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Young leader advocates fitness, health & safety

Northwest Early Childhood Institute, and Oregon Commission on Children and Families, hosted the 2nd Annual Oregon Children's Awards Presentation on Dec 1, 2005. The evening at the Governor Hotel in Portland was called "A Starry, Starry Night." Ariel Cerrud received the Youth Leader of the Year Award. Other awards were received by Richard Alexander, Civic Leader Award; Dick Withnell, Business Leader Award; State Senator Alan C. Bates MD, Policy Leader Award; and Local Leader awards to Eduardo Angulo and Norma Jean Johnson.

BY MARY NUNNENKAMP
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

I have had the pleasure of working with youth off and on for the past 30 years. Two years ago, I met Ariel Cerrud and found him to be a thoughtful, outgoing, extremely intelligent young man. At that time he was a member of the Washington County Commission on Children and Families Youth Advisory Council.

As I began watching Ariel interact with students from various Washington County high schools, I saw an incredible leader. Other council members saw it, too. They asked him to act as chair.

The position gave Ariel an opportunity to further develop his leadership skills. He represented the Youth Advisory Council on the Washington County Commission on Children and Families board, offering a youth perspective.

To better represent his peers, Ariel



Ariel Cerrud is recognized as Youth Leader of the Year.

took the lead in surveying high school youth to capture their assessment of cultural diversity, school engagement, and drug use. Other initiatives he led to help improve the health of youth in

Washington County include the following.

- With Ariel's leadership, the Youth Advisory Council wrote, developed, and recorded a radio ad describing the dangers of Ecstasy. The ad was produced in partnership with Beaverton Together, the Washington County Commission on Children and Families, PBS, and Reading for the Blind. The ad played on local radio stations.

- Ariel led the Youth Advisory Council in developing a print ad explaining to high school students the danger of drinking alcohol and encouraging youth to contact the Oregon Partnership Youth Link hotline. The ad ran in several high school newspapers in Washington and Multnomah counties.

- In January 2005, Ariel participated in the youth legislative day sponsored by the OPHA Adolescent Risky Behavior

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OPHA Mission

- Protect and promote the health of all Oregon residents
- Educate and support public health workers
- Advocate for just and equitable health policies

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!! Coming Out Party !!

OPHA Epidemiology and Biostatistics Section

Open Seminar

Friday, April 7, 2006

1-5 p.m.

Oregon State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St, Portland

Exposure to a wide range of topics, based on current and recent work
6-7 presentations (each 15 min. plus 10 min. discussion)

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Ariel inspires partners to make a difference

(from page 1)

Section. Ariel met with elected officials from Washington County to discuss the importance of supporting Oregon's youth. Ariel made an articulate impression, and Senate President Peter Courtney invited him to return to the capital to testify before a senate hearing on a physical education bill (SB228).

- In May 2005, over 1,000 children and their families participated in the "Get Ready, Get Set, Get Fit" event. This event provided youth throughout Washington County an opportunity to experience fun and healthy activities as an alternative to making unhealthy choices. The event involved organizing over 25 sports activities, 15 vendors, and nearly 100 volunteers. This was the second year that Ariel took the lead on this project.

- Ariel took it upon himself to organize a bracelet give-a-way at Forest Grove High School. The bracelets were provided by Oregon Partnership and displayed messages for youth to be drug and alcohol free. Ariel chose a particularly risky time in a high school student's life to distribute the bracelets, just before prom and grad nights. The bracelets

served as a reminder of the risk of drinking and driving.

- For the past 3 years, the Youth Advisory Council has received the Washington County "We Make a Difference" award for its work in drug and alcohol prevention.

Ariel developed the meeting agendas and kept members on task at meetings. Ariel put in extra hours to make sure the council was successfully engaged in the community.

When he is not busy with public health activities, Ariel is also a member of Ballet Folklorico of Forest Grove, a popular Latino dance troupe. He was also an editor of his high school newspaper, and maintained his place on the honor roll. Ariel graduated from Forest Grove High School with academic honors in June 2005, and attends Portland State University, majoring in political science.



Ariel makes acceptance speech for youth award.

Ariel also participated in the OPHA fall conference as a discussant in the ARB Section sessions on legislative advocacy and parent/teen communication. The Section asked him to become a member and he is currently developing tip sheets on adolescent risky behavior for the section.

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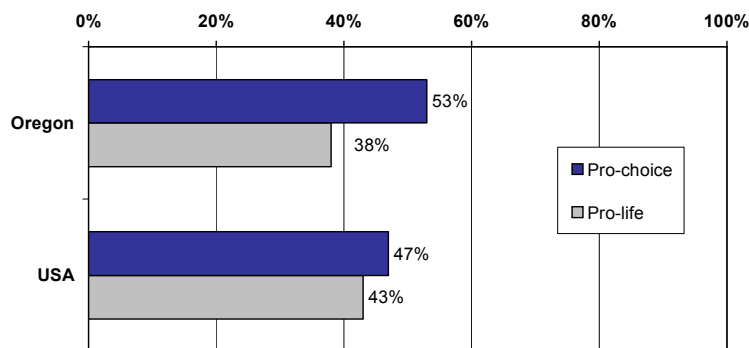
Oregonians support family planning for all

The National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association recently released results from a telephone survey in Oregon on family planning issues, conducted for the association by American Viewpoint in September 2005. The Oregon sample of 600 respondents provides a state snapshot, alongside Ohio and Arkansas, that corresponds to a national survey conducted earlier in 2005. The family planning association is a nonprofit membership organization with the mission to assure access to voluntary, confidential, culturally sensitive family planning and reproductive health care, and to support reproductive freedom for all.

The charts below show a few of the results from the Oregon survey. The margin of error for the entire study is reported to be plus or minus 4.1%. No margins are reported for any of the subgroup differences, and no actual numbers of respondents are reported, so the charts avoid comparisons of states or political subgroups, and describe findings only for Oregon and the USA.

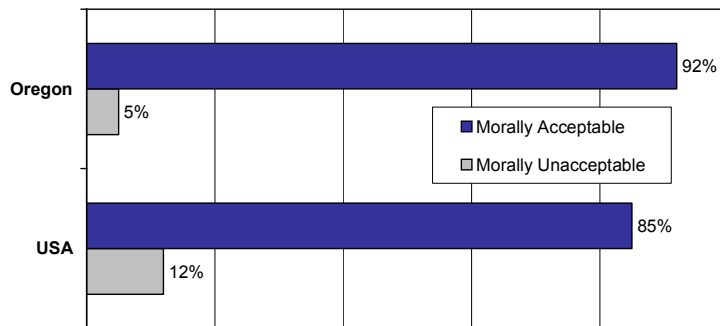
Do you consider yourself Pro-life or Pro-choice on the abortion issue?

Oregonians tend to favor a woman's right to abortion. Nationally, those who favor prohibiting a woman's right to abortion are more prominent. About 10% of the population apparently "don't know."



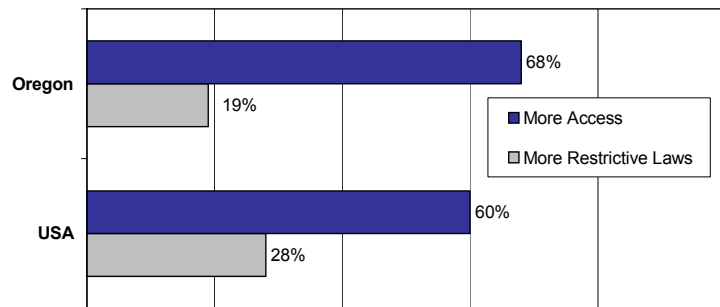
Do you personally find contraception ... that is using a condom, taking the pill, or using some other method to be morally acceptable or morally unacceptable?

In a number of questions similar to this one, Oregonians overwhelmingly support access to contraception. Interesting here is that few find it morally unacceptable. And fewer "don't know."



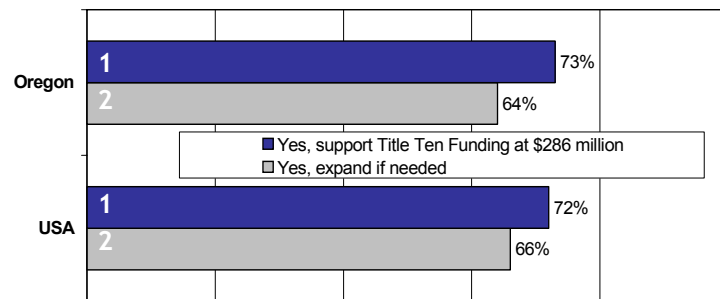
Which of the following do you believe would be most effective in reducing the number of abortions in this country ... enacting more restrictive abortion laws or providing more access to contraception?

Prevention is strongly preferred. Moreover, (below), Oregonians favor adequate welfare assistance for contraception and family planning.



1. Do you support or oppose the federal govt spending \$286 mil. for the Title Ten Program? (Provides family planning services and health care for over 5 million low-income women; no funds are ever used to pay for abortions.)

2. If you learned \$286 mil. is only enough to provide services to about half of the women seeking services, would you support increasing the amount of money authorized for Title Ten?



As we start out the new year, I want to encourage all OPHA members to participate in our very own public health organization. We have gone through a period of trial by fire during the past year and emerged as a stronger group, thanks to the leadership of our immediate past president, Jan Wallinder, and the dedication of our board and many other volunteers.

At the fall conference, the results of the election were announced at our business meeting, and I was honored to have been elected as president-elect. I looked forward to a year of learning and preparation for the role of

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president next year. At our first board meeting in November, however, our new president, Vicki Wegener, informed us she had a wonderful opportunity to go to Spain for six months and write a novel, and she resigned from her position.

The board then elected me to fill the

President's Message

BY KATIE RILEY
OPHA PRESIDENT

position of president for this year. Since that time, the board met in December, held a January retreat, and has moved forward with planning for an exciting year.

We have prevailed upon Tom Engle to chair the Program Committee again this year, and he and a group of enthusiastic committee members are already working on plans for spring activities and another fall conference. We had an excellent turnout of over 200 people at the last conference. The evaluation showed that we are providing topics of interest and relevance for your work. The committee would like to have your ideas and your participation to make this year's activities even more enticing.

The Policy Committee will be chaired by Judy Cleave. This group is entrusted with preparing for advocacy for the health of all Oregonians during the legislative session and in other appropriate opportunities such as national policies. Many members of OPHA work in positions where they are unable to take a public position on issues. Through

OPHA, your collective voices can be heard. If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of Oregonians, this is the committee for you.

The Membership Committee will be chaired by Kerri Lopez. She has a group of volunteers scattered throughout the state, poised to recruit new members from every public health center. They will also be working on a new membership brochure.

Communications is again chaired by Margie McGee who ably keeps our website up to date. Terry Hammond, our excellent and professional *Probe* editor, has agreed to continue to serve in this important post. Your articles and news items are very important and Terry is happy to hear from you.

In addition to these core committees, the OPHA sections are going full steam ahead. You are encouraged to join a section – or two – and become active. You will find articles about the sections in *The Probe*. Contact your Section leadership and let them know your interests.

Finally, I am also interested in hearing from you. Please contact me any time. This is your organization – let's work together to make it an enjoyable and worthwhile experience for you. And for Oregon.

KATIE RILEY
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Got news?

***The Probe* wants you**

Put pen to paper, or rather, tap into ether and send us the result. We thrive on your input.

Each issue of *The Probe* is now appearing a month later, staggered to miss the December holidays, when no one needs an additional item on their list of things to do. Now, the Winter issue appears early February; Spring issue early May, Summer issue early August, and Fall issue early November - your deadline is 10 days earlier.

**Data Resource Center
for Child and Adolescent Health
Web link: www.childhealthdata.org**

- Key findings
- Over 100 standardized indicators
- Healthy People 2010

• Much more ...

Sponsored by the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and led by the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, based at OHSU.

Musical debut tackles disability accessibility

BY ANGELA WEAVER
OREGON OFFICE ON DISABILITY AND HEALTH

OPHA's Disability Section hosted a 1-hour presentation, "Making Meetings and Conferences Accessible for Everyone," at the Department of Human Services in Portland on Dec 8, 2005. The presentation was conducted by Denise Spielman, technical assistance specialist with the Northwest Americans with Disabilities Act and Information Technology Center; and myself.

We managed to entertain and engage the audience, while sharing an important message, by incorporating ADA language and concepts into the lyrics of traditional holiday songs. The audience included DHS program managers and staff, who were all encouraged to sing along and learn about various strategies and tools to ensure that their future program meetings would be accessible to everyone.



Topics covered in the presentation included: definitions and descriptions of various disabilities/impairments, and examples of specific corresponding accommodations; plus ideas for determining and ensuring that meeting sites are accessible; the price of accommodations, and who is financially responsible; tax breaks and incentives; creating flyers, forms, and other materials; and emergency preparedness. All in song.

Denise and I made a finale: No meeting is too small or too large to make accessible, everyone who attends a meeting wants to feel welcome, participate to the fullest extent possible, and leave the meeting with the same materials, knowledge, and experiences as everyone else.

And last line. Be prepared to meet individual needs by knowing your meeting site, obtaining accommodation needs prior to the meeting, and being aware of your rights, responsibilities, and the law.

Smile and have a great meeting!

◆ See the back page (p. 10) for more singalong Xmas antics.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The APHA Community-based Public Health Caucus is accepting abstracts for the annual conference, with the theme Public Health and Human Rights, through Feb. 14. Online: www.apha.org/meetings

Oregon Environmental Council

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Healthy Forum Environment Series

FEB 16, Thursday

Plastic Promises: Better Living or Bodily Harm?

Mounting evidence suggests that exposures to certain chemicals found in hard plastics may contribute to a variety of lifelong human health problems. Frederick vom Saal PhD, professor of biological sciences at University of Missouri-Columbia, will present his seminal research on the health effects of low-dose exposures to endocrine-disrupting chemicals, specifically bisphenol A – found in many household, medical, and baby products. He will also discuss how this research may catalyze the plastics industry to develop less-toxic materials.

MAR 22, Wednesday

New Science on Potential Health Impacts of Phthalates

Myriad consumer products, from toys to cosmetics to pills, contain one or more of the synthetic chemicals known as phthalates, linked in animal studies to birth defects of the male reproductive system. Shanna Swan PhD, professor at University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, will speak about her most recent research, the first to find an association between higher phthalate levels in pregnant women and altered genital development in their infant sons. Dr. Swan will speak about implications of the findings and proactive ways to limit exposure.

APR 17, Monday

Hooked on Antibiotics: Does Use in Animals Impact Humans?

David Wallinga MD MPA will talk about antibiotic overuse in food animals and its implications for human health. He is Director of the Food and Health Program of the Institute for Agricultural and Trade Policy, and serves on the steering committee for Keep Antibiotics Working: The Campaign to End Antibiotics Overuse.

All events 6-8 p.m.

Multnomah Athletic Club, 1849 SW Salmon, Portland
Tickets \$25 (\$20 for nonprofit or government agency employees), includes hors d'oeuvres

Register online:

http://oeconline.org/2006_health_forum_form

Web survey sets agenda for section activities

BY LESA DIXON-GRAY
HEALTH PROMOTION AND EDUCATION SECTION

At the Annual Meeting, held during the OPHA Conference in Corvallis in October, several OPHA member health educators met to discuss bringing the Health Promotion and Education Section back as an active section. The section has a rich history of dedicated members providing programs and sponsoring activities, but has been inactive for several years. Enough people at the meeting expressed a desire and willingness to support an active section. Our next steps included assessing who the members were and what they wanted from their section.

Three members – Andrew Epstein, Nhu To-Haynes, and Lesa Dixon-Gray – developed a web-based survey and posted it on SurveyMonkey during the first week in November. An e-mail was sent to 81 OPHA members who had identified themselves as participants in the Health Education Section at some point in the last 2 years. We obtained a response from 25 people (31%).

Survey Results

The majority of respondents identified themselves as working in an academic institution (39%) or for the state (20%). The remaining 41% identified themselves as local and county government employees, working for private nonprofit organizations, private for-profit organizations, and students. Following is a synopsis of the survey results.

Educational Level

PhD	17%
Master's Degree	69%
Bachelors Degree	9%

Year's Experience in Public Health Education and Promotion

10 or more	40%
5-10 yrs	27%
3-5 yrs	12%
1-3 yrs	8%
0-1 yr	12%

Members were asked if they would be willing to give their time to participating in the OPHA Health Education Section. Twenty members responded favorably. One-third of them were willing to serve 2 hours every month, the rest less. One-sixth stated they would not be able to give any time.

The most important questions on the survey dealt with priorities that the Health Promotion and Education Section should focus on and our future directions. Respondents most often identified the following: three most important activities.

- *Recruit and involve* a diverse group of professionals, representative of the state's population working in health promotion and education.

- *Provide networking opportunities* for persons whose professional interest and training include health education, health communication, health promotion, social marketing, behavioral and social sciences, and public relations.

- *Encourage inclusion* of health education and promotion activities in all of the state's health programs.

Section members were asked about what kinds of additional training they would like to receive through the Health Promotion and Education Section. They identified the following interest areas.

Program Evaluation	57%
Program Planning	52%
Social Marketing	52%
Survey Development	48%
Risk Communication	30%
Facilitation	22%

Other topics suggested were, working with diverse populations, logic modeling, and how to use data and appropriate statistics.

The final questions about the future direction of the Health Promotion and Education Section asked for open-ended comments regarding what members would like to see the section provide for them. We wanted to know what additional activities might increase the participation

of members in the section. Along with priority section activities listed above, interest was shown for additional activities, like the following.

- Regular trainings or workshops
- Liaisons with the scientific community
- Community organizing and social justice advocacy
- Contact lists for networking

Moving Forward

The OPHA Health Promotion and Education Section now needs your participation. Many of you said you needed specific projects. You wanted networking opportunities, and a chance to learn about helpful resources and programs. You stated that newsletters and seminars would help you participate more, and you wanted to be motivated and have interesting tasks to work on. You asked us to serve as a resource to other community organizations. And you stated that events during the workday and in the Portland Metro area were easier for you to attend. Let's do it.

We know that health promotion and education is a critical component of a good public health program. Thus, it is important for OPHA to continue to have health promoters and educators participate in a section devoted to their activities. That is, your activities. Your participation gives OPHA a voice – and resources, and workshop training, and breakfast forums, and many more specific, accessible activities that may draw us all to attend and use as section members, OPHA members, and Oregonians.

Look for future Health Promotion and Education Section announcements as we draw information from our survey into action.

Positions on three committees are available for section members: Policy, Membership, and Programs. For more information, contact Lesa Dixon-Gray (leisl103@yahoo.com).

Public Health Week

April 3-9, 2006

National Theme:
*Build Healthier Communities
 and Raise Healthier Kids*

Time to act now!

Plan Oregon events through
 OPHA Programs Committee

Please contact Tom Engle (tengle@teleport.com)



Peace House hosts 2006 OPHA Retreat

Here we are. A good sum of us anyway. OPHA board members, committee and section chairs, and others gathered at the beautiful Peace House (2116 NE 18th Ave, Portland) on Jan. 20 to review accomplishments and challenges, examine operations, and brainstorm for the future.

All OPHA members are welcome to attend OPHA board meetings: the third Friday of each month at Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research, Portland. Contact Katie Riley, president (front row, right center), for more information (see p. 4).

Oregon Public Health Association Committee Members 2005-2006

Executive Committee

- Katie Riley, Pres.
- Jan Wallinder, Past Pres.
- Carol Allen, Treas.
- Carol Elliott, Sect.

Programs

- Tom Engle, *Chair*
- Carol Elliot (ARB)
- James Gaudino (Epi/Bio)
- Maria GrummMarie Harvey
- Robbi Ingraham-Rich
- Kerri Lopez
- Kari McFarlan
- Deb Messecar
- Anne Peltier
- Ken Rosenberg (Epi/Bio)
- Marie Sstrom
- Lesli Uebel (ARB)
- Jan Wallinder
- Angela Weaver
- Liana Winett

Policy

- Judy Cleave, *Chair*
- Donald Austin
- Bev Burke
- Tom Engle
- Billi Odegaard

Communication

- Marjorie McGee, *Chair*
- Terry Hammond, Probe
- Jan Wallinder, Past Pres
- Lesa Dixon-Gray

Membership

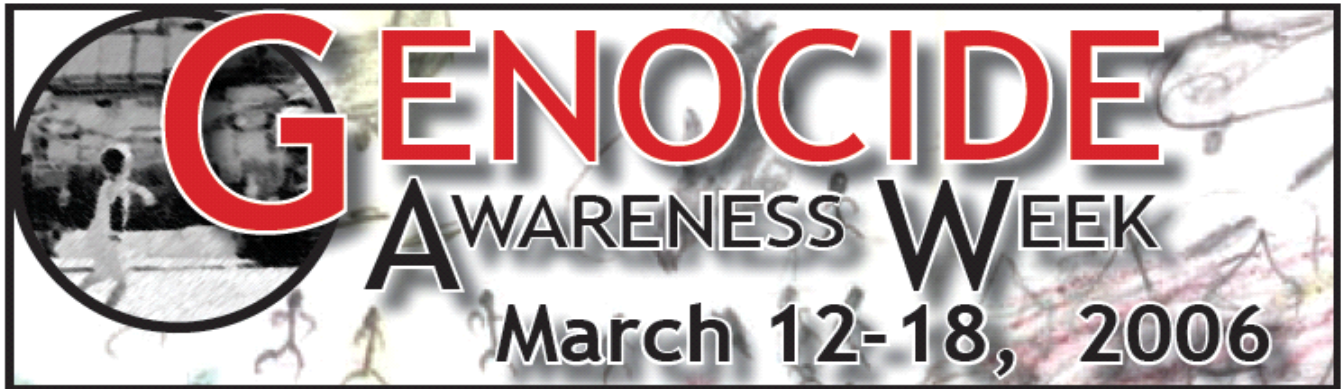
- Kerri Lopez, *Chair*
- Nasureen Abdullah
- Carol Allen
- Rafael Arellano-Barrera
- Shirley Orr
- Sylvia Mangan
- Diane Seyl

Nominations (elected)

- Mary Lou Hennrich, *Chair*
- Judy Cleave
- Willi Horner-Johnson
- Kathleen O'Leary
- Ken Rosenberg

By Laws

- Connie Guise, *Chair*
- Tom Engle
- Mitch Haas
- Jan Wallinder
- Maureen Whitman



Darfur drawn: The conflict in Darfur through children's eyes. Human Rights Watch 2005.

A CALL TO CONSCIENCE. Join us in a series of events in Portland, designed to raise awareness of mass violence occurring in the world today. Group and state-sponsored terror is killing innocent men, women, and children in many countries, often aiming to exterminate a whole population identified by race, nationality, tribe, language, religion, or politics.

For more information, please contact Sarah Stark (sjstark@gmail.com or 208-739-3308)

CALENDAR

Sunday - Peace House, 5:30 p.m.

- Service with Metanoia Peace Community, United Methodist Church

Monday - Guild Theater, 6:15 p.m.

- Film "Genocide in Me": Q&A with filmmaker Araz Artinian (Armenia)
- Film "Discovering Dominga": Q&A with Denese Becker (Guatemala)

Wednesday - PSU Multicultural Center, 2nd fl. Smith Mem. Union

- Morning panel on SE Asia, workshops throughout the day
- Feature workshops by Ruth Messinger, American Jewish World Service
- Keynote speaker: Mohamed Yahya (Darfur), 7 p.m.

Thursday - Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 6 p.m.

- Art exhibit by Beverly Collins, "The Invisible Women of Darfur"
- Ben Franklin's 300th Birthday: one-man show by Bruce Fraser

Friday - Culture Night, First Unitarian Church, 6:45 p.m.

- Play "Mother Courage"
- Kgotso Dancers (Zimbabwe)
- Speaker: Benson Deng (Darfur)
- Native American storyteller Ed Edmo

Saturday - Oregon Holocaust Memorial, Washington Park

- Evening peace and memorial vigil

Speakers, workshops, film, drama, art, church services, and an evening vigil highlight genocidal events in Darfur, Armenia, Guatemala, Rwanda, Yugoslavia, East Timor, Ireland, Cambodia, the USA, Europe, and elsewhere. Speakers and artists are arriving from across the country to participate in this event at a time when peace is needed more than ever.

*Don't the wars
come easy, and don't
the peace come hard*

— Buffy Sainte-Marie

Oregon Peace Institute, once prominent in its shop in the Galleria in Portland (1988-96), is now engaging viewers artistically on cable TV public access channels, and sponsors various peace events and programs. One notable offshoot from the original organization is the flourishing Conflict Resolution master's degree program at PSU, begun by OPI co-founder Robert Gould. OPI networking also helped launch co-founder Elizabeth Furse into the U.S. Congress (1993-99). Gould remains chair of the OPI board,

Where is peace today? Current concerns revolve mostly around neighborhoods and families. One edge of activity is challenging local military recruitment. The priority is hard to ignore. "We need to figure out," Gould says, "how to help people without bombing them."



Online: www.orpeace.us

4th Annual Western Regions International Health Conference

Theme: "Health, Human Rights and Economics: the Value of Human Life."

Location: Oregon Health & Science University, Portland

Dates: Feb 17-19.

Keynote speakers: Jeffrey Sachs (UN Millennium Project), Anne-Christine d'Adesky (advocate for HIV and human rights)

Registration: \$35 students, \$50 general, \$75 professionals (CME, CNE credits available)

Contact: www.ohsu.edu/som/gha/conference.htm

Cancer Disparity Conference

Theme: OHSU Cancer Institute is pleased to announce Oregon's first Cancer Disparity Conference, 'Comprehensive Approaches to Cancer Control: Reducing Disparities through Collaboration'

Sponsors: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Susan G Komen Foundation, Oregon Partnership for Cancer Control, and Astra Zeneca International

Location: Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel

Dates: March 3-4

Goals: Educate attendees about the comprehensive cancer control model; understand and address cancer disparities in Oregon; and create sustainable collaborative partnerships within the cancer continuum

Contact: www.ohsuhealth.com/cancer

27th Annual UNC School of Public Health Minority Health Conference

Please join your colleagues for an interactive satellite broadcast of the University of North Carolina Minority Health Conference.

Location: Urban Building, Rm 304, Portland State University

Time: Feb. 24, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Meredith Minkler, "Community-based Research and Practice: How Do We Make it Work for Everyone?"; and Meredith Minkler DrPH, UC Berkeley

Contact: Stephanie Farquhar (farquhar@pdx.edu, 503-725-5167)

Forum tackles healthcare reform

A roundtable discussion, sponsored by the Oregon Health Policy Commission, and Northwest Health Foundation, concentrates on current healthcare reform initiatives.

Location: Governor Hotel, Billiard Room

614 SW 11th Ave, Portland

Date: Thursday, February 16th, 2006

Time: 1-4 p.m.

Invited participants include representatives from Archimedes Movement, Bi-State 100% Access Summit, CodeBlueNow!, Foundation for the Advancement of Community Health Care, Northwest Health Foundation, and Oregon Business Council.

For more information, please contact Gretchen Morley, OHPC director (503-378-2422 x411 or gretchen.morley@state.or.us).

NEWS BITES



Poster awards recognize student authors

The poster session at the OPHA 2005 annual meeting in Corvallis drew over 25 presenters. The Graduate Student Poster Competition included 16 entries, representing OSU, PSU, and OHSU. Three students were selected for innovation, contribution to the field of public health, and overall content. Carissa Eastham (Univ. of Texas, Houston), Jocelyn Warren (OSU), and Stephen Mellor (OSU) were awarded a certificate of accomplishment, a 1-year membership to OPHA, and a gift card to Starbucks.

Jim Gaudino and Donna Champeau served as evaluators of the presentations. Gaudino responded, "It was indeed an honor, a delight, and an exciting event for me to meet our student presenters and to review each poster for the OPHA fall conference ... All student authors did a great job and deserve our thanks and recognition!"

Disabled faculty start online forum

Notice arrived from Charles Wankel of a new discussion list for disabled faculty and those interested in them as a research topic. DISABLED-FACULTY is a place for networking and exchange of information on the reasonable accommodations requested by faculty at universities and other higher educational institutions.

Topics will include discussions of legal and social contexts, and specific cases and situations. The forum is cosponsored by Academy of Management divisions. Faculty members from all disciplines are invited to join. See link: <http://aomlists.pace.edu/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=disabled-faculty&A=1>

APHA Peace Caucus seeks endorsement

A group of prominent APHA members, including several past presidents, circulated a petition for consideration at the 2005 annual meeting to oppose the U.S. government's 'initiation and continuation' of the Iraq war. APHA has in the past made strong statements to the effect that war is harmful to public health. APHA members can sign on to the APHA Peace Caucus petition, and all may view it online: www.petitiononline.com/APHAPC05/petition.html

Laurence R. Foster Memorial Scholarships

Foster Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to students entering public health and health care fields of study in 4-year colleges, who have outstanding academic records, and have demonstrated commitment to pursuing careers in public health.

Applications due March 1

See link: www.communityhealthpartnership.org/programs/foster/foster.html

Jefferson County knows how to party (to the tune of Jingle Bells) Public Health Christmas Carol

Here at Jefferson County, all departments had to write a Christmas Carol about their department for the County Christmas Party. We tied for first prize with a rousing rendition of "Public Health, Public Health" to the tune of Jingle Bells. We included all that Jefferson County Public Health is responsible for.

—Diane Seyl

Dashing in our van,
picking up dead birds,
checking for west nile,
e. coli or a louse.
Giving your flu shot,
if only there's vaccine
Crying kids around us.
Monday is a scream,

Oh, Public Health, Public Health
Protection is our goal.
We'll be there with our advice
For flu, diarrhea or a cold.

Public Health, Public Health
Protection is our goal.
We'll be there with our advice
For STDs and birth control.

We'll teach you how to live
Healthy as can be,
No risky sex, or smoking.
We'll help you change your life.
Eat your fruits and veggies,
and daily exercise,
We can teach you how to deal
with this life's daily strife.

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We record when you are born
and also when you die,
In between we try to help
you live a healthy life.
We teach our moms bout food,
and check on new babies,
We also help disabled folks,
and those with HIV.

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For STDs and birth control.

Running a school clinic,
Taking care of those in jail
We keep busy everyday
running off our tails
Watching out for threats
Inspecting restaurants
Without us, you'd be
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