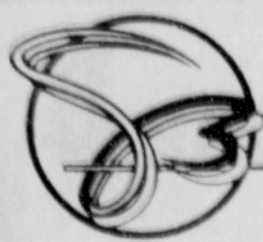




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Church Respects 'Authentic Islam'

(AP) - Pope John Paul II said Monday that the Catholic Church respects "authentic Islam," making the distinction between it and the fanaticism that some fear will stigmatize the religion in the wake of the U.S. attacks.

The pope used each appearance of his four-day trip to Kazakhstan to call for peace, amid alarm over the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the U.S. military buildup for retaliatory strikes.

Before leaving for Armenia on Tuesday he called on the young people of Kazakhstan to intensify their efforts at "dialogue and harmony" and paid tribute to the country's record of interethnic harmony.

"Be ready to promote peace, so often threatened by the specter of catastrophic wars," the pope said. "Be vigilant watchmen, committed to respect for the life of every human being."

While Kazakhstan does not share a border with Afghanistan, where suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden is based, its leaders are concerned about the threat of extremism in the region.

Religious Freedom Celebrated

For Religious Freedom Week, the Church of Scientology will have a Freedom Sunday, Sept. 30 service at 12:15 p.m. at the Church

of Scientology of Portland, 2636 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

All are welcome. For more information, call 503-963-8121.

Christian Center Plans Hallelujah Carnival

New Beginnings Christian Center is planning an Oct. 31 special event, providing kids in our community an extraordinary alternative to trick or treating - the 10th annual Hallelujah Carnival.

This promises to be the biggest carnival for kids in the city and features carnival thrill rides, plus carnival games, with 50,000 candy prizes. It will also provide a safe environment for the sev-

eral thousand of children in attendance and no costumes are needed.

The center will offer an 'unlimited play' ticket for \$3 per person.

Church leaders said the cost is unbelievably low when you consider a single carnival ride can cost \$2.50. Each ticket purchased will automatically be entered into a drawing for terrific prizes like bicycles and fun, electronic games.

The carnival also features an

Obituary

Genevieve Lucille Martin

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001, in St. Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church in Portland for Genevieve Lucille Martin, who died Sept. 19 at age 90.

Mrs. Martin was born Nov. 2, 1910, in Muskogee, Okla. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma at Langston and from Lewis & Clark College.

She moved to Portland in 1942 and was a teacher for Portland Public Schools for 25 years, including at Chief Joseph Elementary and Martin Luther King Elementary schools, until retiring in 1976.

In 1932, she married Carlos D. Martin; he died in 1987. Survivors include her son, William; daughter, Patricia Walker; sister, Lola Hudson; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

exciting game show called the "fun factory," with hilarious audience participation games; prize give-aways and special entertainment is all part of this special evening.

The event will be held from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The fun factory starts at 7:30 p.m. The New Beginnings Christian Center is located at 7600 N.E. Glisan St. Call 503-256-6050 for more information or visit the church website at newbeginnings.org.

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Health of Mothers, Newborns Improves

Multnomah County Health Department's Healthy Birth Initiative has received a national Healthy Start grant called Eliminating Disparities in Prenatal Health and Interconceptional Care for High Risk Women and their Infants.

The \$850,000 grant will fund four more years of activity focusing on the disparities in prenatal health among African American and Hispanic women in Northeast Portland.

Healthy Birth Initiative II builds on the best practices and success of Multnomah County's original Healthy Start Initiative Project, which began in 1997 and focused on reducing infant mortality.

The goals of the original project included decreasing the number of low birth weight babies,

increasing early access to prenatal care, and decreasing high-risk behaviors among pregnant women, such as drug, alcohol and tobacco use.

Statistics show the percent of women in Northeast Portland receiving first trimester prenatal care increased to 82 percent in 1998, up from 70 percent in 1990.

In North Portland, the increase was from 70 percent in 1990 to 81 percent in 1998.

In Multnomah County, the infant mortality rates declined substantially for African Americans, from 23.8 per 1,000 births in 1990 to 8.6 per 1,000 births in 1997.

Infant mortality rates in North Portland dropped from 14.5 per 1,000 births in 1990 to 7.7 per 1,000 births in 1997.



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