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Cascade AIDS Network urges Frost Watch

Cascade AIDS Network, the newest member of Portland's service organizations family, is joining with AIDS service organizations nationwide in organizing a "Frost Watch" to encourage viewing "An Early Frost" on Monday, November 11, on local NBC affiliates.

"An Early Frost" is a movie about the AIDS crisis starring Aidan Quinn, Ben Gazzara and Gena Rowlands. The film is a moving portrait of how an American family responds when they learn that their son is ill with AIDS. Praised nationally by AIDS service organizations as an excellent vehicle for dramatizing the health crisis, "An Early Frost" is expected to reach an audience of at least 75 million viewers.

On the local level, Cascade AIDS Network is asking that people in the community host a "Frost Watch" in their homes, and ask their guests to contribute at least \$10 to Cascade AIDS Network, the fundraising committee for both Cascade AIDS Project and Community Health Support Services/PAL Project.

"Our goal is to have at least 100 hosted "Frost Watch" gatherings with ten guests each," said Brown McDonald of Cascade AIDS Network. "And by including those people whose consciousness is low about AIDS-related issues, we can make the most of this opportunity by raising desperately needed funds and consciousness at the same time."

Thus far, CAP has distributed over 20,000 brochures on AIDS risk education information and the HTLV-III antibody test, as well as a book for persons with AIDS, entitled "Living With AIDS." CAP has also made presentations to over 15,000 individuals in high risk groups as well as to such groups as the Hemophilia Foundation, Blue Cross of Oregon, and Visiting Nurse Association/Hospice Program. We have also helped develop employee guidelines for employers who have persons with AIDS in the workplace.

The PAL Project provides one-to-one peer counseling for persons with AIDS and their loved ones, upon request, as well as assistance with day-to-day chores and transportation. All PAL project volunteers go through extensive training to deal with special issues around lifestyles, health concerns, and death and dying. In PAL's four months of operation, they have trained over 80 volunteers to be matched with clients.

Anyone wishing to host a "Frost Watch" should call CAP and CHSS/PAL Project at 223-5907, for further information.

"We will be more than grateful for your support," McDonald adds.

Mary Rose brutally beaten

by Marcella Box

On September 20th, at 2:30 in the morning, two men broke a living room window and entered someone's home. They encountered a 50-year-old woman holding a chair for protection. They grabbed her and repeatedly hit her in the face. They overpowered her with their blows long enough to dispose of her as a threat to their mission: thievery. The take, a 19-inch color T.V. The musical instruments left behind, apparently not valuable in their eyes. They escaped with the blood of Mary Rose's face on their fists. Did they know the extent of the damage to this woman when they left her? Could they purposely have broken her jaw, her cheekbones, her nose, the many fragile bones that house her beautiful blue eyes? Whether these two people feel remorse over their actions or glee that they scored big, something is vitally wrong that this happened to my friend.

Women living alone are targets of many forms of assault, as are old people. In Mary Rose's neighborhood, there have been 53 robberies since June, all involving this target population. Including Mary Rose, two women have been brutally beaten. The remaining cases involve 70, 80 and even one 95-year-old person. It doesn't take much to very seriously disable an older person. A broken hip or arm is often the beginning of declining health for our elders. All 53 of these assaults occurred in the victim's home. The psychological implications of this are obvious.

To further confound the issue, there are racial overtones to the 53 robberies in question. All victims were white (except one, which may be unrelated) and all suspects are black. In addition, all suspects are men.

Forming neighborhood coalitions, networking with friends, taking self-defense classes, calling on elders, installing alarm systems in homes are all appropriate responses. Addressing the reasons why such measures are necessary is frustrating and heartbreaking.

Mary Rose is a feminist singer/songwriter respected by many for her inspired music. She is now beginning the slow road to recovery. It appears that she has lost the vision in one of her eyes. Her jaw will remain wired

shut through mid-November. She will undergo further reconstructive surgery as necessary. In true Mary Rose style, her constitution is forthright, and her focus is on healing. Her gracious spirit is shining. She wears a Susan B. Anthony pin given to her by one of many loving friends that reads, "Failure is Impossible." Contributions may be sent to: Mary Rose Fund, Portland Teacher's Credit Union, P.O. Box 12526, Portland, OR 97212. Or call 255-5308.

Organizing Poject underway

The Lesbian Community Organizing Project is underway. The quest is on to gather information about lesbians' pet peeves, or pet projects. LCOP is conducting a survey, interviewing individuals and holding house meetings to assess the needs of Portland's lesbian community.

The information is being treated confidentially and will be presented as a report at a conference during the fall of 1986.

To raise funds for the project, a free drawing is being held to give away a weekend at Jacqueline's See-Vue motel in Yachats, a massage by Annie Dudley and a haircut by Anita Lacy at Open Hands. A suggested donation of \$1 per ticket is requested, or you may purchase six tickets for \$5.00. The LCOP will be present at upcoming community events or you may purchase tickets by calling 223-9079. The drawing will be held November 19th at the Lesbian Forum.

If you are interested in receiving a survey, holding a house meeting or volunteering support contact LCOP at PO Box 2212, Portland, Oregon 97228.

Lesbian & Gay Pride '86: Forward Together

Portland's delegates to the 4th Annual Conference of the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Pride Coordinators will share information at a community workshop kicking off Lesbian & Gay Pride '86. The workshop will be held at the Main Library, 801 SW 10th Avenue, from 7 to 9 pm, on Thursday, November 21.

"Conference participants provided a large forum of networking through workshops," said Portland delegate Cathy Schmitz. "The





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