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Young Rapper's Mixtape A voice to cultural climate

Swiggle Mandela is more than a just a Portland rapper. He is an accomplished musician, writer, leader, entertainer and mentor. He has been releasing music, as well as music videos, doing shows and everything else that comes with the music business for about a decade and he is only 24 years old.

His latest mixtape "Northwest Side Story" is a unique and versatile body of art with conscious subject matter, ranging from spirituality, family, love, and just having a good time. But the CD has another side. It tells a story about a Portland many people may not be aware, with cuts like "Ghetto Portland" which speaks of a cultural climate that is filled with the murdering of young black girls, as well as the incarceration of young black men.

As Swiggle Mandela continues to work with his recording company and family, LFGM (La Familia Gang Music), anyone who loves remarkable local music should definitely tune into what the young CEO is doing with his music and movement!

Swiggle Mandela's Ghetto Portland is available for free download on Soundcloud.com

Dbituary

In Loving Memory

Eleanor Pittman, 75, beloved mother, grandmother, aunt and friend -- passed away on July 3, 2015. She was born July 1, 1940.

She is survived by daughters Daphne and Deanna Smith; son Michael Pittman; grandchildren Marcus Spencer, Johnathan Johnson, Anna Spencer, Falvio Muniz, and Jamila Henderson; eight great- grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Eleanor was the eldest of six children. She had a very influential personality and a vibrant spirit. She was outgoing and loved her family. She was an active member of the Portland Bunco group and a parent and regular volunteer of her brother Roy Pittman's, Peninsula Wrestling Team. She also was an outstanding cook and was famous for her fantastic ribs, fried chicken and banana pudding. She lived a full life and enjoyed traveling. She was a unique woman and she will truly be loved and missed.

Funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday, July 15 at 11 a.m. at Morning Star Baptist Church, 4927 N.E. 55th Ave. Arrangements by Terry Family Funeral Home.



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