

## Come out, come out whoever you are

On October 11, the first anniversary of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Oregonians will gather at Pioneer Courthouse Square in downtown Portland to celebrate the first National Coming Out Day. The celebration, hosted by Gays and Lesbians United, has adopted the slogan "Come out, come out whoever you are" (used by Lesbian and Gay Pride in 1983).

Beginning at noon with a program of speakers including Ben Merrill, Jawa Mockabee, Gary Wilson, Marge Work, Dan Stutesman, Linda Shirley, Adrienne Weller, among numerous others, and master of ceremonies Howie Baggadonutz, the celebration will continue until 8 pm. The afternoon will feature personal coming-out testimonies by gay and lesbian citizens who can use an open microphone set up for the purpose.

The celebration will conclude with music for dancing as well as other spontaneous demonstrations of community spirit and pride. Hope to see you there. Come on out!

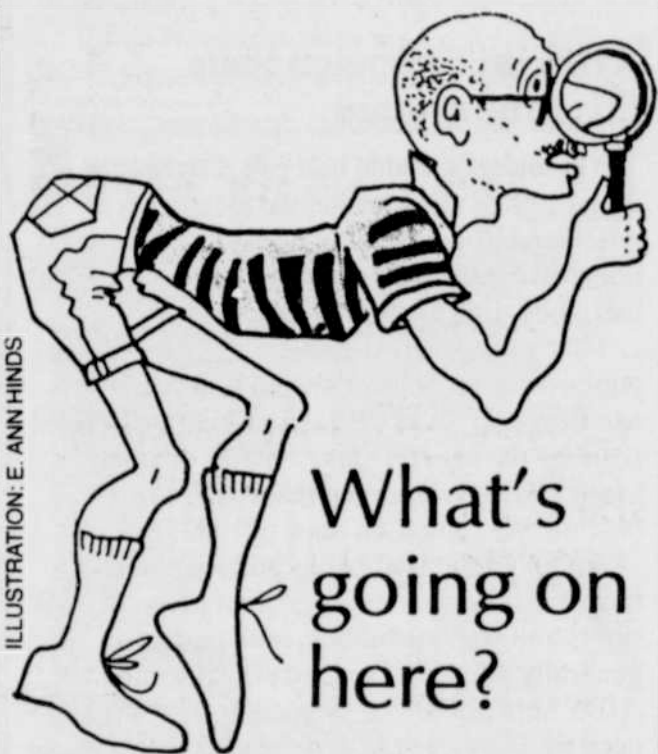


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B Y J A Y B R O W N

## Quilt display to proceed as planned

The Names Project Quilt will be displayed on the Ellipse in Washington, D.C., as planned on October 8 and 9. Display of the national memorial to those lost to the AIDS epidemic had been threatened because the National Park Service gave the permit for the site to another group. The Names Project had been given tentative permission in late August to display the Quilt on the Ellipse, yet the National Millennium Society was also given permission to use the site at about the same time.

"The Quilt will be unfolded at dawn on Saturday, October 8, on the Ellipse, and will be displayed to the public from dawn to dusk on Saturday and Sunday," said Names Project executive director Cleve Jones in a public statement announcing the settlement of the dispute with the National Park Service. "We know that thousands of Americans contacted the Park Service and their elected representatives to support our permit application. We are grateful for their concern and support."

The greatest need now facing the Names Project is for volunteers in Washington. Those wishing to assist with the events of the October weekend should call the San Francisco headquarters of the Names Project at (415) 863-5511.

Following display of the Quilt on Saturday, October 8, and led by mothers whose children were killed by AIDS, thousands of persons will participate in a National March Against AIDS. The candlelight march will conclude with a memorial program at the Lincoln Memorial.

## The candidacy of Lenora Fulani

Issues and choices facing lesbian and gay voters in the United States are not taken lightly by the staff of *Just Out*. Furthermore, we believe that voters must make individual, informed decisions when marking their ballots.

*Just Out* has been dealing with the campaign of Dr. Lenora B. Fulani since April of this year. We support the politics and style of Fulani, whose platform includes gay and lesbian rights, anti-racism and fair elections. We encourage each voter to look at this campaign before entering the polling booth on November 8.

If there were no George Bush in 1988, the choice for president would be considerably easier. If it were not for Bush, we could recommend support for Fulani without fear of a CIA victory.

Fulani is the only pro-gay candidate this political year. She continues to press for lesbian and gay rights even though she risks alienation in conservative black and Native American communities because of her unyielding support for full civil rights. Other political figures would do well to adopt the Fulani model in their campaigns.

We see the nomination of the first openly gay person to a spot on a national political ticket as historic. We look to the day when an individual's sexual orientation will not be a consideration in his or her political development or achievement.

If support for full civil rights for gays and lesbians was the only consideration, Fulani would get our nod for president. But there are other considerations. Every gay and lesbian in this nation should take a close look at Fulani and make an individual decision based on what each thinks is best for the country.

## Pastega running for mayor

Richard Pastega, Oregon's only openly gay elected official, is now Oregon's only openly gay candidate for mayor. Pastega is one of four in the race for mayor of Klamath Falls, a post he campaigned for four years ago.

"I am not running as a gay candidate," Pastega said in a phone interview. "I am running because I am concerned about streetlights, the Salt Caves dam and other local issues."

Pastega is a native of Klamath Falls. He has been active in local politics for many years and has held the post of county chairman of the Democratic Party.

## Scorecard

A conservative group in Southern California has one-upped the Oregon Citizens Alliance in exhibiting homophobic paranoia. In an attempt to overturn a new comprehensive human rights ordinance, the Irvine Values Coalition filed a petition that would not only remove sexual orientation provisions from the ordinance but would also prevent the Irvine City Council from passing any future law that "defines sexual orientation as a fundamental human right," according to *The Washington Blade*.

A Pennsylvania man, Stephen Roy Carr, will go on trial this month after being charged with first-degree murder, third-degree murder, attempted murder and aggravated assault in the shooting death of Rebecca Wright and the serious wounding of her lover, Claudia Brenner, on the Appalachian Trail in May. Wright and Brenner were shot by Carr on May 13 while camping in northeastern Pennsylvania.

The shootings and subsequent news coverage sparked outrage in the victims' hometown of Ithaca, New York, according to the *Gay Community News*. Local coverage of a preliminary hearing in the case, which directly linked the couple's relationship with the attack without putting it in the context of homophobic violence, led to the largest demonstration in the history of the upstate New York city. On the day after the preliminary hearing the *Ithaca Journal* had printed an article under the headline "Women Teased Me, Mountain Man Testifies."

## Voice in the wilderness

"I think credit must be given to gay activists. The gay activists really forced the government to pay attention to this crisis. They did a masterful job of marshaling information and of making an undeniable case for relaxing federal restrictions on new drugs and prophylaxes. They've practically stopped the spread of the HIV infection in the gay communities. And they have invented hotlines that provide people with very solid, reliable information. That has never happened with diabetics or arthritics or people with heart conditions."

— Alan S. Levin, MD,  
Positive Action HealthCare,  
San Francisco, quoted in  
*Parade magazine*, September 12, 1988



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