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Rest area busts increasing

Activity at the Baldock Rest Area on I-5 south of Charbonneau has led to the arrest of several men during recent months. Some of those arrested have already been convicted of Public Indecency while others are still awaiting trial.

Information indicates that the men have been arrested at their homes by police from Clackamas County. They are shown photographs of themselves, then taken into custody. One man says he was shown a photograph of himself while sitting in a stall and another while he was getting into his car.

Ben Merrill, a Portland attorney who has represented two of the men, says, "So far, those who plead guilty to 'Public Indecency' are being sentenced to one year bench probation, a fine of \$100 and up to sixty hours of community service in lieu of jail."

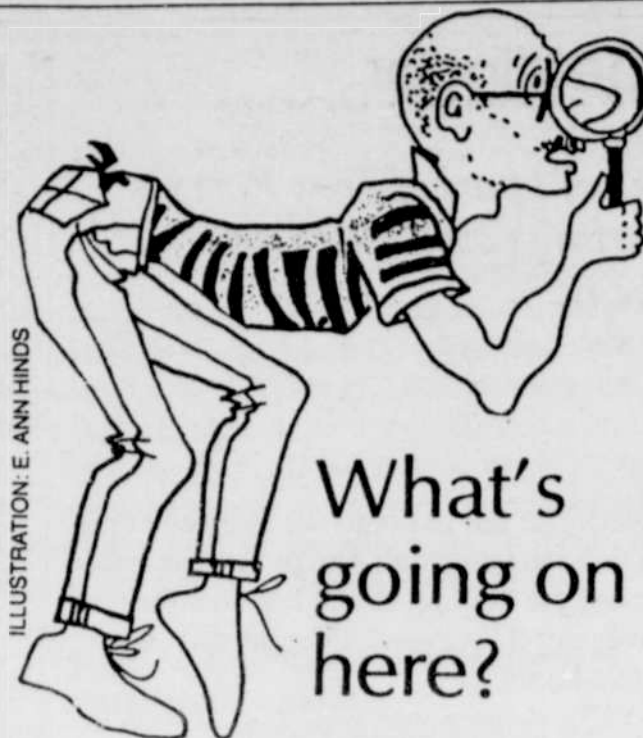
Police tactics in these arrests raise questions whether the aim is to stop public sexual activity or to harass gay men. Prominently displayed signs warning of area surveillance and AIDS would have an undeniable effect on many people who participate in such activities as has been shown recently in San Francisco.

And signs would certainly be more cost effective. But then, of course, a few cops would be deprived of their jollytimes.

But is it safe?

Snatches of testimony in the Iran-Contra hearings make me wonder if Ollie North keeps condoms handy. CIA operative Felix Rodriguez testified that Ollie felt protected from Congress because, The Old Man loved his ass." Further testimony revealed that the "Old Man" is Ronald Reagan.

And earlier, Albert Hakim, arms dealer



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extraordinary, so passionately declared his love for Ollie that his questioner came unglued. When the Congressman asked Hakim to describe his affection for Col. North, the Congressman swallowed the word "love" and after an uncomfortable silence said "like."

It's good to know, isn't it, that good old American hypocrisy is still alive and thriving?

Queersville demobilizes in August

Queersville, the mythological metropolis nestled somewhere between Vernonia and Oz, will disperse into the ozone at the conclusion of a special one hour program on August 8. Created and hosted by Michelle Lengua-bush and Howie Bagdadonutz, Queersville has been broadcast on KBOO 90.7fm since January 1986 and has proved to be one of the listener-supported radio station's most popular fundraisers.

Last month *Just Out* erroneously reported that Queersville would be leaving the air because of problems with the Federal Communications Commission. Neither KBOO nor Queersville has encountered any difficulties with the FCC over material used on the program. Queersville will disappear because Michelle is moving away.

Michelle called us immediately after reading our *faux pas* to tell us she'd like nothing better than to stick around and stick it to the FCC but she will be leaving Portland in August.

Queersville is the first gay/lesbian radio program in Portland to gain a community-wide audience. Howie and Michelle created universal comedy based on the lesbian/gay experience and led Queersville's many volunteer players to outrageous and compelling comedic extremes.

They will be missed. Maybe, like Brigadoon, Queersville will reemerge from the mists someday.

The Wedding date set

The Wedding date has been set for 2 p.m., October 10, 1987, the afternoon preceding the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. The Wedding is a demonstration officially sponsored by the National March on Washington to demand that same-sex domestic partners be entitled to the same rights as married heterosexual couples.

The Wedding organizers, Couples, Inc., are hoping that at least one thousand couples will celebrate their relationships.

For more information on the March on Washington contact the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Woodward Building, 733 15th Street, NW, Room 315, Washington, DC or for The wedding contact COUPLES, Inc., P.O. Box 13323, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

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