May 16, 2001

Page B2

The Portland Observer

Metro/Religion



NEED \$100.00? NO SODA MACHINE AT WORK?

Sanjafaye@Aol.Com

Leukemia Claims Life of Portland Teen

Funeral Services Thursday for Luther "Woody" Ellett

Luther"Woody" Ellett, 18, died Friday, May 11, 2001 after a long battle with leukemia, a form of cancer.

He was born Jan. 15, 1983 in Portland, the son of Luke Ellett and Denise Sayles.

He is survived by his father and mother; sisters, Lanisa Ellett and Khadijan Manguin and loving girlfriend, Serenity Capers.

He attended Jefferson High School where his favorite subject was science. He aspired to be an astronomer and also to join the Navy and travel around the world.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at Bethesda Christian Church 109 N. Emerson St. Viewing is scheduled for 12 noon with services at 1p.m.

"Olya's Story" Author **Speaks in Portland**

BY DICK GROVER

FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER Olya Roohizadegan, an Iranian woman who was imprisoned by her government for being a member of the Baha'i Faith, recently told her story at apublic meeting at the Portland Baha'i Center. Olya told of her arrest in 1983

and her imprisonment for several months during which she was interrogated and threatened with execution in front ofher three-year-old son. She and 10 other women, one of

thema 17 year old girl, were placed in a small cell with 40 other women-prostitutes and political prisoners. The 10 Baha'i

Olya Roohizadegan was women were later executed for being

felt it was so the officials could follow her to learn the location of other Baha'is. When they again came to arrest her a second time, she and her husband and son escaped across the border into Pakistan and were eventually admitted to England. There she wrote herbook, "Olya's Story", which

details the account of her arrest and the arrests and executions of her 10 Baha'icellmates. "It is a story of love, of sacrifice, of unity, of peace," Olya said.

"We were physically so imprisoned in Iran because weak, but spiritually felt so

Obituaries

Bernice J. Winklebleck

A memorial service was held April 24, 2001, in Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes for Bernice J. Winklebleck, who died April 20 at age 85. Mrs. Winklebleck was born Bernice J. Britton on Oct. 7, 1915, in Bottineau, N.D.

She moved to Portland in 1930, and graduated from Roosevelt High School. She was a homemaker. In 1941, she married Jack Winklebleck; he died in 1985.

Survivors include her daughters. Diana Durvin and Patti Winklebleck; son, Thomas; 10 grandchildren; and 13 greatgrandchildren.

Remembrances to the American Cancer Society.

older are invited to a semi-

formal dance to benefit the

Leisure Hour Jr. Golf Pro-

by J. Kurls & Co., will be held

Saturday, June 30 from 8:30

p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Double

This party event, presented

Charlie Mae Gray

A funeral was held April 30 in the House of Prayer for All Nations in Portland for Charlie Mae Gray, who died April 21 at age 71. Mrs. Gray was born Charlie Mae Sanders on April 12, 1930, in Canton, Miss.

She moved to Portland in 1954 and was a private child-care provider until her retirement. She served on the Mothers Board of the church. In 1970, she married Dock Gray Sr.

Survivors include her husband; stepdaughter, Brunetta Talley; stepsons, Dock Jr. and Charley; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Interment in Rose City Cemetery.Arrangements by Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.



A photograph shows Luther "Woody" Ellett (left) with ex-Trailblazer Brian Grant who kicked off a publicity campaign in 1999 encouraging potential bone marrow donors to register with the American Red Cross. Woody's struggle to find a bone marrow transplant was successful and provided inspiration to others. Tuesday, Grant expressed his sorrow to the family and pledged to cover Ellett's funeral expenses.

We are a Portland vending machine company that is looking for new locations for pop machines. Find us a location, and we will pay you \$100 CASH!

We also will pay a 20% commission to the company you work for to cover all electricity expenses and add to their bottom line!

503-720-3740

CALL TODAY!!!

of her religious faith. Baha'is and refusing to recant their faith.

As Olya explained, she and many of the Baha'is in Iran could have been freed from prison and the extensive ongoing persecution by simply denying that they were Baha'is. The judge, who threatened

Olya with execution while holding her child in front of her, told her that he would release her if she would recant her faith.

When she refused she was sentenced to death-to be hanged, however, after two months she was released. Olya

strong. Believe me, the best part of my life was in prison. I was detached from material life and learned trust in God." The 300,000 members of the Baha'i Faith are the largest religious minority in Iran, the country that birthed the religion 158 years ago. They have been persecuted and killed ever since, some even recently. However, the news about the hanging of Olya's 10 female cellmates, after it was finally smuggled out of Iran and published in the press around the world, drew worldwide attention to the on-going persecutions of Iranian Baha'is.

Formal Dance Helps Benefit Golf Program

Tree Hotel, Columbia River, Area residents 21 years and 1401 N. Hayden Island Dr.

Tickets, which include food and door prizes, are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. They can be purchased at J. Kurls & Co., 2948 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 503-282-5809.

Unanimous Court Strikes Down Medical Use for Marijuana STORY CONTINUED FROM

gram.

FRONT PAGE

The federal government triggered the case in 1998. seeking an injunction against the Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative and five other

marijuana distributors. U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer,

brother of the justice, sided with the government. All the clubs except the Oakland group eventually closed down, and the Oakland club turned to registering potential marijuana recipients while it awaited a final ruling.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the lower court, ruling that medical necessity is a legal defense. Charles Breyer followed up by

issuing strict guidelines for making that claim. Voters in Arizona, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington also have approved ballot initiatives allowing the use of medical marijuana. In Hawaii, the legislature passed a similar law and the governor signed it last year.

The cooperative argued that a drug may not yet have achieved general acceptance as a medical treatment,

but may still have medical benefits to a particular patient or class of patients.

Thomas said the argument cannot overcome the intent of Congress in approving the statute.

"It is clear from the text of the act that Congress has made a determination that marijuana has no medical benefits worthy of an exception," Thomas wrote.

"Unwilling to view this omission as an accident, and unable in any event to override a legislative determination manifest in a statute, we reject the cooperative's argument."

Advocates of medical marijuana say the drug can ease side effects from chemotherapy, save nauseated AIDS patients from wasting away or even allow multiple sclerosis sufferers to rise from a wheelchair and walk.

There is no definitive science that the drug works, or works better than conventional, legal alternatives.

Several states are considering medical marijuana laws, and Congress may revisit the issue this year. A measure to counteract laws like California's died in the House last year.

Thomas was joined by Chief Justice William Rehnquist, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia and Anthony M. Kennedy. Justice John Paul Stevens wrote a concurring opinion, joined by Justices David Souter and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The case is United States v. Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative, 00-151.

Renaissance Academy FAST TRACK MARKETING Northwest Cooking Woods 100% Mesquite Charcoel, Mesquite Wood, Hickory, Pecan, Wild Cherry, Oak, Sugar Maple, Plus Other Woods & Supplier

> Learn guitar * Play African Drums! Learn Sound Technology! Sing in a choir! Learn Keyboard! **************

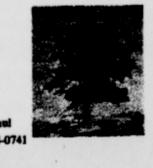
> *** Summer Camp 2001 ***

"If You Aspire to Make Music"

Is A Must

July 5-31, 2001 **Monday- Friday 8am-Noon** Grades 4-8 cost: \$150 Limited financial assistance available Location: Irvington Covenant Church 4046 NE MLK JR. Blvd Call Now 503- 287-5226





Call for appointment - Ask for Paul P.O. Box 20741, Portland, OR 97294-0741 (503) 254-0774

