

"Look at everything as though you were seeing it either for the first or last time. Then your time on earth will be filled with glory."  
— Betty Smith

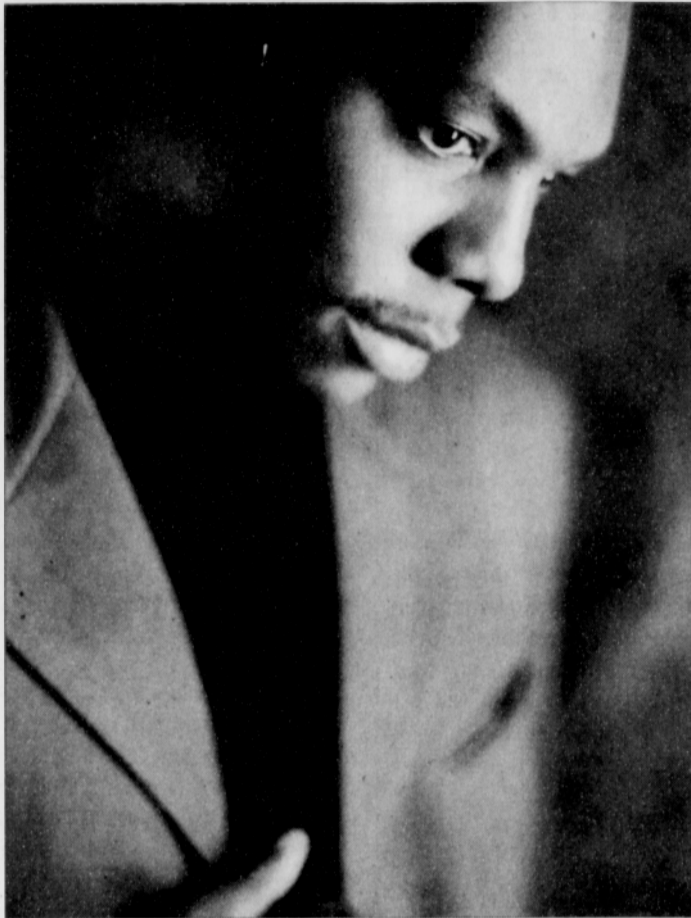
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## Ben Tankard's Latest Release Blends Gospel, Jazz

"Gospel Jazz" artist Ben Tankard recently released his 15th CD "Let's Get Quiet: The Smooth Jazz Experience," featuring smooth jazz tunes and Gospel interpretations of favorites from artists like Al Green.

Tankard featured Green's hit "Everything's Gonna Be Alright" because of its message of encouragement.

"When you get quiet, when you get in the presence of God, you find the promises of God in the Bible," Tankard said. "Everything's gonna be all right!"



## Obituaries

### Mother Remembered For Love of Family, Sports

Sally Marie Spears, 58, died at home May 26, 2007. Born in Richmond, Calif., Spears was the daughter of Lloyd G. and Sallie Kate (Alexander) Madden. Raised and schooled in Richmond, she graduated from Richmond High School. She married Floyd Spears Aug. 9, 1965, also in Richmond. They later divorced.

The family moved to Portland in 1969 and for a period of time she worked for the Portland Police Department. For the past 20 years she

provided child care in her home.

As a member of the Elks Lodge, Dahlia Temple #202, Spears served as a trustee at one time. She also enjoyed sports and bowling with a number of bowling leagues, and played softball and even coached a girl's team.

Remembered as a loving mother and aunt, Spears raised her three



nephews from toddler age. She was both a Lakers and a Raiders fan and enjoyed her many friends. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Myron and Joseph Madden and her nephew, George A. Reed. Survivors

include son, Floyd Spears of Portland; daughter, Desiree Carter, of

Vancouver, Wash.; sister, Belita Richardson; brother, Lloyd G. Madden; sister, Donna Madden; sister, Eleanor Reed; eight grandchildren and the nephews she raised: Orlando Reed and Robert Reed.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 31 at NE Community Fellowship, with a committal service that followed at Sunset Hills Memorial Park. Arrangements handled by Finley Sunset Hills Mortuary.

### Beloved Mother Missed by Family and Friends

Helen J. Burton passed away on May 27, 2007 in Portland, Ore.

Helen was born in Paris, Texas on Dec. 25, 1932. In 1942 the Burton family moved to Portland, where Helen became a graduate of Cleveland High School. She worked at a medical dental school as a secretary and also at Holiday Park Hospital as a nurse's assistant.

She was married to John Paxton and together they had three children. Later Helen married David Davis and together they had one child. Helen enjoyed good food,

going to the senior center, watching her favorite television shows and visiting with her daughter's family and grandchildren.

Her leaving us was a day surrounded by family and close friends. She passed with her sister Edwina by her side. Helen was preceded in death by her son Kevin Paxton and brothers Burford Jack Burton and Eddie Frank Burton.

Helen is survived by her three children, Pamela Barber, Ramon Paxton and Byron Davis; grandchildren, Shireen Wright, Derrick

Haynes II, Darnell Haynes, Christina Barber, Clinton (Nelson) Paxton, Phyllis Paxton, Ramon Paxton Jr.; great grandchildren, Shalyn Haynes, Derrick Haynes III; sisters, Edwina Gonzalez, Audrey Burton, Griseldia (Marie) Burton; brothers, Larry Burton, Edgar Ross Burton; many cousins, nieces, nephews and loving friends.

Helen was loved by many and will be missed. A memorial service was held June 1, 2007 at Ross Hollywood and Little Chapel of the Chimes in Portland.

### Devoted Parent and Homemaker Remembered

Louella Victoria Edwards passed away May 28, 2007 in Portland, Ore. She was born June 17, 1908 in Maffett, Okla. to Jenny Shephard Edwards and Archie Edwards.

Louella and two stepbrothers, Artie Tatum and Jessie Perkins, were reared and schooled in Arkansas. Louella graduated from Lincoln High School at Fort Smith,

Ark. She moved to Oregon in 1941, where she settled in Portland and met and married John H. Hollins.

Of this union one child, Archie Hollins, was born.

Louella was a devoted parent and homemaker and a devout member of Bethel A.M.E. church in Portland. She joined under the pastorate of Rev. C.N. Austin.

Louella is survived by her son, Archie E. Hollins. Preceding her in death were her parents and both brothers. She will be deeply missed by a host of friends. Remembrances made to Harvest Home, 6921 N. Roberts Ave. Funeral services were held June 5 at Ross Hollywood and Little Chapel of the Chimes in Portland.

### Departed Remembered by Church Members

A funeral was held Saturday, May 26, 2007, in New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Portland for Eddy Richard Perkins, who died May 20 of lung cancer at age 50.

Perkins was born Oct. 31, 1956, in Portland, where he lived all his

life. He graduated from Jefferson High School and was a sales clerk for the Stadium Fred Meyer. He was a member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church. In 2000, he married Tanya Jones.

Survivors include his wife; daughter, Ava Casey; son, Aaron

Casey; stepdaughter, Xavia Jones; stepson, Xavier Jones; mother, Alice D.; sisters, Matti Thompson, Linda Mayo, Queenetta LeFlore and Stella Brown; and brothers, Bobby Hines and Glen Perkins.

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