

RELIGION

'America's Best Preacher' Coming



Bishop and Mrs. T.D. Jakes

Don't miss the chance to see the man "Time" magazine called "America's Best Preacher."

Bishop T.D. Jakes, pastor, community advocate, humanitarian, author, songwriter, playwright, conference speaker and broadcaster is coming to Memorial Coliseum for the Portland Crusade, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, April 2 and continuing at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3 for two days of exhilarating, rigorous and compassionate sermons.

The spiritual engagement is open to the public and preferred seating is available for \$20. To register, call 1-800-Bishop-2 or visit www.thepottershouse.org.

Local Spiritual History Uncovered

Professor to study history of Muslims in Portland

Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, assistant professor of religion and humanities at Reed College, has been awarded a \$6,000 grant from Harvard University's Pluralism Project to narrate the history of Muslim-built communities, including mosques, Islamic centers, and schools, in Portland.

The grant will support the research of Reed students assisting GhaneaBassiri in interviewing those involved in building Portland's Muslim community and in developing profiles of Portland's mosques. In addition, they will research city records and local newspapers for the larger non-Muslim population's attitudes toward the presence of Muslim communities within the city's built environment. The project will explore how Muslims in Portland have built an actual American Muslim community.

GhaneaBassiri believes this will be the first scholarly history of a local Muslim-built community in the United States.

According to conservative estimates, Portland is home to 6,000 to 10,000 Muslims. There are approximately eleven mosques or Islamic centers in the greater Portland region.

Despite its small size, Portland's Muslims community has been very active in the larger community. There are several ongoing interfaith dialogue groups in which Muslims regularly participate. The Muslim Education Trust of Portland, founded in 1991, administers an Islamic elementary school and organizes monthly outreach events for the larger community. It also establishes and maintains ties between Muslims in Portland and national Muslim organizations by sponsoring lecturers from these organizations. The organization also works with local civil rights groups to advance political agendas for the benefit of Muslims in the United States.

New Testament Church Annual Revival

1237 NE Failing ST (corner of 13th)
Portland, Oregon 97212

503-284-7594

March 28-April 2, 2004
7:30 PM Nightly

Conducted By
Evangelist Dwayne Loughridge
From
Los Angeles, California

Pastor Leon Brewer Jr.
Invites the Public to Attend

Come Expecting A Blessing

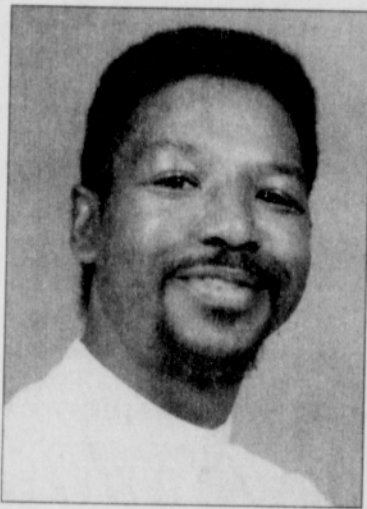
Obituaries

Portland Entrepreneur Remembered

Portland resident Raymond L. Wyse Sr. died March 13. He was 55.

He was born on March 5, 1949, in Houston, Texas. He worked as a shipping clerk in California and Oregon and owned several real estate properties. He was an entrepreneur who owned and operated two neighborhood stores: "Just Us" in Oakland, Calif. and the "California Snackery" in Portland; he also owned and operated "Sugar Ray's Social Club" in Portland.

He is survived by his parents, Charles and Bernice Wyse; his brother, William and sister-in-law Rhonda Wyse; three sisters,



Raymond L. Wyse Sr.

Loretta Bowden, Tanzi Touray and Delores Wyse all of Portland; his children, Raymond Wyse Jr. of Portland and Dana Wyse of Oakland; three grandchildren, Precious Jones of Oakland, Armari Wyse of Minneapolis, Minn. and Jeremy Wyse of Portland; a niece LaJoyce Bowden and two nephews, Joshua Wyse-Elder and Cliffonte Chaney, all of Portland; and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held March 19 at Greater St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, followed by a Private entombment at Portland Memorial Mausoleum.

Mother, Grandmother Remembered

Tommie D. Alexander

A funeral was held March 13 at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church for Tommie D. Alexander, who died recently at age 78.

Mrs. Alexander was born May 3, 1926 in Sheverport, La. She

lived in Portland for 23 years. In 1969, she married Rance Peterson, who died in 1996.

She was an officer for Nurse Assistance.

She is survived by her sons, Rev. Charles McCleoud Sr., Johnny Veals and Willie

Alexander, 23 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Remembrances to McCleoud Enterprise LLC. Arrangements by Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.

Family Matron, Homemaker Dies at 95

Virger Mae Dawson

Funeral services were held March 3 at the Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes for Virger Mae Dawson who died Feb. 25, at age 95.

Virger Mae Hopgood was born Jan. 15, 1909, in Boley, Okla. She moved to Portland in 1942 and was a homemaker. In 1926, she married Willis B. Dawson; he died in 1986. Survivors include her son,

Jessie J.; daughter, Leona Gatson; 14 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren. A daughter Elvia died in 1999, and her son Jefferson died in 2000.

After Hours Emergency Numbers in Multnomah County

City of Portland/Multnomah County Information and Referral.....	503-823-4000
Police Non Emergency.....	503-823-3333
Mental Health 24 Hour Crisis.....	503-988-4888
Aging and Disability Services 24 Hour Help Line.....	503-988-3646
Winter Shelter Line.....	503-721-1500
Alcohol and Drug Help Line.....	503-244-1312
Statewide Toll Free.....	1-800-923-HELP
Animal Services.....	503-988-7387 (Pets)
United Way.....	503-228-9131
Central City Concern.....	503-294-1681
Multnomah County Circuit Courts.....	503-988-3957
Sheriff's Office.....	503-988-4300
Multnomah County Emergency Management.....	503-988-4233
Transportation Hotline.....	503-988-4884
City of Gresham.....	503-618-CITY (618-2489)
Health Department Information & Referral (Daytime Only).....	503-988-3816
Multnomah County After Hours Nurse Triage (Bilingual-Spanish).....	503-988-3333
Juvenile Justice After Hours Line.....	503-988-3475
Adult Community Justice After Hours line.....	503-988-3230
Child Abuse Reporting Line.....	503-731-3100
American Red Cross.....	503-284-1234
Domestic Violence Services: Women's Crisis Line (translation available).....	503-235-5333
Bradley-Angle House.....	503-281-2442
Volunteers of America.....	503-232-6562

(The numbers above are provided as a public service from The Portland Observer)

HIGHLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 8TH ANNUAL APPRECIATION SERVICE

FOR

PASTOR & WIFE

Rev. W.G. Hardy Jr. & First Lady Ali Hardy

THEME:

"Look back and wonder - Look ahead and know"

2 Corinthians 4:17-18



Appreciation Services to be held

Friday March 26th, 2004 7pm

Special Guest
Pastor Reggie C. Witherspoon Sr.
Mt. Calvary Christian Center
Seattle, WA

Sunday March 28th, 2004 4pm

Special Guests
Dr. Terrence Rhone
Mt. Sinai Church of God in Christ
Pomona, CA

Highland UCC - 1737 N.E. Alberta
Portland, OR 97212 - (503) 287-9567

EXTRAVAGANZA

New Zion Revival Full Gospel Church

Pastor-Willie X Hurst

Multi-Cultural Fashion Show & Dinner



North Star Ballroom

635 N. Killingsworth Ct.

Portland, Oregon 97217

March 27, 2004

5:00 pm - until 9:00 pm

(Dinner at 6:00 pm)

Betty Martin - Extravaganza Coordinator
KoKo Edwards - Coordinator For Fashion Show
No Children Under The Age Of 14 Please