



# Religion

## 'Soul Inspiration'



LeJuene Thompson has debuted her solo album "Soul Inspiration." Thompson is best known for her work with the Grammy-nominated, multi-award winning ensemble Donald Lawrence & the Tri-City Singers. Her new 10-song project features a mixture of soul-infused Gospel and urban music.

## Community Observance Promotes Religious and Ethnic Diversity

Community members with varying religious and ethnic backgrounds will join together for the third annual commemorative observance of Kristallnacht ("Night of Broken Glass") on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at Congregation Beth Israel, 1972 NW Flanders.

The commemoration is an opportunity for people of many different backgrounds to come together to celebrate diversity while saying, "no more," to intolerance and hatred.

According to event organizer and Holocaust survivor, Miriam Greenstein, Kristallnacht was the culmination of Germany's pre-war Anti-Semitism.

"On the night of November 9-10, 1938, Nazi storm troopers and their followers spontaneously attacked Jewish shops and synagogues throughout Germany. During that terrible night, Germany's Jews witnessed the destruction of their shops and businesses, their synagogues and their most sa-

cred religious treasures," Greenstein said.

"Kristallnacht," says Greenstein, "foreshadowed the far darker night that would soon overtake Europe's Jews."

This intolerance and hatred perpetrated by the Nazis later spread to other religious and ethnic groups, including Catholics, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Gypsies. By the end of World War II, Nazi Germany was responsible for the murder of 11 million men, women and children.

## Homecoming Follows Pastor's Exit

A north and northeast Portland church has scheduled a homecoming celebration following the recent turmoil over whether it would retain the services of its pastor.

Amzie Bailey recently left his position as pastor of the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church after members of the congregation voted not to

retain his services.

The vote followed a one-year long inquiry by the Oregon Attorney General's Office that focused on whether general principals of governance were being upheld at the church.

Church leaders Levan Johnson and Dorothy Jones are chair and co-chairs for the

homecoming celebration.

They're asking new and old acquaintances of the church to celebrate a night of fellowship during a complimentary homecoming dinner on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 5 p.m. at the church on North Vancouver Avenue.

For more information, call 503-287-1514.

## Harvest Party at Life Change

A children's ministry harvest party will be held Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Life Change Christian Center, 106 N. Beech. Kids from toddlers to Fifth grade are invited to enjoy free food, games and lots of fun.



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For more information call 503-287-1514.  
CONTACT: Levan Johnson, chair or Dorothy Jones, co-chair.

## Attacks Inspire Prayer

In the wake of the terrorist attacks, many people have been drawn to prayer.

Catholic Charities will offer an open hour for prayer and/or silence at All Saints Church, 3847 N.E. Glisan each Friday through Christmas.

People of all faiths and back-

grounds are invited.

"Since the attacks, I've heard over and over again that people were feeling vulnerable and damaged," says Father Bruce Cwiekowski, program manager of Catholic Charities AIDS Ministry. "What we are offering is a time to be still."

## Distress Counselors Needed

The Church of Scientology is holding free training seminars in disaster counseling for all members of the public.

Individuals from all walks of life throughout the world have been trained by the Church in methods to relieve stress and trauma as an integral part of disaster relief efforts internationally for five decades.

Church counselors have been on the scene in D.C. and New York since the time of the tragic disasters on Sept. 11.

Seminars are being held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Church of Scientology of Portland, 2636 N.E. Sandy Blvd. For more information, call Diane at 503-963-8121.

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## Whitaker Middle School May Close Permanently

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"Because decisions about Whitaker students are important to the community, comments from parents, teachers and the community will be part of assessing options," he said. "We may be able to identify a solution that provides an even better learning environment for Whitaker students."

The Whitaker building, formerly Adams High School, was originally built for 1,800 high school students. Last year, 675 students were enrolled at Whitaker.

In order to be prepared for the 2002 school year, a decision will need to be made by early December. Seventh and 8th grade students currently attend Whitaker Lakeside while 6th grade students attend Whitaker at Rice.

## Production presents "A Time of Refreshing"

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