

local news

Acorn House closes, finds new mission

Acorn House, a Lane County hospice serving people with AIDS, has shut its doors for lack of business.

A dramatic decline in AIDS-related deaths prompted the HIV Alliance, the nonprofit group that ran Acorn House, to close the facility. The last patient at the hospice died July 19, and no admission requests had been received during the preceding six months.

HIV Alliance is currently converting the hospice into a transitional home to assist those with AIDS stabilize their lives and health. The transitional home may be up and running by October.

MHRC to host dinner, solicits award nominations

The Metropolitan Human Rights Award Dinner is slated for Oct. 8 from 6:30 to 9 pm at Beaumont Middle School in Northeast Portland. Admission is \$12.

The evening will include the presentation of the Russell A. Peyton Award, which is given annually to someone with a record of outstanding service and commitment to protecting the human rights of all persons within the city of Portland and Multnomah County. In addition, Multnomah County Chair Beverly Stein and Portland Mayor Vera Katz will present the Multnomah County Chair Award and Mayor's Award for Human Rights, respectively.

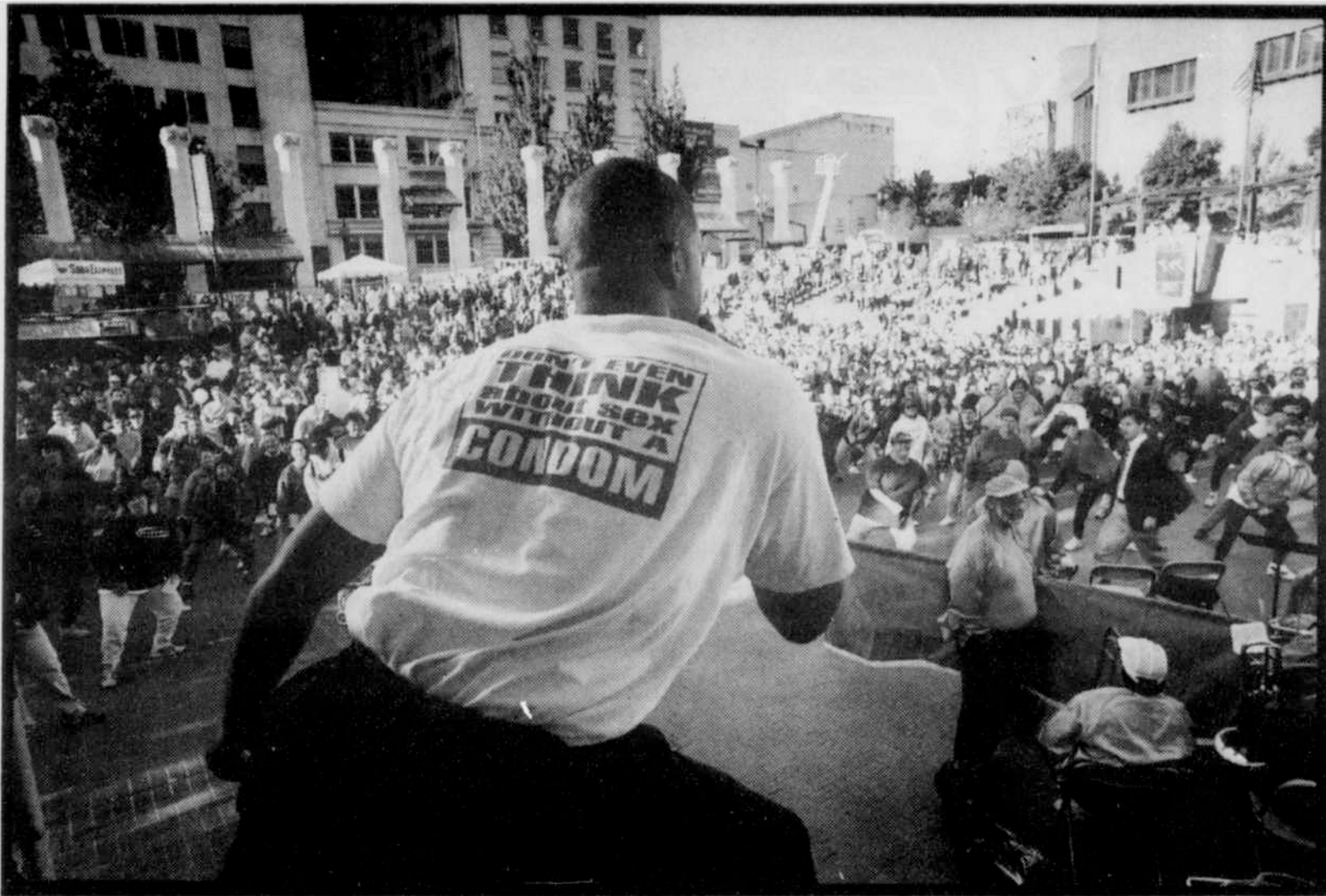
Nominations are being sought for all three awards, as well as MHRC's Business Diversity Award, to be given to a business showing outstanding results in recruiting and maintaining a diverse work force; a Nonprofit Diversity Award, for a not-for-profit organization that demonstrates its core values by incorporating cross-cultural actions into its daily activities; and a Community Harmony Recognition, for people and organizations who cross ethnic and cultural lines to respond to injustice and promote harmony.

Nominations should include a short write-up highlighting the reasons for the selection. The deadline is Sept. 12.

For more information, call 823-5136. Mail nominations to MHRC, 1120 SW Fifth Ave., Room 516, Portland OR 97204-1989.

AIDSWalk '97 set to step off

An estimated 3,000 people are expected to participate in AIDSWalk Oregon '97 on Sunday, Sept. 7. The 11th annual event begins at 9 am at



Warming up the crowd at last year's AIDSWalk

Pioneer Courthouse Square in downtown Portland and finishes at the same site at 1 pm.

The pledge walk, which is the largest fundraiser for Cascade AIDS Project, features five-kilometer and 10-kilometer distances. All proceeds will directly benefit CAP's volunteer-based programs.

Individuals and teams may participate. For more information or to obtain pledge forms, call 223-WALK.

Christian lesbians to gather

"Called on the Journey: Sacred Spaces of Our Lives" is the theme of the Christian Lesbians Out Global Gathering, to be held in Portland Oct. 2-5. The event is designed to provide an opportunity for women to reflect on their life journeys as lesbian Christians.

CLOUT is an international movement celebrating women who are out, lesbian and Christian. A Portland CLOUT chapter was formed two years ago and meets on the second Saturday of each month from 10 am to noon at Koinonia House at Portland State University. Monthly meetings include a program, worship and time for informal conversation. Women of any (or no) denomination are invited to attend.

The conference will be held at the Alton Collins Retreat Center. Registration fees range from \$90

to \$155 per person. For more information, contact Leanne Kerner at 281-5405, or send e-mail to mamadyke@aol.com.

Open Door opens its doors

The Housing Authority of Portland and Cascade AIDS Project have launched Project Open Door, a seven-unit apartment facility in Gresham for low-income people living with HIV and AIDS.

CAP will manage the facility and coordinate support services for residents.

For more information, contact CAP housing program manager Dana Freier at 223-5907, ext. 113.

Ready, set, Race for the Cure

Organizers are predicting that 25,000 women from Oregon and Southwest Washington will participate in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure in Portland on Sunday, Sept. 21.

The event staging area is Gov. Tom McCall Waterfront Park; the one-mile walk is open to everyone, while the five-kilometer run/walk is for women only.

The Portland Race for the Cure raises funds to

provide awareness, education, research and early detection of breast cancer. Three-quarters of the race proceeds stay in the local community, with the remaining 25 percent supporting the organization's National Grant Program.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker in honor of her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died of breast cancer at the age of 36. It is a national organization with a network of volunteers working through local chapters and Race for the Cure events nationwide. It is the largest private funder in the United States of research dedicated solely to breast cancer.

Race for the Cure registration forms are available, in part, at JCPenney, Pier 1 Imports, Lady Foot Locker and the race website (www.komenpdx.org/~komen). For more information, call 242-1874.

Urban League celebrates youth

The Urban League of Portland invites young people and adults to celebrate inner city youth during the second annual Doing the Right Things Day on Sept. 20. The event is designed to recognize the efforts of young people at school, home and in their communities. The goal is to encourage youth to "do the right thing."

The celebration kicks off at 9 am with a march from the Urban League office at 10 N. Russell St. to Jefferson High School's football field at North Kerby Avenue and Killingsworth Street. Opening ceremonies begin at 10:30 am and will be followed by a youth talent showcase and booth displays from 11 am to 3 pm.

For more information, call Fawn McDaniel at 280-2600.

Coronation 1997 announced

The Imperial Sovereign Rose Court will host Coronation 1997 on Oct. 25 at the Melody Ballroom in Portland. The theme is "An Enchanted Evening at the Haunted Castle."

Coronation 1997 is a celebration of the reign of "The Enchantment of the Rose," and the accomplishments of outgoing Rose Emperor XXIII Kimberlee Van Patten and Rose Empress XXXIX Stephanie DeVore. The event is ISRC's largest annual fund-raiser; the group donates more than \$20,000 each year to charities throughout the state.

Doors open at 5 pm. Call 284-1733 for more information.

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