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Vann Recognized by The NFDA

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Word came to me recently that women of special significance were being recognized for their unusual, but not unnecessary, talents and services. The organization which took extraordinary steps to gather the names of these candidates is the National Funeral Directors Association.

The NFDA went from state to state looking for special women to feature in their May 1991 issue "THE DIRECTOR"; which flaunts the statement that it is the largest circulation of any funeral service publication. This task proved to be very challenging. But the NFDA's goal was to feature women in the workforce past, present and future. It discussed the benefits of women in the work place and the concentration. All-in-all, they narrowed their field, of selection, down to 28 candidates. They came from cities in Kansas, Texas, Vermont, Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, New Jersey, Florida, Michigan, Indiana, New York and Oregon.

The two women recognized from the state of Oregon are: Merlene Eaton, Bateman-Carroll Funeral Chapel, Gresham, Oregon and Mrs. Roberta Vann, Vann & Vann Funeral Directors of Portland, Oregon. The national organization called the Oregon Funeral Directors and asked if they would give the names of women, in the funeral business, who had outstanding accomplishments and/or were upstanding in their business.

The Oregon Funeral Directors submitted several names for approval. Ms. Eaton and Mrs. Vann's names were two from a list of many chosen to appear in The DIRECTOR.

Below is the section from The Director of Mrs. Vann:
Roberta Vann
Vann & Vann Funeral Directors
Portland, Oregon

Being 87 years old hasn't slowed Roberta Vann down much. She still comes every day to the 100-call-a-year



Roberta Vann

funeral home she owns in full partnership with her son. They have no other staff, hiring part-timers when necessary. Vann's husband died in 1988.

Things were quite different in 1954 when Vann entered funeral service. She couldn't afford to go away to school, but apprenticed and got a funeral directing license. "Women weren't as accepted then and didn't do as much. I never did any lifting, and we now have an automatic lifter. My husband always said I made people feel more at ease and could talk to people more easily than he did."

Despite her advanced years, Vann is still in good health, does much of the detail work, and even makes arrangements and conducts funerals if her son is unavailable. She did removals until she was in her sixties.

Vann is glad her son's wife is now an apprentice who helps out a great deal. "I think we need a woman on the staff, and I'm eager to get out of the business." This energetic black woman then started hedging about retirement, saying, "It's good for me to keep in touch with people."

Congratulations! from the PORTLAND OBSERVER, to Mrs. Vann for a

job well done and for winning the recognition of a national publication.

Mrs. Vann, better known as "Mom, Mama Vann, or Grandma Vann" is well-known in the Portland community. She exhibits such a beautiful smile and is still able to supply you with ample information on the business and the proper handling of a successful funeral service. She has genuine love for her fellow-man. Anytime of the day, you can hear her telephone ringing off the hook with callers who just want to know "How are you doing today?" She still remembers many of her students she taught 20 and 30 years ago. Many of them remind her by asking "Mrs. Vann, don't you remember me? I was in your classroom in 1952 or 1949 or 1957."

When I asked Mrs. Vann how did her bio get to be in this magazine and what did she have to do? Her response was, "I don't know why anyone would want to write anything about an old woman like me." But - they (The Director) did write and we just want to say "Thank You" from the community for service rendered in such a caring and tender manner at times when our worlds have fallen down about our ears.

"CONGRATULATIONS!!!"

Little Things

It's not the great things in this world that make our lives worthwhile, It's the little things like a tiny flower or perhaps a baby's smile.
A little word, sincerely spoken, can lift our spirits high;
Like a tiny bird perched on a limb sends his message to the sky.
A little dewdrop on a rose and tiny blades of grass, All sparkle in the sunlight, to cheer us as we pass.
The lovely johnny jumpups, the smallest flower that grows, Delight the heart of youngsters peeping up around their toes.
A friendly gesture or a smile mean more to me than gold.
They help us feel that someone cares when we are growing old.
Money cannot buy the things that mean so much to me, They are part of God's creation, and all of them are free.
Laina Owen

Saturday Night Live

Beginning Saturday, May 18, 1991, SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE will be held on the third Saturday of each and every month of the year, unless otherwise informed. Everyone is invited to come out to have fun, fellowship and to be refreshed. The word "live" in Saturday Night Live is referring to the intervention of the Holy Spirit. We are expecting an electrifying evening, each time, that is filled and charged with the power of the Holy Ghost.

The purpose, of this week-end venture, is to reach out to the unsaved of the Portland Metro area and to give the young people a opportunity to exercise and display their God-given talents and abilities. This is also a very useful tool that will encourage, edify and build-up the Christian young people as they meet the challenges of everyday life.

Each Saturday Night Live will feature a variety of personalities and themes. Everyone is encouraged to come out. If you have a singles group, a youth group, high schoolers, couples and etc., come one - come all!

For more information concerning this extravaganza, contact - 288-7241.

Volunteer Training Program at Shelter

The West Women's and Children's Shelter is again offering its volunteer training program beginning Saturday, June 1, 1991. The program includes four Saturday afternoon sessions (from 9 am to 12:00 noon) and three Thursday evening sessions from 6:15 pm to 9 pm. These sessions cover such topics as Domestic Violence; Drug and Alcohol Abuse; Crisis and Suicide Intervention; Rape, Sexual Abuse and Incest; Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; Oppression. The sessions will be held at the West, 2010 N.W. Kearney, Portland.

More than 145 volunteers have participated in the training program since it began in December of 1988. These volunteers provide essential services to the nearly 60 women and children who call the West "home." The diverse programs at the West can utilize a wide array of volunteer interests or time schedules. Volunteer opportunities are available with children, adults or low-client-contact projects.

The West is a program of The Salvation Army Harbor Light Recovery Road.

We're getting into the graduation mode. If you have someone who has "made it" let them know how proud we are of them. Education is a precious tool. Let our young men and women know that we support them in their efforts. At least say Congratulations!

PCC Announces 1991 Commencement Exercises

Portland Community College will hold 1991 commencement exercises at the Civic Auditorium, 222 S.W. Clay, Saturday, June 1, at 1 p.m.

U.S. Senator Robert Packwood will deliver the commencement address. Seventy-seven-year-old Eva Corazon Fernando-Lumba, who emigrated to the U.S. from the Philippines and became a naturalized citizen in 1990, has been selected student speaker.

Dr. Pamela Transue, Open Campus executive dean, will serve as mistress of ceremonies. Dawn-Jo Thornton, who receives her high school diploma from PCC at the graduation ceremony, has been chosen to sing the national anthem. Interpreters Rebecca Robinson and Denise Wetzler will sign for those who are hearing impaired.

Approximately 420 out of 1601 approved petitioners will participate in commencement exercises, according to information from the Office of Student Records/Graduation. The categories include associate of arts, science and general studies degrees; one- and two-year program certificates; GED certificates; and high school diplomas.

Parenting In The '90's

The American family is facing pressures and situations more serious than ever before. The Christian family and Christian church needs to be prepared to face the special challenges of raising children in today's world.

To respond to this need, North Portland Bible College is sponsoring a one-day seminar entitled "Parenting in the 90's," on Saturday, May 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 5828 N.E. 9th at Jarrett.

Speakers and topics for this special program include Pastor Donald Frazier, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, on "Parent Advocacy in the Public Schools"; Pastor Roy Tate, Christ Memorial Church, on "Identifying and Parenting At-Risk Youth"; and Rev. Rick Stoller, of the Breakthrough Program at Morrison Center, on "Children Born with Drug-and Alcohol-Related Disorders." All the workshops will address the roles of parents, extended family members and the Christian community.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. a registration donation of \$10 is requested. Lunch will be served. For further information, call 288-2919.

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7:00---10:00 PM
PROFESSOR ALI MUHAMMAD
MATT DISHMAN COMMUNITY CENTER
77 N.E. Knott Street Portland, Oregon
SATURDAY JUNE 1, 1991

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

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Portland, Oregon 97203

Church Phone: 289-0147

Study Phone:289-1911

Sunday Service
10:45
Sunday School
9:30
Bible Study
6:00
Evening Service
7:00 P.M.



Pastor, Rev. James C.E. Faulkner

Theme: Whatever you're going to do for the Lord, do it now.
I Peter iv.11

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He That Loveth Not, Knoweth Not God;
For God Is love I John 4:8

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Psalm 34:3

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