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Mary Mary Delivers Gospel Sound

A joy-filled testament to their personal faith, "Incredible," Mary Mary's follow-up to "Thankful" continues the duo's mission of making music that includes and expands upon the ever-growing global gospel audience.

With a backdrop that includes infectious hip-hop rhythms and traditional R&B balladry, Mary Mary's "Incredible" is filled with lyrical messages of hope, inspiration, devotion and celebration.

Working once again with super hitmaker Warryn Campbell on most of the album, the members of Mary Mary have created an album that is filled with edgy grooves and soulful ballads while maintaining the integrity of the duo's spiritual message.

"Incredible" is filled with musical standouts: in addition to a poignant reading of Stevie Wonder's "You Will Know," the original material co-written by Mary Mary with



Co-writers Mary Mary reflect on the power and glory of God in their hit CD entitled "Incredible."

producer Campbell includes the joyful anthem "Hold On" and the heart-filled "I Try."

One of the album's highlights is "Little Girl," a song with a powerful message of self-esteem.

Bible Church Hosts Open House

The Community Open Bible Church is inviting all area residents to an open house on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 8138 N. Hudson St.

The event will include free food and drinks, face painting

for the kids, a free car wash with donations accepted, and clothing for the needy from the church clothes closet.

Regular worship services are held each Sunday at 11 a.m.

obituary

Georgia 'Jo' Burnett

A memorial service was held Saturday, July 27, in Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes for Georgia "Jo" Burnett, who died July 17 at age 72. Georgia Walls was born March 13, 1930, in Woodward, Okla. She moved to Portland in the 1950s and was a homemaker. In 1973, she married Martin Burnett. Survivors include her husband; and sister, Margery Evison. Remembrances to National Kidney Foundation.

Church Hosts Homeless Dinner

The Powerhouse Temple is hosting a dinner for the homeless on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 1-4 p.m. It will be held at The Miracles Club, located at 1129 N.E. Alberta. For more information, call Gloria Moore at 503-493-0985.

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Domestic Violence Victims Remembered

An exhibit honoring women from different parts of Oregon whose deaths were caused by domestic violence will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Baha'i Center, 8720 N. Ivanhoe St. in St. Johns in Portland.

The program starts with an exhibit viewing of blood red, life size silhouettes, silent witnesses representing women killed by domestic violence. Afterwards, a video about the history of the silent witnesses will be presented at 10 a.m.

There is a panel question and answer discussion after the 30-minute video presentation at 3 p.m. entitled "Speaking Up: Ending Domestic Violence in Our Community." From 4:15 - 4:30 p.m., "The Word," an original play of inspiration and triumph will be performed by local Portland youth.

This event is free and open to everyone.

All are welcome to attend the Sunday, Aug. 11 special devotional program dedicated to survivors of domestic violence in this state.

For more information, call Bridgette of the Baha'is of Portland at 503-289-1472.

Latino Cultures Celebrated

A family celebration of Latino cultures will be held in Cathedral Park on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 2-10 p.m. The annual event is organized by the new Latino community organization in St. Johns, Frente Común Latino del Norte de Portland.

The Festival Latino has grown in five short years to become the premier cultural event for the Latino community and our neighbors on the peninsula.

Expansion of the festival is a soccer tournament to line-up of musicians, dancers, visual and culinary artists, children's entertainers, workshops and demonstrations of traditional arts from diverse Latino cultures.

With its beautiful site at Cathedral Park, and the variety of cultures and musical styles represented, the Festival Latino will delight both children and adults of all ages.



The Festival Latino is a family event that showcases many Latin American cultures through a variety of song, dance, art and food.

Fidel Castro Thanks U.S. Lawmakers

(AP)—Proclaiming that friends can be found even among his country's worst enemies, Fidel Castro thanked U.S. Congress members who voted last week to ease sanctions against the communist-ruled island.

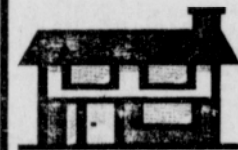
Speaking at a rally last Friday to mark the start of the Cuban revolution, the Cuban leader said the House vote passing the measure was a gesture of such significance that it doesn't matter if Presi-

dent Bush uses his veto as threatened.

The lawmakers voted "with determination and courage for three amendments that bring glory to that institution," Castro said, referring to the U.S. Congress. "We shall always be grateful for that gesture."

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