Vital Health Screenings Needed

Saturday marked the African American Health Coalition's 15th annual Wellness Village, an event that has been providing vital health screenings and health and wellness information to the community.

More than 200 attended the allday event, and more than 100 utilized the complimentary vision, blood pressure, hearing, dental, foot exams, and blood glucose (for diabetes) testing. Also offered were immunization and flu shots, and nutritional education seminars. Forty-seven health-related vendors provided information on insurance, health care, local hospitals, and medical clinic services.

Sandra Meucci, internal evaluator at the African American Health



Delana Maxwell (center), nutritional education speaker at Saturday's Wellness Village, joins African American Health Coalition staff members Sandra Meucci (left) and Edith Forthan.

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Coalition, said the Wellness Village has changed over the years to better suit changing health needs, "addressing what we know to be the major health care concerns affecting the community."

The Wellness Village followed Friday's 6th annual Health Disparities conference, which focused on diabetes.

Sally Norby, the executive director of the American Diabetes Association, shared information about causes and preventative measures to use against the disease. Diabetes has negatively affected African Americans more than any other people - diabetes-related mortality in African Americans is twice that of white non-Hispanics, and 2.7 times greater than Asians.

Jobless Rate Unchanged

Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.6 percent in September, unchanged from August. The rate has been between 10.5 and 10.7 percent for the most recent 11 months.

Missing Boy Found



Lok Chante Marcellay, 11, was found safe and unharmed in Washington on Thursday. Marcellay went missing two

days earlier after getting off of his school bus in front of his north Portland home. The circumstances surrounding his disappearance are still being investigated.

OHSU Doctor on Breast Cancer

Panel Dr. Brandon Hayes-Lattin, a professor at medicine at OHSU, has beennamedto

the Centers



for Disease Control committee on Breast Cancer in Young Women. The group will be developing initiatives to increase knowledge of breast health and breast cancer, particularly among those under the age of 40 and those at heightened risk.

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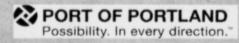
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