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The 1st Annual Portland Jewish Festival

A Celebration For Everyone!

Mark your calendars now for one of this summer's biggest events. The 1st Annual Portland Jewish Festival will be held Sunday, July 25 from noon until 6:00 PM at the Reed College Campus, 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd. "A celebration for Everyone" is the 1999 Portland Jewish Festival theme, with guaranteed fun for the entire community center.

The Portland Jewish Festival welcomes renowned regional artists to share their Jewish traditions through music and dance performances, exhibits, demonstrations, and workshops and of course food!

With its open spaces and numerous tent covered areas, the Reed College campus provides the perfect setting for this first annual event and is conveniently located near downtown Portland.

As an event sponsored by two of Portland's largest Jewish organizations with involvement from almost every Jewish group in the city, the Portland Jewish Festival will be one of the city's biggest free events and is truly a celebration for everyone. This year's outstanding entertainers include pianist Michael Allen Harrison, The Schneiderman Sisters (featuring Stephanie Schneiderman, opening act for the Lilith Fair in Portland), storyteller Greg Harris, P'nai Malach Dancers, Amy Shapiro and Jeff Olenick, among others.

Join us for the excitement! Additional event information will be available as the Festival approaches. Be sure to look for updates in future editions of the Jewish Review or check out our web page at www.jewishportland.org/.

Portland Jewish Festival SCHEDULE

July 25, 1999

12:00 noon Portland Jewish Festival Opening Celebration with Amy Shapiro and Jeff Olenick	1:00 - 2:00 PM Klezmer music dancing
12:00 noon - 6:00 PM Maccabbi Games including softball, soccer, relay competition and more.	2:00 - 3:00 PM The Schneiderman Sisters - Featuring Stephanie Schneiderman, opening act for the Lilith Fair in Portland! Kids Tent with Greg Harris
12:00 noon - 6:00 PM Food booths open featuring food from Noah's Bagels, Garbonzo's Al Amir and Ron's Center Deli	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Israeli Dance Performance with P'nai Malach and public dancing led by Eric Singer and the P'nai Malach Dancers
12:00 noon - 6:00 PM Jewish Arts Festival booths open	4:00 - 5:00 PM Showcase Concert with musicians TBA
12:00 noon - 6:00 PM Vendor booths for Jewish organizations and retailers open	5:00 - 6:00 PM Showcase concert with Michael Allen Harrison and friends
12:00 noon - 6:00 PM Oregon Jewish Museum Videotaping of Oral Histories	For information about the Portland Jewish Festival, call 244-0111 or 245-6219.

House of Change

House of Change which is a non-profit organization assisting the homeless/handicapped with food, shelter and clothing. We also help them to regain their self-esteem and direct them to support agencies, if needed, allowing them to become a viable part of the community again.

The clients live in a semi-structured home-like environment. We assist them in dealing with the reason for continued homelessness. We have the experience and a professional support system to assist them with these difficulties. The House of Change helps to make a positive change of clients cooking their own meals.

On July 25, 1999 at Peninsula Park (on Albina & Ainsworth Streets) the House of Change will have a fundraising event in order to keep the business in operation. There will be fish & chicken dinners (6.75 each), entertainment and activities for children.

IMMEDIATELY

We need sponsors, talent and speakers of all ages; church/soloist and other talent.

We also need volunteers for various tasks for this event. Donations for the House of Change are tax deductible being that it is a non-profit 501-(C)3 organization.

Please call me at: 503-285-4927 if you are able to perform; let me know the time between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. that you are able to perform on July 25, 1999.

We also need volunteers for various tasks. For more information about the House of Change call: Darlene Mathews, Owner, at: 503-240-2909.

Mom & Pop Winans Finally Record Their Own Solo Albums

This is a love story. A story about a 20ish couple who loved God more than anything else. They met in a gospel group in 1950, fell in love, married and in spite of their love for gospel music, gave up their musical careers because they loved their children more than the spotlight. They didn't feel they could adequately raise children and lead the nomadic, often unstable lives of gospel singers. So, they put their musical careers aside and took regular jobs to set up house-keeping and to plan for having two children. They would eventually have ten children.

On November 21, 1953 David "pop" Winans and Delores "Mom" Ransom were married. The day before was layed off from Chrysler and they went on welfare for a while. They moved into his mother's home temporarily. By the time their first child arrived a year later, they moved into a flat and he worked for Chrysler. Over the years, he also drove a taxi and was a barber. Mom was a typist. "I've always had a couple jobs," Pops recalls. "But through it all it was nice. If I had it to do all over again, I would. We never had any problems regarding food or anything. My mother was a great inspiration in our marriage. She would have us bring the kids out and prepare breakfast and things like that. She would always tell me the darkest part of day is just before dawn. Don't worry. Things will change and it has. She didn't live to see it, but it changed greatly."

The ten Winans children were

Armenia's Garegin was Modern Head of Ancient Church

By HASKIM MKRTCHYAN

YEREVAN - Armenia's Catholicos Garegin I, who died on Tuesday of cancer aged 66, presided over one of the world's most ancient Christian churches but he was no cloistered recluse.

Born in Syria and educated at Oxford in England, Garegin headed the 1,700-year-old church showing the influences of a man who spent most of his life outside Armenia, and could be seen jogging in the morning in a tracksuit.

After living in the Middle East, Oxford and New York, Garegin rose to the supreme position in the Armenian Church in 1995 and then took residence in the Armenia town of Etchmiadzin.

As Catholicos of the Armenia Apostolic Church, he sought to promote both the faith and his church's homeland, which won independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. He mixed with the world's top religious leaders, as well as dignitaries from the head of the World Bank to foreign parliamentarians.

The bespectacled, white-bearded spiritual leader also called for a peaceful solution to the 11-year-old conflict with neighbouring Azerbaijan over the disputed Karabakh region.

Baptised as Neshan Sarkissian, Garegin I was born in the Syrian village of Kesab in 1932. After graduating from a theological institute in Syria he continued his studies from 1957 to 1959 at Oxford University.

His linguistic abilities — he spoke fluent Armenian, English, French and Arabic — proved valuable in ministering to the far-flung



David "Pop" Winans and Delores "Mom" Ransom

The ten Winans children were raised in the church and only listened to gospel music. Pop says, "I found out music has a spirit. I was the example to the boys and Mom's was the girl's example. I ain't going to tell you something that I'm not going to do. Gospel was my life! That's what I believe in... By me being the parent and the leader of the home that's what you gonna believe in... The Bible

The Bible says be ye doer's not just sayers. They might have heard it outside, but they didn't bring it inside." They taught their kid to love God and to love gospel music and from early ages, all of the kids showed a great flair for music. Mom & Pop supported their kids by sponsoring them in talent shows around Detroit. Gospel legend Andrae Crouch

discovered the Winans' four sons who were performing as a quartet in 1981 and got a record deal. Over the next decade they would dominate the gospel charts with million-selling record, duets with Anita Baker and Michael McDonald, and several Grammy awards. Then, two more of their kids, BeBe & CeCe Winans, surpassed their four brothers by crossing their gospel over to the R&B charts with their million-sellers such as "I'll Take You There" and "Addictive Love." The youngest kids, Angie & Debbie, have also become a successful duo with a particular appeal for youth. Their oldest son David Jr. is a guitarist and their middle son Daniel is an acclaimed singer/musician with several records to his credit.

Now that they are done nurturing their children's talents and helping them get grounded in the gospel music industry; Mom & Pop are eagerly taking up the careers they abandoned in 1950. Their kids talked them into recording their first solo albums and their daughters Angie & Debbie are releasing the two albums on the Against The Flow Records label they founded in 1997. On Mom's CD, "It's Been An Affair To Remember" she's backed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The set includes guest appearances by saxophonist Kirk Whalum and TV host Bobby Jones. Among the hymns on Mom's beautiful album of strings is a big band take on "I Must Tell Jesus," a celestial cover of "What A Friend We have in Jesus" and a soulful reading of "kum Ba Yah."

OBITUARIES

Homegoing Celebration for Elmer "Elmo" Davis, Jr.
Wednesday, June 30, 1999, at 12:00 noon
Bethel A.M.E. Church • 5828 NE 8th • Portland, Oregon

Processional
Rose City Cemetery & Funeral Home
5625 N.E. Fremont Street • Portland, Oregon 97213

ELMER DAVIS, JR. was born October 19, 1950 in Chicago, Illinois in a family where he was the fifth of twelve children. On June 23, 1999, Elmer Davis, Jr. was called to rest. His parents, Elmer Sr. and Sarah preceded him in death.

He received his education at Phyllis Wheatley grade school in Hubbard, Texas and completed it at Lincoln High School in Portland, Oregon.

Elmer was trained to drive at the age of 10 by his father. He was also taught to barbecue in the family business, a grocery store and restaurant in Hubbard, Texas. He later became the manager of his father's business, Davis Landscaping in Portland, Oregon, after his father's death. He was also an auto mechanic at Harlan Griffin Ford, and worked on the railroad with his uncles, Maloy Davis, Walter Davis, and Willie Jenkins. Elmer was a meat cutter at Corno's Grocery Store and at the time of his death, a custodian of OHSU.

Elmer was a family oriented man who was like a father to his siblings. He leaves to mourn his passing his companion of twenty-three years, Mae Kelly Blackmon; ten sisters, Gladys Marie Sexton, Shirley Ann Sargent, Mae Francis Young, Elmira Davis, Cassie Lee Benjamin, Ouida Ann Thomas, Allene Davis, Celestine Taylor, Edith Davis, Martha Davis, and one brother Nathan Gene Davis, all of Portland, Oregon; one uncle, Jake Holmes of San Francisco, CA; aunts Elouise Bell of Dallas, Texas and Martha King of Kansas City, MO; cousins, Rev. C.C. Davis and Emmanuel Cleveland of Wichita Falls, TX; four step-children. Michelle Renee Storey and Andrea Louise Kelly of Atlanta, GA, Thomas Aaron Storey and Addison Blackmon of Portland, OR; eleven step-grandchildren; one step-great grandchild and a host of nieces nephews, relatives and friends.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROSE BARRETT born 6/15/22 died 6/17/99. At the age of 77 years old Rose Barrett died of Arrhythmia in Portland Oregon. Rose Barrett was born in Brighton, Alabama and then moved to Portland in 1944. Rose was employed as a Housekeeper for the University hospital and retired in 1987, also a member of New Hope Baptist Church since 1962. Survivors of Rose Barrett Clarence Winters Special friend of Portland, Oregon, Annie Gordan sister of Los Angeles, California, Horace Hutchins brother of Detroit, MI; Walter Hutchins brother of Detroit, MI; Andrew Hutchins brother of Birmingham, AL.

LINDA "FAYE" MITCHELL born Feb. 13th, 1962 in Bastrop, Louisiana died June 10, 1999 in Portland, Oregon. Faye was a Clerical Clerk at American Red Cross and retired in 1995. A member of Albina Christian Life Church where she lived in Portland, Oregon for 36 years. Survivors of Linda Mitchell Jarvez D. Hall son of Portland, Oregon; Charlotte D. Mitchell sister of Gresham, Oregon; Terry L. Mitchell brother of Portland, Oregon; and Timothy Mitchell brother of Portland, Oregon.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF VICTORIA DAVIS born 10/8/1927 in Sardis, Alabama died 6/25/1999 in Portland, Oregon at the age of 71 years old. Victoria Davis was a member of Mt. Sinai Community Baptist Church and has lived in Portland since 1973. Survivors of Victoria Davis Lucille Rivers daughter of Detroit, Michigan; Ora Calhoua daughter of Portland, Oregon; Geraldine Davis daughter of Portland, Oregon; Odester Lawrence daughter of Detroit, Michigan. 9 grandchildren, and 15 Great-grandchildren.