

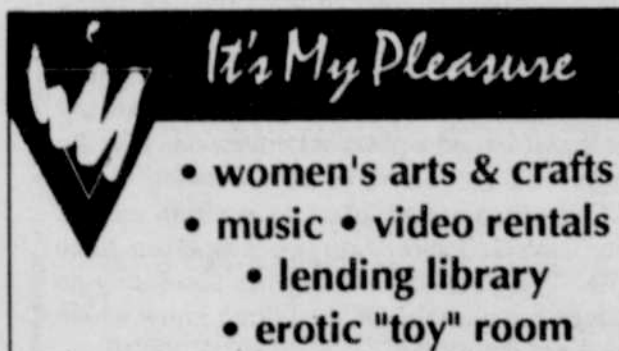


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Ethnic Minority Artists' Directory

The Metropolitan Arts Commission announces the release of *The Oregon/Washington Ethnic Minority Artists' Directory*. The directory is an attempt to expose arts administrators, artists and audiences in Oregon and Washington to a broad, but under-represented, range of artistic and program resources.

The minority artists' directory will be distributed to regional arts councils, arts organizations, arts administrators, gallery owners, and educators throughout Oregon and Washington. A product of the Metropolitan Art Commission's Minority Outreach Program, the directory's multicultural database will be updated on a regular basis. Artists who wish to be included on MAC databases and published in future directories are encouraged to call Shelley Matthews, Minority Outreach Coordinator for the Metropolitan Arts Commission, at (503) 796-5111.

Quilt delayed

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt display has been delayed due to production changes. The Steering Committee wants to keep the local communities directly involved with the focus of the Portland Chapter on the AIDS pandemic. The focus is on education and outreach to all possible audiences, in an effort to use the quilt as a healing and connecting tool with those directly affected by this disease and those who do not see their connection—yet.

They are looking for volunteers who would learn to talk about the quilt to groups which include schools, organizations, churches, and private settings. Please call Warren, 274-4028, or Patricia, 249-0662 for more information about the speakers' bureau.

P-FLAG PSA's

Families of gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals proclaiming their love for all their family members will appear in a groundbreaking public service announcement currently in production, by Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Volunteers are needed to assist local P-FLAG chapters in placing the PSAs on local television stations nationwide. "Personal contact between P-FLAG volunteers and TV station officials will be of key importance in getting the PSAs aired on local stations," said a P-FLAG member. "These volunteers will be a part of history in the making, as we air the first nationally distributed lesbian and gay-themed PSA. Imagine TV viewers trying to determine which persons are the lesbians and gay men!"

Volunteer team members and team leaders need not have media experience—a willingness and desire to influence their local stations to air the PSA are all that is required.

For more information write to: PSA Director, Federation Parents FLAG, 1012 14th Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20005.

New HIV clinic

The Oregon Infectious Disease Clinic of Oregon Health Sciences University has opened its new clinic on 3835 SW Kelly in Portland. The clinic shares the building with the HIV Day Center, which is run by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

The medical clinic treats many of the state's citizens infected with the HIV virus. Dr. Mark Loveless, director of the clinic stated, "This is a significant move for the clinic for it forms a partnership with the service agency that provides

According to EMO, "This partnership between the clinic and the HIV Day Center will assist us to help those people infected with this insidious disease in a much more holistic way."

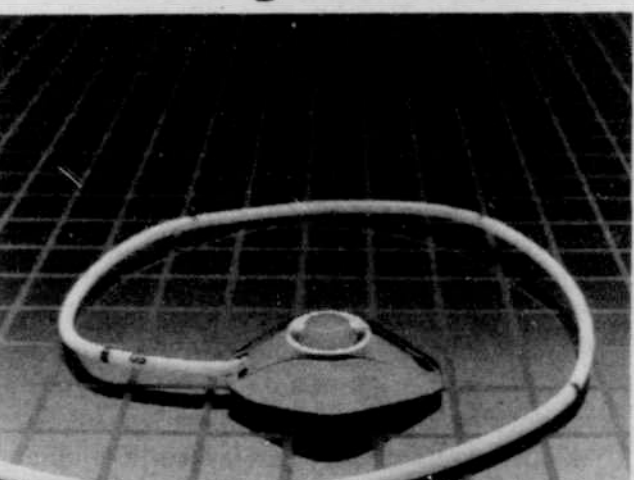
Infectious Disease Clinic provides basic nursing services, hot nutritious meals, socialization, personal support and pastoral counseling.

Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon

Oregonians for Human Dignity, the statewide coalition formed to defeat the statewide petition and possible ballot measure filed by the Oregon Citizens Alliance has changed its name. The committee is now titled, Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon.

Campaign Chair Sherry Oeser, explained, "Due to a considerable amount of confusion between this campaign and the ongoing organization, 'Coalition for Human Dignity,' we decided to change the campaign's name at this early date. The title, 'Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon,' really embodies the spirit driving this campaign. Hate is what we are fighting, and the fear and intolerance accompanying hate, personified so incredibly well by the OCA's rhetoric and activities."

Under your skin



There is a relatively new system available to help people receiving intravenous medications. The P.A.S. PORT System, designed and manufactured by Pharmacia Deltec, Inc., provides long-term access to the central nervous system for the intravenous delivery of medications. The portal, where the intravenous needle would be inserted, is completely implanted under the skin in the forearm.

Many patients find the arm-placed system cosmetically more appealing than traditional central venous access systems: chest-place ports or tunneled catheters. With the P.A.S. PORT System, patients can continue many activities that allow easy self-administration of medications, when appropriate.

Queer Nation goes to church

Queer Nation members held a Dec. 15 protest during Sunday morning services at Portland's Foursquare Church. Nearly 20 demonstrators wore pink gags around their mouths and donned pro-gay and anti-OCA stickers as they sat in the front rows during the worship services. They were protesting the church's connections to the OCA. The Portland Foursquare Church has been the site of several OCA meetings, including the group's Oct. 8 premiere screening of its video.

The action was a peaceful one, as Queer Nation members reportedly sat quietly, occasionally circulating brochures urging congregation members not to support the anti-gay organization.

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