

RELIGION

Music, Words and Poetry for Peace

Area residents are invited to the St. Andrews Community Center on Northeast 8th and Alberta to promote a peaceful culture and celebrate Susan B. Anthony's birthday in conjunction with international events against war.

The free program from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 features The Gospel Music Workshop of America choir and local musicians Samusson and Tomassi, Yvonne Simmons and Juliette Wyers. Human and civil rights activists Kathleen Sadaat and Lisa Clay are also scheduled to address the celebration. Refreshments and peace puppets will be provided and audience participation is encouraged.

For more information, call 503-288-8958.



The Gospel Music Workshop of America choir is scheduled to perform Feb. 15 at St. Andrews Church to promote a peaceful culture.

Muslims Take Journey to Blessed Place

Hajj is celebrated worldwide as the "Festival of Sacrifice"

BY FAREEDA SAADH FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
More than 4,000 years ago Allah (God) commanded Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice his son Isma'il in the Name of Allah. At that time there was no Mecca in Saudi Arabia. The father took his son to a hill near Mina, a few miles from present day Mecca. As the prophet was about to commit the slaughter, Allah sent Jibra'eel to replace Isma'il with a grown lamb. God accepted the great sacrifice. This day, which falls every year a day after Hajj, is celebrated throughout the Islamic world as Eid-ul-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice.

Previously, when Isma'il was just an infant, it was ordained by Allah that Prophet Ibrahim would abandon his younger wife, Hajar, and his only son in the desert and go back to his elder wife, Sara who was an Egyptian princess. Hajar was extremely poor and humble to the degree that Sarah did not object to her becoming the second wife of her husband, Ibrahim, in order to bear him a child. When, after a few days the waterskin left by Prophet Ibrahim became empty, the mother, Hajar and the infant Isma'il were at the verge of dying of thirst. The mother kept on running between two hills Safa and Marwa and crying out to Allah for a drop of water.

The rituals of Hajj are a memory of Hajar. Allah's miracle happened and the place where the infant was crying and rubbing his tiny feet on the ground, a spring of sweet water gushed out. The spring, after 4,000 years is still supplying tons of water and is the famous well of Zam Zam in the House of the Lord.

When Prophet Isma'il had become a teenager, Allah sent back Prophet Ibrahim to him. Both father and son were then directed by Allah to stone walls around the heavenly rock that is Kaaba, the house of the Lord.

Prophet Ibrahim and Isma'ill, after finishing their work, were taught by Allah to go round the Kaaba seven times, and say "I am present My Lord" and pray for Allah Mercy.

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Space Burgers Owner Remembered

A memorial service was held at Rose City Funeral Home Friday, with concluding services and interment in Rose City Cemetery, for William "Bill" T. Russell Sr., also known as "Daddy Russell."

He was born March 25, 1926 in Leavenworth, Kan. to Velma Washington and Eddie Russell. After serving in the U.S. Army and fighting in the Korean Conflict, he moved to Portland to work part-time as a waiter and host for the old Aladdin Restaurant, once located in the Lloyd Center Mall.

From 1965 to 1976 he owned and operated the family business, Space Burgers & Drive-



William T. Russell loved golf and good food.

in Dairy on North Shaver and Vancouver.

He enjoyed social gatherings with the family and close friends, especially when it involved good home cooking. He was always the first to arrive

and the first to leave. His sporting activities involved a little fishing in his early years, bowling and more than anything golfing. He was an active member and past president of the Leisure Hour Golf Club.

He is survived by his children; William "Billy" Jr., Jeanette, Velma, Sylvia, Kathy, Angela and Meishia; his companion of over 21 years; Marie Woods, and her children; 19 grandchildren, 5 grandchildren, cousins and a host of family and close friends. He was preceded in death by two children; Edwin Russell and Carolyn Biggers.



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OPENS NATIONWIDE FEBRUARY 21ST

Former Bethel Pastor, Activist Dies

Rev. Ronald Williams

Former northeast Portland pastor and community activist Rev. Ronald Williams died last week in Santa Monica, Calif. after a recent stroke. The

former pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was 49.

Williams served the northwest Portland church from 1998 until November 2001.

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