



# RELIGION

## Local Church Touts Changing Demographics

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 taurant on Swan Island. To attend, call 503-284-8767 to purchase tickets before the deadline of May 13.

The following day, the community festival will include a "Community Walk" to explore the church's historic Concordia neighborhood. Start-up time is between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., with the start and finish at the church.

A barbecue lunch follows from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Entertainment and children's events are slated throughout

the day, plus an opportunity to learn more about programs offered at the church.

On Sunday, May 19, a celebratory message will be offered by AUCC pastor Rev. Lynne Smouse Lopez during worship that begins at 10 a.m. A children's church and Sunday school are offered at the same time for preschool, elementary, middle and high school students.

"Ainsworth in the City," will close with a traditional birthday party after worship featuring cakes and beverages for a small donation.

## Happy Mother's Day

**New Hope Missionary Baptist Church**  
 3725 N. Gantenbein Avenue Portland, Oregon  
 Pastor Robert C. Jointer

### 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary "Year of Jubilee"

Leviticus 25:10

"A Golden Past, A Golden Present and A Golden Future"

#### Schedule of Events

May 18<sup>th</sup> Reunion Choir Concert 6: pm

#### Services & Guest Speakers

May 19<sup>th</sup> Pastor Anthony Harris 11:00 am  
 Bible Fellowship Community Church, Sacramento, California

May 19<sup>th</sup> Pastor Robert Houston 3:00 pm  
 New Hope Friendship Baptist Church  
 San Diego, California

May 20<sup>th</sup> Pastor Raymon Edwards 7:00 pm  
 True Vine Missionary Baptist Church  
 Portland, Oregon

May 21<sup>st</sup> Pastor Johnny Pack IV 7:00 pm  
 Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church  
 Portland, Oregon

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Rev. Walter Brown 7:00 pm  
 N.E. Community Foursquare Church  
 Portland, Oregon

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Pastor A.B. Devers 7:00pm  
 West End Baptist Church  
 San Antonio, Texas

May 24<sup>th</sup> Pastor A.B. Devers 7:00 pm

May 26<sup>th</sup> Pastor Robert C. Jointer 11:00 am

May 26<sup>th</sup> Pastor A.B. Devers 3:00 pm

You do not want to miss this special event.  
 Let the celebration begin!

### Augustana Lutheran Church

Invites the Community to Celebrate  
 The Joy of Being a Multicultural Church  
 Friday, May 11th 7:00 pm

Keynote by nationally acclaimed speaker **Sean McMillan**, founder of the **Simba Circle** program for African American Youth with the music of the **Disciples in Song**, **Marilyn Keller**, **Isaac Trimble**, **Paul Torgerson**, and friends

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 am, 1:30 & 6 pm  
 Rev. W.J. Mark Knutson, Rev. Ramona Soto Rank  
 NE 15th & Knott 288-6174 www.augustana.org

## The Joy of God's Call

The Joy of God's Call to be a Multicultural Church is the theme of a three-day event taking place at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 N.E. 14th Ave. and Knott on Thursday, May 9 through Saturday, May 11.

The seminar will focus on Augustana's growth as a multicultural congregation during a time of renewal over the past six years. During that time Augustana has grown from just over 200 members to over 500, with close to 30 percent of the new members being African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian, and Middle Eastern.

On Friday, from 7-9 p.m., the celebration will include a keynote by nationally acclaimed speaker Sean McMillan, as well as music by the gospel group The Disciples in Song along with Marilyn Keller, Isaac Trimble, Paul Torgerson, Bill Deiz, Dr. Robert Gashi and friends.

All are welcome. For more information call Pastor Mark Knutson at 503-288-6174, or visit the church's web page at www.augustana.org

## Family Gathers for Memorial



James Moore

A private family gathering was held Feb. 3 in Phoenix, Ariz. in honor of James B. Moore, commemorating the anniversary of his death.

He was born July 20, 1936 in Mississippi, the oldest son of Boston and Katie B. Moore.

He was raised in Portland, graduated from Washington High School and joined the Air Force.

James was a long time resident of San Francisco. After retirement, he located to Phoenix, where he enjoyed his favorite sport, golf.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; three children from his first marriage, Jamie Moore of Vallejo, Calif., Tracey Marable of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Barry Moore of Long Beach, Calif.; two step children, Danny Burgard and Terrie Wolf; three brothers, Sandy Moore and John Frank Moore of Portland and Henry Moore of Los Angeles; a sister, Rosie Johnson of Portland; seven grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

# EL OBSERVADOR



A festival drawing on Mexican culture fills Waterfront Park over the weekend.

PHOTO BY DAVID PLECHL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

## Cinco de Mayo Celebrated

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Revelers packed into Gov. Tom McCall Waterfront Park Sunday to celebrate the Cinco de Mayo Festival, the city's 18th fete on the Mexican holiday.

Amid the singing, dancing and eating, about 500 people took time for a Mariachi Mass, part of the four-day festival sponsored by the Portland-Guadalajara Sister City Association.

Ibeth Hernandez, a Benson Tech junior, skipped services at her regular place of worship to attend and film the Mariachi Mass.

"It's very religious," she said. "The whole Cinco de Mayo celebration, that's my culture. I am full Mexican, so this is some-

thing I can do to kind of continue with knowing my culture, knowing about my culture."

Cinco de Mayo, or May 5, marks the day 4,000 Mexican soldiers defeated a French army of 8,000 at Puebla, Mexico, in 1862. The day is not Mexico's Independence Day.

The hourlong Mass was celebrated by John G. Vlazny, archbishop for Western Oregon, from an elevated stage flanked in front by large bouquets of colorful calla lilies and, on one side, a framed picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of Mexico.

Vlazny, who spoke in Spanish throughout the Mass, said in a brief interview afterward that his words were intended to uplift and provide strength in the

aftermath of Sept. 11 and, most recently, in light of the revelations of sexual abuse in the Roman Catholic Church.

"The Scriptures today talked about human sadness and suffering, and I related it to some of the human sadness and suffering that we've experienced this year," Vlazny said. "The whole incident in New York with the terrorism, and now the scandals with the church: the embarrassment, the humiliation.

"Why is this happening to us?" people would say. 'Why terrorism, why scandal day?' And I would say, 'Well, you know, it happens to us. It's part of the human condition. There's good and there's evil, and sometimes evil touches our lives.'

## Former Bolivian Leader Dies

(AP)—Former President Hugo Banzer, a one-time dictator who led Bolivia to democracy and helped wipe out cocaine production, died of a heart attack Sunday. He was 75.

The two-time president, who was forced by cancer to resign from office last August, is likely to be remembered both fondly and with distaste.

Supporters say he did more to strengthen Bolivian democracy than any of his predecessors and his efforts to sharply reducing coca cultivation won him praise in Washington. Critics, however, contend the former dictator never lost his authoritarian streak, continuing to abuse human rights and failing to help the Andean nation's poor, Indian majority even as an elected leader.

A political survivor, the U.S.-trained soldier overcame 13 coup attempts while he was dictator from 1971-78, leading a regime accused of widespread human rights abuses.

After the era of Latin American dictatorships ended, he reinvented himself as a democrat, running in every election in the 1980s and 1990s, before finally winning the presidency in 1997.

Banzer died Sunday morning surrounded by his family in Santa Cruz, a tropical city in eastern Bolivia, after waking up in pain



Under Banzer's U.S.-backed Dignity Plan, the army in recent years wiped out 106,000 acres of coca in the Chapare, once one of the world's largest illegal coca-growing areas.

around midnight, said his doctor, Freddy Terrazas.

A cigarette smoker, Banzer was diagnosed in July 2001 by doctors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington with lung cancer that had spread to his liver. He underwent chemotherapy treatments in Washington.

Banzer was born May 10, 1926, in Concepcion, a sleepy ranching town in Santa Cruz province. Bound for a career in the military, he went to the Bolivian Army Military High School in La Paz, graduating as a cavalry lieutenant.

His lengthy relationship with the United States began when he was sent to the U.S. Army's School of the Americas in Panama. He received more U.S. training at Fort Hood, Texas, in 1960. After commanding the 4th Cavalry Regiment in Bolivia for several years, he was sent to Washington as a military attache.

In 1964, Banzer was appointed minister of education and in 1969, he became director of the military academy, a prestigious post he held until dismissed in January 1971 by leftist president, Gen. Juan Jose Torres.

## U.S. to Help Caribbean Fight AIDS

(AP)—The United States will send health experts to help Caribbean governments fight the regional spread of HIV/AIDS, Health Secretary Tommy Thompson said late last month. "We are here today to extend to you and the Caribbean, the hand of partnership as we fight" against AIDS, Thompson told more than 20 Caribbean health ministers and other officials at a one-day conference.

The meeting, sponsored by the United States, focused on patient treatment and care, training health personnel, and collaboration

among donor countries to fund programs.

Thompson said experts from the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control would travel to the Caribbean to work with regional officials.

The United States will help the Caribbean get funding from the non-governmental organization including the Global HIV/AIDS Fund, to which the United States has so far pledged \$500 million and proposes to give \$1.1 billion next year, Thompson said.

The U.S. Agency for International Development has already

offered \$20 million to the Pan Caribbean Partnership to combat HIV/AIDS infection, he said.

"Most Caribbean countries are unable to provide adequate access to care and treatment," Denzil Douglas, prime minister of St. Kitts and Nevis said, citing a lack of money, skills and technology.

Though the infection rate in the United States has declined, it has increased in the Caribbean, Douglas said.

The statistics exclude Cuba, where extensive treatment and prevention have kept infection rates low.

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