

# RELIGION

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

Spiritual life depends on the purposes we cherish. — Charles Spurgeon

## Second Annual Women With "Hattitude"

The ladies of Bethesda Christian Church would like to extend an invitation to attend the 2nd Annual Women With "Hattitude" Tea on Saturday, July 22, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The Tea is a fundraising event to benefit the upcoming Women's Revival, scheduled for Aug. 2006.

The program will include a Silent Auction of "themed hatboxes" for men and women, as well as beautiful "one-of-a-kind" hats that have been designed and donated by local milliners and hat suppliers. In addition, the women will have free raffle drawings throughout the afternoon.

Wear your most fabulous hat and join



them for Fellowship, Great Food and Fun!

Individual and group tickets are available now for donations of \$7 (for individual tickets) and \$70 (to sponsor a table). If you are unable to attend, your tax-deductible financial donations are welcome and appreciated.

For additional ticket information, please email Wanda Phillips at wanda.phillips@comcast.net, or by phone at 360-381-0397.

Watch KATU-Channel 2 at 9:00 am on Friday, July 14. The ladies of Bethesda Christian Church are scheduled to appear on the AM Northwest television program to promote the Women With Hattitude Tea.

## Obituaries

### Portland Boxing Legend Dies at 63

Halim Rahsaan, formerly known as William Earl Cross, was born on May 12, 1943 to the Union of William Cross and Harrie Belle Thurman Cross Paris. Rahsaan passed away on July 7, 2006.

Rahsaan's primary education began at Elliott Elementary School, continued at Benson Polytechnic High School, and he graduated from Jefferson High School in 1961. Immediately following high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Following his honorable discharge, Rahsaan attended Southern Illinois University and Lewis and Clark College, where he received numerous certificates and honors.



Halim Rahsaan

Rahsaan boxed out of the Knott Street Community Center, where his team won three national titles, and in 2005 the boxing team was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame.

Rahsaan was involved in many community organizations, a few of which were Black United Front, Coalition of Black Men, CMac, the TriMet Rider Advocates, Crisis Team and the Youth Gang Outreach Program.

Rahsaan was preceded in death by his parents William Cross and Harrie Belle Cross (Paris); brother Chuckie Casson, and grandson Isaac James West. He leaves to mourn his wife, Frances Rahsaan, brothers Jeffrey Casson and Todd Cross; children Stevie Mays, Pamela Rahsaan-Miles, Anthony Rahsaan, Kimberly Givens-Rahsaan, Erica Rahsaan-West, Michael Rahsaan, Tonja Green, Khaleelah Rahsaan; Karim Rahsaan; 18 grandchildren; three great grandchildren, and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews and many friends.

### Charlene Stewart

Charlene Cash 'Mama' Stewart was born June 21, 1922 in Greenwood Mississippi to the late Robert Cash and Violet Garner. She peacefully passed away at her home in Portland, Oregon on May 13, 2006. A memorial service was held May 19, 2006 at Caldwell's Colonial Chapel. Charlene was raised by her grandmother the late Nancy Garner in Memphis, Tennessee. She accepted Jesus Christ at early age. In 1944, she married the late Robert L. Stewart Sr., and moved to the Northwest area in 1945. She became a homemaker and worked part



time as a seamstress in a Portland dress shop. After surviving the Vanport Flood of 1948, she moved with her spouse to Portland, Oregon where she remained until her departure from his life. She became the mother of 5 children. She was the first African-America widowed parent on Drummond Avenue to own her home. She displayed unconditional love to everyone she met. Because of her warm and loving personality, Mama Stewart became the 'unofficial' adoptive mother to hundreds of children as well as adults. She was a very popular cook and cashier at Franklin's Ready Ribs in Northeast Portland from 1976 until her retirement in 1988.

### Beloved Pastor Remembered

#### Aaron McQueen Hamlin

On May 16, 1928 in Oberlin, Ohio, Aaron McQueen Hamlin was born to Irene and Aaron Ruben Hamlin. He was the third of four children blessed to this union. He attended elementary and high school in Oberlin. At an early age, he confessed his faith in Christ.

Aaron served in the army for two years. In those early years, he had a love for the game of football and actually aspired to be a professional football player until the Lord called him into full-time ministry. He attended Nyack College, in Nyack, New York.

Aaron was a founding organizer of the NBEA in 1963, which he served faithfully and enthusiastically, in such capacities as Field Director, Executive Director and President. His work was so valuable to NBEA that he was even nicknamed "Mr. NBEA." He served on the Boards and/or as an addition to a number of organizations, including the National Association of Evangelicals, the Friends Church, World Relief, World Vision, Voice of Calvary, Mission America and North Portland Bible College. One of his major motivations was

to bring to the body of Christ his ministry of reconciliation. He also gave to other groups, organizations and churches, large and small, across the country and in other parts of the world. A gentle man with a true servant heart, he had the gift of encouragement and exhortation.

Among his pastorates were a Christian & Missionary Alliance church in Pasadena, Calif. and Piedmont Friends Church in Portland, before taking the pastorate of Portland's Mallory Avenue Christian Church, where he served until retiring during the summer of 2005. He instituted many programs there to benefit the people and the community. Aaron was a recipient of many honors. One for which he was particularly proud was a few years ago, having his alma mater Nyack College award him an honorary doctoral degree in recognition of his great service to the body of Christ and to society at large.

"Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Write Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.'" Rev. 14:13.

### 62nd Annual Holy Convocation

Celebrate with the Church of God in Christ during the 62nd Annual Holy Convocation of Oregon First Jurisdiction, Monday July 17 through 23. Bishop A.R. Hopkins will preside, with Mrs. Charlotte M. Brandon as Supervisor of the Women's Team.

The weeklong celebration begins Friday, July 14, at 7 p.m. with a Pre-Convocation Musical at Solid Rock COGIC, 1705 Northeast Dekum, featuring local church choirs directed by Pastor Lonnie L. Hosley of Heaven Bound Deliverance Center.

Day sessions begin at 10 a.m., evening sessions begin at 7 p.m., and the Sunday, July 23 sessions begins at 2 p.m. Celebrations happen at the following locations: St. Luke Memorial, 2700 Northeast Fremont, Walker Temple, 5023 N. Michigan Ave. Solid Rock, 1705 Northeast Dekum, and Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel Church, 1032 N. Sumner.

No registration is required and offerings will be taken. For information call Dee Walker at 503-288-0379 or Solid Rock Church of God In Christ.

### Female Choir Sings Praises

Female voices from the Portland area are invited to join the choir for "Her Cry-Her Prayer-Her Praise," a free spiritual community event from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 7900 NE 82nd Ave, near the Portland International Airport.

The event is part of the "Women Empowering Women" conference being presented by "Women With a Vision," a community organization featuring local women. The grassroots non-profit group,

founded by executive director Kim Green, is dedicated to helping diverse groups of people in various capacities. The group believes in the importance of giving back to the community and pulling together people without the barriers of race, background or denomination.

Women interested in joining the choir should contact choir director Paula Brewer at 971-533-9175. Also see www.2006.mollyguard.com.

### How Would You Perfect the Rose City?

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musicians. The comic cabaret portrays the familiar but eccentric characters of Oz: Amanda Carey plays a feisty and funny Dorothy; Alexandra Bradbury plays the Tin Punk; Darryl! Moch embodies the Scaredy "Where's the duct tape?" Crow; Jan Rosenthal is Noel Cowardly Lyin'; and Mollie Hart plays the Good/Bad Witch Glinda Lola Witchita.

Performances begin at The City Repair Project, 2122 S.E. Division

St. with a free show at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12.

Paid-admission events are planned at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15 at The NW Cultural Center, Lower Great Room, 1819 N.W. Everett St. Tickets are \$16 in advance or \$20 at the door.

Additional free admission performances take place at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 18 at St. Francis Park, 330 S.E. 11th Ave.; and at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 20 at the Friendly House, 2712 N.W. Savier

St.; and on Friday, July 28 at the Portland Community College Cascade Campus Moirarity Arts and Humanities Center, 705 N Killingsworth Ave.; and at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 29 at Carpenter's Union Hall, 2215 N. Lombard.

More paid admission performances are scheduled at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 4 and 5 at CoHo Theatre, 2257 N.W. Raleigh. Reservations are recommended for all shows by calling 503-288-5181.

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