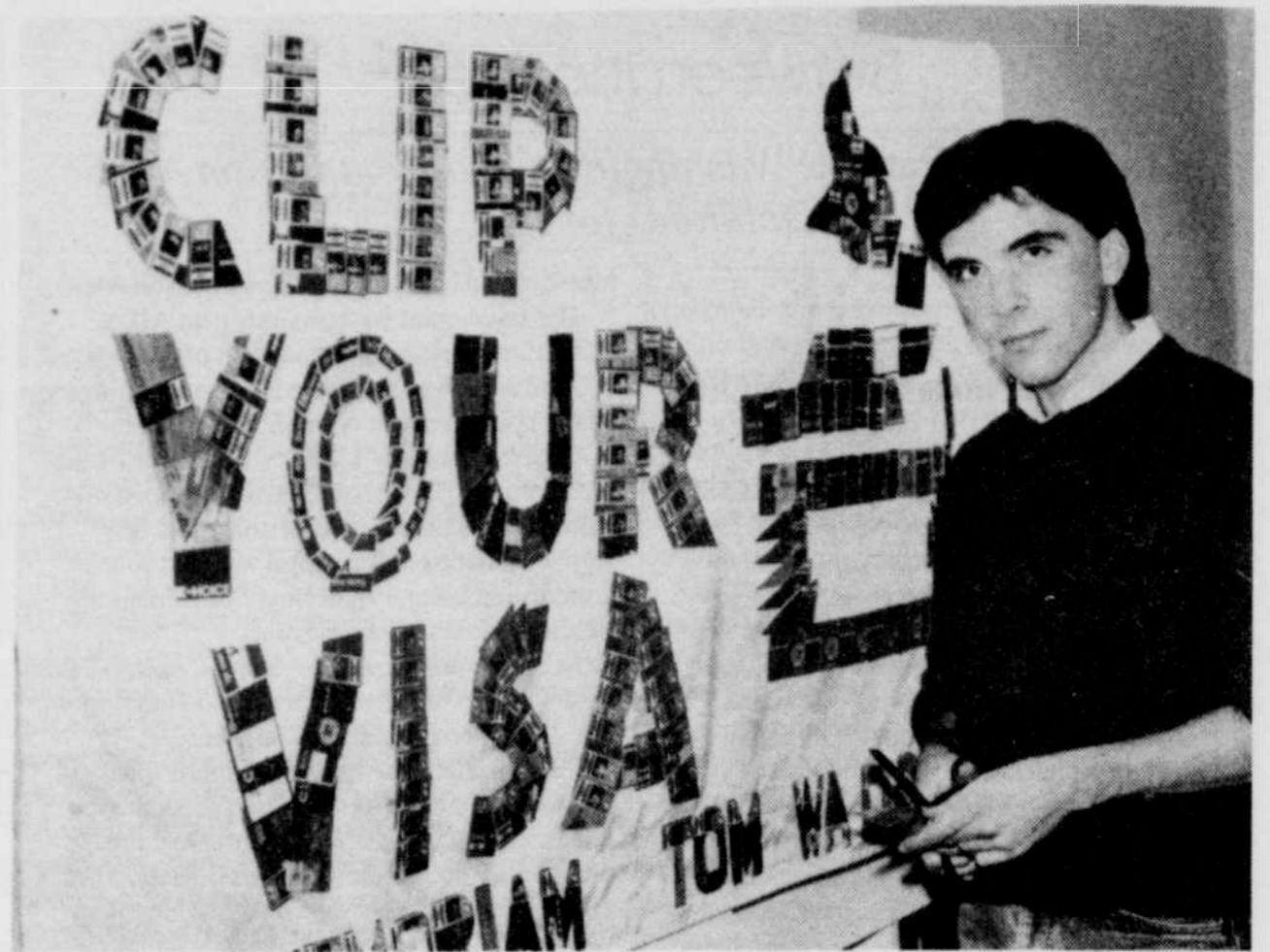


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Randy Ponce is the newest staff member at the Cascade AIDS Project. Ponce was hired to coordinate AIDS education programs, a position formerly held by Scott Ekblad, who took a job with the Oregon Health Division.

Ponce says he hopes to bring a positive attitude to AIDS education: "I want to emphasize living with the disease rather than dying with it."



Joe Chapple of Boston clips a Visa card which will become part of a banner protesting Visa's support of the anti-gay U.S. Olympic Committee. The banner also memorializes Gay Games founder Tom Waddell, who died of AIDS in mid-1987.



Helen Lottridge of Phoenix Rising Foundation explains criteria for goal setting and prioritizing at the United Way-sponsored community forum. Listening are Steve Fredricksen and Renee LaChance.

The forum may prove to be a boon for Phoenix Rising — expanded counseling services for the gay and lesbian community emerged as the highest priority for the potential use of United Way funds.



Cathy Siemens of the Lesbian Community Project and the Rev. Gary Wilson of Metropolitan Community Church confer at the gay and lesbian community forum sponsored by United Way of the Columbia/Willamette. The forum was attended by about fifty community members who set priorities for utilizing United Way funds.



Fred Neal (left) and Steve Lee, members of the ACLU Commission on Lesbian and Gay Rights, discuss strategies at the Portland Gay Men's Chorus Christmas concert for recruitment of new commission members. Neal and Lee invite gays and lesbians throughout Oregon to join the ACLU and the commission in pursuit of guarantees against anti-gay discrimination.



Thelma and Bill MacDonald, Marge Work and Edna Stormont were among a group of seventy members and friends of the Portland chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays attending the P/FLAG Christmas concert. The 95-year-old Stormont, who is Work's mother, may be the senior member of P/FLAG International.

P/FLAG meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at Augustana Lutheran Church, Northeast 15th Avenue and Knott Street.