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N/NE Community Invited To Kaiser Permanente's AIDS Prevention Play "Secrets"

Members of north and northeast Portland are invited to attend a special performance of Kaiser Permanente's AIDS education play *Secrets* on Tuesday, March 30, at 7pm. The performance will be held at Jefferson High School, 5210 N. Kerby Avenue. It's open to all interested area residents and there is no admission charge.

Written by playwright Patricia Loughrey and sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, the play shows the consequences of high-risk behaviors in today's AIDS era. Based on true stories, the 60-minute show uses original music, dance, humor and drama to convey up-to-date AIDS information, dispel myths about the disease, encourage responsible behavior and answer questions from the students.

Thomas Hardy is a youth minister and an adolescent substance abuse specialist with the Mainstream Youth Program in Northeast Portland. After seeing *Secrets* in February at a performance for the Coalition of Black Men, Hardy said the play, "was powerful and packed full of information. I was impressed that abstinence was put forward as the surest method for avoiding AIDS."

Coalition member Rhybon Mayfield says his group endorses "Secrets" because, "it crosses cultural lines to raise the awareness of all people about AIDS. It is necessary to have this kind of education in every community statewide."

"As a major health care program, we believe we have a responsibility to our members and to the communities we serve to help increase awareness of AIDS," says Kaiser Permanente Regional manager Mike Katcher. "While there is now cure for AIDS, it can be prevented. With 'Secrets', we hope to help reduce the HIV epidemic through education."

According to the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report published by the Oregon Health Division, 3 percent of the state's 1,759 AIDS cases have occurred among African-Americans and 3 percent among Hispanics. nationally, however, African-Americans account for 30 percent of all reported cases and Hispanics 17 percent.



In Secrets, a play for teens about AIDS prevention, a decision by Eddie (in front, played by Jason Wood) to share a needle with another student has tragic consequences for a chain of other people. The educational theatre production is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, and endorsed by the Coalition of Black Men, and will be presented at Jefferson High School, 5210 N. Kerby Avenue, on March 30, at 7pm. The 60-minute program is free as a community service to high schools and colleges. Other cast members include Elana Isaacs, Rob Buckmaster, Dale Johannes and Janet Fisher-Welsh. Photo by Adam Bacher

News From Bob Packwood

U.S. Senator For Oregon

Packwood Supports Legislation To Help Disadvantaged Youth

Oregon senator Bob Packwood co-sponsored a bill to make the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit (TJTC) a permanent provision in the tax code. The TJTC program provides financial assistance to employers who hire and train disadvantaged individuals who may need increased training or supervision. "In today's difficult job market, this program is an economic life-line for people who may lack job skills or adequate education. In 1990, nearly 6000 Oregonians were working because of the TJTC.

That includes more than 2000 disadvantaged youth, more than 1000 disabled people, more than 300 Vietnam Veterans—and more than one million others nationwide. These hard-working people are productive an self-reliant thanks to this program," said Packwood.

For the past few years, the TJTC has been extended one year at a time because of budget constraints. This legislation would make it permanent.

Packwood is the senior Republican on the Senate Finance Committee which has jurisdiction over tax issues.

RSVP Needs Volunteers For Puppet Show

People over the age of 60 are invited to breath life into three-foot-tall puppets designed to bridge the generation gap between seniors and young people. The program is about a grandmother who has had a stroke, her grandson and his Boy Scout leader, and is presented to third grade classes. Call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program at 229-7787.

RSVP is jointly funded by Action, the Federal Domestic Volunteer Agency and Legacy Health System with Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center as the sponsoring agency. Transportation reimbursement as well as free supplemental accident, personal liability, and excess auto liability insurance are just some of the benefits available to RSVP volunteers.

"The Lane College Concert Choir To Appear In Concert At Jefferson High School"



The forty-voice Lane Concert Choir is under the direction of Dr. William B. Garcia, Professor of Music and Humanities.

Portland, Oregon, March 9, 1993—Allen Temple CME Church announced that the Lane College Concert Choir from Jackson Tennessee, will present its Annual Concert tour 1993 Program at the Jefferson High School Auditorium, 5210 N. Kerby, on Wednesday March 31, 1993. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Lane College Concert Choir consists of students from all classifications and major areas of study at the College. They hail from the State of Tennessee and from other states including Alabama, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

The concert program will feature short choral pieces from a variety of styles and periods of musical development. It will also include spiritual, gospel, and light-hearted choral music. Works to be performed range

from Franz Schubert's "Ave Maria," F. Haydn's "The Heavens Are Telling," Rene' Clausen's "Clap Your Hands" to William Dawson's stirring setting of "Soon Ah Will Be Done," and Glenn Burleigh's "With His Stripes We are Healed."

There will be something on the concert program for the entire community to enjoy. An added feature of this year's program will be small ensemble performances by the Lanite Quintet and the Lanite Singers.

The public is cordially invited to attend this concert by the Lane College Concert Choir. The concert is free to the public. For more information, please contact Linda Thompson, Event Chair at 281-9626 or Allen Temple CME Church at 282-1158. This concert is sponsored by Allen Temple CME Church.

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