

Men and Woman of the Year

Tom Norton, Susie Shepherd and Keeston Lowery were named Men and Woman of the Year 1987, at a presentation hosted by Sanford Director and Darcelle XV on May 31. The Man and Woman of the Year is an annual event aimed at recognizing people in the community based on the following criteria: Civic Awareness, Social Abilities, Community Commitment, and Commitment to One's Chosen Field, according to Sanford Director.

The nominees (and nominating organizations) for Man and Woman of the Year 1987 were Gail Kennedy (Imperial Sovereign Rose Court), Judy Tallwing McCarthy (Lesbian Community Project), Keeston Lowery and Susie Shepherd (Right to Privacy PAC), Tom Norton (Portland Gay Mens Chorus), Anita Floyd and Philip Austin (Pride of the Rose), Ray Johnson and Kathleen Bambeck (Cascade Union of Educators), Linda Robinson (Portland Forum), Cherry Hartman (City Week), Renee LaChance (Phoenix Rising), David Diehnel (Lavender Network), Anita Floyd and Jim Case (Brinker Memorial Fund); Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays nominated its entire membership in lieu of individual nominations; Live and Let Live Club (Gay AA) nominated a woman and man who remained anonymous.

Judges for Man and Woman of the Year 1987 were Daniel Tegart, Tom Imdieke, Sandy Vroman, Geri Craig, Tom Nussbaum and Bari C.

Congratulations to all participants. Portland is fortunate, indeed; your caring, compassion and commitment enhance the lives of all in the community.

City Hall

An eagle-eyed reader notified *Just Out* that last month's *What's going on here?* contained an error in the story concerning the Portland City Council's new City personnel policy; the reader (a City employee) comments: "What the City Council passed on May 7th was an Ordinance, amending the City Code, not the Charter as stated in the article. A *Charter* amendment is passed by a vote of the people; a *Code* amendment is passed by the City Council through an ordinance."

While we're on the subject, let's hear it for Earl Blumenauer, Mike Lindberg and Bud Clark. They all stood their ground under Bob Koch's redneck attitude. In fact, at one point during the hearing on June 10 when Commissioner Blumenauer tossed the ball back to Koch, it appeared as if Koch's collar would explode. I got a headache just watching him.

Commissioners Blumenauer and Lindberg and Mayor Clark are committed to human rights; they refused to be intimidated by Bob Koch, Joe Lutz or Drew Davis. Letters of thanks to Blumenauer, Lindberg and Clark are very much in order.

Condom consumer action working

Full page ads for Ansell International's Lifestyles condoms appeared in gay newspapers in ten major markets during June. The copy is similar to Lifestyles ads which have been running in



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the mainstream press for several months: "I enjoy sex, but I'm not ready to die for it," but with an accompanying photograph of a man instead of a woman.

The ads mark the first appearance of condom advertising in gay publications, according to Joe Di Sabato, President of Rivendell Marketing.

Di Sabato has been attempting to get condom manufacturers to advertise in the gay media for the past five years, but says that he has encountered nothing but homophobia all along the way. (See JO 5/87.)

Di Sabato reports that the Lifestyles ads placed in the gay papers were "a one-shot, interim buy" for "goodwill," and that Ansell will be introducing a new line of "extrastrength" Lifestyles in September. In a recent conversation with me, Di Sabato said, "None of the condom manufacturers are admitting to being inundated with product wrappers, but we are getting results."

On a local note, the Oregon State Health Division recently placed an enormous order with Ansell International after consulting with Di Sabato. Robert McAlister, a state health educator, says the condoms will be distributed through STD clinics, AIDS organizations, county health clinics and other appropriate agencies; accompanying the condoms will be AIDS prevention material and a brochure titled *Using a Condom*.

Hypocrisy in action

The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, ruled that the U.S. Olympic Committee could prohibit San Francisco Arts and Athletics from calling their games the Gay Olympics. In the decision, Justice Lewis F. Powell rejected SFAA's claim that "olympic" is a generic word, disregarding evidence that "olympic" is acceptable when used with many other groups and activities.

In 1978, Congress passed the Amateur Sports Act which, among other things, granted the US Olympic Committee (USOC) exclusive use of the word "olympic." The USOC sought this favored treatment from Congress since it was impossible to seek trademark protection for a word that had been around for centuries." (A Sense of Pride: The Story of the Gay Games II. Roy M. Coe. Pride Publications, San Francisco)

"It is a major insult," said Ben Schatz, an attorney with the National Gay Rights Advocates. "This decision tells us that the Supreme Court is not sympathetic to the gay community; it is discriminatory."

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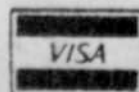


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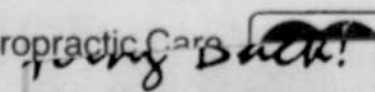
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