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Float gets award

The 1990 Portland Rose Festival Association Starlight Parade awarded the Queen's Award to the float entered by the Lesbian and Gay Coalition of Oregon. The award was for the best illuminated float in the non-commercial category.

The lesbian and gay float is the *only* gay-identified float in *any* mainstream parade in the United States. This is the second year that the coalition has had an entry in the Starlight Parade.

A display of color and lights, highlighted by a magnificent floral display and nine smaller arrangements was the design accepted for the entry. A parade judge commented that it was by far the most dazzling light display in the entire parade.

-Thom Kincheloe

Portland's hotline for gay-bashing

The Metropolitan Human Relations Commission is responding to a report released today by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force documenting 7,031 incidents ranging from harassment to homicide across the United States. Of the 1989 total, the MHRC reported 17 of these incidents. The incidents occurred in Multnomah County and were directed against individuals because they are lesbian or gay or perceived to be so.

The commission maintains that the reported incidents are low compared to the actual number of incidents which occur.

When an individual is harassed, intimidated or assaulted, it is important they report it. This can be done anonymously through Loren Christenson, 248-4106 in the Portland Police Department or the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission, 796-5136.

Lending library transferred

The lending library from A Woman's Place Bookstore has been acquired by Ladd's Editions Bookstore. They will continue to provide that service as well as the community bulletin board.

Ladd's Edition is owned by women and has been in business for one year. They have made a commitment to provide community outreach to address racism through workshops and books to increase awareness of race and equality.

Esther's Pantry moves

Esther's Pantry would like the community to know that it has changed its name and location.

The new name is Oregon AIDS Food Bank/Esther's Pantry. Their new address is 314 NW Glisan, 97209, phone 273-0711. It is open Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The board of directors felt this move would recreate its identity in the community. Esther's Pantry was established in 1985 and the first location was in the basement of the Embers. Because it was growing and needed more space, the next move was to the House of Light. As of June of this year, the board of Esther's Pantry decided to be on their own and to let everyone know that they are not part of Cascade AIDS Project, the House of Light or the Brinker Fund.

In the first year, Esther's Pantry spent a little over \$1000. This past year the budget exceeded \$26,000.

Scholarship seeks applicants

The Pride of the Rose Scholarship Fund announces that it is accepting applications for scholarships to be awarded in August.

This is the 11 year anniversary of the program which was started in 1979 by Rose Empress V Frank and Rose Empress XXI Allison of the Imperial Sovereign Court of Portland. Over the years 19 people have been awarded \$8,000 toward their college educations.

Traditionally, the scholarship recipients are announced at Sanford Director's Turnabout show at Darcelle's. This year's show is on August 26.

Applications for the scholarships are available at Phoenix Rising or by calling Frank at 236-1091 or Allison at 639-0888, and must be returned by July 31, 1990. Applicants must live in the tri-county area or Clark County, Wash., be gay or have gay parents, and must be pursuing their education beyond the secondary level. There is no age limit.

You can choose your family

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, co-founders of Daughters of Bilitis and authors of "Lesbian/Woman," have registered with the Human Rights Campaign Fund's National Family Registry.

The Registry provides an alternative "institution" to conventional marriage. In doing so, the Registry is an affirmation of the love, commitment and support of lesbian and gay relationships.

Anyone interested in participating in the National Family Registry should contact: HCRF, 1012 14th St. NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, or call (202) 628-4160.

Neo-nazi residence picketed

More than 35 human rights activists gathered outside a residence at the intersection of SE 50th and Hawthorne in the early morning hours of Tuesday, June 12, to expose neo-nazis living there. Demonstrators chanted, leafleted the neighborhood, and spoke with area residents to highlight the continuing threat of organized racist, homophobic and religious bigotry. The apartment picketed had been a gathering spot for neo-fascist youth for some time. One small business owner, who identified himself as a supporter of the anti-racist movement, gave an on-camera interview in which he indicated that the neo-nazis repeatedly harassed Asian tenants.

The picket was called by an ad hoc coalition of groups and individuals called the Community Defense Coalition. The CDC was created as a unified opposition to a large and active population of organized vigilante bigots in our city. In early May, representatives of the Lesbian Community Project, the Coalition for Human Dignity, Anti-Racist Action, Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice, ACT UP and other concerned Portlanders held a press conference to expose recent incidents of bigotry by organized white supremacist groups in the city, and to criticize media reporting of these incidents.

At the June 12 meeting of the CDC, 60 people from more than a dozen organizations highlighted the growing cooperation between diverse social and political groups in Portland in the common cause of exposing and confronting bigoted groups. The CDC will continue to provide victim advocacy, and serve as a community forum and action planning arena for confronting bigotry. For more information call 232-2159.

National lesbian and gay health conference

The largest annual conference concerning lesbian and gay health issues is expected to draw over 2,000 attendees when the 12th Annual National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and Eighth National AIDS Forum convenes in Washington, DC, July 18-22.

This year's conference will feature more than 300 presentations dealing with such issues as: substance abuse, lesbian health care, holistic and alternative therapies, mental health, and lesbian and gay youth issues. The AIDS Forum will be divided into medical, educational and psychosocial tracks.

Gay young adults conference

The National Gay Alliance for Young Adults, Inc. announced that the 1990 National Gay Youth Conference will be held in Houston, Texas, August 10-12. The

conference is intended to give gay youth the opportunity to learn and understand many of the aspects of life that will affect them as a gay person and thus help them plan as productive a life as any other individual. The conference is also designed to help people who help youth increase their understanding of gay and lesbian youth issues.

For more information write: National Gay Youth Conference, c/o NGAYA, PO Box 190426, Dallas, Texas 75219-0426.

Mapplethorpe's will assures help in AIDS research

The estate of the late photographer Robert Mapplethorpe donated \$250,000 to the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR).

When he died of AIDS in 1989, Mapplethorpe established a foundation dedicated to promoting AIDS research and the careers of young US photographers. Part of his estate will now go to AmFAR, the nation's leading private organization dedicated to developing treatments for HIV disease.

Hurrah for first parades!

Lesbian and Gay Pride Day was celebrated with parades and rallies for the first time in: Boise, Idaho, Wichita, Kansas, Honolulu, Hawaii and Antwerp, Belgium.

Just Out would like to know of other gay and lesbian firsts. The community should be aware of the good, positive incidents which help make us all stronger.

Oregon Shakespeare Festival says "no" to NEA

The OSF board of directors has joined Joseph Papp and Los Angeles choreographer, Bella Lewitzky, in refusing money from the National Endowment of the Arts. They have turned down a \$49,500 grant and have stated that unless current restrictions on funding are removed, they will reject the \$225,000 grant for major improvements to the outdoor theater.

Executive Director William Patton blasted the motives of Sen. Jesse Helms, R.-N.C. sponsor of the restrictive NEA bill.

"I believe this whole subject of pornography is a smokescreen," he said. "It's about raising money for America's right wing."

"To be the arts they must be free," said Artistic Director Jerry Turner.

"Our board is a very conservative board," said President Dick Bernard. He added, "It wasn't a question of conservative or liberal. It was a question of basic rights."



Hey Gay Sport Fans!

Group discount tickets are now available for the 1990 Oregon Football Season.

Sept. 8 • San Diego State
Oct. 6 • Utah State
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For more information contact Brant at 236-1252 before July 20th.
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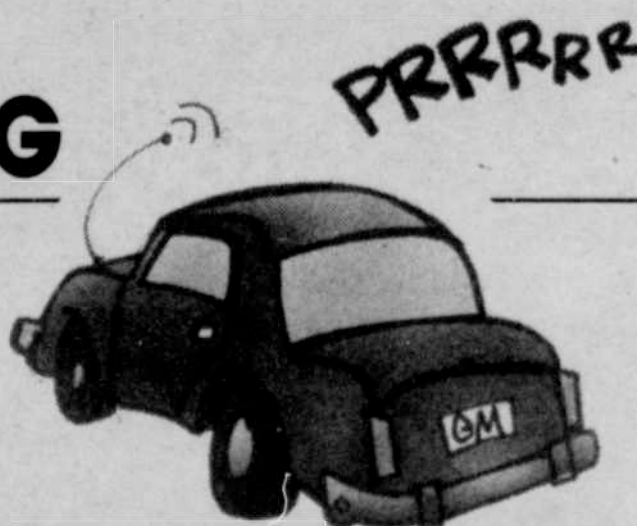
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