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AIDS forum to air monthly

Bent Communications is producing a program on local cable channels which the producers hope will demystify the AIDS epidemic. The programs will consist of five 10-minute segments featuring technical-medical personnel, lay people involved in the crisis, PWAs and others with HIV infection.

The program will debut on Cable Channel 11 on January 25 from 8 to 9 pm, and will continue on the fourth Thursday of each month thereafter. As with most cable programming, AIDS Forum Live, will be re-broadcast at other times during the month. Check local television schedules or call 288-1515 for more information.

Starlight Parade float

A meeting to determine the level of interest in producing a float for the Rose Festival Starlight Parade will be held on Sunday, January 21, at 4 pm at Café Mocha, 4108 NE Sandy. All members of the lesbian and gay community are urged to attend. Café Mocha is wheelchair accessible.

The committee which organized the float last year does not want to do it again, although individuals are willing to consult and assist a new group. Cost of the project last year was about \$8,500, and in addition involved many volunteer hours in fundraising, planning and organizing.

The Lesbian Community Project has been approached to coordinate the project, but before a decision is made LCP is seeking input from LCP members and from the larger gay and lesbian community regarding the value and relevance of expending energy and money in this direction.

Many LCP members have already expressed their feelings about the float project; anyone who feels strongly about doing or not doing a float is encouraged to express their opinions at this time. LCP is encouraging everyone in the lesbian and gay community to attend the meeting, call the LCP office at 223-0071 and/or write to LCP, PO Box 5931, Portland OR 97228.

— Lesbian Community Project

International Women's Day events scheduled

The 15th annual celebration of International Women's Day in Portland will be held on March 10 at Portland State University. Organizers are planning a day with food, crafts, exhibits, poetry, music, dance, political forums and an evening show. Volunteers for all areas of planning are needed and committees are now being formed.

The International Women's Day planning committee is committed to diversity and encourages all women to become involved. Artists, craftswomen, speakers and others who would like to participate may call the PSU Women's Union at 725-4452.

Off Our Backs available at branch library

Beginning this month, the feminist and lesbian- and gay-positive periodical, *Off Our Backs*, will be available at the Belmont Branch of the Multnomah County Library system. The Belmont Branch is located at SE Taylor and 39th Avenue.

All periodicals in the Multnomah County Library can be checked out — except for current issues.

Portland police bureau seeks recruits

The Portland Police Bureau is now accepting applications for the position of police officer. Applicants must be US citizens and 21 years of age at date of appointment, possess a minimum of a high school education or G.E.D., and have two years of college and/or post high school training and experience. For more information, contact the Portland Police Bureau's personnel unit at 796-3200.



Portland Gay Men's Chorus auditions

The 80-voice Portland Gay Men's Chorus welcomes new members for its concert with Grammy Award winning singer, Diane Schuur. Auditions will be held on the last two Sundays of this month from 4 to 6 pm by appointment only. Interested persons should call 232-0426. (See Out About Town.)

Auditioners need not bring prepared materials or accompaniment. Past singing experience and sight reading skills are helpful but not required for the 10-minute audition. Participation in the Chorus requires regular attendance at weekly Monday evening rehearsals.

The concert with Diane Schuur is scheduled for April 14 and will feature Schuur alone and with the Chorus. The April concert will be the second of PGMC's Tenth Anniversary Season.

AIDS Hotline training dates set

The Oregon AIDS Hotline will be holding a training series for new volunteers in January and February. The training dates are January 20, 27, and February 3.

The Oregon AIDS Hotline is a joint project of Cascade AIDS Project and the Oregon State Health Division. Begun in 1987, the Hotline receives calls from Oregon, Washington, and other states as well. With a current average of 600 calls per month, the Hotline manages HIV-related information and referrals. A new Computer Information System assists Hotline volunteers with most calls. The system contains a database of all Portland area resources for those concerned about HIV. In addition, the system supports the *AIDS Compact Library* compact digital disc program containing six interrelated databases of information. The Hotline is open seven days a week, with all calls answered by professionally trained volunteers.

Hotline volunteers attend 21 hours of formal training, followed by 12 hours of training on the job. The formal training includes segments on basic HIV information, risk reduction and safer sex techniques, HIV antibody and antigen testing, medical treatments, crisis intervention techniques, active listening skills, and more. No previous experience is required and volunteers are asked to commit to one four-hour shift on the phones each week for six months.

The next training will be limited to 20 people. Those interested in participating should call Cascade AIDS Project administrative office and ask for a volunteer application (223-5907).

The Oregon AIDS Hotline phone numbers are 223-2437 for the Metropolitan Portland Area, and 1-800-777-2437 toll free, statewide. ▼



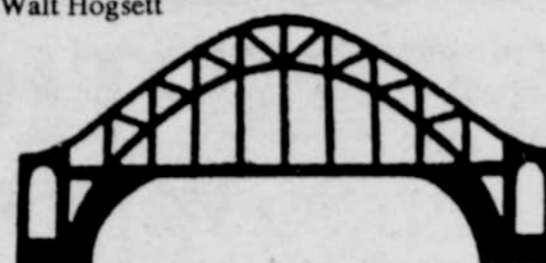
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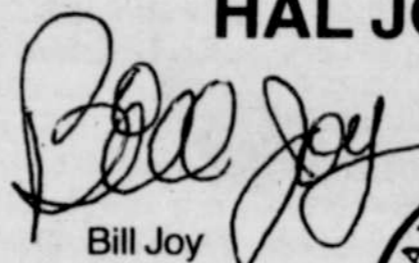


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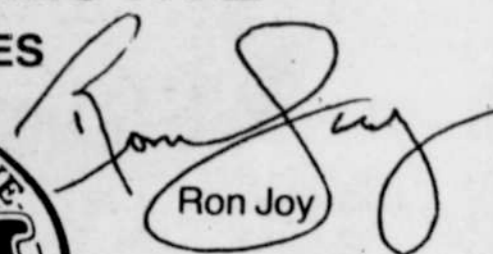
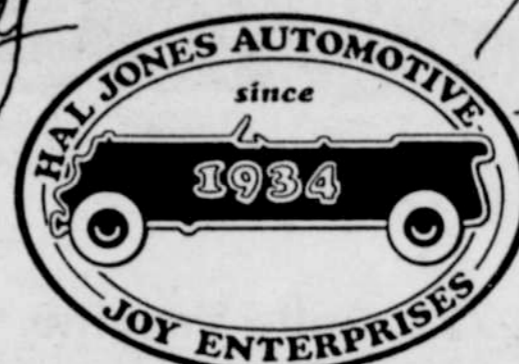
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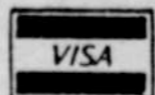


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