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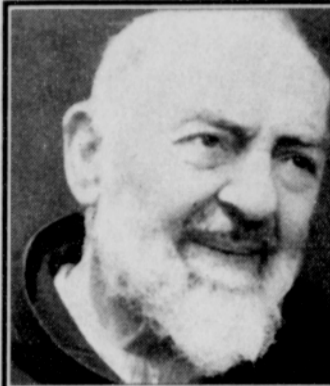
Area residents are invited to a celebration honoring Rev. Dr. Leroy Haynes Jr. and his spouse, Rev. Helen Haynes, both of the Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, for their commitment and dedicated service to the church and Portland community.

Special events with dynamic guest speakers are planned at the church, located at 4236 N.E. 8th Ave., over three days beginning Friday, June 21 at 7 p.m. with Pastor H.B. Daniels of Daniel Memorial COGIC.

On Saturday, June 22, Pastor Melvin Bailey of Bethesda Chris-

tian Church, will address the Allen Temple congregation at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, June 23, Dr. H. Leon Williams, pastor of Miles Memorial CME Church in Tacoma will serve as guest speaker during a 4 p.m. ceremony.



Saint Padre Pio was endowed with many spiritual abilities: bilocation, prophecy, healing, the power to read men's hearts, the gift of tongues, and the fragrances which emanated from his open wounds.

Pope Grants Sainthood to Padre Pio

(AP) — Struggling against wilting heat, Pope John Paul II declared the mystic 20th century monk Padre Pio a saint on Sunday to wild cheers from one of the Vatican's biggest crowds ever — hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who jammed St. Peter's Square and the nearby streets.

Many pilgrims arrived hours before the 10 a.m. ceremony to secure a seat. They waited as the temperature climbed toward a forecast 91 degrees and high humidity made the air suffocatingly heavy.

Padre Pio, whose hands were said to have bled for years, was considered the first priest in centuries to show signs of the stigmata — the hand, foot and side wounds Jesus suffered when crucified.

Accused by some of being a fraud and scorned by many in the Vatican, Pio — a Capuchin monk who died in 1968 — nevertheless attracted a huge following in Italy and abroad. His 1999 beatification drew one of the Vatican's largest crowds ever.

John Paul, who early in his priesthood once journeyed from Poland to have his confession heard by Padre Pio, is the monk's leading admirer in the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Only a few decades ago, the Vatican scorned Pio, and at one point the Church ordered him silenced for years.

But in recent years its saint-making committee has approved the miracles needed for Pio to progress down the path to sainthood.

Cuba to Declassify Cuban Missile Crisis Documents

(AP) — Cuba will declassify secret government documents about the Cuban missile crisis during an international conference in October marking the 40th anniversary of the event that put the world on the brink of nuclear war.

Vice President Jose Ramon Fernandez, who organized a similar conference last year on the Bay of Pigs invasion, provided no details about the documents in announcing the conference.

Entitled "The Crisis of October: A Political Vision 40 Years Later," the Oct. 11-12 conference in Cuba is expected to include people from the United States and the former Soviet Union.

Most Russians associated with the 1962 crisis have died, but several of the late President Kennedy's advisers are living, Fernandez said. He said conference organizers are studying the possibility of taking participants to sites related to the crisis in the Havana area.

The Cuban missile crisis "was the most dramatic episode of the Cold War," said Fernandez.

Following several tense days of negotiations with Washington, Moscow withdrew the weapons without consulting with Havana — a move that enraged Fidel Castro's government.

New Rules on Priest Abuse Supported

(AP) — Portland Archbishop John Vlazny says new rules to prevent abuse in the Roman Catholic church are a positive step.

Vlazny returned yesterday from the U.S. Conference of Bishops in Dallas, where bishops adopted a policy that will remove most priests who molest children from church work.

Vlazny says in Oregon, there

are plans to create a local review board to monitor compliance with the policy.

That board will be made up of both clergy and lay people.

He says donations to the Portland Archdiocese have dropped since the nationwide reports of priest abuse.

The Archdiocese of Portland is still facing dozens of claims

brought by plaintiffs who say they were abused by priests in the 1950s and 1960s.

Several local plaintiffs say that the Dallas policies, while a start, are not comprehensive enough.

One of the plaintiffs, Cliff Wegner, says the Roman Catholic church is still more focused on protecting priests than its parishioners.

Christian Center Plans Youth Service

A series of church events geared to youth are scheduled this summer at Mallory Avenue Christian Center, 126 N.E. Alberta.

The activities are scheduled under the banner "God in the Hood," starting with a "Youth in

Charge" service at the church on June 28 from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Other youth evening services will include skating events at Oaks Park on July 1, July 22 and Aug. 26.

A youth service at the church on July 26 will feature the Shabach

Choir from Seattle, hosted by Deacon Herman and Nike Green of Salvation and Deliverance Church of God in Christ.

The summer activities conclude with a beach trip, scheduled Aug. 9-11.

World Travelers Embrace Baha'i Faith

A Portland area couple who sailed around the world five years ago, will show slides and tell stories of their trip on Friday, June 21, at the Portland Baha'i Center, starting at 7:30 p.m. The Center is at 8720 N. Ivanhoe, just off the St. Johns Bridge.

Clint and Sarah Eckstein left Anacortes in their 45 foot sailboat

in April 1997. They went south to Los Angeles and then west across the Pacific, stopping at many of the islands. It was at Rorotonga Island that Sarah said they first learned about the Baha'i Faith.

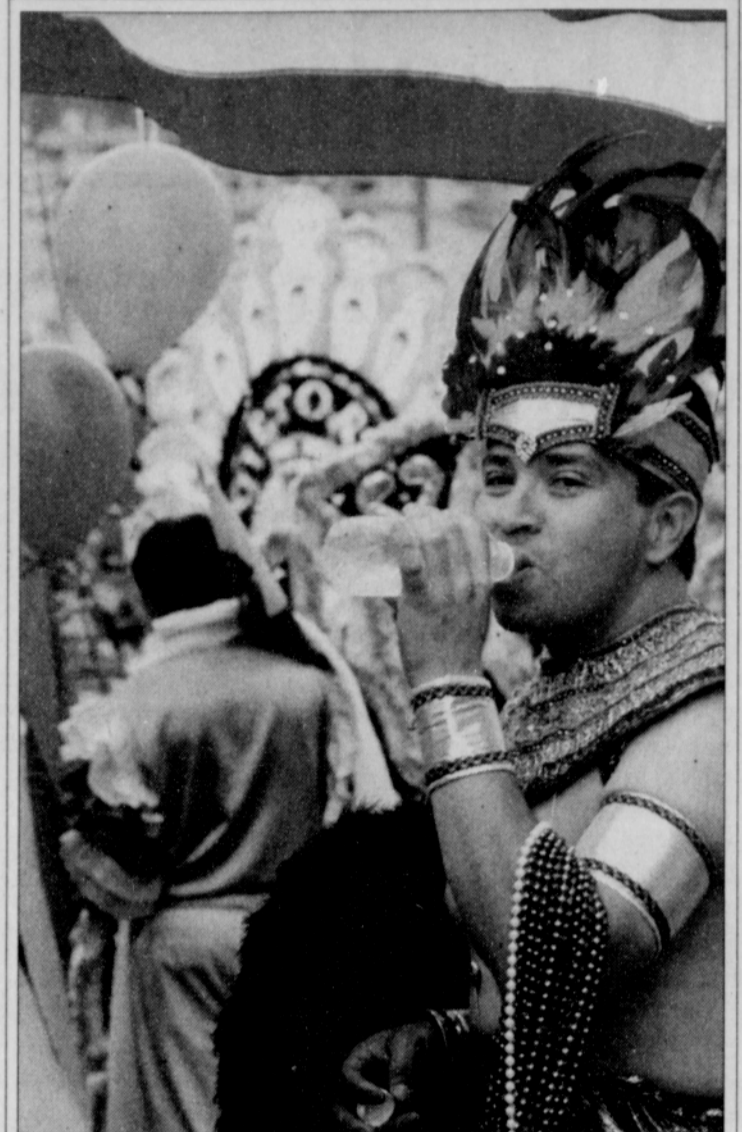
The meeting is free and no contributions are requested or accepted.

Everyone who wishes can

bring a contribution of non-perishable food for the Oregon Food Bank. Socks and blankets are also being collected to give to homeless people.

For more information, call 503-289-6331, or 1-800-22-UNITE, or visit the

Portland Baha'i website at www.pdx-bahai.org.



Diversity Embraced

Diversity is celebrated on the streets of Portland Sunday during the annual Gay Pride parade, drawing participants in ornate costumes.

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Creating a Vision for Killingsworth Corridor



Community members and city planners share a vision for the future of the North Killingsworth corridor as they move past the hedges hiding Jefferson High School from the street. The group discussed the possibility of opening up the face of the school to create a more inviting atmosphere.

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"We should show everybody what Jefferson High looks like," Roberts said.

The school's facade is currently hidden behind shrubs that loom over sidewalks and crowd foot traffic.

Neighbor Marcia Weinstein doesn't want the character of the corridor to turn into another Northwest 23rd Avenue.

"Make it Portland's secret gem," Weinstein requested.

Safer crosswalks. Underground utilities. A more attractive streetscape.

Suggestions kept coming and city planners kept sketching.

A local artist paused to consider the potential. "I just hope when it comes to implementation," he commented, "they won't forget what we have said here."

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American Red Cross

The Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a class called "When I'm in Charge" at Sabin Elementary School at 4013 N.E. 18th in Portland on June 21, from 12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. This 2.5 hour course is intended to train children ages 8 to 11 how to respond to and be safe in "home alone" situations. Call to register at 503-280-1440 or go online to www.redcross.pdx.org.

Business After Hours Networking

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs will be having their regular "Business After Hours" Networking on Thursday, June 20, from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. There will be a buffet featuring three types of ethnic food and a no host bar. This is a chance to meet key contacts from the business and government community. Call to RSVP at 503-249-7744 or go online to www.oame.org.

Kaiser Permanente Hike

To help people learn to identify what Northwest plants are potentially harmful, Kaiser Permanente is sponsoring a free hike on Saturday, July 27 called "Sinister Plants of the Columbia Gorge." The hike starts at 8:30 a.m. at Kaiser Permanente's Rockwood Medical Office, 19500 S.E. Stark St. and then carpool to the Gorge. Call 503-813-4820.

New Seasons Barbeque

The New Seasons Market in Concordia will be having a delicious barbecue to support Zenger Farm, a unique urban education center, encompassing both farm and wetland. Funds will be used to expand the existing sustainable farm and add an education and job training center. The barbecue benefit will be held on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 503-288-2323.