



The honorees, chairman, and co-chairs for Emerald Awards. Pictured are (from left) Benjamin Leonard, Kelvin Hall, Joy Fowler, Briana Peterson, Greg Bell, Rev. Frederick D. Woods, Marshall Haskins, Charles W. Hunter Sr. and Anjene' Bryant.

Community Contributions Honored

Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presented its 2007 Emerald Awards Luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Holiday Inn, 1441 N.E. Second Ave.

The ladies honored the follow-

ing African American men for the significant contributions they have made to their communities:

Greg Bell, education; Kelvin Hall, community service; Marshall Haskins, health/fitness and sports; Charles W. Hunter Sr., youth ser-

vices; Benjamin Leonard, business; and Rev. Frederick D. Woods, religion.

All proceeds from the event benefited the Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter Roberta C. Vann Scholarship Fund. This fund provides financial

assistance to African American women attending four-year colleges and universities.

The chair for the event was Joy Fowler and the co-chairs were Anjene' Bryant and Briana Peterson.

Church Fire Causes \$30,000 in Damage

No one was injured when a wall heater lit curtains on fire at the Bethel A.M.E. Church in northeast Portland, forcing parishioners to evacuate during a Sunday afternoon event.

The fire broke out just before 12:45 p.m., as church services were wrapping up and a holiday bazaar was just getting underway.

Neighbors of the church at Northeast Eighth Avenue and Simpson Street saw smoke coming out of a church annex

window, alerted those inside and called the fire department. Fire extinguishers helped contain the fire to the pastor's office until firefighters arrived.

Investigators determined the fire was accidental and estimated it caused about \$30,000 in damage.

The fire serves as a reminder to keep combustible materials such as cardboard and fabric at least 18 inches away from any sort of heat-producing appliance, the investigators said.

Judge Censured

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was directed to obtain a drug and alcohol evaluation.

"Because of the special position judges hold in society - as standard bearers of fairness and impartiality - a judge's conduct of personal behavior must, at all times, be above reproach," the commission wrote.

"(Wulle's) actions not only reflected poorly on himself but also on his fellow team members, his court, Clark County and the state of Washington," the panel added. "(Wulle's) inappropriate behavior significantly undermined the team's respect for him."

"Witnesses at the conference variously described his actions as embarrassing, demeaning, offensive and shocking. Several team members discussed (Wulle's) problematic behavior with their colleagues and supervisors - further eroding public regard for him and the judiciary."

A censure is the most severe disciplinary action the panel can take without asking the state Supreme Court to suspend or remove a judge.

Several witnesses said Wulle smelled of alcohol, but he has denied drinking at the conference.

The judge told The Columbian newspaper he considered the matter a learning experience.

"It was never my intent to offend anyone, and I apologize to anyone who was offended," he said.

Wulle's conduct "appears to have been an aberration," his reputation is "generally that of a thoughtful jurist" and witnesses do not believe he is racist, homophobic or anti-Semitic, according to the commission's findings.

However, according to the commission, he showed a lack of personal insight and initially refused to apologize and was "dismissive" when asked about his behavior by witnesses and other judges who had heard of the matter.

Flu Shots Urged for Holiday Season

Virus can spread at gatherings

Holiday gatherings can hasten the spread of influenza and Multnomah County Health Department reminds the public that it's not too late to get vaccinated. Flu vaccine is still widely available.

"Getting a flu shot not only protects you, but can help protect your loved ones. Influenza immunizations can take a few weeks to be fully effective, so now is the perfect time to include flu prevention on your holiday to-do list," says Ginny Schmitz, Multnomah County Health Department's Immunization Coordinator.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the influenza season is just beginning and can last through May.

"It is especially important to get vaccinated if you are at greater risk of developing serious flu-related complications, such as pneumonia," says Health Department Director Lillian Shirley. Groups at

higher risk include children aged 6 months to 5 years, pregnant women, people 50 years of age and older, people with chronic medical conditions, and anyone living in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

Health officials also encourage caregivers, family members, and those who work with higher risk groups to be immunized. Immunizations are also recommended for school age children (2 to 17 years of age) who are twice as likely to get influenza as adults.

Good health manners can be very

effective in preventing transmission of disease, including the flu. "We encourage everyone to cover your cough and wash your hands often. If you are sick, please stay home and please avoid exposure to people who are ill," states Shirley.

For information on flu vaccination clinic locations call 1-800-SAFENET or search the Web at www.flucliniclocator.org

Action Network Gets Local Chapter

A national social-justice organization will this weekend finalize the establishment of a local chapter.

The National Action Network, with the Rev. Al Sharpton as president, strives

for justice and equality by challenging racial profiling, police misconduct, misogyny in the entertainment industry, and disparate access to education, health care and financial opportunities.

The Portland chapter will have its first official meeting 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at Izogie's Fine Dining, 1301 N.E. Dekum St.

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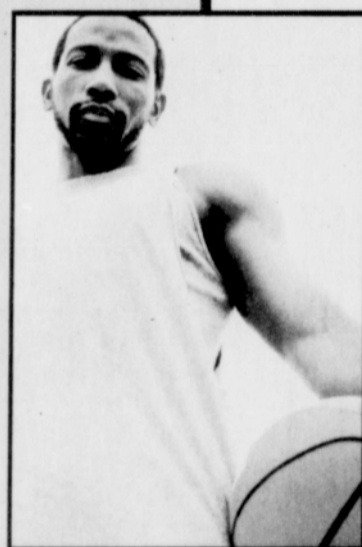
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