

# RELIGION

## Portland Represented at Women's Convention

Area residents show off talents, learn history in Birmingham, Ala.

Five Portland girls and six women represented the Oregon Youth Club, an affiliate of the Oregon Association of Colored Women's Club, at the National Association of Colored Women's Club convention in Birmingham, Ala.

High school graduates Michelle Young, LaSeda Thompson and Ronette Bryant joined Nefertari Harrison and Natiya Rounds at the convention last August with their supervisor Mary Harrison, who won third place in the umbrella parade.

Also representing Portland at the convention were Oregon Association of Colored Women's Club presidents, Minnie Bell Johnson, Pauline Bradford and Carrie Holliday. Thompson's mother, Angie, and grandmother, Gloria



Competitors in the Umbrella Parade event show off their handcrafted parasols at the National Association of Colored Women's Club annual conference in Birmingham, Alabama. Portland resident Mary Harrison won third place for her umbrella.

Hall, came to offer support. Johnson took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the hat competition with a hat that she made.

Rounds was crowned Penny Queen and Young competed in the Northwest Talent Contest. The girls also saw many interesting parts

of African American history, including the Dexter Street Baptist Church and the Civil Rights Institute.

Founded in 1895, The National Association of Colored Women's

Clubs is the oldest black women's organization. NAEWE youth club are open for membership for boys and girls 6-18 years. For more information, call Mary Harris at 503-289-7104.

## Obituaries

### Pauline Coates

A memorial service was held Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, in Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes for Pauline Coates, who died Oct. 8 at age 88.

She was born July 16, 1914, in West Park, Pa. She moved to Portland in 1940 and was a homemaker. In 1965, she married Earl.

Survivors include her husband; sister, Rose Woolsey; brother-in-law, Ransom Woolsey; sister-in-law, Gail Haus; grandchild, Joe Shidek; and one great-grandchild. Her son Robert Shidek died in 1993.

### Jalen Terri Mikel Benton

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 1, 2002, in Gantenbein New Hope Missionary Baptist Church for Jalen Terri Mikel Benton, who died Oct. 26 of cancer at age 4.

Jalen was born Aug. 14, 1998, in Portland and moved to Portland 2001. She was a student at Children's Learning Center in Gresham.

Survivors include her mother, Sherry Smith; father, Jason; sisters, Ashley Carter and Nichelle McKinney; brother, Michael McKinney III; grandparents, Felita Lyday, Gerry Smith, and Rallie and Maureen Benton; and great-grandmothers, Gladys Smith and Allie K. Brown.

Arrangements by Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.

### Clinton Invited to Old Black Church



Former President Bill Clinton

Former President Bill Clinton will be the keynote speaker at a gala to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the oldest Black Baptist Church west of the Mississippi, San Francisco's Third Baptist Church. The reception and banquet will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10 at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel.

The black tie event kicks off fundraising efforts for new community education initiatives. Proceeds go to the Third Baptist Foundation, Inc. to benefit various educational programs.

Established in 1852, Third Baptist Church is the oldest African-American Baptist Church in the west and currently has one of the largest membership among the African American Churches in the Bay Area.

### Mission Thanksgiving Meal

Union Gospel Mission is gearing up for a large Thanksgiving meal. The ministry will be erecting a tent on Northwest Third Avenue between Burnside and Couch. Last year, 1,200 meals were served.

Volunteers are needed to help solicit food donations the week before Thanksgiving and to help prepare and serve the meal. For more information, contact Bill and Marlene Thornburg, volunteer coordinators, at 503-274-4483.

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