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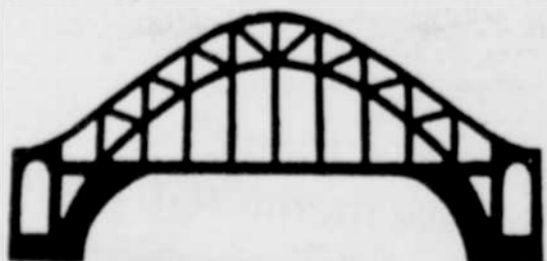
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# just briefs

## Phoenix Rising announces fall programs

Does someone you know drink too much? Are you a parent or about to be a parent? What are sixty ways to leave your lover? What does your parent's behavior with alcohol have to do with the way you communicate?

Questions like this will be answered in Phoenix Rising's fall schedule of groups and classes: Gay Men's Support Group, Partners of Sexual Abuse Survivors, Making Friends With Your Body, Ending a Relationship, Parenting, Understanding the Gay Experience, Adult Children of Alcoholics. Also back by popular demand will be "Tuesday Nite Live," a support and activity group where meeting new people has always been a key benefit.

For further information, starting dates and fees, call 223-8299.

## Shakespeareans to perform AIDS benefit

Members and Friends of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland will produce the Daedalus Project, an AIDS benefit, again this summer. On August 21, actors, dancers, musicians and technical staff of OSF will perform a varied program on the stage of the Elizabethan Theatre.

The Daedalus Project originated with OSF actor and director James Edmundson; the program is being organized this year by actor Rex Rabold. Last year's proceeds of \$12,687 were donated to the Cascade AIDS Project and AIDS organizations in the Rogue Valley.

The evening's performance will conclude with a ceremony of lighting candles and witnessing for the lives of friends lost to AIDS. Organizers anticipate that panels from the Names Project Quilt will be on display during the event.

Tickets for the Daedalus Project performance on August 21 are now on sale from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, PO Box 158, Ashland, OR 97520, or by calling the OSF box office at 482-4331.

## Fierstein play in Roseburg

A community theater company in Roseburg will present the Oregon premiere of Harvey Fierstein's *On Tidy Endings*. The play — the final act of Fierstein's *Safe Sex Trilogy* — will run for four weekends, beginning August 24; it is produced by the Umpqua Action's Theater at the Betty Unruh Theatre in Roseburg's Stewart Park.

*On Tidy Endings* concerns the lover and ex-wife of a gay man who died from AIDS. The action takes place in the deceased's apartment where the two meet to settle his estate and divide his belongings.

Proceeds from the play's run will be donated to the Douglas County AIDS/ARC Council. Cancellation of the play's production was averted when several community organizations, including two hospitals, offered financial support after a local health official refused to release public funds earmarked for outreach to gays and bisexuals.

For information, call 672-5239.

## AIDS walk to benefit CAP programs

From All Walks of Life, the annual benefit walk for Cascade AIDS Project and primary funding source for the agency, will step off at Waterfront Park on September 10, at 10 a.m. Last year From All Walks of Life provided funds for more than 25 percent of CAP's expenses.

Among the programs financed by the walk are the publication and distribution of educational brochures and posters, and information tables at workshops, street fairs, and other events; a specially trained volunteer speakers bureau, which included PWAs; a safer sex program in which trained staff and volunteers present workshops and informal meetings to discuss sexual issues and behavior changes with gay and bisexual men; the Oregon AIDS Hotline, which provides toll-free access to AIDS information to about 10,000 callers per year; and a reference library of printed materials as well as audio and video tapes.

CAP's Client Services also provides vital resources for people with HIV disease or related symptoms, families and significant others of PWAs and people who are HIV-positive but have no symptoms. The services include the PAL Program, emergency and basic needs, meals and in-home care, the AIDS Legal Clinic, and the Brinker Fund.

From All Walks of Life organizers have set a goal of \$164,000 for 1989 and hope to involve 2500 walkers. Teams of ten or individuals may participate. For information or to volunteer, call 223-9255.

For further information on CAP programs, call 223-5907.

## Esther's Pantry relocated

Donations have dropped off dramatically since Esther's Pantry moved from the basement of the Embers to its new location in the House of Light, 597 N Dekum. The new location in North Portland is just not as accessible, according to volunteer Chris Perry.

Esther's Pantry "makes about forty drops a month" to persons with HIV disease and related conditions, and supply is not meeting demand, Perry said. Needed are canned vegetables (except green beans) and fruits, tuna, spam and canned beef. Soups (except tomato, because of its high acid content) are also in short supply.

Personal hygiene items, such as shampoo, deodorant and disposable razors are needed also. To make donations to Esther's Pantry or for more information, call 245-7428.

## Names Project/Portland established

The newly formed Portland chapter of the Names Project will celebrate the opening of its panelmaking workshop with an open house on August 23, from 4 to 9 p.m. The workshop is located in the House of Light, 597 N Dekum. Panels from the international Names Project Quilt will be on display, and guests will have the opportunity to view panels in progress and obtain information on starting their own.

Quilt panels memorialize those who have died of AIDS, illustrate the impact of the epidemic, and show the humanity behind the epidemic.

The Names Project Quilt was established in June 1987. The Quilt, now comprised of 9,000 panels, will return to Washington, DC, for a three-day display beginning October 6. For more information, call 274-4028.

## Statewide S/M group flourishes

The Oregon Guild Activists of S/M (ORGASM) has found tremendous support not only within the gay and lesbian communities, but also the straight and bisexual communities. A pansexual group, ORGASM is open to all sexualities and all sexual orientations — straight, gay, bi, lesbian, TS/TV.

ORGASM's activities thus far have been fundraisers for opening a permanent and

regular Dungeon space. A slave and goods/services auction in April was attended by over 200 people, while an S/M workshop and seminar in May brought in well over 70 people. The best attended events for the group have been the S/M dungeon parties in June (177 people) and July (142 people). Group members are pleased at the participation and the growth that diverse sexual communities are making together.

Upcoming events include an S/M workshop and seminar on August 18, a dungeon play party on August 19; an S/M fantasy and erotica show on September 16 and the opening of their permanent space to coincide with the National Living in Leather Conference in Portland October 6 - 9. The conference is expected to bring 600-800 leather/S/M fetishists to Portland from around the world. ORGASM's general meetings are the second Tuesday of each month upstairs at the Embers (110 NW Broadway) from 7:30-9:30 p.m., and their newsletter is published the first of every month. For further information, call 228-6935 or 284-4174, or write "Oregon Guild" PO Box 5702, Portland, OR 97205.

## Opinion survey circulated

A survey of priorities for political activities in the gay and lesbian community is being circulated by a number of organizations. The issues listed on the survey include passage of a gay and lesbian civil rights bill, a city ordinance prohibiting discrimination, and gay and lesbian issues in school curricula. The survey asks participants to indicate importance of the issues, whether one would work for them, and whether one would give money toward their accomplishment.

The organizations sponsoring the survey are ACLU Commission on Lesbian and Gay Rights, Lavender Network, Lesbian Community Project and its Margins to the Mainstream Project, Metropolitan Community Church, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Phoenix Rising, Right to Privacy, Inc., and the Right to Privacy Political Action Committee.

To participate, write to Survey, PO Box 5931, Portland, OR 97228.

## Portland hosts Living in Leather IV

Portland will be the site of the fourth annual convention of the National Leather Association, Living in Leather (LIL). Living in Leather will be held October 6-8 at the Memorial Coliseum and Cosmopolitan Motor Hotel. All previous conferences have been held in Seattle, home of the National Leather Association. Portland formed its own chapter of NLA shortly after LIL III.

According to its statement of purpose, the NLA was originated three years ago "to establish and maintain a national worldwide communication, information, education, and support network for members of the leather/sm/fetish community."

Local president Sallee Huber expressed her excitement at Portland's growth: "We've always had an incredibly strong, visible leather community here. This is a tremendous opportunity for involvement and networking of old hands and newcomers to leather alike. There's no better way to meet people than by getting involved in the community. That the National Board would invite us to have this gathering of 500 of our best friends is a tremendous boost — Portland will never be the same!"

Persons interested in participating are encouraged to call 233-8137.