

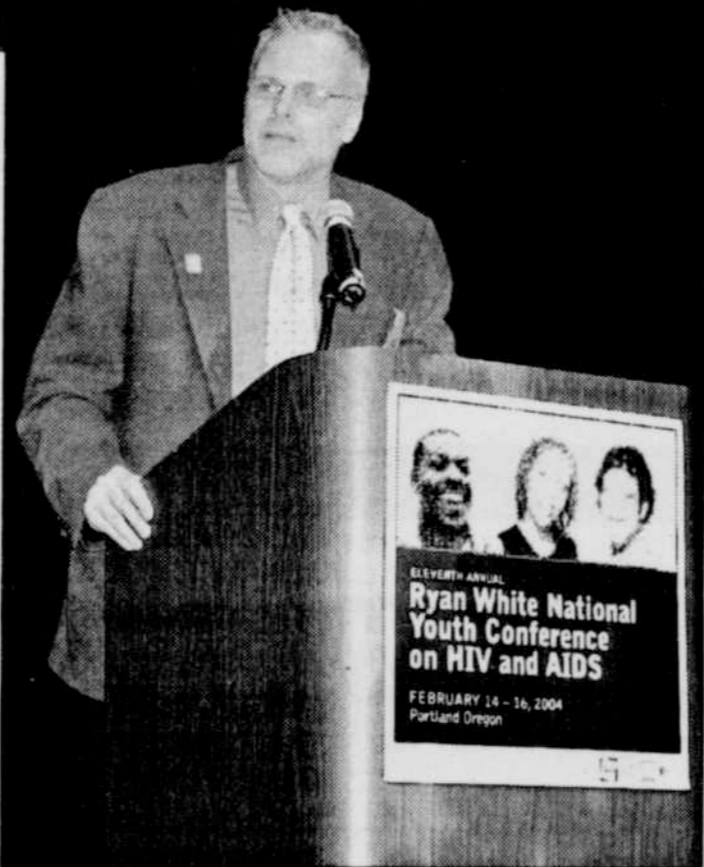


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Terje Anderson (right) wraps up the Ryan White National Youth Conference on HIV and AIDS on Feb. 16; above, youth present a quilt that will travel to future conferences

Gordon Smith, who recently sponsored legislation that would make HIV-positive eligible for Medicare. Terje Anderson, National Association of People with AIDS executive director, thanked the Oregon Republican for his advocacy but reminded the audience to hold all politicians accountable.

"We have to ask, 'If a country can spend \$170 billion conducting a war, what is it willing to spend on a disease that kills 8,000 people every day?'" he said. "If Saddam Hussein or Osama bin Laden was killing 8,000 people around the world every day, nobody would sit still for it. But the fact is that in this country and abroad...most of the people who are dying of HIV and AIDS are poor people [and] people of color."



fits the kind of work that they're doing," Martinez said.

The forum also gave people an opportunity to envision what the community center should look like. Some suggested colors (bright, lavender, pink, rainbows, murals), while others emphasized shapes (a round structure to encourage unity); an architect requested that the building be sustainable. Board member Kaelin Bowers, who is also active with Basic Rights Oregon's Trans Advisory Group, quipped, "As long as there's more than red, white and blue, I'm OK with it."

To sign up as a volunteer, make a donation, view survey results and learn more about other community centers across the West Coast, visit [www.outwithit2003.com](http://www.outwithit2003.com).

**DOCTOR WILL DISCUSS TRANS YOUTH, HORMONES**

Dr. Sara Becker, a leading health provider for Portland's trans community, will present information and a question-and-answer session from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center, 2100 S.E. Belmont St. She will address the effects of hormone replacement therapy for both male-to-female and female-to-male trans people and ways to minimize health risks, placing an emphasis on youth.

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**STUDY SEEKS INFO FROM POTENTIAL TENANTS OF COMMUNITY CENTER**

About 25 people attended a public forum Feb. 12 to hear the latest updates on a proposed queer community center.

Portland is one of the largest metropolitan areas in the United States without such a facility. Four years ago the ball got rolling on how the Rose City can remedy this.

Last year the LGBTQ Community Center Fund was established as a nonprofit organization and 1,600 queers were surveyed for their opinions. "We've really moved a long way in a year's time," board member John Coomler said.

Still, organizers are far from breaking ground. Board co-chairman David Martinez told the forum audience that the goal is to create a strategic and thoughtful process to ensure that the center is "something that would be supported by the entire community."

The fund's next step is to conduct a survey of organizations—the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center, Cascade AIDS Project, Basic Rights Oregon and dozens of others—that might be interested in moving into the center. "It's important to hear from those groups out there...whether it's something that

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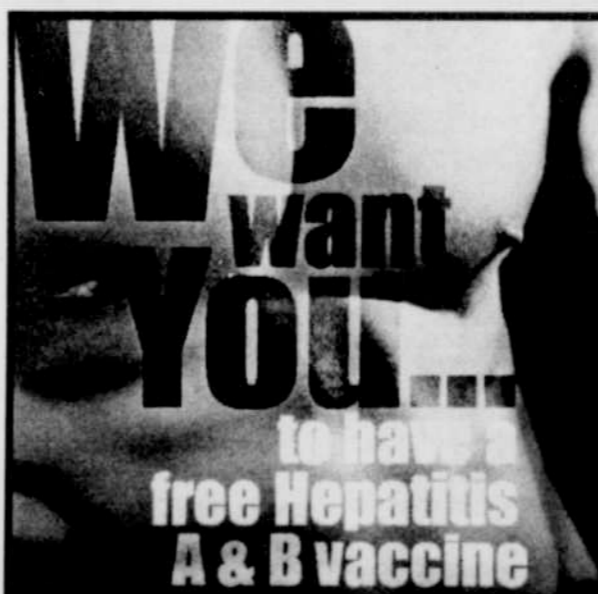
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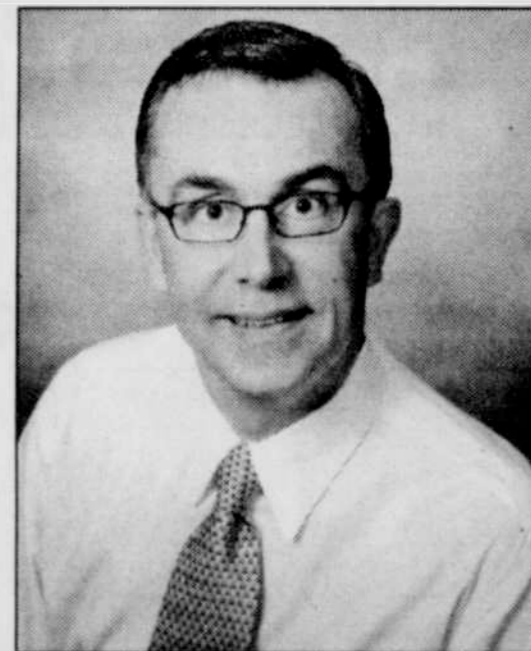


Hepatitis A and B are highly contagious viruses that affect the liver. Men who have sex with men are at greater risk for getting Hepatitis A and B. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) recommend a preventative vaccination.

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