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Mother's Day was made special Sunday for Eleanor Fletcher who was chauffeured to Highland Community Church in a surprise limousine ride thanks to the African American Chamber of Commerce.

Jimmy Carter Tours Cuba



Former President Jimmy Carter (left) is welcomed by Cuban leader Fidel Castro. Carter is the first U.S. head of office to visit communist Cuba since the 1959 revolution that put Castro in power.

Grandmothers Honored With Limo Rides

Mother's Day was an especially exceptional day for 30 African American grandmothers as they were chauffeured to church in luxury stretch limousines compliments of Portland business entrepreneur Roy Jay, Celebrity

Limousine and the African American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon.

The grandmothers were selected in response to an essay contest submitted by their children and grandchildren who at-

tend Highland Community Church on Northeast 18th and Alberta.

Harold Williams, Chairman of the Board of the African American Chamber, delivered an extremely moving welcoming speech to the standing room

only crowd at the Sunday morning service.

Senior Pastor W.G. Hardy Jr. emphasized the appreciation that everyone should have for his or her mothers and grandmothers on this memorable day.

(AP)—Jimmy Carter visited a major biotechnology lab with Fidel Castro, just one week after U.S. officials accused Cuba of trying to develop biological weapons — a charge the Cuban leader has denounced as a lie.

Carter, the first U.S. head of state in or out of office to visit Cuba since Castro's 1959 revolution, also met with two leading Cuban dissidents for a briefing on human rights. The opposition leaders called on Carter to promote dialogue between the two countries.

Traveling with his wife and a small group of executives and staff from his Carter Center, the former American president had no biotechnology experts in his delegation for the visit to the Center of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology on the outskirts of Havana. Carter has a science background, but in nuclear technology.

Carter, who did more than any other president to ease tensions with Cuba, arrived last weekend to the strains of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Castro turned to his visitor and said, "It's been a long time since that happened."

Carter's visit comes after the latest in many moments of U.S.-

Cuban tension. Last week Undersecretary of State John Bolton said Cuba sought to develop biological weapons.

On Friday, Cuba denounced the claims as "lies," challenged the United States for evidence and promised Carter "complete access" to any Cuban biotechnology laboratory.

Sunday night, a dark-suited Castro threw a dinner for Carter and his delegation at the Palace of the Revolution.

There have been 10 American presidents since Castro took power, and relations were less hostile under Carter than any other.

As president, Carter oversaw the re-establishment of diplomatic exchanges between the two countries and negotiated the release of thousands of political prisoners. He also made it possible for Cuban exiles to visit relatives on the island and, for a short time, for other Americans to travel here freely.

But relations have remained cold. A U.S. trade embargo is still in place and visits by Americans are tightly limited, or are supposed to be: tens of thousands skirt or ignore the travel ban each year.

Latin Film Festival Opens

Latino art and culture celebrated at PCC

It's time for Latinismo! Portland Community College is hosting the Third Annual Latin American Film Festival called Latinismo! starting Thursday, May 16 and ending Thursday, May 23 in Room 122 at Terrell Hall on the Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

Latinismo! strives to create a forum for the voice of the Latino community and is free to the public. The theme for this year's film festival is "Urban Life: Myths and Realities."

The Latin American Film Festival involves Latino students in the planning and implementation of putting on a successful film festival. Students have canvassed neighborhoods with posters and invited interesting speakers that promise to engage the audience. But best of all is this year's collection of five films.

On the opening night, there will be a reception and preview of the featured films from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 16. In addition, the documentary, "An Interview with Jean Michelle Basquait," will be shown, profiling the late graffiti artist and painter. A panel discussion with members of the Latino community will follow the documentary.

The closing night will feature special guest speaker Virgil Suarez and musical group Fernando at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 23. Suarez, a Florida native, is a world-renowned Cuban-American poet and professor and will share stories from his life.

The schedule of the films being showcased:

"Star Maps" directed by Miguel Arteta. Eighteen-year-old Carlos believes that his work sell-

ing maps to Los Angeles movie stars' homes is his ticket to a career in show biz. He discovers too late that his job is a front for a much darker and more dangerous business. Show times are 10 a.m., Friday, May 17; 1 p.m., Monday, May 20; 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 22.

"Between Pancho Villa and a Naked Woman" directed by Sabina Berman and Isabella Tardan. This bright, intelligent romantic comedy follows a couple with amusingly different ideas about gender roles and the nature of a healthy relationship. Show times are 1 p.m., Friday, May 17; 7 p.m., Monday, May 20; 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 22.

"Rata, Ratones, Rateros" directed by Sebastian Cordero. A young petty thief gets caught up in a nightmare of violent crime in poverty-stricken Ecuador. Show times are 7 p.m., Friday, May 17; 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 21; 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 22.

"Rodrigo D: No Future" directed by Victor Gavira. A powerful film about growing up on the streets of the drug capital Medellin, Colombia, shot in quasi-documentary style. Show times are 2 p.m., Saturday, May 18 and 1 p.m., Sunday, May 19.

"The City of the Dogs" directed by Francisco Lombardi. This film adaptation of a novel by Mario Vargas Llosa tells the powerful story of a young man's upbringing in a military academy and his eventual disillusionment with military structures, the power they represent, and the system they enforce. The film will be shown on Monday, May 20 at 10 a.m. and on Tuesday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

Venezuelan President Questions U.S.

(AP)—The United States must explain its reaction to last month's failed coup in Venezuela, said President Hugo Chavez, who Washington initially blamed for his own brief overthrow. Chavez made the comments in an interview to be broadcast Sunday on CBS's "60 Minutes." Chavez

was deposed on April 12 by military generals, who announced the president's resignation following bloody demonstrations against his rule. The populist former paratrooper was restored to power two days later by loyalist troops and thousands of civilian protesters. Chavez said he had never resigned.

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

50th Year Anniversary
"Year of Jubilee"

Leviticus 25:10

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

Schedule of Events

- May 18th Reunion Choir Concert 6: pm
- Services & Guest Speakers**
- May 19th Pastor Anthony Harris 11:00 am
Bible Fellowship Community Church, Sacramento, California
- May 19th Pastor Robert Houston 3:00 pm
New Hope Friendship Baptist Church
San Diego, California
- May 20th Pastor Raymon Edwards 7:00 pm
True Vine Missionary Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
- May 21st Pastor Johnny Pack IV 7:00 pm
Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
- May 22nd Rev. Walter Brown 7:00 pm
N.E. Community Foursquare Church
Portland, Oregon
- May 23rd Pastor A.B. Devers 7:00pm
West End Baptist Church
San Antonio, Texas
- May 24th Pastor A.B. Devers 7:00 pm
- May 26th Pastor Robert C. Jointer 11:00 am
- May 26th Pastor A.B. Devers 3:00 pm

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

Golden Jubilee for New Hope



New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 3725 N. Gantenbein, is celebrating its 50th year.

Pastor Robert C. Jointer and the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church family extends a special invitation to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the church at 3725 N. Gantenbein.

Special events for the Golden Jubilee are planned over eight days beginning, Saturday, May 18 through Sunday, May 26.

Woven into the fabric of the anniversary celebration is an electrifying and spirit filled week of music and guest pastors who will highlight the richness of the church's past.

The events begin with a 50th Anniversary Reunion Choir concert under the direction of Dorothy Davis and Darlene Warren on Saturday, May 18 at 5 p.m. The next day, Pastor Anthony Harris of the Bible Fellowship Community Church in Sacramento, Calif. speaks during the 11 a.m. Sunday services at the church. Sunday at 3 p.m.,

Pastor Robert Earl Houston of New Hope Friendship Missionary Baptist Church San Diego will serve as New Hope's guest speaker.

Rev. Walter Brown Jr. of the Northeast Community Fellowship is scheduled to address the church on Monday, May 20 at 7 p.m., and Pastor Johnny Pack IV of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Portland will be New Hope's special guest on Tuesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. Pastor Raymon Edwards of True Vine Baptist Church in Portland is guest of honor on Wednesday May 22 at 7 p.m. Rounding out the schedule is special guest Pastor A.B. Devers of the West End Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas. He addresses the congregation on Thursday, May 23 and Friday, May 24 at 7 p.m. each night, and on Sunday, May 26 at 3 p.m.

For more information, call the church at 503-281-9163.

obituaries

Ark of Safety Pastor Dies

Funeral services were held May 6 at Ark of Safety Church of God in Christ and May 7 in Maranatha Church of God for Bishop U.V. Peterson, who died April 30 at age 76.

Bishop Peterson was born Aug. 7, 1925, in Houston. During World War II, he served in the Army. He moved in 1966 to Portland, and was pastor of Ark of Safety Church. In 1965, he married Flora Yager.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Martha Wiles, Gail Woods, Yolanda Peterson, Vicki Hudson and Cythia Moore; sons, Spencer, Michael, Reginald, Aaron and Byron; stepsons, John Grant, Michael Grant, and Avery Grant; 37 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.



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