

Reynolds resurface

by Jay Brown

Those familiar spray-painted religious messages attributed to Sherry and Jack Reynolds are again beginning to appear in the Southeast Portland area. According to Michael Pierce, who heads the *Reynolds Project*, in addition to the sprayed message, a stencil with the familiar slogan plus "Vote Reynolds" is appearing on surfaces along McLoughlin Blvd.

Jack Reynolds has filed as a candidate for State School Superintendent and lists his address at 16722 S. Howards Mill Rd., Beavercreek.

Jack and Sherry Reynolds have both been candidates for various political offices on the state and local levels for many years. They run their campaigns on Fundamentalistic rhetoric which condemns everything from "secular humanism" to homosexuality.

Any information on the whereabouts of the Reynolds duo or sightings of them may be reported to *The Reynolds Project*, (Michael Pierce) at 653-5673.

20% positive rate at state alternative sites

Twenty percent of the nearly 1400 people who have elected to be tested in Oregon for the HTLV-3 antibody as of the end of last year have tested positive for exposure, according to Bob McAlister, AIDS Program Co-ordinator for the State Health Division. This is "relatively low incidence" according to McAlister. A recent random survey of gay men in San Francisco conducted by the University of California at Berkeley found that fifty percent of 800 participants tested positive for exposure to the virus. A fourteen percent positive rate was reported at Illinois' alternative sites for the past three months.

Even if incidence of exposure to HTLV-3 in those tested in Oregon is below projected levels, McAlister stresses that education is still important. Unlike in San Francisco, where doctors and health workers are now concentrating on keeping sero-positive individuals from developing symptoms, in Port-

land people at risk can be educated to avoid initial exposure and to protect partners from exposure.

As of March 10, 1986, the State Health Department has recorded 70 diagnosed cases of AIDS in Oregon, resulting in 31 known deaths. 58 of the cases occurred in the Portland metropolitan area (does not include Vancouver, WA), resulting in 27 known deaths. Oregon ranks 26th on the Center for Disease Control's AIDS incidence report for the fifty states and District of Columbia.

Personals ad leads to murder of gay man

by W.C. McRae

Two men have been charged in Washington County with felony murder in connection with the slaying last fall of a gay man in Tualatin. According to sources, the alleged killers, Mark Pinnel and Donald Cornell, both in their 30s, are being held without bail in Washington County jail pending appeal of a pre-trial ruling which changed the original charge of aggravated murder to felony murder.

The victim, John Wallace Ruffner, 65, Tualatin, apparently met Pinnel and Cornell when the suspects responded to a personal ad the victim had placed in *Swing and Sway*, a local "contact magazine." After meeting Ruffner at his home, the alleged killers proceeded to "hog-tie," then rob him. The victim died when his movements caused him to choke. The victim apparently had not been sexually abused.

Pinnel and Cornell had already been charged with robbery in Clackamas County in a similar case involving meeting a gay man through personal ads. Pinnel and Cornell tied up their victim, and robbed him of his credit cards and check book. Pinnel pleaded guilty to the charge; Cornell had his charge dismissed.

State police are still looking for leads in an apparently unrelated murder last year of a Seattle gay man at a rest area near Wilsonville. Officer Greg Willeford reports that on the night of September 6, when the murder occurred, apparently "a lot of men" were present at or near the rest area. The state police are asking witnesses to contact them who might have seen or heard anything suspicious, or who may have information leading to the arrest of the killer.

The present suspect is a white male, 25-30, 5'8"-5'10", slender build, curly medium

to shorter blonde or dark hair. Vehicles associated with the suspect are a light tan or yellow Ford Mustang coupe ('80's model), and a light tan or yellow Ford Mustang coupe ('80s model), and a late model small red Ford Courier-type pickup.

The police suspect that the killer is deliberately stalking and then assaulting gay men.

If you have information about this, or related incidents, contact Detective Terry Crawford at 1-800-452-0315. Confidentiality will be respected.

What does LWW stand for anyway?

by Dianna C. Long

The organization who makes it their business to welcome lesbians new to the community (formerly Lesbian Welcome Wagon), you know, the ones who bring you the fun Event which is annual and full of art and just happened this March 15th!

I want you to know that we are not affiliated with Welcome Wagon International, Inc., in any way whatsoever. In fact, now that we have been informed by their attorneys from Tennessee that "welcome wagon" is their legal trademark, we are changing the name of our organization and its annual event. We wanted to let you know so that in the process of searching for and deciding on a new name you would not be confused by how we are referred to now. We also want to give you an opportunity to submit ideas for a new name for our organization which used to be known as Lesbian Welcome Wagon. Submit your ideas to: New L Ideas/DC Long, P.O. Box 42624, Portland, Oregon 97242.

Ed. note: Both LWW and Just Out received official looking letters from this high-powered Tennessee law firm — the top third of their stationery was just covered with lawyers' names in little, tiny type. They didn't exactly say "cease and desist" but I knew that's just what they meant.

First Olympics and now Welcome Wagon makes me wonder if there are any generic terms at all left in the public domain. But then, a buck is a buck.

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