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On her 100th birthday Edna Adams-Bates got her hair styled at Geneva's on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. She celebrated her birthday with family and friends.

Super Senior

Edna Adams-Bates is still sharp at 100 years

Family members say Edna Adams-Bates, who celebrated her 100th birthday on Jan. 3, is still very active, kind and sweet - even though she is a century old.

A native of San Bernadino, Calif., Adams-Bates lived and worked in Hollywood until she was 85 years old. During that time she came into contact with many famous celebrities, but the

stars of the northwestern sky shined brighter and five years ago she moved to Portland.

She maintained her own home until she was 97-years-old when her grandchildren decided they didn't like the idea of her living alone. Family members said she is the kind of grandmother everyone would like to have.

Church Offers Lecture on Islam

Expert to dispel popular stereotypes about Muslims

Seyyed Hossein Nasr, one of the world's leading experts on Islamic philosophy and spirituality and one of the best interpreters of Islam to the West, will give a lecture at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral on Friday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m., entitled "The Dimensions of Islam."

Professor Nasr will explore what the majority of the world's 1.2 billion Muslims, the fastest growing religious group, really believe and value.

Drawing from his most recent book, "The Heart of Islam: Enduring Values for Humanity," Nasr will offer a much needed corrective to the misinformation and stereotypes about a religious tradition that continues to shape current events and headlines.

In addition to his Friday night lecture, Professor Nasr will give a Saturday seminar entitled, 'Islam and the Abrahamic Tradition of Monotheism.' Nasr will explore the parallels to Islamic values in Judaism and Christianity providing an ethical foundation for rapprochement amongst the Abrahamic traditions. The lecture takes place at Trinity Cathedral while the Saturday seminar will take place in Kempton Hall of Trinity Cathedral. Forticket information call 503-478-1218.

Martin Luther King **Memorial Mass**

The 2003 special celebration of Mass honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will occur on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at Northwest 18th and Couch. John G. Vlazny, Archbishop of Portland, will be the celebrant and the homilist for the

This will be the first MLK Mass at the cathedral. The annual event had rotated between Holy Redeemer, Immaculate Heart and St. Andrew Catholic churches in north and northeast Portland since 1988.

The combined gospel choirs of Immaculate Heart and St. Andrew Churches will provide the music for this year's celebration.

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