

Happy Mother's Day

Sharing thoughts on mom, with love

'Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love.' -- Mildred B. Vermont

'Biology is the least of what makes someone a mother.' -- Oprah Winfrey

'Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love.' -- Stevie Wonder

'Life is nothing but a series of crosses for us mothers.' -- Colette (French author)

'Mama exhorted her children at every opportunity to 'jump at de sun.' We might not land on the sun, but at least we would get off the ground.' -- Zora Neale Hurston

'A mother is a person who seeing that there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.' -- Tenneva Jordan



'The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness.' -- Honore de Balzac

'The real religion of the world comes from women much more than from

men - from mothers most of all, who carry the key of our souls in their bosoms.' -- Oliver Wendell Holmes

'God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers.' -- Jewish Proverb

Wheeler Responds to Racial Disparities

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imbalanced, since there are plenty of coordinators in the Portland Public Schools District but not in East County.

"Frankly, that's where we need more anti-poverty services," he said.

Wheeler has asked an oversight council made up of Multnomah County, the Children's Investment Fund, school districts and non-profit service providers to create a more effective model to replace Touchstone - one that would integrate county services with Schools Uniting Neighbors school sites.

SUN, a popular after-school program that serves low-income and minority children through educational and community resources, is no longer in dire straits after the program found alternative funding following a \$1.7 million cut from the county budget last year.

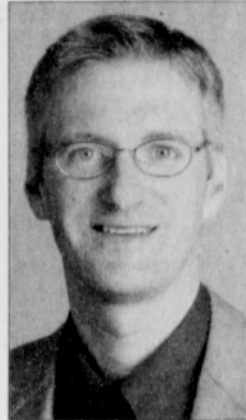
The county chair, whose com-

mitment to SUN preceded his elected position, said his preference would be that SUN schools, to the degree they're able, continue to seek alternative funding, and in the case of some sites, charge parents who can afford to pay for the program.

Wheeler's budget does include funding for a specific Health Department initiative to reduce racial disparities and he said he will challenge other communities to do the same.

The public is invited to weigh in on the budget proposals during a forum hosted by the Communities of Color Coalition on Monday, May 14, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization at 10301 N.E. Glisan St.

Another county budget hearing will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 22 at the Multnomah Building, 501 S.E. Hawthorne. The public is invited to attend the final budget vote at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, June 7 at the county building.



Ted Wheeler

RELIGION

American Idols of Gospel

Think of it as the American Idol for Gospel music. Local gospel singers and rappers are invited to audition as the opening act for national recording artist Lee Williams during a special concert on June 10.

Uprooted Entertainment is hosting the auditions on Thursday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at Bamboo Lifestyles, 3321 S.E. Hawthorne. A second round of auditions will take place Thursday, May 24 at Comfort Interiors, 901 Main Street in Vancouver.

For more information, visit uprootedentertainment.com

Spring Revival at Allen Temple

Allen Temple CME Church is presenting "A Healing for the Soul" Spring Revival, at 7 p.m. on three consecutive nights beginning Thursday, May 9 through Friday, May 11.

Guest Speaker is evangelist Dr. James E. McNeil, Jr., the senior pastor at Christian Central CME Church in Dallas,

Texas, a congregation of 4,000 members.

Dr. McNeil has a special focus of preparing churches for 21st century ministries through the worship experience, leadership training, team building, and the centrality of prayer.

"Revival is renewal and recovery. We invite individuals who

are tired of struggling, wounded from past relationships, feeling depressed and lonely to attend. Revival is the answer," says Minister Arrianna Moody, chairperson of Allen Temple's Evangelism Ministry.

For information, call the church at 503-287-0261 or contact senior pastor Dr. LeRoy Haynes Jr.

Grace Memorial High Tea

Stephen Kiesling, editor of the journal Spirituality and Health, will be guest of honor at a High Tea on Saturday, May 12 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, 1535 N.E. 17th Ave.

For \$20, participants will be served tea, cucumber sandwiches, tarts, scones and other

savories.

Kiesling was a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic rowing team, and for more than 20 years has studied the body-mind-spirit connection.

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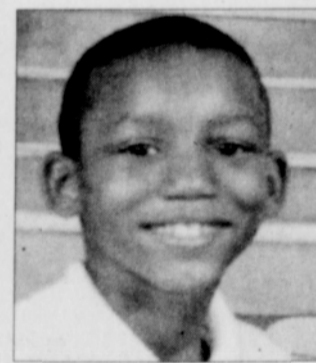
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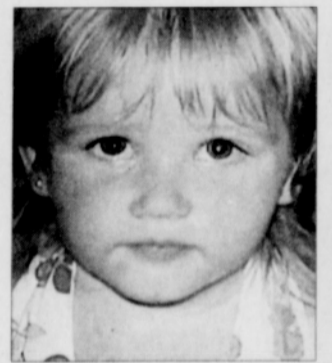
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Obituaries

In Loving Memory

Henry Earl Williams

Funeral services were scheduled Wednesday at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church for Henry Williams who died May 3, 2007. He was 93.

He was born Feb. 20, 1914, in Plaquemine, La., the son of Victor Earl and Rachel Paulin Williams. His family moved to New Orleans when he was a young child. He attended elementary and secondary schools in New Orleans, a city he grew to love the rest of his life.



He practiced his faith as a young Catholic by attending Mass with his parents and sister Theresa. He met Hazel Williams and they fell in love and were married Aug. 19, 1939. Sandra and Victor were the children that were born to this wonderful union.

Henry later joined the Navy in 1943. After his honorable discharge, he secured a job with the Union Pacific Railroad as a porter. He lived in New Orleans, Chicago, Detroit, and New York. He moved his family to Portland in 1949.

The Portland community benefited from his presence as a co-founder and charter member of the Portland Chapter of the Jack and Jill Club, a member of the Royal Esquires Club, the Elks Club, and the Leisure Hour Golf Club.

He worked for over 20 years as a letter carrier for the Postal Service and sometimes part time as a waiter in the former Meier & Frank's Aladdin Restaurant. He also worked for the Portland Airport as a skycap after his retirement from the post office.

Henry possessed a love of life that was contagious to all who knew him. His faith, family values, personality, dancing skills, love of community, work and business skills will always serve as an example to others.

He was preceded in death by his wife, sister and daughter. He leaves to mourn his passing, his beloved son; a niece, Faye (Ann) Penny; nephews and friends.

Portland Jazz Great Remembered

Akbar DePriest

Akbar DePriest, a Portland Jazz artist who left Los Angeles in 1955 to play the "chitlin" circuit and then played with many of the jazz greats over five decades, both in the United States and abroad, died May 2.

A memorial service was held Friday at the Muslim Community Center on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. A tribute concert is being put together that will replace this month's DePriest Family Jazz concert date.

Akbar moved to Portland in 1987 and organized The DePriest Project. In 1988, he performed twice at the Portland Art Mu-



seum with a band consisting of trumpeter Thara Memory, pianist Gordon Lee and bassist Phil Baker. He opened at the Whaler in Lake Oswego as the Akbar DePriest Quartet with pianist Janice Scroggins, saxophonist Bobby Bryant Jr., bassist Tim Gilson and singer Leslie Henderson.

In 1991, Akbar started a series of Family Jazz concerts with a grant from the Metropolitan Arts Commission. In 1993, 94, and 95 he continued the Family Jazz series and joined the faculty at University of Portland as co-director of the Jazz ensemble and instructor for jazz history and improvisation.

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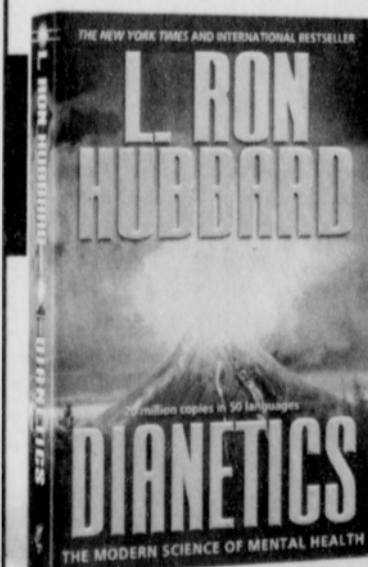
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