

Improving the Health of African Americans



Carol Stone (from left), Walunda Harris and Corliss McKeever of the African American Health Coalition show off their new T-shirts during African American Wellness Week at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College. For the last six years, the event has been held every third Wednesday of October. It has grown in popularity to become state-recognized. An estimated 890 people attended to partake in the exhibits, lectures, free medical screenings and musical entertainment offered. This year, the Coalition took a more holistic approach with the theme of "Body, Mind and Soul for African Americans." On hand were naturopaths, Portland's first black chiropractor and healthy soul food demonstrations by Oregon State University's Extension Services.



Mecole Johnson patiently waits for a dental cleaning at the African American Wellness Village Saturday at the Blazer Boys & Girls Club on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Checkups for vision and hearing, and information on health topics like quitting smoking were included during the event, sponsored by the African American Health Coalition and the Oregon Department of Human Services.

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Kitzhaber Endorses Kulongoski for Governor

Governor John Kitzhaber endorsed Democrat Ted Kulongoski in his race for Oregon's next governor in a statewide tour. Kitzhaber decided to endorse the former Attorney General because of his "unique set of qualifications and experiences."

Kitzhaber went on to detail a number of Kulongoski's accomplishments:

- As Insurance Commissioner – Worked closely with Governor Goldschmidt to develop the Oregon Comeback, which created thousands of new jobs and helped bring Oregon back from its worst economic depression since the Great Depression;
- As Attorney General – Reformed the Juvenile Justice system and protected seniors by cracking down on scam artists

by creating a statewide task force on elderly abuse;

- Sponsored Oregon's first Environmental Crimes Bill, which toughens penalties for those who knowingly and unknowingly pollute our air and water.

Kitzhaber's endorsement not only provides a big boost in the primary, his stamp of approval will help Kulongoski should he prevail in May.

Changes Made to Oregon Driver Knowledge Test

If you're preparing to take a knowledge test at Oregon DMV any time soon, make sure you study the manual. DMV just completed a major overhaul of the test, adding more questions about rules and laws drivers should know to operate safely on Oregon's roads.

When people come to DMV to take the knowledge test, they are responsible for knowing

Oregon's laws on driving and highway safety, and are supposed to have studied the Driver's Manual. Over the past two years, DMV developed a pool of more than 200 questions that cover the material in the Driver Manual.

The newly revised tests not only have a bigger pool of questions to draw from, there will also be more questions. The old tests were made up of 25 questions; the

new tests have 35. A person taking a test needs a score of 80 percent to pass.

One reason the test has more questions is that it now incorporates the road sign recognition test, which adds an additional dimension to testing. Instead of testing on the ability to recognize the shapes of signs as the old test did, the new questions test knowledge of what the signs mean.

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