

JACKSON RECALL EFFORT UNDER WAY

Portland Public Schools board member Derry Jackson might be on his way out of office. Now that he is six months into his term, recall efforts can proceed.

Portland writer Jeff Muir announced Jan. 2 that he plans to form a political action committee to kick Jackson off the board. A total of 20,000 signatures are required to place a recall initiative before voters.

In addition to widely reported anti-Semitic and anti-gay comments Jackson made last year, he owes \$5,510 in property taxes. He also was cited for having an open alcohol container in his vehicle in 1994 and was charged with menacing after his wife told police he assaulted her in 1998.

Muir launched the Internet site www.dumpderry.org last summer, when the controversy peaked. He told KGW-TV, "After he made the anti-Semitic remarks, the focus was on him, and we discovered all these other things, which are more than reason enough to seek his recall."

INTERSEX ADVOCATES EDUCATE PLAYGOERS

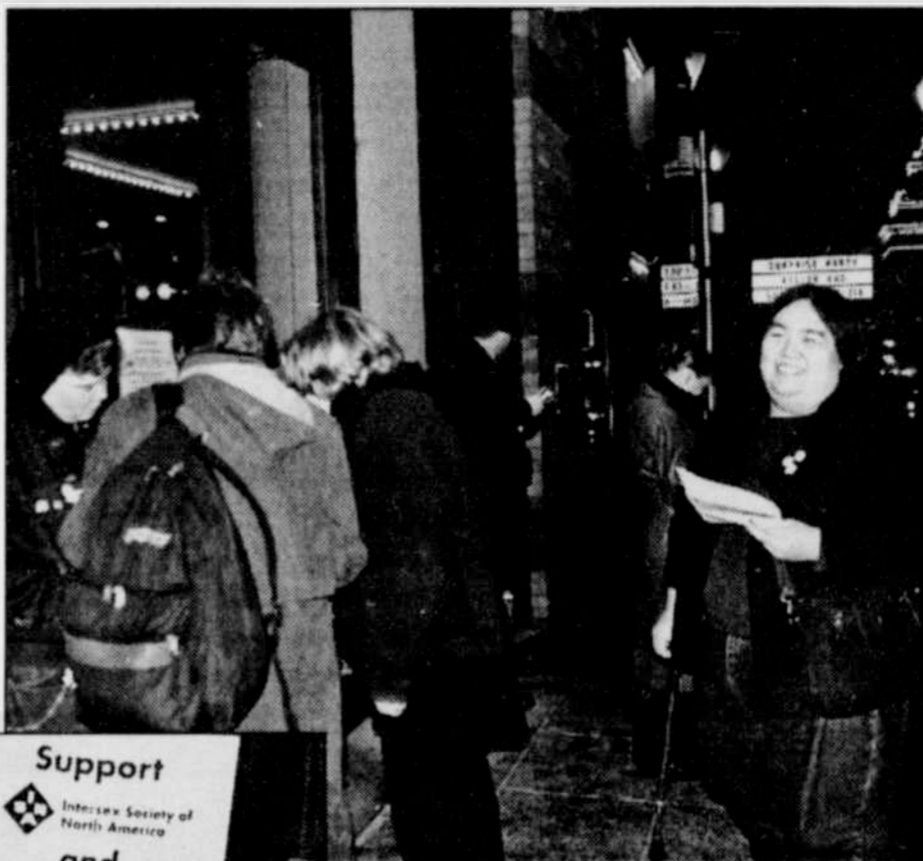
Three intersex advocates held an educational outreach in conjunction with opening night of *The Vagina Monologues* Dec. 27 on the sidewalk in front of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts.

At issue is a segment of the popular play in which writer Eve Ensler tells "a wonderful vagina fairy tale" she heard in Oklahoma City. The monologue involves a father consoling his 14-year-old daughter, who just has learned she was

born without a vagina.

"We're gonna get you the best homemade pussy in America," he tells her. "And when you meet your husband he's gonna know we had it made specially for him."

Emi Koyama—one of only two paid intersex activists in the world—calls *Monologues* fun and insightful but says this particular segment is misleading. She helped hand out 350 fliers explaining the condition, which is known as vaginal agenesis.



Emi Koyama (right) hands out fliers Dec. 27 as people flock into the Portland Center for the Performing Arts; playgoers buy buttons from demonstrators (inset)

and that they should be altered to match what men desire.

"Many intersex people who saw the play found this monologue—and the roomful of laughter following it—hurtful if not outright offensive," Koyama says. "We went home feeling sick or in tears, while all other women talked to each other endlessly about how empowered they felt."

According to Koyama, the goal of the outreach was not to protest *The Vagina Monologues*

but to raise awareness and visibility. Similar actions have been held in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Boston.

"This is not just a play; this is a movement," Koyama says. "I want to make sure that it accurately reflects intersex experience."

Koyama's efforts seem to be paying off: When *The Vagina Monologues* plays next month at Portland State University, she will be able to set up an informational table and to insert the fliers into the programs. Promoters also have agreed to write a letter to Ensler and to donate some of the proceeds to Intersex Initiative Portland and the Survivor Project.

For more information visit the Internet site www.isna.org.

SALEM CIVIL RIGHTS CODE REVISIONS CONSIDERED

Cary Renfro, Salem Human Rights and Relations Advisory Commission vice chairman, received confirmation last month that changes to the Civil Rights Code will be going to the City Council during its meeting 6:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at 555 Liberty St. S.E. These revisions will add sexual orientation, gender identity and source of income to protected classes.

The public will be able to comment on any topic if they sign up prior to the start of the meeting. Renfro says the council likely will accept the revisions, send them to city staff for a report and set a date for public hearings.

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