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Congregation Beth Israel to Host "I Have A Dream" **Scholarship Program Creator**

Eugene Lang, who created the "I Have a Dream" scholarship program in a sixth-grade graduation speech in Harlem, will be the 1990 Cohn Lecturer at Temple Beth Israel, Friday, April 20. Lang will discuss his experiences, and how to set up a similar program in Portland, in the Daniel J. and Elizabeth O. Cohn Lecture at 8:30 p.m. in the Blumauer Auditorium.

Lang, an international high-tech entrepreneuer and philanthropist, has said that he began the program after looking at his audience and realizing that nothing he had planned to say would matter much. Instead, he pledged the graduates that if they continued in school and received their high school diplomas, he would provide their college tuition. He also set up mentoring and tutoring programs to help the class through junior high and high school, a step which he has called far more important than providing the tuition.

The program has received wide media attention and has been copied in many cities. In Portland, Lang will be meeting with various community leaders to share his experiences and discuss the potential for a similar program in Portland.

Mr. Lang will be available for personal interviews by appointment April 20, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

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IT MATTERS NOT

Do not remind me, gentle friend, "I shall not pass this way again," It matters not to me today, Wholoved each step along the way. Thank God I have not been deprived Of windy hills when Spring arrived, Nor missed the Summer twilight when The stars lit up the night again.

The sweetest moments I recall, Were down a golden lane in Fall, The dearest face I'll ever know, Looked down at me through Winter

snow A heart wherein such things remain, Cares not to pass this way again.

Grace E. Easley

Bush Administration Declares Drug War in D.C. A Failure

Washington--Just one day after a group of United Methodist bishops and other church leaders met here April 4 with a top official from the office of U.S. drug czar William Bennett, Bush administration officials declared the war on drugs in the nation's capital a failure.

But at his White House meeting with United Methodist church leaders, Jose O. Marquez of the Office of National Drug Control Policy had been more optimistic in his assessment of the national drug policy's first year: "We still have a serious problem (with illicit drug use), but we are headed in the right direction.'

Two weeks prior, Mr. Marquez and Reggie B. Walton of the Office of National Drug Control Policy met with Bishop Felton E. May, who heads the denomination's first drug initiative; Bishop Jack Tuell, Los Angeles, president of the council; and retired Bishop Leontine T.C. Kelly of San Mateo, Calif.

Attending the April 3-5 seminar on drug awareness were Bishops Ernest A. Fitzgerald, Atlanta; William B. Grove, Charleston, W. Va.; Woodrow J. Hearn, Lincoln, Neb.; Thomas B. Stockton, Richmond, Va.; and C. Dale White, White Plains, N.Y. Other participants included Don W. Mendenhall, Des Moines, Iowa, administrative assistant

to Bishop Rueben P. Job; the Rev. George T. Johnson, pastor of Hanson Place Central United Methodist Church; and the Rev. Ruthenia Finley and the Rev. Wilson T. Boots, staff members of the denomination's New York Annual Conference.

Several of the bishops and leaders said the 35 minute-meeting with Mr. Marquez revealed few insights or successes of the highly publicized national drug strategy, but said he did not confirm somewhat the need for a comprehensive and community-based approach to fighting drugs, like the one created by the council.

After justifying the Bush administration's \$12 million allocation for drug interdiction and prison construction, to the first year of the program in the Washington area alone, Mr. Marquez said, "What really works (is) . . . local ownership of the drug problem, community programs."

When Bishops Hearn and Matthews questioned availability of federal funding for such programs, Mr. Marquez said the "reality is that such local programs will have to be self-sufficient."

Bishop Matthews urged Mr. Marquez not to overlook the 8.9 millionmember denomination's connectional system's potential value to the antidrug effort: "The United Methodist Church has more churches than (the government has) post offices; we have people committed and we are experts at doing jobs at low cost or no cost."

The leaders left the meeting with a promise from Mr. Marquez to "do all we can" for the church's drug initiative.

"Our initiative is very small in light

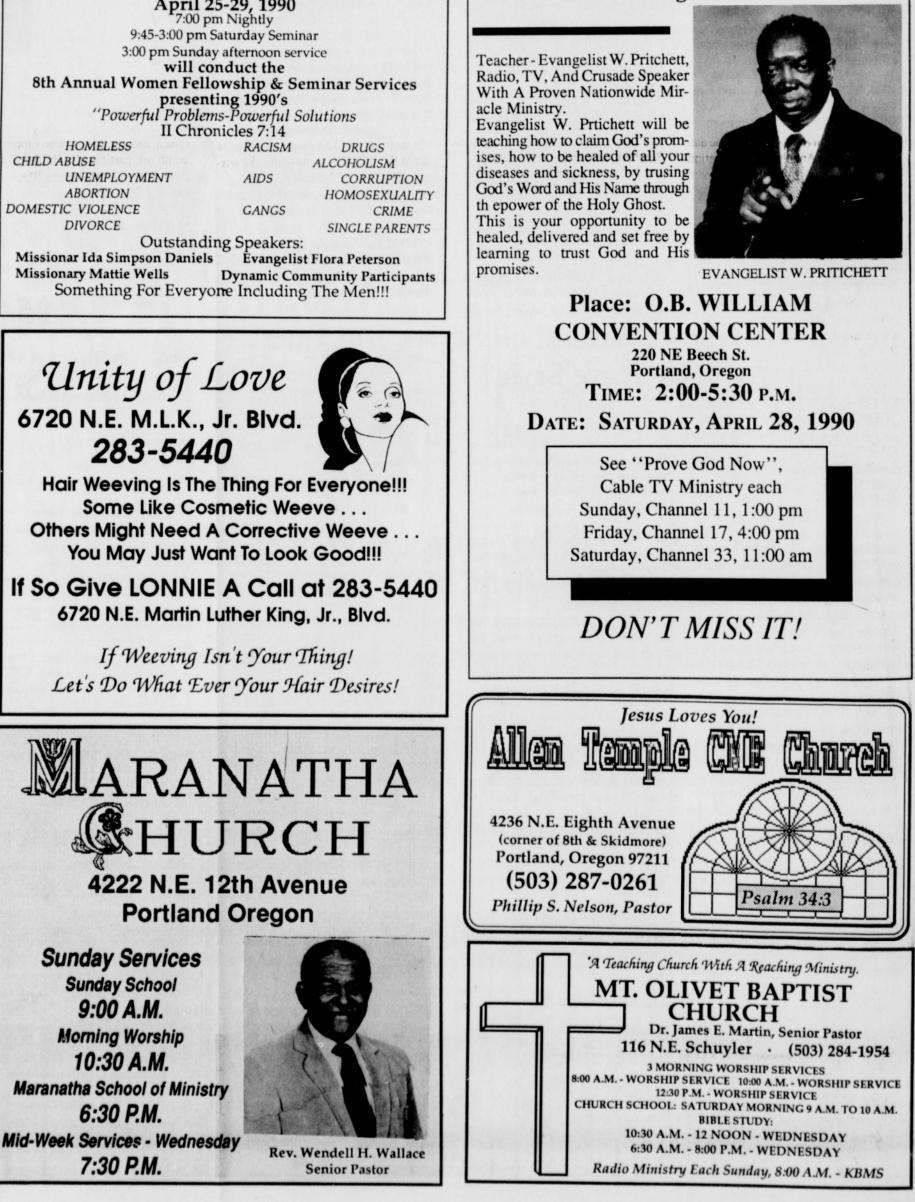
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of the scope of the drug problem, but it is important," Bishop Grove told Mr. Marquez.

When the visiting church leaders learned of reports of the Bush administration's admission of failure in the Washington drug effort, many said they were not surprised.

Despite government efforts to make the nation's capital a "test case" during the first year of the strategy, policy say drugs are still plentiful and cheap and drug-related deaths have not declined in the city that has gained the title "murder capital."

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