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Free services at the fair include blood pressure checks, hearing checks, oxygen checks, air purification demonstrations and free acupuncture.

In addition, there will be expert presentations on topics including "Terry Schiavo and Advance Directives" by lesbian attorney Cynthia Barrett and "Memory Gardens for Alzheimers" by the Center of Design for an Aging Society.

The free event will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 12 at 819 N.E. 122nd Ave.

For more information contact Becca Letourneau at 503-252-0085.

TWO UPCOMING HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN EVENTS

The Portland Emerging Community Committee is planning some events for July that are designed to invite new participants into the activities of the local chapter of the Human Rights Campaign.

An HRC informational session will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. July 11 at First Unitarian Church, 1011 S.W. 12th Ave. The special guest

for this meeting will be Frank November, director of HRC communities and volunteer relations. To attend this workshop, RSVP to Tommy Lodge at tommy.lodge@hrc.org by July 8.

Salon Q, an HRC community of Portland general membership event, will take place 7 p.m. July 12 at Aura, 1022 W. Burnside St. No RSVP necessary; this event is for people 21 and older. For more information e-mail info.portland@hrc.org or visit www.hrc.org/portland.

COME TO BIG MAMA'S CHURCH

Activist, author and astrologer Caroline W. Casey will be in Portland on July 12, and Big Mama's Church is putting on the show. Casey is the author of *Making the Gods Work for You*.

Co-sponsored by Hip Mama and In Other Words Women's Books and Resources, the event will take place 7 p.m. at the Old Church, 1422 S.W. 11th Ave. The evening will include Afro-Cuban percussion by the Mambo Queens, rune readings by Moe Bowstern, astrological readings and more.

There is an \$8 suggested donation, but no one will be turned away. Advance tickets are available at www.hipmamashop.com.



Members of the queer community of Grants Pass (above and right) celebrate with a Drag Hop on June 11 at the Green Room. Attendees enjoyed a film, a pageant and dancing in the city's first-ever Pride celebration.

For more information visit www.arielgore.com or www.bigmamaschurch.org.

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