

RELIGION

Mothers Worthy of Honor



BY ETHEL BATES FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

a place to come for rest and love? Yes, our mothers are the ones who watch over us and keep our homes going.

A mother knows that the physical and material needs are impor-

tant, but she also knows the most important needs are spiritual. She looks upon motherhood as a sacred trust.

We praise God for the love and care our mothers give us and for their wonderful example set before us day by day.

—Ethel Bates

She is a companion to her children. She realizes that food and clothing and keeping the house

give children the unconditional love that enriches their soul, as Christ loves you.

Mothers must also exercise discipline and teach children self-control. She guides the child, takes time each day to talk par-

ent-to-child. She sets a standard for positive parenting by her own personal lifestyle. No one else has the influence of shaping a child's character and integrity more than his primary caretakers. The Bible says, "A child without correction will grow up to hate you."

A mother who lives up to all these ideals and instills in her child the love of others and the love of God will always leave a beautiful memory and a living presence with her child.

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Happy Mother's Day!

Ethel Bates is a minister for the Allen Temple AME Church in northeast Portland.

Mothers today are no longer sitting by the fireplace or are old at fifty. Today they are educated, active, wide-awake women. They dress in the latest fashions and hold positions of responsibility and trust in many different professions, as well as taking care of the home.

The most popular subject in the world is "home." Songs, poetry and stories of homes are all around us. Many magazines build all their material around how to have a lovely home. Yet do we realize mothers are responsible for all that makes home a beautiful and lovely place to live,

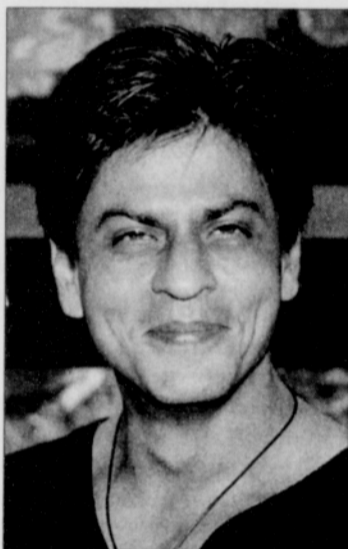
Muslim Actor Speaks on Religion

(AP) — Shah Rukh Khan, a Muslim actor married to a Hindu, says his success as one of India's top movie stars proves India's inherent secularism, and urged his compatriots to oppose the misuse of religion.

"The only thing which can stop India from being the greatest superpower in this world is the misuse of communalism, misuse of religion," the "Devdas" star said in a BBC Asia Today interview.

"I am a walking, talking secular example," said Khan. "I am an Islamic hero. My wife is Hindu. My children - I always say this openly - they will learn both the religions. There is no difference at all. I would like to teach them Christianity, too."

"I think by nature Indians are very secular," Khan said, "and the biggest case in point is that a Mus-



Indian film star Shah Rukh Khan opposes the misuse of religion in dividing people around the world.

(AP Photo)

lim guy is one of the top stars for the last 13 years. They have accepted me."

More than 80 percent of India's 1 billion people are Hindu. Muslims are the largest minority, comprising about 14 percent of the population. There have been frequent religious clashes in the past few years, the worst being three months of rioting in western Gujarat state in which 1,000 people, most of them Muslim, were killed.

But the 38-year-old Khan said that unlike some other Bollywood personalities who are campaigning in India's parliamentary elections, he has no interest in politics.

"I am made for making films, I am made to act," he said. "My public service is to ... make a lot of people smile for two and a half hours in a dark room."

Gospel Fest Celebrate with great music, food

A Gospel Fest, Psalms in the key of "G," will play for those who enjoy gospel to celebrate African-Americans' rich musical and cultural heritage.

Participants can enjoy a tapestry of talent from local and national performing artists, all while enjoying the Northwest's finest soul food.

The festival is at Jefferson High School from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 19 for \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth and seniors.

For more information, call 503-242-1950 or e-mail reneward@kks11290.com.

Modern Buddhism

A May lecture series on Buddhist Views on 21st Century Issues discusses topics such as war and peace, human sexuality, Christianity, science, life and death.

The series, which runs through May 27, is at Smith Hall on the Portland State University campus. Lectures are Thursdays beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 503-230-1038.

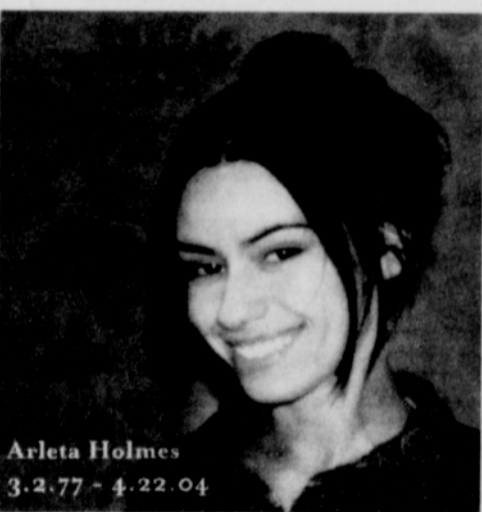
Hip-Hop at Irvington Covenant

Irvington Covenant Church will sponsor its monthly hip-hop church service from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday, May 30, at 4008 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd.

The service, which is called RepChrist, will feature talented Christian hip-hop and R&B music. The groups and artist scheduled to perform are from Portland, Seattle and Denver.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. All youth and adults are invited to attend. If you have any questions, contact the church at 503-287-5226.

Obituaries Beloved Daughter, Friend Dies



Arleta Holmes 3.2.77 - 4.22.04

A memorial service was held Thursday, April 29 in the amphitheater of Mt. Tabor Park for Arleta Claire Holmes, who died April 22 at age 27.

Ms. Holmes was born March 2, 1977, in Eugene, and moved to Portland in 1982. She was a bartender and deejay for Calsport, now Slabtown Tavern, for the last five years.

Survivors include her mother, Grace Conners; father, Michael; sister, Melody; and brother Anthony.

Arrangements by Emily's Cremation in Milwaukie.

Remembering Arleta Holmes

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI

Overhearing conversations of the last few days, it interests me how one person affects so many. I didn't know Arleta hardly at all. We said hi-s before the usual exchange of Papst Blue Ribbon business. But she touched a lot of people in her quiet way, myself included.

I'm enjoying hearing about how when Arleta was working, B.C. was charged only nine dollars, for however much he drank. And about the sweet and sour face Arleta made when her coworkers made her try a shot of honey Jaeger because they told her that's what bartenders drank after hours. Of course she knew better, but she humored them.

I'm holding on to my only real conversation with Arleta, talking about her cat one night after I gave her and Brent a ride back to the neighborhood from a downtown show. My heart is breaking for people whom she did let in close; that knew her stories and got her sense of humor.

Arleta was a woman of mystery and secret smiles.

And I don't know if things will be different now in that we'll look in on each other a little more, watch out for each other and agree that we don't have to be sad, even if our bodies haven't felt the sun in six months, or because we're tormented artists, writers and musicians. I say this because I know that anyone here would have talked to Arleta and done whatever they could to take her sadness away, had they known that it was closing in on her.

I'm going to catch myself at Slabtown now, waiting for Arleta, assuming that if it appears no one is keeping bar, that it's Arleta's shift and she's probably just in the bathroom or eating her lunch in the kitchen.

Arleta will be loved and remembered by everyone who knew her and also by those of us that really didn't.

Veteran, Business Owner Dies

Herman Brame

Herman Brame died April 28. He was born in Ola, Ark. on May 21, 1918. He was one of 10 children born to Rev. Major Brame and Estella Brown Brame. His early education was attained in Morrilton, Ark. public schools where he was also a member of Trinity Methodist CME Church.

He served in the U. S. Army during World War II and received the Victory Medal and American Campaign Medal. After his honorable discharge he married Earnestine Dorris and their union produced two daughters and two sons. He later moved to Vanport, where he worked in the Oregon Shipyard.

After the Vanport Flood he moved his family to Portland where he established the Cherry Street Barber Shop, which later moved and became the Tillamook

Street Barbershop. He confessed Christ at an early age and in 1948 worked with a small group of Portlanders to begin the founding of Allen Temple CME Church. In 1949, he was a Charter Member of Allen Temple CME, which was incorporated the same year.

Survivors include his wife Earnestine of Portland; two daughters, Estella L. Brame-Spears Sandra M. Brame of Portland; two sons, Herman L. Brame and Ricky M. Brame of Portland; and grandchildren, Marcel Brame, Conrad Hurdle, Derrick Brame and Antar Brame, Chere' Brame and Ricky Brame Jr., all of Portland; one great granddaughter Nia Brame of Portland, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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