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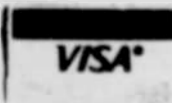
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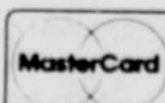
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Community Notes

*Designs for life; Big Sisters; Dignity's fifth-annual
Community Dinner; Winter Dance Party*

BY KAMILA AL-NAJJAR

Designs for life

Design an ad campaign and save a life. The Cascade AIDS Project invites anyone who is at least 18 years old to participate in creating an AIDS-prevention campaign directed specifically to gay men.

The competition calls for the design of an AIDS-prevention ad or series of ads (poster, billboard, mass-transit, newspaper, and/or magazine formats) targeting gay men in Oregon. The design must be adaptable to at least one of these types of media and should combine words and pictures.

Layouts should be submitted with a detailed illustration or photo in place and to size or to scale; each layout should be mounted on a piece of mat board no larger than 32 inches high by 20 inches wide and should be suitable for public exhibition.

Each entry must be accompanied by a one-page written narrative describing how the design concept is to be used. More than one design may be submitted. All entries become the property of the Cascade AIDS Project.

A cash prize of \$500 will be awarded to the winner of the competition; the winning design will be regarded as a contribution to the Cascades AIDS Project. The winner must attend a press conference at which the winning design will be announced and exhibited, and the winner's name will accompany all publicity associated with the competition as well as with the production and display of the AIDS-prevention ad.

Submissions will be judged using these guidelines: The ad design must be of superior creative quality; be adaptable to billboard, mass transit, newspaper, poster and/or magazine format; be non-judgmental about sexual orientation; convey a message which promotes mutual support and consensus among gay men for behavior change; avoid associating sex with disease and death; avoid negative stereotypes of gay men; provoke thought about the subject of AIDS prevention; and convey a message of hope. The deadline is midnight, March 1, 1988.

For entry forms and more information, contact the Cascades AIDS Project at 223-5907.

Winter Dance Party

February 13 will kick off this winter's best all-out dance party. The party will benefit the Right-to-Privacy PAC and the Brinker Fund. It will also be in celebration of Sandy Director's 50th birthday. Director is vice-

chairman of the Brinker Fund.

The Brinker Fund was named after Chester Brinker, a Portland tailor who died in 1984, and was founded as a service to members of the gay community. For almost four years it has provided financial aid and support to people who have been diagnosed with life-threatening diseases such as AIDS.

The event will feature guest star Thelma Houston and the musical group Salmon Dave, with a special appearance by Snow White and her seven dwarfs.

The party begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Atrium of Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn St. There will be a complimentary champagne bar and hors d'oeuvres. Admission is \$20 per person; for tickets or more information, call 223-1679.

Big Sisters

Many lesbian mothers in the community would like to find a Big Sister to develop a relationship with their child. This could be a way to add to a mother's support network or to give her a break from the routine of work and childrearing. Children will also benefit; for them this could be an opportunity to experience a continuing relationship with grown-ups other than their mothers.

Mothers interested in finding a Big Sister need to fill out an application which provides information about the child, including times most convenient for a Big Sister to visit, the child's favorite activities, and so on.

Prospective Big Sisters may review the entire file or the part for children of a certain age. Big Sisters may then arrange to meet with the mother and child, and decide together whether they wish to proceed further.

Interested mothers and Big Sisters may call 282-1529, or may come to a buffet brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17, lower level, Northwest Service Center, 1819 N.W. Everett St.

Dignity's annual community dinner

Dignity will hold its fifth-annual community dinner on Saturday, Feb. 6, for gay, lesbian and related organizations to network and share organizational materials.

The dinner will take place at St. Francis Parish Center, Southeast 12th Avenue and Pine Street. Music and beverages at 7:45 p.m. will be followed by a full-course dinner at 8:15.

All organizations are invited to attend. For more information, call 295-4868.

**Crisis hotline offers
training classes**

Metro Crisis Intervention Service, the Portland metropolitan area's 24-hour telephone hotline, receives more than 4,500 calls each month from people with a wide variety of problems. To handle the increasing volume of calls, the agency is offering training sessions to volunteers who are willing to become crisis counselors. Volunteers will receive 45 hours of classroom training in basic counseling theory and technique, suicide, alcohol and drugs, and domestic violence. The training

begins on January 9. Volunteer counselors who successfully complete the training may work at either the downtown Portland or Hillsboro offices of the agency.

Metro Crisis Intervention Service was founded in 1978. The agency is staffed by trained volunteers under the supervision of a mental-health professional. The service is free and confidential, and callers may remain anonymous.

Metro Crisis Intervention Service receives funding from Multnomah and Washington counties and United Way. For more information about the volunteer program, call 226-3099. The 24-hour crisis number is 223-6161, or 681-7020 in Washington County.