

# RELIGION

**THIS WEEK'S QUOTE** A love affair with knowledge will never end in heartbreak. — Michael Garrett Marino

## New Orleans Mayor Invokes God at Rally

### Calls for end to violence, infighting

(AP)—Mayor Ray Nagin apologized Tuesday for a Martin Luther King Day speech in which he predicted that New Orleans would be a "chocolate" city once more and asserted that "God was mad at America."

"I said some things that were totally inappropriate. ... It shouldn't have happened," Nagin said, explaining he was caught up in the moment as he spoke to mostly black spectators, many of them fearful of being shut out of the city's rebuilding.

During the speech Monday, Nagin, who is black, said that the hurricanes that hit the nation in quick succession were a sign of God's anger toward the United States and toward black communities, too, for their violence and infighting. He also said, "It's time for us to rebuild New Orleans — the one that should be a chocolate New Orleans."

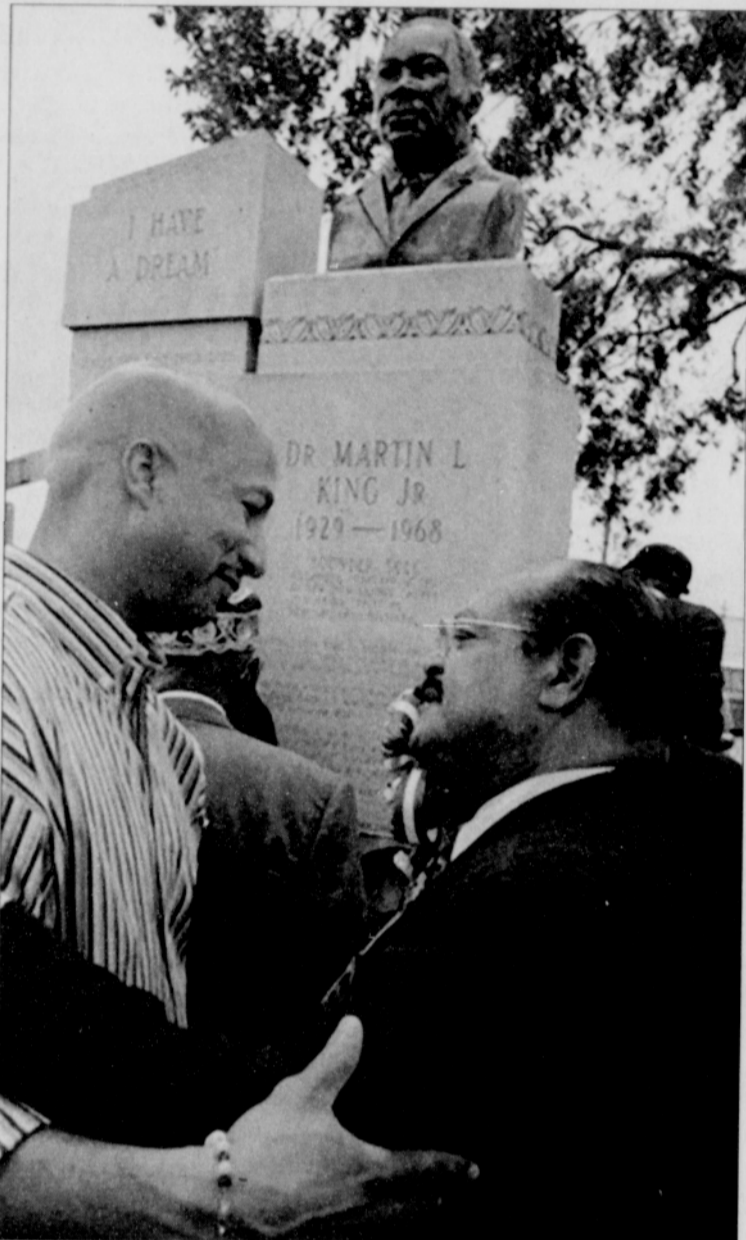
"This city will be a majority African American city," he said Monday. "It's the way God wants it to be. You can't have New Orleans no other way. It wouldn't be New Orleans."

Nagin said his comments about God were inappropriate and stemmed from a private conversation he had with a minister earlier. "I need to be more sensitive and more aware of what I'm saying," he said.

The mayor said his speech was really meant to convey that blacks were a vital part of New Orleans' history and culture and should be encouraged to return. "I want everyone to be welcome in New Orleans — black, white, Asian, everybody," he said.

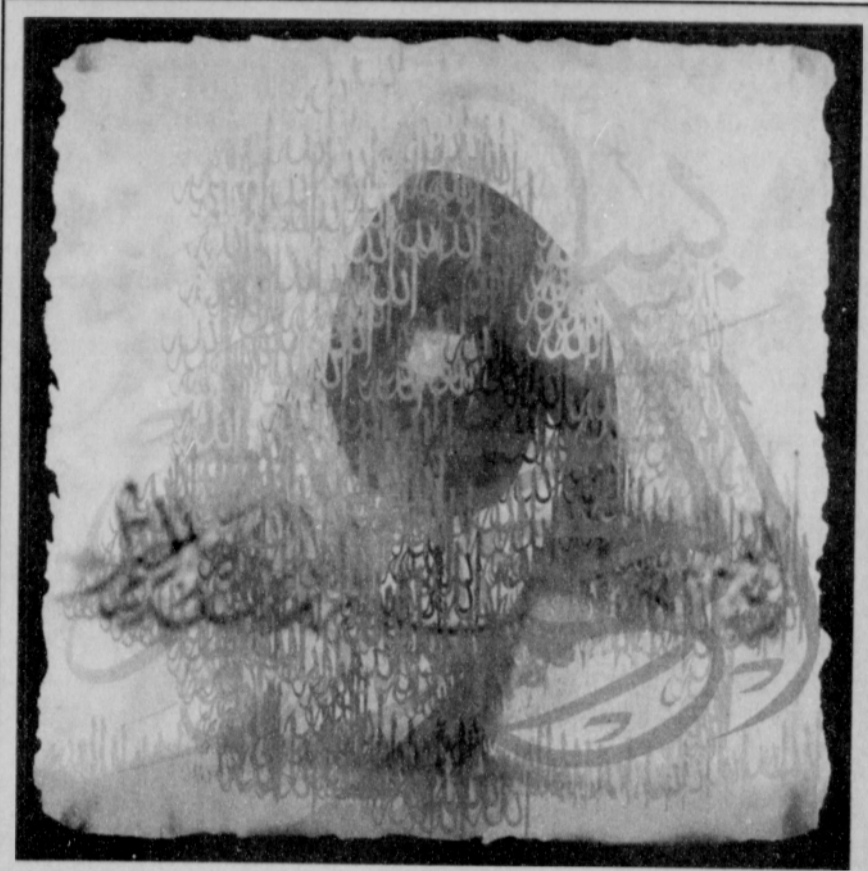
Nagin said the other main point he had hoped to make Monday was that when blacks do return, they must work to stamp out the crime and political infighting that have held them back.

New Orleans was more than 65 percent black before Hurricane Katrina. The storm displaced about three-quarters of the city's population. Most of the estimated 125,000 residents who have been able to return are white.



New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin (left) embraces Elliot Willard prior to a memorial service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday in New Orleans. (AP photo)

Nagin, a former cable company executive and political novice, was elected in 2002 with about 90 percent of the white vote, according to polls conducted by Ed Renwick, the director of Loyola University's Institute of Politics.



Jordanian artist Kanaan Kanaan combines an abstract image of Christ with Islamic calligraphy to find commonalities between religions. His artwork is on display this month at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center.

### Islam, Muslim Culture Celebrated

Islam and Muslim culture is being celebrated during January at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, 9205 S.W. Barnes Rd.

The public is invited to enjoy a variety of free events and activities, including the month-long art exhibit showcasing handcrafted tiles from Jordanian artist Kanaan Kanaan.

Kanaan combines Christian iconography with Islamic calligraphy in each of his works to represent the commonalities between both religions, and to capture the essence of the Divine in both worlds, East and West.

An art reception with Kanaan will

be held on Thursday, Jan. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the foyer of the hospital's chapel on the second floor.

The documentary "Medicine, Culture and Ethics with the Muslim Patient" is scheduled for a "brown bag lunch" presentation on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from noon to 1 p.m. in the hospital's boardroom on the second floor. For more information or to RSVP and for directions, call 503-216-7192.

All the activities are part of Providence's diversity initiative to promote the inherent value of every individual through education and awareness projects.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Portland State University Assistant Coordinator, Multicultural Center

Portland State University is seeking an Assistant Coordinator for the Multicultural Center who will be responsible for promoting and modeling teamwork and establishment of an inclusive, collaborative, service-oriented multicultural environment. Key responsibilities include providing leadership for assessing the course of the Center in the context of convening an advisory board, and working closely with the Coordinator and the board to develop programming and services that reflect the urban mission of the University and the diversity of the population it serves.

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## Obituaries

### We Love You

#### Charles 'Bobbie' Powell

Charles E. (Bobbie) Powell, 69, a retired truck driver from Fort Worth, Texas died Dec. 27, 2005 at a local hospital.

Services were held Dec. 31 at Morris-Bates Mortuary. Survivors include his daughter; Tercita E. Hamilton, two grandchildren; two great grandchildren; sisters, Margaret (Alvern) Parks and Jennie Cook and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

We love you and will miss you.



### Father, Brother Remembered

#### William Leslie Goodlow

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, in Ross Hollywood Funeral Chapel for William Leslie Goodlow, who died Jan. 10 at age 71.

Mr. Goodlow was born Sept. 25, 1934, in Galesburg, Ill. He moved to Portland in 1970; he was a self-employed brick mason. In 1966, he married Phyllis Peoples; she died in July.

Survivors include his sons, William Goodlow, David Goodlow, Barri Scott, Michael Goodlow, Kevin Davis and Jason Davis; daughters, Pamela Sundelius, Becky Smith, Leslie Goodlow-Baldwin and Lori Goodlow; mother, Hazel; brothers, Eugene Goodlow, Cletis Goodlow and James Kimbrough and Charles Kimbrough; sisters, Deborah Kimbrough and Sheila A. Taylor; 25 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren

### In Loving Memory Hillard Eugene Cooke Sr.

Services were held Jan. 10, 2006, in Daniels Memorial Church of God in northeast Portland for Hillard Eugene Cooke Sr., who died Jan. 1 at age 59.

Mr. Cooke was born Oct. 30, 1946, in Berwind, W.Va. He moved to Portland in 1962 and was a self-employed painting contractor for more than 20 years. He married Gwen Lamb in 1964.

Survivors include his wife; son, Tyrin Sr.; daughters, Lynette

Anderson and Pamela Cooke; father, James E. Cook Sr.; sisters, Norma Millner, Gloria Brown, Naomi Wright, Carrie Wilson, Mary Hamilton, Mable Davis and Essie Johnson; brothers, Lester, Harold and Anthony; and seven grandchildren. His son, Hillard E. Jr., died in 1983. He was also preceded in death by his mother Roberta and a brother, The Rev. James E. Cooke Jr.

Arrangements by Rose City Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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