

RELIGION

St. Andrew Hosts Disability Festival

The 24th annual Hand-in-Hand Festival will be held Saturday, June 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Andrew Community Center just off Northeast 8th and Alberta. The free festival is a carnival like day of fun and sharing for persons with developmental disabilities and for the many volunteers who serve as support community. Games, clowns, food, prizes, live music, and arts and crafts, are among the highlights of the day.

The goal of the festival is to break down the barriers that separate people with different needs. The participants and volunteers will come from all areas of the city and beyond. The festival is sponsored jointly by the St. Andrew Parish and the Office for People with Disabilities of the Archdiocese of Portland, as well as local businesses in northeast Portland. For more information, call Adam Weaver at 503-281-4430.

Recovery Program Plans Graduation

Union Gospel Mission is planning a graduation celebration for four individuals in the LifeChange addiction recovery program. The celebration will take place on Saturday, June 23, at Columbia Park from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The four graduates are Kim Johnston, Jeff Stafford, Yvonne Scurry and Thomas McGuire. They averaged four years each in the LifeChange

program, learning to overcome their addiction, build academic and marketable skills, and learning to break free of behaviors that led to their addictions.

Each graduate is either taking vocational classes or working or both. Prior to coming to LifeChange, each had experienced homelessness and/or incarceration because of their addiction, and had been addicted to substances such as cocaine, methamphetamine, marijuana and alcohol.

LifeChange is a live-in, Christian-based recovery program.

Obituary

Delores L. Leggroan

A memorial Eucharistic service was held Thursday, June 6, 2002, in St. Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church in Portland for Delores L. Leggroan, who died May 30 at age 79.

Delores L. Smith was born Jan. 22, 1923, in Baton Rouge, La. She moved to Portland as a child and graduated from Washington High School. She was a beautician and later a community agent for Portland Public Schools. After retirement, she volunteered at Jefferson High School, including for their Rose Festival selection activities. In 1942, she married Russell M.; he died in 1971.

Hyperactivity Study Crosses Cultures

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"Not only do they see someone that looks like them, but they find it easier to open up to someone that understands their cultural background," she said.

Beckett has found that among the black community there's mistrust of a white dominated medical establishment. The stigma associated with having a child diagnosed with ADHD, and a general shortage of black health providers are keeping parents from seeking effective treatment.

The problem for black families is particularly troubling Beckett said, because overall "African Americans are receiving less health care."

The study also questions a society ripe with social and cultural prejudices.

Case in point is the story of two middle school students, both diagnosed with ADHD, who were recently nabbed for shoplifting at a local department store. One child was black, the other white.

"The store called the parents of the white kid and sent him home," said Judy Kendall, the study's project director. But the black child was sent to juvenile detention, and then his parents were called.

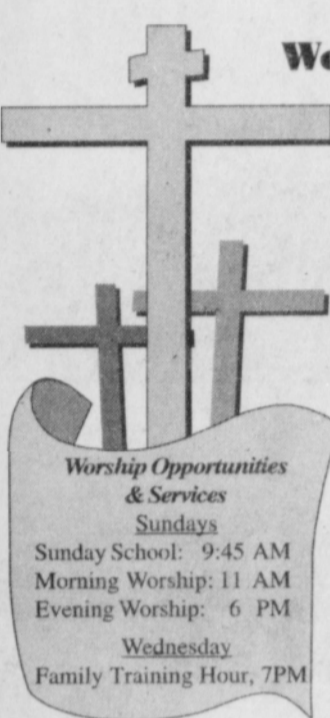
An African American grandmother of a child with ADHD said of this negative stereotyping, "perhaps one of the reasons more African American boys are criminalized for their behavior is because of a lack of diagnosis and treatment of ADHD in our community. Instead of seeing a child in need of help, they just see a bad black kid."

Results of the study should be completed next month if everything goes according to plan.

Kendall wants black families to know that their participation in the study might really pay off for the African American community as a whole.


She said a dozen or so black families are still needed to participate in the study.

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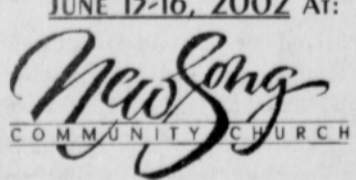
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Carter Accepts Venezuela Invitation

(AP)—Former President Carter accepted Venezuela's invitation to mediate talks between the government and opposition, which aim to restore stability following a failed coup, Venezuela's vice president said Sunday. Rangel said that a delegation from the Georgia-based Carter Center would visit Venezuela in two weeks. He did not say when Carter would come.

Venezuela invited Carter last week, hoping to salvage flailing reconciliation talks with opposition leaders.

President Hugo Chavez has pledged a more conciliatory government since surviving an April 12 coup, but many opposition politicians have rejected his olive branch.

Leading opposition parties are campaigning to push the left-leaning Chavez from office through a national referendum, arguing Venezuela is irreversibly divided with him in power.

Elected in 1998, Chavez has enamored millions of poor Venezuelans by promising a "revolution" to guarantee land, credit and political involvement for the downtrodden.

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