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Bittersweet Anniversary

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ity of the staff votes for the union, the board will recognize it, according to Shattuck.

The crisis line is at the helm of another development, the inception of 2-1-1, a three-digit information and referral phone number in Multnomah, Clackamas, Clark and Washington counties, for callers seeking information about domestic violence services.


Shattuck says that 2-1-1 is evidence of the strides the group has made in 30 years as an organization.

"We have build more part-

nerships in the community and have always been an integral part of services but I think there's more awareness around domestic violence and sexual assault in the community," she said.

The anniversary festivities, at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 228, is from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, and will include raffles, appetizers, beverages, cake, speeches and good conversation.

"Everyone's welcome to the celebration, especially those that feel they've been touched by the agency," said Shattuck.



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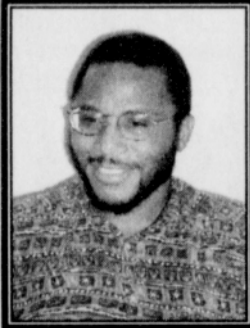


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Paul-Elliott Cobbs

Gospel music path leads conductor to multicultural works

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's 2003-2004 concert season's Escape with the Vancouver Symphony continues with the performance of "Spirit of America" on Saturday,

Maestro Presents 'Spirit of America'

Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at Skyview High School. Concert Hall, 1300 N.W. 139th St. in Vancouver.

Spirit of America celebrates the music of the American people and features the internationally known guest conductor Paul-Elliott Cobbs.

Maestro Cobbs grew up in an atmosphere that celebrated African American Gospel music. "Long before I conducted Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms, I conducted Gospel music," Cobbs said.

He was educated at the Akademie für Musik, Vienna, and possesses an intimate knowledge of European masterworks. He received his undergraduate degree in music education from Wayne State University and his doctorate in conducting from the University of Washington.

His interpretation of William Grant Still's *Afro-American Symphony* - the subject of his doctoral thesis - is considered definitive by many. Completed in 1930, the work incorporates the blues, spirituals, jig songs and jazz into symphonic structures in a symphony that is both easy to listen to and unpretentious, while

at the same time being strong and penetrating.

The selection is included in the "Spirit of America" tribute.

A talented and inspirational educator, Cobbs is also known for his insightful pre-concert lectures, educational and children's concerts, and his work with youth symphonies, school, regional and All-State orchestras. He will participate in a musical conversation, an informa-

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tive and lively talk about the concert's music and composers at 2 p.m., preceding Saturday's concert.

For more information, call the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's ticket office at 360-735-7278 or visit the VSO website at www.vancouverSymphony.org.

The Lord Makes Memorable Events

BY ETHEL BATES

THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

From Genesis to Revelations, the Bible is replete with chronological lists of important dates, historical events, triumphant victories and awesome miracles. Special events are intrinsically woven into the fabric of our lives. We delight in remembering, meditating on and celebrating these events. We mark the baby's first tooth, the first step, birthdays, weddings and graduations. As Christians, we keep track of the milestones of growth in our spirituality, faith, getting to know the Lord, the date that "I joined the church," and "my baptism."

Unfortunately, sad and terrible events are also recollected. We chronicle the worst wars, terrible famines, the most deadly tornados and devastating floods. Personal losses; disappointments, deaths and divorces are recorded in our treasured book of events or in our minds and hearts. We get excited, anxious or depressed over approaching "events" or celebrated occasions.

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many occasions for remembering or looking back at those events that have impacted our lives. But the Holy Spirit does not want His children to be overwhelmed with "circumstances or events" but instead, find strength and encouragement in the promise; that even in the midst of the chaos of the world, we can find peace if we are rightly connected with the father. Paul said in (Phil.4:11) "I have learned in whatever state I'm in, to be content."

I thank God the Holy Spirit for the contentment, and for the many blessings in my life today. When I think of where I could have been, as supposed to where I am, I feel like dancing as God danced over Jerusalem for His people and as David danced before the Lord.

On Sept. 15, 1998, I was granted a new lease on life. I thank God the Father first,

for that multi-faceted miracle, and then my beloved Pastor, Dr. Leroy Haynes, Jr., a man after God's own heart, along with his wife, Rev. Helen Haynes, who labored with me as I sought the courage to accept the call to evangelism. Thank you for your spiritual insight and guidance.

The prayers from the various pulpits, to the pews, the smiles and hugs in the market, encouraging nods from across a crowded room, the toot of a horn, the wave of your hand, as you ran or walked through the park, remember? I remember. At times some of you were miles away, yet as close as your cell phone. Everything you said or did I hold in my heart. You were counselors; prayer warriors, self-esteem builders and stuck through the thick and the thin.

If God has delivered you from bondage and set you free, healed you, kept you from an early grave, tell somebody about your miracle. We are His witnesses. It is for this reason that He does His great works. Let's give Him all the praise, honor and glory. For this is the day that the Lord has made, and I will rejoice and be glad in it!

Ethel J. Bates is a minister for the Allen Temple CME Church in Portland.

Bible Study

If you would like to learn more about Jesus Christ, better understand the Holy Bible and find New Testament Christianity in the world today, join a free one-hour service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Dec. The group meets at the Multicultural Senior Center, 5325 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For more information, call 503-771-7564.

Memorial Mass


The Catholic Cemeteries Office of the Archdiocese of Portland announced that an All Souls Memorial Mass will be offered at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 333 SW Skyline Blvd., at 1:30 p.m. Friday, November 7. Father Dennis O'Donovan, Vicar General and Director of Archdiocesan Cemeteries will participate.

This Mass will be offered for all those who have died, particularly those members of the Catholic community who have passed away during the past year. A reception will follow. For additional information, call 503-292-6621.



Portland Brass Quintet

The Portland Brass Quintet will perform an evening of traditional, classic, contemporary and jazz works at 3 p.m. Nov. 9 in Schlatter Chapel, Warner Pacific College, 2219 SE 68th Ave. Composers include Bach, Debussy, Joplin and Sousa. Tickets are \$10 with discounts available. For more information, call 503-517-1059.



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Obituaries

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Dennis R. Borgens

A memorial service was held Thursday, Oct. 23 in Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes for Dennis R. Borgens, who died Oct. 19 at age 61.

Mr. Borgens was born May 4, 1942, in Denver. He served in the Coast Guard and moved in 1974 to Portland, where he was a truck driver, retiring from Sealy Mattress. In 1968, he married Norma Benbrook.

Survivors include his wife; son, Dennis Jr.; daughters, Deann Finch and Cheryl Ketcher; sister, Diana Wyatt; and four grandchildren.

Remembrances to Lower Columbia Walleye Club.

Long-time Resident Dies at 80

Amos Jacob

A funeral was held Saturday, Oct. 11, at Caldwell's Colonial Chapel for Amos Jacob, who died Oct. 5, 2003 at age 80.

Mr. Jacob was born Nov. 4, 1922, in Pine Bluff, Ark. He moved in the mid-1940s to Portland and was a butcher for Ollie Welch Packing. In the early 1940s, he married Annar V. Thomas; she died in 1966.

Survivors include his daughters, Shirley Cox, Linda M. Jacob, Karen Jacob and Phyllis Jacob; sister, Gladys Moore; 16 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. His son Willie A. died in 1988, and his son Thomas T. died last February.