



## Hopewell Apartments almost ready

After more than a year of construction, Hopewell Apartments—a planned Portland residence serving people with HIV and/or mental illness—is on the verge of opening. Portland Mayor Vera Katz is scheduled to dedicate the \$1 million complex on March 25 at noon.

The special needs, independent-living apartment project stems from a partnership between Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and Network Behavioral HealthCare Inc., two nonprofit orga-

nizations that assist those in need.

Project sponsors believe it is the first of its kind in Oregon, and among just a handful nation-

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wide. It is designed, in part, to meet the housing needs of low-income people who are living with HIV and/or dementia.

“What’s unique about Hopewell Apartments is that it is specifically *designed* for people with HIV and/or dementia,” explains Gary Logsdon,

EMO’s associate director of business operations. EMO Executive Director Rodney Page adds, “This is a wonderful example of what can happen

when two nonprofits collaborate and pool their resources to serve the poor and the sick. I hope that this is the shape of the future—nonprofits cooperating and working together to enhance the quality of life for the people of Oregon.”

Located in Southwest Portland’s Hillsdale neighborhood on a knoll overlooking EMO’s Hopewell House campus, the 12-unit residence features fully equipped one- and two-bedroom apartments.

A resident manager will provide program services such as care coordination, advocacy, social activities and emergency assistance.

In addition to services provided by on-site staff, EMO and the Network hope to offer other services such as counseling, medical referral, support groups, nutrition services and language translation.

The project is being funded through grants totaling nearly \$800,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Supplemental funding has come from the Oregon Housing Trust Fund and Portland Development Commission.

Information about apartment rentals may be obtained by calling 244-6157.

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## Plans underway for 1996 Pride

Those interested in getting involved in the planning of Portland’s 1996 Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration—tentatively set for June 15-16 at Waterfront Park—should contact Pride Northwest Inc.

This year’s theme is “Together for Freedom,

United for Justice.” There are several important deadline dates related to Pride festivities, beginning with the March 1 submission deadline for the “Logo/T-Shirt Design Contest for Queer Youth.” Artists 20 or younger are invited to submit original drawings for the Pride ’96 logo to be incorporated into Pride Northwest’s printed program cover and T-shirt design.

For further information about deadlines or to volunteer, contact Pride Northwest Inc., PO Box

6611, Portland, OR 97228; (503) 295-9788.

## New drug study seeks participants

Researchers are studying a new drug combination that could impact HIV levels in people in the advanced stages of the disease.

Doctors are teaming the cancer drug

hydroxyurea with didanosine. A pilot study previously demonstrated that the combination markedly reduced the amount of HIV in the blood.

Researchers are seeking 30 people for a study that will be conducted at Providence Portland Medical Center on an outpatient basis. For criteria information, call Jerry Lewis at (503) 215-6875.

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