

RELIGION

Pray for Iraq Peace

Interfaith service Sunday at Augustana

Jewish, Muslim and Christian faith leaders will join together for an "Interfaith Service of Prayer for Peace in Iraq: A Service of Lamentation and Hope" on Sunday, Jan. 9 at 4 p.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 N.E. 10th Ave. The service is open to people of all faiths.

The prayer service will include songs, prayers and reflections from many faiths on the war in Iraq. The event features Encore Choir and liturgi-

cal dancers. There will also be a reading of names of the victims of the war, which will include soldiers from all countries, Iraqi children and adults, and aid workers who have died. A candle will be lit to honor these lives. The service will end with a candle procession out into the street.

Speakers will include Rabbi Joey Wolf, Congregation Havurah Shalom; Imam Shahriar Ahmed, Bilal Mosque; Bonnie Parr-Philpson, Metro District Superintendent of

the United Methodist Church; the Rev. Gene Ross, United Church of Christ; the Rev. Mark Knutson, Augustana Lutheran Church; and David Leslie, executive director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

For more information, contact Jan Elfers, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, at 503-221-1054; the Rev. Wes Taylor, Tualatin United Methodist Church, at 503-692-1820; or the Rev. Mark Knutson, Augustana Lutheran Church, at 503-288-6174.

Worship for King

Area residents are invited to honor Rev. Martin Luther King's legacy by attending the annual citywide service presented by the Albina Ministerial Alliance, a group of African-American clergy.

The worship celebration is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 at the newly constructed Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel Church of God, 1033 N. Sumner St. Immanuel Pastor C.T. Wells will host the service and

Dr. Mark Strong of Life Change Christian Church is the featured speaker.

For more information, contact Dr. Rev. Leroy Haynes Jr., MLK worship celebration coordinator, at Allen Temple AME Church.

Realize Your Dreams

A product of public schools and public housing, Mujiba Salaam Parker wants to help people to realize their dreams in life.

The African-American author has published "His Inspiration Through Me: Volumes 1 and 2," a compilation of inspirational messages promoting faith in God to help achieve goals.

"My hope is that people renew their minds to be open to the amaz-

ing possibilities that life has to offer. If we put our minds to it and trust in Jehovah, our dreams can become reality," said Parker.

Mujiba is a public servant who has administered grants and loans for several years and loves to provide funding for the projects of others. Her book is available on the author's website at www.mujiba.com.



Group Promotes Marriage Equality

The advocacy group Love Makes a Family will meet at a northeast Portland church in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday to teach others how to shape a meaningful dialogue about same-sex marriage and discuss how to confront the voter-approved ban on the unions.

Rev. Cecil Charles Prescod, director of the group's marriage equality project, said the measure placed discrimination into the state Constitution.

"We need to continue our efforts to talk to our fellow citizens how this negatively impacts our families," Prescod said.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, the gay-

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rights organization will sponsor a speakers' training workshop on talking about same sex marriage from noon to 3 p.m. at Ainsworth

United Church of Christ, 2941 N.E. Ainsworth.

Although King wasn't directly connected with gay rights activism, his widow, Coretta Scott King, has spoken out in support of marriage equality.

"In my view, constitutional amendments should not be used to restrict or deny freedoms, but to protect and expand freedom. Gay and lesbian people have families and their families should have legal protection...a Constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages is a form of gay bashing, and it would do nothing at all to protect traditional marriages," Mrs. King said in March 2004.

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parole and probation officer and as a counselor at a women's work release center.

Gordly has also worked as a rape

victim's advocate in the Multnomah County District Attorney's office, was a member of the County's Local Public Safety Policy Council, the National Organization for Victim's Assistance, and was chair

of the Portland Police Bureau's Chief's Forum when Tom Potter was Portland's Chief of Police. She is currently a member of the Oregon Supreme Court Access to Justice for All Committee.

Auto Review: 2005 Volvo XC90 AWD A SR 7



Tested Vehicle Information: Price: \$44,520; Engine: 2.5 liter intercooled light pressure turbo, 5 cylinder Alloy Engine; Transmission: Geartronic 5-speed automatic w/adaptive shift logic and winter mode.

The Volvo XC90 is a midsize sport utility wagon that drives like a car. Today's market has pushed the auto industry into offering more options in a vehicle. The XC90 midsize sport utility wagon offers the combined feeling of an SUV and

car in one. It may be in a smaller package than the full-size SUVs, however the gas mileage is still within the same range.

The 2.5 liter is the base engine (optional engines available are the 2.9 and V8). The base price starts at

\$34,840 up to \$45,395 depending on the engine. The 2.5-liter is powerful enough for the every day commuter. While driving the XC90 it felt comfortable and drives with ease with an added feeling of stability while turning corners. It has a roomy feeling for all passengers with 5 padded head restraints. It has easy access to the third row.

This vehicle came equipped with the 3rd row seat, which is optional included in the Versatility Package at a cost of \$2,100. It is equipped with an extensive safety package, frontal air bags and side-impact for front riders. It has Rollover Protection System (ROPS) w/Boron Steel Reinforced Roof Structure. This vehicle was fully loaded with heated seats, power windows and door locks.

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