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Both workshops will be held at Constructing Hope at 405 NE Church, Portland



The coffin holding the remains of singer Whitney Houston is carried to a hearse after funeral services Saturday in Newark, N.J. Houston died Feb. 11 at the Beverly Hills Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif., at the age 48. (AP photo)

Achievement Remembered

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"It's a tree we could all hang from — the unexplainable burden that comes with fame," he said. "Call it doubt. Call it fear. I've had mine. And I know the famous in the room have had theirs."

Many who spoke talked about Houston's unshakable faith in Jesus Christ. They said it got her through some of her most difficult times. Perry recalled a conversation where Houston would look sad when reflecting on her troubles, but then would hasten to add that God was taking care of her.

"The other thing I know for sure — and this is more important than anything that she's done in her life — Whitney Houston loved the Lord," he said.

Fittingly, music played a major role in the send-off to one of music's greatest voices.

"Ribbon in the Sky" for Houston— "you will always be a ribbon in the Love You." sky," he sang.

Burrell for "A Change is Gonna Come," which Warwick said was Houston's favorite song of all time. Baptist Church to its feet with a most as big as the telephone book.

stirring version of "I Look to You," the title of Houston's final studio album.

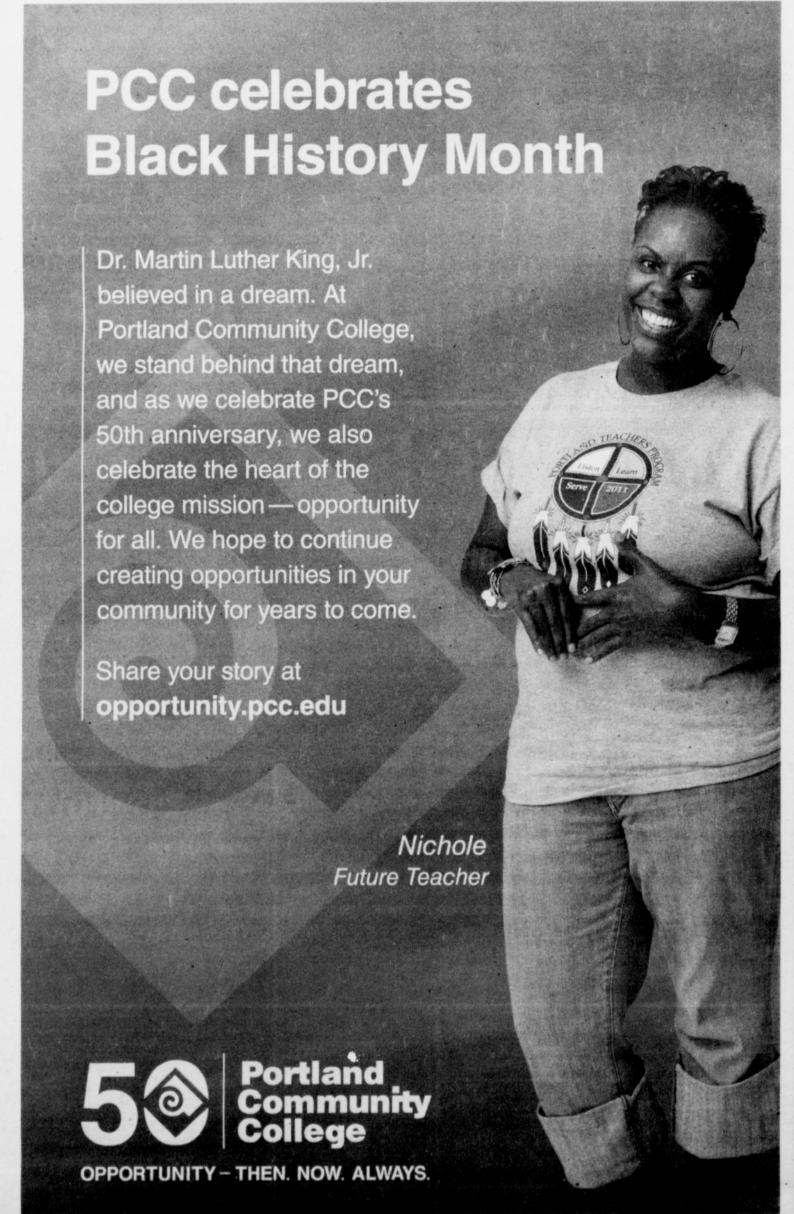
And Keys, her voice breaking at times, dedicated her song "Send Me An Angel" to Houston

Brown briefly appeared at the funeral, walking to the casket, touching it and walking out. He later said in a statement that he and his children were asked repeatedly to move and he left rather than risk creating

Close family friend Aretha Franklin, whom Houston lovingly called "Aunt Ree," had been expected to sing at the service, but said early Saturday she was too ill to attend. Franklin said in an email to The Associated Press that she had been up most of the night with leg spasms and sent best wishes to the family.

Saturday night, Franklin performed at Radio City Music Hall and Stevie Wonder rewrote lyrics to remembered Houston with a light gospel rendition of "I Will Always

Warwick presided over the fu-So did gospel's the Rev. Kim neral, introducing speakers and singers and offering short insights about her cousin; she joked that Houston's Super Bowl performance of "The R. Kelly brought the New Hope Star Spangled Banner" became al-



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