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## Highland Christian Center Celebrates

### Weekend of events planned

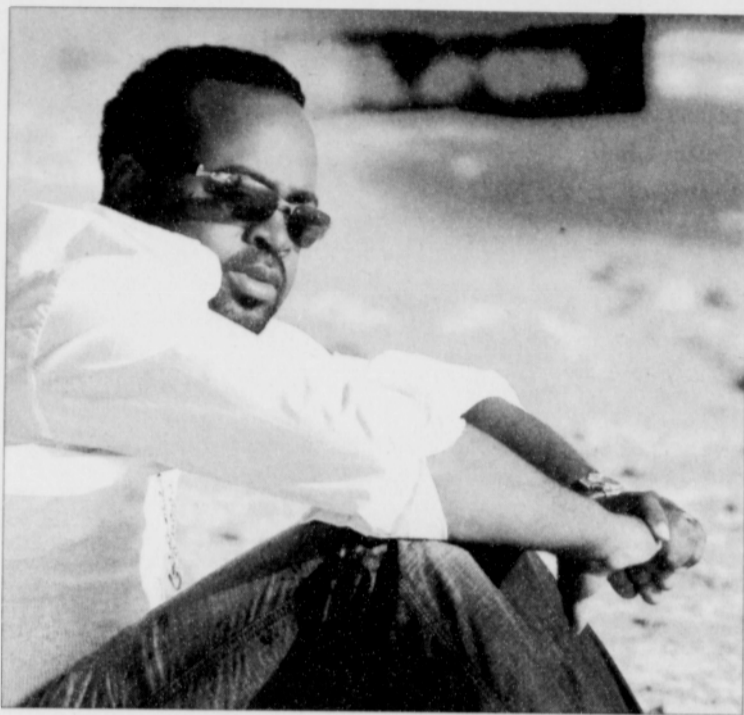
The Highland Christian Center, formerly Highland United Church of Christ, is re-dedicating its new multicultural church facility with an anointed, power packed and spirit-filled celebration beginning Friday, Dec. 1 through Sunday, Dec. 3.

Several national and local dignitaries will participate in the events at the church's new location at 7600 N.E. Glisan St.

The opening service starts on Friday at 7 p.m. with guest speaker, Bishop Charles Blake, first assistant presiding bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

On Saturday at 5 p.m., a group of public and community leaders will participate in "Civic Night" discussing the importance of the faith based community's role in helping to create healthy communities.

Also Saturday, national recording artist J. Moss will perform live in concert. Moss is an excellent Gospel vocalist who has become one of the most powerful forces in modern Gospel and Soul music, combining traditional messages with modern arrangements and hip-hop beats.



J. Moss

Moss also has been the co-writer and producer behind some of the biggest artists in both Gospel and mainstream music. His CD "The J. Moss Project" marks the unfolding of a new era in modern Gospel music.

The final service of the re-dedication is on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 11:15 a.m. when Rev. Dr. Terrance Rhone,

senior pastor of Mt. Sinai COGIC, Pomona, Calif., will be the guest speaker.

All events are free and open to the public under the direction of Highland Pastor Rev. Dr. W.G. Hardy Jr.

For more information, call 503-287-9567 or visit the church's website at highlandministries.org.

### Civic Night Promotes Community

Highland Christian Center, 7600 N.E. Glisan St., invites local residents to participate in Civic Night starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 to promote the building of a better community.

Civic and faith-based leaders will discuss issues relevant to the community and the important role of faith based initiatives.

Participants include Portland Mayor Tom Potter; State Sen. Avel Gordly; Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel of the Albina Ministerial Alliance; Roy Jay of the African American Chamber of Commerce and organizer of Project Clean Slate; Diane Linn, Multnomah County chair; Jean Avison of the United Church of Christ; Portland Police Chief Rosie Sizer and many others.

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Dear Deanna!

I'm worried about my sister because she is the type of woman that has to be in a relationship. She recently ended a 6-year romance and after two weeks, already is getting serious about someone new. I think she needs to clear her head and realize she is on the rebound. She has already told this man she loves him and I want her to slow down. What can I say to her in order to spare her feelings but still get my message across? --Anonymous; St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Anonymous:

It's good that you're concerned because this is your sister and you love her. If she's not being hurt and there aren't any foul signs of abuse or cheating from this man, you should wait and see what happens. However, it's too early to see his true character and as an experienced dater, your sister should see the signs when they appear. Share your honest feelings with her about slowing down and let her know she has your full support if things don't work out.

Ask Deanna!

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Dear Deanna!

My boyfriend and I have dated for 3-years and I gave him a key to my apartment. Now that he can come in, eat, sleep and go as he pleases, things have changed. He doesn't come over as often and when he does, it's late at night. I've asked him for a key to his place but he said no without an explanation. I told

him I wanted my key back and he said if I take it from him or change the locks, the relationship is over. Was it a mistake to give him a key in the first place? --Tanya; On-Line Reader

Dear Tanya:

If his name isn't on the lease then he shouldn't have a key. You made yourself vulnerable because he knows you won't entertain anyone else since he can show up at any time. He's not going to give you a key because he's not as committed as you are. You should take your key and if that's the only thing that can end the relationship, then you don't need him. If he refuses, then change your locks, make him knock on the door for a visit and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I was jailed for the past 15 years. I'm free now and having a hard time adjusting. So many things have changed and I feel lost in a world that is so fast. I can't use a computer, the cell phones are intimidating and everything costs

so much. It's a challenge trying to survive and make it working minimum wage. I never want to go back to jail but drug dealing made my life so easy. What can I do to keep from giving in the urge to deal drugs again? --Sam P.; Decatur, Ga.

Dear Sam:

Pray hard and remember the life you lost in jail. Think about the confinement, prison food and neglect you suffered. If that's not enough, think of the people you destroy while selling them drugs. If you're not doing well on your minimum wage job, then go to the next level and get a second job. Once you get that going, max yourself out with college courses. You'll be so busy making honest money and improving yourself that you won't think about drug dealing.

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## Obituaries

### Jefferson Grad Remembered

Harold Leon Griffith

A funeral was held Friday in Highland United Church of Christ in Portland for Harold Leon Griffith, who died Nov. 19, 2006 at age 40.

He was born Feb. 18, 1966, in Portland. He graduated from Jefferson High School and Western Culinary Institute. In 2000, he moved to Bozeman, Mont., where he was a chef.

Survivors include his sons, Jonathan and Kegan; a child he helped raise, Kale Lanius; mother, Rebecca Ross; and brother, Jimmie.

Remembrances to AIDS research at Oregon Health & Science University Foundation. Arrangements by Ross Hollywood Chapel.

### In Loving Memory of Alice O. Guinn

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30 at Zeller Chapel of the Roses, 2107 N.E. Broadway, for Alice Guinn who died Nov. 24, 2006 at age 69 after several years battling an illness.

She was born in June 21, 1937 in Curtis, Ark. to Gladys and James Mitchell.

In 1955, she married Rayford Guinn in Arkadelphia, Ark., and the following year, moved to Portland. To this union, four children were born: Kenneth Ray of Reno, Nev.; Dennis James of Vancouver, and Vicki Elaine and Sharon Kay, both of Portland. She was also a mother-figure to many others. Her sense of humor and quick-wit attracted many people to her. She was always willing to share a funny story, some wisdom, and advice to uplift someone's spirit. She worked in nursing for many years.

After her and her husband's retirement, they enjoyed traveling, going on several cruises, visiting out-of-town relatives and attending family reunions. They were members of Greater St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church.



Through the discomfort of her illness, she continued to do the things she loved, going to church, shopping, and visiting family. She loved and adored her five grandchildren: Hallie Johnson Jr., Eric Eatton, Jordan Guinn, Andrea Guinn, and Allyson Guinn Knapper.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband of 51 years; four children, five grandchildren, sister Venita Griffith (Will) of Burke, Va.; brother James Mitchell Jr. (Mary) of Kansas City, Mo., several uncles, an aunt, and a host of other family members and friends who loved her. She was preceded in death by a brother, Roger Mitchell and her parents.

### Concert, Jazz Ensemble Presents

The fall concert season will come to a close on a fanfare with the rousing sounds of brass, woodwinds, and percussion when the University of Portland's concert band and jazz ensemble performs a concert Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Buckley Center Auditorium, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the college's department of performing & fine arts at 503-943-7228.

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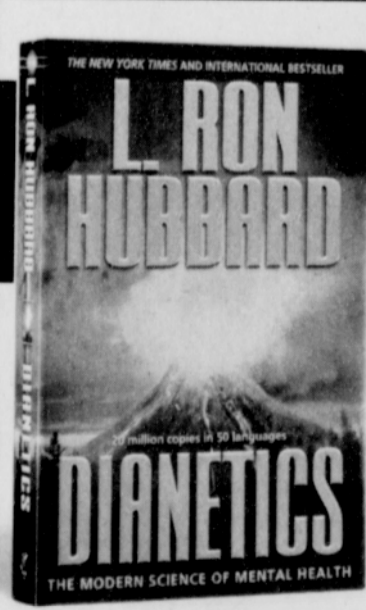
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