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Mentors Host Black History Night

Finding Our Road to Success mentoring program will celebrate Black History Month with a focus on shining a positive light on the elementary schools in the Jefferson High School cluster.

Several of the north and northeast Portland schools have been identified as being considered for reconfiguration or closure. The community impacted by school district policies has been invited to share the talent and work of their students and present a fair and

balanced report of what is happening in their schools.

The celebration will take place Saturday, Feb. 26 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Planned Parenthood, 3727 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The evening will include entertainment, raffles, on-site vendors, black history bingo and food from Po'Sines Café.

For more information, call La Toya A. Hampton at 971-400-9128.

RELIGION

New Hope Introduces Gifted Pastor

A north Portland church is welcoming a gifted preacher and teacher as their new senior pastor.

To introduce Rev. J. Walter Hills II to the community, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 3725 N. Gantenbein, will host a "Welcome to the City of Roses" worship service on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 3 p.m.

The service will include music by the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Choir and Friends, and Roslyn Wilder and Alonzo Chadwick. Rev. Robert Houston of Frankfort, Ken., will serve as guest worship leader. A reception will follow the service.

Hills, 29, a native of South Carolina, brings 10 years of experience as a pastor to his new congregation, as



Rev. J. Walter Hills II

well as a wealth of energy and vision. He is the son of Rev. J. Walter Hills I and Minister Wilma Hills, and is the proud father of two children, Jaliyah and James Walter Hills III.

He has already drawn admiration for breaking a New Hope tradition and African-American custom of "men only" in the pulpit, declaring "God calls whomever he chooses to preach His word."

In just his first month as pastor, New Hope has seen its Sunday morning attendance grow by 30 percent. "We feel the

city of Portland needs to hear about this young preacher and his dreams and vision," church officials said.

For more information, call the church at 503-281-0163.

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In Loving Memory



Judy Brooks

Judith "Mama Judy" Ann Brooks was born on Feb. 3, 1944, in Sioux City, Iowa to David Truesdale and Annie Hayes. On Feb. 7, 1970, she dedicated her life and was baptized as one of Jehovah's

Witnesses. Over the next 43 years, she remained a faithful servant of Jehovah God through her last breath of life on Feb. 13, 2013.

Judy lived in Portland most of her life. She graduated from Washington High School. On July 3, 1961, she married Robert C. Brooks. The greatest happiness of this union of 51 years was their eight kids, eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was known by many as "Mama Judy" and was dearly loved by her family, friends, and by the entire association of brothers. She will be greatly missed.

A public memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2930 N.E. 102nd Ave.

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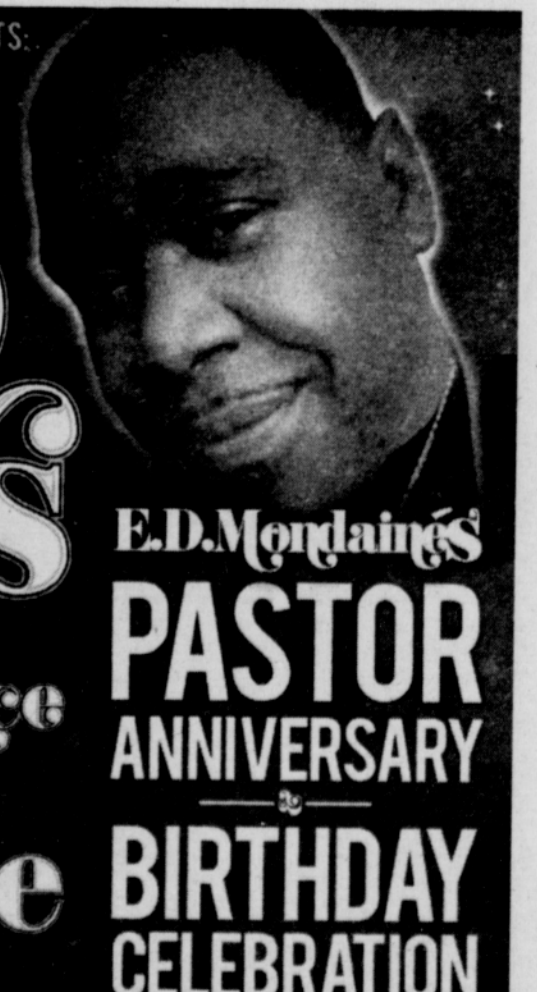


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