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Gospel Ensembles Perform Show

Local powerhouse vocal ensemble Derrick McDuffey and Chosen Generation will be in full concert on Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. at Irvington Covenant Church at 4046 NE Martin Luther King Blvd. The concert is free and open to the public, featuring special guests from Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Wash. and Houston, Texas.

Derrick McDuffey and Chosen Generation have been ministering and performing in the northwest for nearly a decade. After recent performances alongside such noteworthy gospel artists as Ted & Sheri, The



Mighty Clouds of Joy, Stephen Hurd and others, they'll present new and original songs along with other varied selections with a powerful 9-piece vocal ensemble and 4-piece band.

Special opening guests will be local group Concrete Evangelists. For more information, visit www.prayzegospel.com or call (503) 754-1600.

The Concrete Evangelists will open for Derrick McDuffey and Chosen Generation on Oct. 22 at Irvington Covenant Church.

Celebration Concert for Gospel Release

With energetic performances by Portland's saxophonist Eldon "T" Jones and Seattle gospel group Witherspoon, Crossroads' Community Church of Vancouver, Wash. will host a CD release party for "Our Testament," the latest compilation album from contemporary urban gospel group Congregation.

Featuring messages of praise and worship, the album offers a modern twist on appreciating Jesus Christ.

The show is set for Sunday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Crossroads Community Church, located at 7708 NE 78th Street in Vancouver. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call (360) 256-9711 or visit www.antraxent.com.



Eldon "T" Jones

Columbia Symphony Honors Beethoven

Portland's Columbia Symphony Orchestra will perform an all-Beethoven concert, "Genesis of a Masterpiece" on Friday, Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St.

Music Director and conductor Huw Edwards leads the players and audience into the mind of Beethoven with his finale from



"The Creatures of Prometheus" and Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major, "Eroica." Portland newcomer Julia

Hwakyu Lee will perform "Fugue and Variations in E-flat major."

Tickets are \$23 for adults, \$17 for seniors and \$10 for students, and are available at the door and through the orchestra office by calling 503-234-4077 or 360-993-1711. Tickets are also available through TicketsWest at 800-992-8499.

In Memory of Mancus Ray Rouse

A funeral was held Tuesday at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Portland for Mancus Ray Rouse, who died Oct. 11 at age 53.

Rouse was born Nov. 21, 1951, in Picayune, Miss. He moved to Portland in 1970 and was a cashier for the Star Park Co.

Survivors include his daughters, Monica

and Millshane; sisters, Mary H. Jackson, Ruth Ann Black and Paulette Harrison; and three grandchildren. His son Marcus died in 1975. Remembrances to Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Portland. Arrangements by Ross Hollywood Little Chapel of the Chimes.

Housing Program Expands Vision

continued from Metro

Homeownership Initiative this year, which will hopefully help bridge the gap for minority homeownership in the area.

Around the 1990s, the rate of African Americans owning homes in the city declined, while the number of white homeowners grew. According to the 2000 Census, minority homeownership was only 40 percent in Portland, compared to 59 percent of whites. Oregon as a whole placed last in the nation for homeownership growth since 1950 to 2000. PCRI is working for these numbers to change.

Renovations for PCRI's new offices began last December. Now that they're complete, the program will have much more space to match their growing achievements.

For more information, visit www.pcrihome.org.



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Kate Allen, director of the Enterprise Foundation in Portland, receives the Barbara B. Smith award from Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives (PCRI) in recognition of her work advancing the mission of the housing program. Also pictured, from left, Maxine Fitzpatrick, PCRI Executive director; Phil Damiano, PCRI board president; and Barbara B. Smith.

Liquor Store Replacement on Agenda

continued from Metro

Helena's Tavern on Northeast Columbia Boulevard after serious violence at or near the establishment.

The Portland Police Bureau and the city of Portland "all lined up in opposition" to the tavern, Cruz said.

Nevertheless, he said, OLCC officials said "Our hands are tied."

OLCC commission member Lindy Fisker replied, "I was a deputy city attorney with the city of Portland, and I have a very strong enforcement background. I want to partner with police bureaus and cities."

However, she added, OLCC is bound by state regulations.

"When you ask us to deny a license, you have to couch that request in ways that allow us to do it," she said. If immediate action is needed, "It has to be shown that the threat of danger is so immediate

that it over-rides the licensee's right to due process."

Williams said that it would help if the police would be more prompt in sharing information.

"I told (deputy chief) Stan Grubbs, 'Help us help you,'" he said. "They seemed receptive."

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

You have to have confidence in your ability, and then be tough enough to follow through. -Rosalynn Carter



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