offered this advice:

"To all of you who are here today to take the class - pay attention! I did and it helped save my life."

Alecia was 11 years old when she saved her niece, nephew and herself when a kitchen fire started in their home.

Her mother, Mary Edmeades, thanked the Red Cross and AmeriCorps for the special training.



AmeriCorps volunteers celebrate Martin Luther King Community Service Day by teaching babysitting skills and responsibilities, supervising siblings, handling emergencies and basic first aid.

the Babysitting Training class and When I'm In Charge program you can call the Oregon Trail Chapter at 503-284-0011, extension 308.

obituaries

**Lynda L. Raffelson**

Lynda L. Raffelson died Jan. 25, 2002, at age 64.

Mrs. Raffelson was born Lynda L. Lyon on Feb. 18, 1937, in Longview, Wash. She moved as a child to Portland. She was a bookkeeper for various companies in the Northwest before retiring. In 1956, she married Mel V.E. Raffelson.

Survivors include her husband; son, Mel Vern E.; brothers, Paul Momborg and Walt Momborg; sister, Cathy McElroy; father and step-mother Lance L. and Pat Lyon; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements by Johnson Mortuary in Yuma, Ariz.

**Jimmie L.B. McCowan**

Funeral services were held Jan. 22 at the Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church for Jimmie L.B. McCowan who died Jan. 12, 2002, at age 78.

Mr. McCowan was born Jan. 9, 1924, in Jackson, Miss. He came to Portland while working for the Union Pacific Railroad in the 1940s. He was a truck driver for many different companies, retiring in 1993.

Survivors include his daughter, Gwen; sons, Troy and Marlan; sisters, Willie Lou and Connie; brother, George; and 10 grandchildren.

Service held. Arrangements by Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.

**Archie L. Davis**

Funeral services were held Jan. 16 Northwest Community Fellowship Church in Vancouver for Archie L. Davis who died Jan. 10, 2002.

Mr. Davis was an Army veteran of World War II and Korea who retired after 32 years as a pot tender for Alcoa.

He was born June 9, 1919, in Clanton, Ala., and lived in Clark County for 54 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 39 years, Irene.

Survivors include five daughters, Tarline Davis, Marilyn Merfeld, Theresa Murphy and Diane Davis, all of Vancouver, and Pamela Davis of Portland; five sons, Alfred Bell of Bremerton and Joseph Bell, Benny Davis, Gregory Davis and Archie L. Davis Jr., all of Vancouver; one brother, Andrew L. Davis of Vancouver; 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Vancouver Funeral Chapel. Burial was at Park Hill Cemetery.

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Spirituality and Aging Studied

A conference on spirituality and aging under the theme "Living and Dying in Hope" has been scheduled by the Archdiocese of Portland's Office for Ministry to the Aging.

The event will take place at St. Therese Parish on Northeast 132nd Avenue and Halsey on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Camille E. DeBlasi, director of the Center for Life Principles and director of program development for the Human Life of Washington Education Foundation, will be the keynote speaker.

DeBlasi has authored numerous articles on euthanasia, abortion and infanticide.

Dr. Robert Ellis, physician director for the Cancer Center and

the Medical Director for the Hospice and Palliative Care Program of Southwest Washington Medical Center, will be one of the conference presenters.

Another speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Brummel-Smith, the medical director to the PACE ElderPlace program who serves as Bain Chair of the Providence Center on Aging.

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Gospel Music Extravaganza Feb. 16

Portland Community College will present the 18th annual Gospel Music Extravaganza at New Song Community Church, 2511 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Rev. Richard Probasco will lead this special and high-energy extravaganza, which will have the

theme of "In God We Trust." In addition, 25 choirs from the Portland area will perform, including Viz-u-lyze, Genesis, Disciples in Song, Sophisticated Gents, Maria Miles and En-touch.

The extravaganza celebrates the joy of song in the African American community and is a pivotal way of honoring Black History Month.

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Wednesday Night ~ 7:00pm  
(Activities for the whole family)

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Maranatha Church  
4222 NE 12th Avenue (12th & Skidmore)  
503-288-7241

Dr. T. Allen Bethel, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Cynthia Brathwaite, Associate Pastor

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