

# HOW THE BAND STOLE CHRISTMAS



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## local news

### Join others who care

World AIDS day events are planned to remember  
 the dead and honor the living

by Jann Gilbert

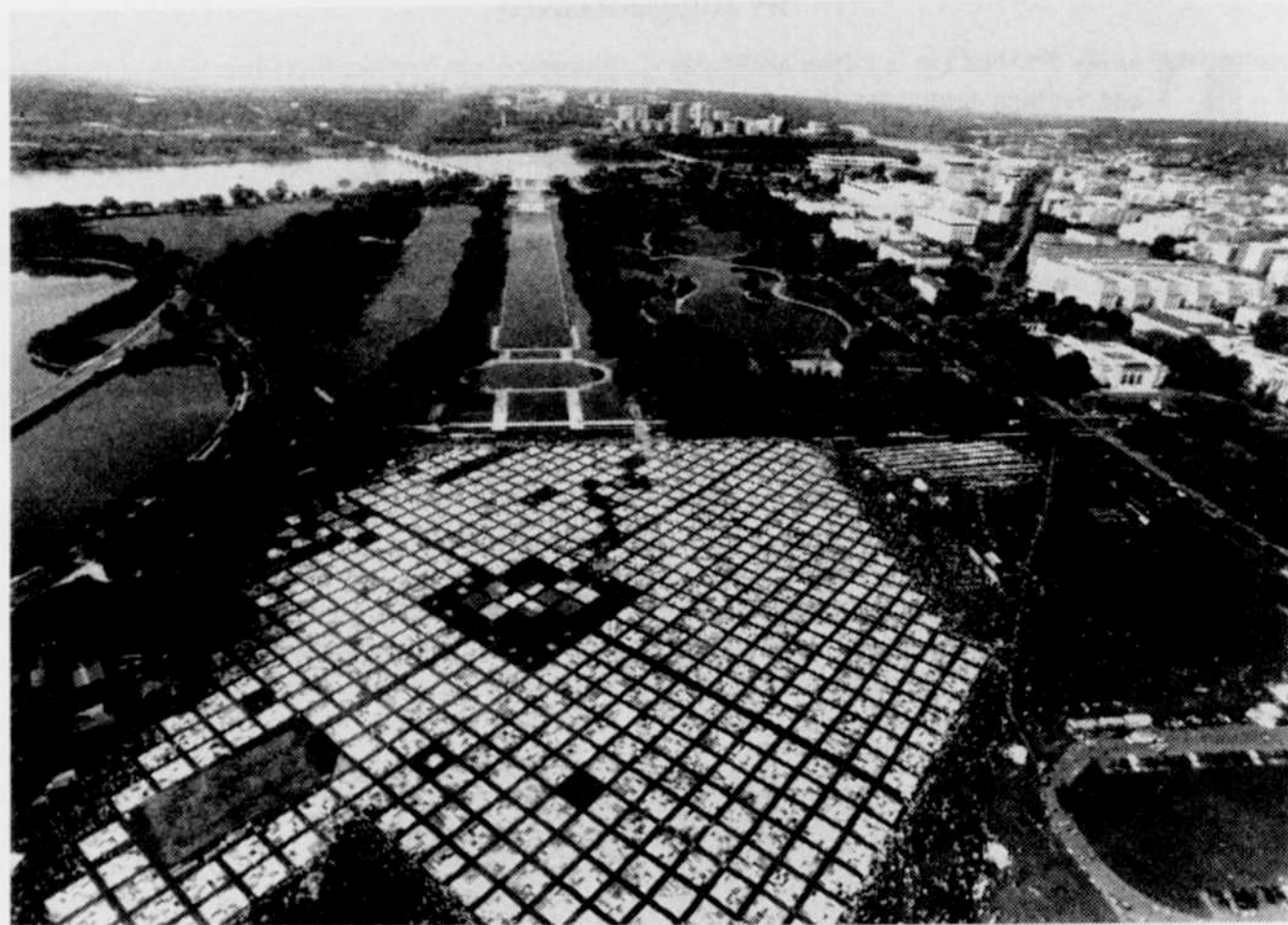


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On Dec. 1, 1994, nearly 186 countries around the world will commemorate World AIDS Day. Here in Oregon and Washington, a variety of events are scheduled to help draw attention to the continuing pandemic, and the need to expand worldwide efforts to slow the spread of HIV infection.

The NAMES Project Portland Chapter will host an event with presentations of new panels for the AIDS Memorial Quilt. This will be an opportunity to gather with friends in observance of World AIDS Day.

New panel check-in begins at 6 pm in the lobby of the State Health Division Building at 800 NE Oregon St. Local musicians will be on hand to entertain during the check-in process. At 7:30 pm, Claudia Webster of the State Health Division will give an introduction, followed by new panel presentations and the reading of names. Four 12 foot by 12 foot panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display.

The quilt began in San Francisco as one man's response to the AIDS epidemic. Motivated by the tragedy of so many deaths, Cleve Jones searched for a way to demonstrate for others the enormous loss and frustration affecting him and so many of his friends.

In June of 1987, Jones spray-painted his friend's name, Marvin Feldman, onto a piece of cloth approximately the size of a grave. Friends, acquaintances and strangers joined the effort by making panels of their own. Today the quilt incorporates 27,730 panels, each 3 feet by 6 feet, from all 50 states and 29 foreign countries.

The NAMES Project displays sections of the quilt to encourage viewers to better understand and respond to the AIDS pandemic. The quilt provides a positive means of expressing the feelings attendant on the loss of a loved one. It also offers a means to raise vital funds for people living with HIV and AIDS.

World AIDS Day will also be marked this year by a candlelight vigil in Vancouver, Wash. The

theme of this year's vigil is "AIDS and the Family," reflecting the effect of the disease on everyone it touches. The program will involve speakers from the community, including persons living with or affected by HIV. Music, poetry, teen theater, a slide and music presentation, and various spiritually motivated rituals will accompany the candlelight ceremony.

Beginning at 7 pm on Dec. 1, the vigil will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 401 E 33rd St., in Vancouver. The program is wheelchair accessible and will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

The event is cosponsored by the Southwest Washington Health District, the Southwest Washington Consortium on HIV/AIDS, Life Force/People with Aids Coalition of Clark County, and the Greater Vancouver Interfaith Association. This

is the fourth year that a vigil has been held in Vancouver to acknowledge this day.

A candlelight worship service, "Hand in Hand for AIDS: An Interfaith Connection," is also planned. The service is

held to remember those who have died, to honor those who live with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers, and to rededicate efforts to the struggle to help those who are infected with the virus. The event is sponsored by the regional AIDS Interfaith Network and the NAMES Project of Portland.

This event will take place simultaneously in 14 locations throughout Oregon and Washington. A 12 foot by 12 foot section of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at each of the locations. Portland sites will be St. James Lutheran Church, 1315 SW Park Ave., and Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane. Churches in Coos Bay, The Dalles, Salem, Eugene, Lebanon, Wilsonville and Estacada will be among those holding ceremonies around Oregon.

If HIV/AIDS has touched your life, or that of a friend or relative, you are invited to join others who care at these events to commemorate World AIDS Day.

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