

# just briefs

## Portland band joins LGBA

Portland's Rose City Freedom Band and the Pacific Coast Freedom Band of Long Beach, Calif., were accepted as full member bands of the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America (LGBA), a national organization of lesbian and gay concert/marching bands from across the United States. The LGBA now has 21 full-member bands. The Emerald City Lesbian and Gay Freedom Band of Seattle, Wash., was accepted as a band in formation.

The Rose City band performed with the LGBA during the Opening Ceremonies of Gay Games III, Pride Parade, and during the closing ceremonies in addition to a "Beyond the Rainbow" concert, part of the week-long cultural festival.

## Tod's Corner open at new location

Tod's Corner, which provides free clothing for people with AIDS, has reopened at a new location: the HIV Day Center, 3835 SW Kelly. Regular hours will be Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Tod's Corner was established in 1988 in memory of Tod Hutchins to provide clothing and other household items to people who have been diagnosed with AIDS or ARC. For more information, phone 245-7428.

## Condoms cut off

Facing funding cuts, the state has discontinued distribution of free condoms to community agencies. Kathy Oliver, director of Outside-In, said the state had been funneling money to the counties to purchase and distribute the free condoms. She said when her agency was

running low on condoms she called the county. "They said, 'Sorry, your last shipment was your last shipment.'"

Oliver and representatives from other local agencies that distribute free condoms appealed to the county to find a way to continue to provide condoms. The county agreed to give each agency 500 condoms. A meeting will be held later this week to see if a long-term, workable solution to the problem can be found.

## Just Out grows

Just Out's advertising representatives this month moved into a new office. Brent Fether, and Kristin W. Pressey will be working out of an office adjacent to the Just Out editorial office. Pressey is new to the staff and will fill a dual role as office manager and advertising representative. Philip Anderson and Beth A. Allen also joined the staff this month. Anderson is the calendar editor and proofreader and Allen is the editor. Allen has most recently worked in public relations, writing news releases and producing an in-house weekly newsletter. Anderson has a broad background in higher education and writing.

In November, Just Out will also take on a new look with a complete format change. Rupert Kinnard has created a fresh new design and with a lot of fresh new faces, the paper hopes to provide even more extensive, informative and interesting coverage of the gay and lesbian community in the Portland area and throughout Oregon.

## Homophobic comedy not funny

Andrew Dice Clay is not alone as a

homophobic comedian. Two more comics have included gay-bashing and homophobia to their stage routines.

Gallagher, who is famous for splattering his audience with a wide variety of wet stage props, sprayed Silly String over the audience at Caesar's Tahoe nightclub and said, "This is AIDS in a can. Now you don't have to fuck a fag to get it." A senior vice president of the nightclub said Caesar's does not intend to bar Gallagher from future performances.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD/NY) and Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD) have condemned Damon Williams, a star of the television program, "In Living Color." Williams, who recently taped two programs for Home Box Office (HBO), has played several stereotypical gay characters on FOX's "In Living Color," and has a two-year history of ridiculing gay people during his routines.

## Lavender lights illuminate Empire State Building

The Empire State Building in New York City was lit up in lavender for that city's Gay Pride Weekend.

The management of the famous building had refused requests from the gay and lesbian community in New York City for years, but decided this year to illuminate the building.

A representative of the management said the merit of the gay and lesbian community's argument, the size of the event and its significance to the community made a lot of sense and the management believed it was the appropriate thing to do.

In the past, colored lights have been used to illuminate the building for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and the Fourth of July.

## Seattle may lose Family Leave Ordinance

Seattle is threatened with a repeal of its Family Leave Ordinance which recognizes all municipal employees in registered long-term relationships. The ordinance does not include health care for domestic partners. Initiative 35, if passed, will repeal the rights of domestic partners to take leave to care for one another. Proponents say the ordinance burdens the city with additional costs, although the Seattle City Council has shown no additional costs while implementing the ordinance.

## Pamphlet urges isolation

Hundreds of pamphlets claiming whites will be wiped out by AIDS unless they isolate themselves from blacks have been distributed around Johannesburg, South Africa, recently.

The "Facts on AIDS" pamphlet urges whites to "save the white race from extinction." The otherwise unknown group, the AIDS Information Distribution Society, which published the brochure claims that AIDS can be spread by casual contact via toilet seats and swimming pools and at multi-racial churches which distribute communion wafers.

Police say the pamphlets have not caused any problems and they would not take action unless they receive public complaints.

The South African government used to claim that the African National Congress, the main black political movement, was bringing AIDS into the country when its alleged guerillas infiltrated the border. Those claims were dropped when the government took a more moderate position on dealing with the ANC.



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