April 19, 2006

RELIGION

Health Promoters Serve Churches

Breaking barriers to health care

For hundreds of churchgoers, health care comes in the form of a parish health promoter. Providence Portland Medical Center's program reached a significant milestone this spring, with nearly 100 volunteers now serving the community's lowincome and often Spanish-speaking residents.

The health promoters are volunteers who serve in five local parishes, including St. Anne's, St. Peter's, Ascension, Holy Cross and Holy Redeemer.

They staff health fairs at parishes, offering classes on cancer, children's health, nutrition, domestic violence and much more. They also help parishioners navigate through other needed services, such as clinics, helping people with transportation to and translations for medical appointments, social services and visit with homebound elderly and people with chronic illnesses.

The program is co-sponsored system.



Nearly two dozen health promoters graduate from a Providence Portland Medical Center program to serve local church parishes.

by Providence Portland Medical Center and El Programa Hispano of Catholic Charities.

The goal is to reach residents who are unaware of available health care resources and to educate them about disease prevention and making proper use of the health care

For example, many Spanishspeaking immigrants do not understand how the U.S. health care system works and the health promoters are able to help people navigate the often-confusing system.

Providence and Catholic Charities came together to sponsor the program in 2000 in response to the teach the classes.

growth of the Latino patient population and in recognition that Latino immigrants had some of the lowest rates of insurance coverage.

Each volunteer completes an extensive 15 week, 60 hour training course. Dozens of health care professionals from the community

In Loving Memory

Sept. 3, 1954 in Portland, the oldest of five children to Gilber Ann Eazel. She graduated from Jefferson High School in 1972.

hours in retail. She was known as Deliverance Center. one of the best sales associates in worked at Whitehall Jeweler, J.C.

Deborah Ann Eazel was born Meier & Frank, Friedlanders, Ben Bridges, Fred Meyer Jeweler and Nordstrom's

Deborah met Yugen Fadan Rashad and from the beginning their As a loving mother, she gave love grew like a rose. On Sept. 5, birth to Latricia Michon Jones in 1998, they were wed in a surprise 1971 and Aaron Rashad Mayes in ceremony. While growing in her 1984. She loved to travel. In 1980 faith, Deborah accepted Christ as she returned to Portland to care for her personal savior and later beher mother, while working long came a member of Heavenbound

She showed great dedication and her field, becoming the unofficial love to her family. She enjoyed playing her favorite game charades. Penny's, Ales, Casual Corner, She loved laughter and life and if At any given time she always had host of family and friends.



ambassador for Lloyd Center. She gatherings with family, eating, and you ever had a problem she'd say "uh uh girlfriend, we got to fix this."

Deborah Ann Eazel

something positive to say. She was a surrogate mother to Alfonzo and Latanya Jenkins.

She leaves to mourn her husband of Portland; her daughter of Phoenix, Ariz. and her son of Portland; stepsons Dontae Kelsaw, Eugene Kelsaw, Omar Kelsaw, all of Portland; grandchildren Debre' Jones and Daniel Jackson, both of Phoenix; sisters Felecia Hardie of Lakeland, Fla. and Michele Crockett of Portland; brothers Darryl Woods and Kerry Crockett of Portland; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and a

St. Andrew Peace Service

on Sunday, April 23 at 4 p.m. at St. Alberta, will mark the third anni- died on April 12 at the age of 81. versary of war in Iraq

from across the city to celebrate a

An interfaith service for peace shared commitment to peace. The service will include a tribute to the Andrew Catholic Church, 806 N.E. Rev. William Sloane Coffin, who

Coffin was a clergyman and so-This is a unique opportunity to cial activist who was one of the join hands with your neighbors "Freedom Riders" who challenged segregation laws in the 1960s.



Allen Temple CME Church Spring Revival Theme: "Driven By God's Purpose" Jeremiah 29:11-13



Guest Evangelist

Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr - Senior Pastor Christian Cathedral CME Church in Dallas, TX

- Wednesday May 3rd 2006 @ 7:00pm
- Thursday May 4th 2006 @ 7:00pm
- Friday May 5th 2006 @ 7:30pm
- For more information contact:

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word that PGE is open to women and minorities."

She said it doesn't take stellar grades, but a little mentorship and encouragement.

Annual Women in Trades Career operation on a telephone wire. Fair on April 27-29.

Organizations like Oregon participants can climb a PGE tele- women have. Tradeswomen, Inc., help open phone pole in the parking lot, oper-

doors, too. They will host the 14th ate a crane and backhoe, learn safety

Elizabeth O'Neill, the fair's pro-Visitors can meet tradeswomen gram and event manager, said feand learn about apprenticeships, male apprenticeships are on the jobs and careers. There'll be a num-rise in Oregon, and participants will ber of hands-on exhibits where learn more about advantages

Not only can they fill the im- tion is required.

pending gap, she said, but also women are often more detail-oriented and better at communication.

This year's fair takes place at the NECA/IBEW Electrical Training Center, 16021 N.E. Airport Way. Saturday's session on April 29 is open to the public and no registraAgent

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Dancers Earn Gateway to College of Hartford, Florida School of the also received one of two scholar- scholarship from the Hartt

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awarded third place for her piece, "Part of Darkness," which was selected for performance in the student showcase. Barton re-Purchase in New York and was

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val, Jacob's Pillow, Nashville to a junior from Butler University Ballet's summer program, and the for the 2007-2008 school year. American Dance Festival.

Many other Jefferson Dancers ceived a scholarship to Suny also received prestigious awards.

accepted into Point Park Univer- by the famed Julliard dance ing a position as a trainee with the jor dance programs that were represity, the Boston Conservatory, school at the festival went to Nashville Ballet; while Viktor sented at the festival. the University of Utah, the Uni- Jefferson Dancer Olivia Ancona, Usov, who will be attending versity of Illinois, the University a junior in the program. Ancona Julliard in the fall, received a

Arts, the American Dance Festi- ships and the first ever awarded School. Andrew Smart received scholarship offers to the Hartt School, of the Arts and Idyllwild. Point Park University, and offers The only scholarship awarded to many other programs, includ- ditioned received offers to the ma-

Leah Rothlein and Lex Dones were recipients of scholarships to summer programs at the University

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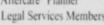
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