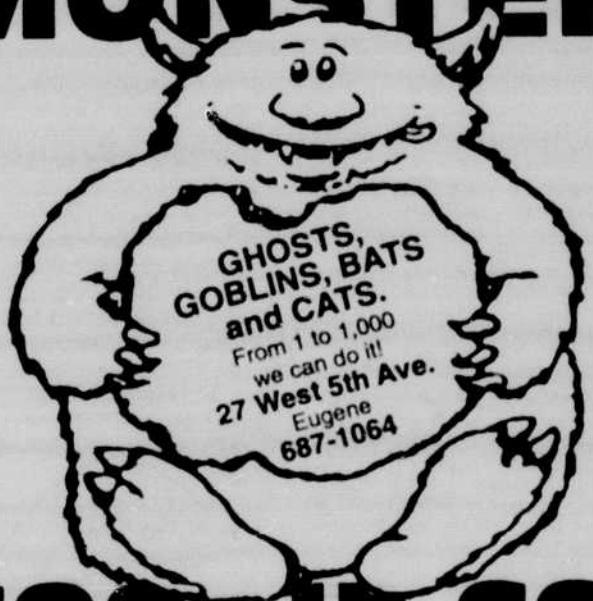


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RITUALS

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Rituals of this nature have their roots in tribal cultures and Eastern religions, especially Tibetan Buddhism. Trowbridge and Dunbar say they have an eclectic view of spirituality and magic that does not incorporate traditional religion, although Trowbridge has studied them. She says that even traditional religions have practices that are supposed to bring believers to a higher state, such as the use of incense and the practice of kneeling and singing.

Piercing is a ritual used by tribal cultures that is still in evidence today in modern society. Circumcision is a rite of passage that has become a common medical procedure. Now men are joining women in the "ritual" of ear piercing. Many people are beginning to pierce their noses, if only for the look, which Dunbar agrees with.

"Body adornment is fabulous," Dunbar said. "I

have no judgment about reasons." Dunbar has been doing piercings for four years and recently began doing them commercially at Antrican in Eugene.

Trowbridge also enjoys piercings. She says that "you can pierce anything to make it prettier. It doesn't have to be limited to the ears." She also likes piercings because "anything that breaks out of the norm says this is my body, not owned by the state."

Lucy Lizzard, booking agent for John Henry's was pleased with the show. She said she enjoyed it and wants them to come back. The ritual will be taking place again with Sow Belly, and there are even plans to take it to Portland and San Francisco.

If you are interested in this type of performance, be forewarned. Some members of the audience were clearly disturbed. One woman had to retreat to the bathroom while the show was going on.

ONSLAUGHT

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