

# RELIGION



## Keeping Grandmother's Memory Alive

PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Brianna (left) and Brittany Sabb take the stage at the Fourth Annual Block Party at Northeast 27th Avenue and Sumner Street. The celebration, sponsored by St. Luke's Memorial Church of God in Christ, featured music, food and carnival games. The party was dedicated to the memory of Brianna and Brittany's grandmother, Brenda Pearson, who helped to establish the community event.

## Scholarship Fund Comes up Short

An annual scholarship program for disadvantaged kids is on hold for this year because of a struggling local economy and lack of contributions, according to a local business owner.

Albert Holmes, owner of Sir Al's Beauty Salon at 1639 N.E. Alberta St., said that he couldn't rally

enough sponsors behind the scholarship benefiting kids who come from troubled homes but have great potential for college careers.

Holmes plans to carry over the money collected to a scholarship in 2004.

"We wish to thank everyone who has supported the foundation

in the past and look forward to your continued contributions in the future," Holmes said.

Since he began the scholarships four years ago, the program has helped six kids through college. Five of the six are still students.

For more information about the scholarship program, call 503-288-6677.

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## 'Operation Overcoat'

Union Gospel Mission kicks off its annual clothing drive, Operation Overcoat, collecting winter clothing for men, women and children. Donations of coats, sweaters, shirts, pants and winter clothing of all kinds are needed. Clothing drop-off donation barrels are at six Portland-area Christian Supply stores including the Lloyd Center Mall at 908 Lloyd Center.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, Northwest Third Avenue in front of the mission will be closed to make room for a massive distribution of clothing to Portland's homeless and needy.

Contact Union Gospel Mission at 503-274-4483.

## Obituaries Retired Veteran Dies

Ernest Hoard was born Feb. 27, 1928 in Dayton, Ohio, the son of Robert Ross Hoard and Corrine Anderson-Hoard.

He served three years in the Navy from 1943-1945 and then joined the Army serving until he retired in 1965. During his service to his country, he received many awards for his leadership skills, along with numerous medals for his athletic ability as a soccer player and marathon runner.

Released to civilian life, he was employed by Western School Supply and later worked as operations manager for the Memorial Coliseum. He was thrilled to experience one Blazer championship during his years of service and enjoyed many conversations with all celebrities, co-workers and guests to the various events.

He most recently served as an inventory control specialist for the Gresham Liquor store.

Ernest never smoked, nor was he ever sick a day in his life. He was diagnosed with colon cancer and had surgery to remove it. He couldn't stand to be so sick during chemo treatments. The cancer took over his torso, he fought a hard fight; truly a dedicated soldier to the end.

Survivors include his wife, Jeri Ann Williams, who he married on Jan. 14, 1950 in Vancouver, in front of the Justice of the Peace, just prior



Ernest Hoard

to going overseas. From this union issued forth six children; VonLisa Hoard-Bennett, Mobile, Alabama; Karla Ann Hoard-Richardson, Hillsboro, Ore.; and SueZet Hoard, Eric Johann Hoard, and Stefan Paul Hoard, all of Gresham, Oregon. His first son, Ernest Van Hoard of Germany and a brother, Robert Ross Hoard preceded him in death.

He also leaves behind a sister, Erma Jean Sanders of Dayton, Ohio and a brother Walter Earl Hoard of Boston, Mass., a host of nieces, nephews, 11 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and many dear friends.

We deeply love and we'll dearly miss him.

## Homegoing Celebration Of Lawson C. Anderson



Lawson C. Anderson

Lawson Anderson was born in Tenaha, Texas on June 10, 1924 to Carl and Rosaline Anderson. He was one of seven children born of this union and was preceded in death by two brothers. Lawson Anderson, affectionately known as "L.C." was a devoted father to his five children and a beacon of light to his many nieces, nephews and family members.

He served our country in both World War II and the Korean War. He was wounded in combat during the Korean War and awarded the Purple Heart. Anderson was honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces in 1953.

After returning to Portland, Anderson worked as a maintenance mechanic for Frank Chevrolet. In 1970 he began working for the United States Postal Service and retired in 1984. His favorite pastime was taking long drives down the West Coast and occasionally across country. He also enjoyed reading and watching sports on television.

Anderson was a member of New Hope Baptist Church for over 40 years. He was a caring person and deeply spiritual man who never met a stranger. When friends had problems he was always there to share his wisdom and assist them through tough situations.

There will be a memorial service for Lawson C. Anderson at noon on Saturday, Sept. 13 at New Hope Baptist Church on North Gantenbein Avenue. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

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