

**RELIGION**

**Celebration Held to Promote Racial Unity**



Joining in racial harmony are Nas Rassekh (from left), David Fowlkes with son Nathaniel and Mona Rassekh during the Race Unity Festival that was held on Saturday, July 27 at Portland Community College Cascade Campus.

The annual Race Unity Festival was held last Saturday as a musical event that included a dialogue on race at Portland Community College Cascade Campus in northeast Portland.

Sponsored by the Bahai Faith of Portland, the event was a vehicle to promote greater acceptance of others' ethnicity and to break down the "walls" of prejudice. Visitors were passed out that read: Racism is a Pigment of the Imagination.



Lorene V. Wilder, left, with daughter Roslyn Wilder-Cain. They are being honored for their many musical contributions at a gala event on Saturday, Aug. 3 at The Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church.

**Church Honors Gospel Music Family**

The Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will be having an "Appreciation Musical Gala" in honor of their Minister of Music, Lorene V. Wilder and her organ playing daughter, Roslyn Wilder-Cain.

Wilder has served as the Minister of Music at the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church for the past 15 years. For over fifty years, she has achieved many accomplishments: Music Director for the Portland District Sunday School, BTU & Ushers Congress; musician for the General Baptist Convention of the Northwest, musician for the Portland District Association, musician

for gospel groups, musician for funeral directors, and many other gospel music events.

All are invited to come and share in this time of honoring and appreciating these two talented family musicians.

Guest choirs, groups and soloists throughout the Portland and surrounding Washington areas are invited to attend. This gala event will be held Saturday, Aug. 3, 6 p.m. at the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 4009 N. Missouri. Dr. Johnny Pack, IV is the Pastor. For information, call Nancy Smith, Coordinator, at 503-289-8494.

**Pastor Offers Positive Influence to Troubled Kids**

Rev. Frederick Woods closely identifies with Job of the Bible. What could test his faith more than devoting his life to saving young people from the streets?

"Woods," as his friends call him, left behind his own addiction to drugs and crime nine years ago and is now an ordained minister. He also left his paying job to enter Providence Portland Medical Center's Pastoral Care Residency Program, while also keeping up with a program he founded, Positive Youth Development, chal-

lenging kids 12 to 18-years-old to succeed in school and stay off the street.

Woods attends deaths, consoles those in anguish or fear, and counsels those with addictions.

"You learn about yourself, what triggers your emotions and how to be more aware of your prejudices," Woods said. "To put your personal biases aside and provide emotional and spiritual guidance for people from different cultures is an amazing experience."

Not only has the rigors of his

residency challenged him to develop his skills as a professional. Woods credits his supervisor and colleagues for providing support and guidance through some tough personal challenges, including the death of his father in November.

Motivated by his desire to share his past and present experiences, Woods entered the Pastoral Care Residency Program with hopes of using his education to provide support and guidance to at-risk youth through Positive Youth Development.



Rev. Frederick Woods is part of the Providence Portland Medical Center's Pastoral Care Residency Program and has developed his own program called Positive Youth Development.

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**Thousands Greet Pope in Guatemala**

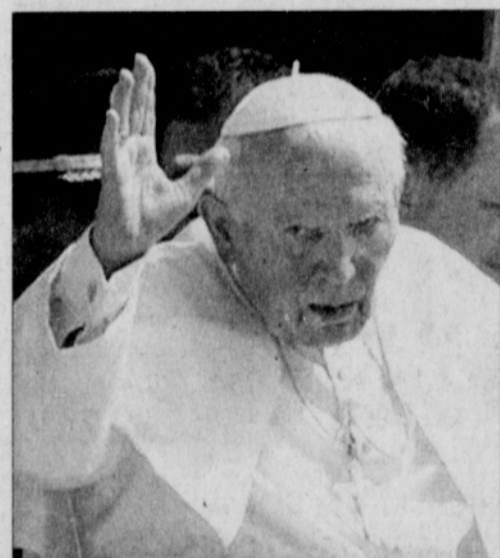
(AP)—Waving flags and singing hymns, thousands of jubilant Roman Catholics packed a race-track in Guatemala City on Tuesday for a Mass led by Pope John Paul II.

About 350,000 people gathered for the Mass, the highlight of the pope's 24-hour visit to Guatemala. Many swayed and sang along with a choir, while others chanted "John Paul II, the whole world loves you."

The pope said he was making his third visit to Guatemala as a "pilgrim of love and hope."

The trip, which began in Toronto a week ago for World Youth Day and was continuing to Mexico on Tuesday evening, was starting to take its toll on the frail, 82-year pontiff.

While John Paul's voice was unusually strong in Canada, he spoke in heavily slurred Spanish in the welcoming ceremony. The pope suffers from the symptoms of Parkinson's disease and from



Pope John Paul II offers a final blessing in Toronto, Canada Monday morning July 29. The 82-year-old pope was heading to Guatemala to canonize a 17th century missionary, the second stop on an 11-day trip that also will take him to Mexico.

knee and hip ailments.

He said he hoped the canonization of Pedro de San Jose Betancur as Central America's first saint could be "a true moment of grace and renewal for Guatemala" and help the country's people in their search for peace.

Church leaders hope his visit

will help heal wounds from the country's 36-year civil war, which ended in 1996.

"I fervently hope that the noble Guatemalan people, who thirst for God and for spiritual values, who are anxious for peace, solidarity and justice, may live and enjoy the dignity which is theirs," John Paul said.

**Portland Public Schools Hires New Latino Coordinator**

The Coalition for Latino Education recently announced the hiring of a Student Retention Coordinator for Portland Public

Schools. The Coalition for Latino Education, led by Multnomah County Commissioner Serena Cruz, District 2 has been in negotiations with the District for over a year to secure an individual to lead a comprehensive drop out prevention plan for Latino stu-

dents within Portland Public Schools.

Juan Baez, the new Student Retention Coordinator will be responsible for sustaining and expanding systemic efforts to retain students in school through high school graduation.

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