

Dramatic Increase in Syphilis in Portland

Increases in early syphilis cases in metropolitan Portland and the Salem area that were noted earlier this year are continuing. As a result of this epidemic three babies were born with congenital syphilis during September.

Congenital syphilis, which results in severe and permanent harm to the baby, has been rare in Oregon. The last case occurred in 1982. There have been only eight cases in the past decade. We are reminding all who take care of pregnant women that they must assure that all pregnant women are given the blood test for syphilis. If infected women are treated with adequate amounts of the proper antibiotics, it is likely that their babies can be born without syphilis.

342 cases of early syphilis have been reported during the first nine months of 1987. That is a dramatic increase from the 143 cases for the similar period of 1986 and the 126 cases in the first nine months of 1985. There is a major shift in who is getting syphilis. The number of cases in gay males has decreased dramatically. The largest increase has occurred in Blacks, in females, and in Hispanics. Many of the cases have been linked to prostitution.

The Health Division and County Health Department are attempting to interview every infected patient in order to determine where they may have gotten infected and to whom they may have given the infection prior to diagnosis and treatment.

The Health Division urges those who may have worked as prostitutes to contact their County Health Department for a blood test. The public is warned of the hazard of using prostitutes. Anyone who has had sexual contact with a prostitute is encouraged to be tested for syphilis.

Scholarship Deadline

High school students who are interested in applying for \$1,000 college scholarships should request applications by December 1, 1987 from Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, 721 N. McKinley Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045. To receive an application, students should send a note stating their name, address, city, state and zip code, approximate grade point average and year of graduation. Sixty-five winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extra-curricular activities and need for financial aid.

Madison High School Celebrates 30th Birthday

Madison High School will be celebrating its 30th birthday with three days of events October 22, 23, 24. Madison will start off the activities by having a chicken barbecue on October 22, before their annual Open House.

On October 23rd there will be a football game with Jefferson at Madison. The halftime show will include a parade of former Rose Festival Princesses in classic automobiles. An after-game Sock Hop will be held in the gym.

On October 24 at 11:00 a.m., there will be a 9-hole scramble golf tournament at Rose City Golf Course. In the evening there will be a social hour and dinner held at the Airport Holiday Inn, followed by an entertaining alumni show in the Madison Auditorium. Speakers for the dinner at the Holiday Inn are Stan Greer, Vern Duncan, Matthew Prophet, Carol Turner, Paul Benninghoff, Steven Smith, Harold Anderson, Harriet Adair, Eugene Saylor, Mark Hattenhauer, Rick Wise and Luke Fiorante, Principal, Madison High School.

Students and staff of Madison extend a very warm invitation to the public to come and share in all the events. Tickets and/or reservations are available by calling the school, Gretchen Miles, 280-5220, extension 50.

Attention Diabetics!

If you accidentally run out of insulin, call 911. The Police Department will dispatch an ambulance for your assistance.

The BOO BALL is Coming

KBOO, 90.7FM, Portland's only non-commercial, listener-supported community radio station presents its 6th annual BOO BALL, Saturday, October 31st from 8:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. at Union Train Station. Music will be provided by Obo Addy and Group Du Jour.

The BOO BALL is Portland's premier masquerade ball with over 1300 outrageously costumed revelers partying in the wee hours. Tickets are \$11.00 for KBOO members and \$12.00 for the general public and can be purchased at KBOO 20 SE 8th or Music Millennium. The BOO BALL is KBOO's major fund and fun raiser. For more info call 231-8032.



Children from the A.M.A. Headstart Program visit the art gallery at IFCC and talk to photographer Richard J. Brown about his "Faces

of Nicaragua" photo exhibit. The photos were taken during a trip to Nicaragua by Brown and will be on exhibit until Oct. 31.

Photo by Richard J. Brown

PCC Class on Budgeting to Meet in Northeast Portland

"Budgeting: Too Much Month at the End of Your Money?", a two-week class presented by Portland Community College, will start November 2 at Gregory Heights Community School, 7334 N.E. Siskiyou St.

The new course will be taught by Don Bell, who has an extensive background in financing and business.

The class will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 121 at the school. Cost is \$5.50.

Further information is available from PCC Community Education at Cascade Campus, 244-6111, Ext. 5205.

A Halloween Special for Senior Citizens

Portland Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Halloween Ball for older adults. Put on your dancing shoes and meet us at the S.E. Senior Resource and Social Center, 4707 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd. from 2:30 to 5:00 P.M.

All older adults are welcome to join in this festive Halloween Ball. The dance will include square dancing demonstrations, open dancing and Halloween mixers. Donation fee is \$1.00 or bring a refreshment to share. Advance reservations are required. Limited to 200 people. Please call Portland Parks and Recreation's Senior Leisure Services at 248-4328 for more information.

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