

local briefs

Sanford Director's memorial

The community is cordially invited to the memorial service for Sanford Director Sunday, May 3, from 2-4 pm. It will be held at the Intermediate Theater at the Center for the Performing Arts, located on the corner of SW Broadway and Main downtown.

There will be a multimedia slide show covering Director's life. Director became involved in the gay and lesbian community in the late '60s. He was raised in a family that was devoted to charity work. He brought that charitable nature with him when he came out.

One of his longtime friends, John Baker, has mentioned the incredible wealth of photographs that Director has taken. There are rooms full of photo albums that Director has put together over the years. An incredible journey of his life, as well as a stunning pictorial legacy for the Portland gay and lesbian community.

Director loved animals and was devoted to his two cocker spaniels. They would attend his birthday parties in restaurants, and have their own chairs to sit on. They were his best friends. They are still being well loved and cared for.

Some of the guests attending the memorial, and speaking, will be Gov. Barbara Roberts, Rabbi Geller, Les AuCoin and Vera Katz. Darcelle will be singing. Everyone in attendance is invited to Hobo's afterwards. Hobo's is located at 120 NW 3rd Ave.

Bowling tournament to climax season

The Portland Community Bowling Association is approaching the end of its 14th season. May 29-31 marks the date for the grand finale, 9th annual Rosebowl Classic Invitational Tournament. Bowlers come from as far away as Dallas, Denver, and even Minneapolis, to participate.

The Portland Community Bowling Association is a nonprofit organization, providing fellowship, unity, communication and dedicated to creating an environment of pride and a sense of belonging. Comprising over 300 bowlers from Sunday's, Tuesday's and Friday's leagues, they include a mixture of individuals representing a cross-section of bars, interests, and organizations throughout our community.

Through fundraising, and participation, members financially assist a number of community wide nonprofit efforts including Cascade AIDS Project, Esther's Pantry, Soberfaire, From All Walks of Life, Portland Gay Men's Chorus, the HIV Day Care Center, Phoenix Rising.

Cinco de Mayo

There will be a big Cinco de Mayo celebration on Waterfront Park Thursday, April 30-Sunday, May 3. The main sponsor is the Guadalajara Sister-City Association.

Portland's Sister-City Association will be setting up a way of gathering funds and materials to help out Guadalajara at the Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Thursday and Friday it's free until 4 pm, then it's \$3 for adults, \$2 for kids 6-12 and senior citizens. Kids under 6 are free, a family pass is \$10. Hours: 11 am-9 am Thurs., 11 am-11 pm Fri. and Sat., 11 am-9 pm Sun.

Aiding hands

"Aiding Hands" is an all-volunteer massage day for any and all people in the late stages, Class III and IV, of AIDS. This program is the brainchild of Ann Laws-Bergeron. It is modeled after a program in Seattle called "In Touch."

There will be an open house Thursday, May 7, from 5:30-7 pm at the Metropolitan Community Church, 1644 NE 24th Ave. The open house is co-sponsored by the Lesbian Community Project, Dolphin Evolution Massage and Circle Healthcare Clinic.

Licensed massage therapists are still needed to donate approximately four hours per month. Bergeron will provide the special sensitivity training necessary for massaging people in the late stages of AIDS.

Donations of sheets are still needed. Call (206)892-6849 for more information and to volunteer.

A positive response

Steve Squires, a 49-year-old local political and gay rights activist and Viet Nam veteran is being held by the federal government for the latest in a series of protests in which he mailed excrement to the IRS in lieu of a tax payment.

In June of 1991, Squires made national headlines when he planted a dummy bomb (one which was not detonated) on the U.S.S. Berkeley, a guided missile destroyer docked in Portland for the Rose Festival celebrations.

Squires has remained committed to continuing his political actions despite constant scrutiny from authorities, and despite facing almost certain sentencing to federal prison later this month. Squires does not fear either the courts or the prisons. Squires is HIV positive.

Queer theory

Powell's presents a special panel discussion titled: "Queer Theory: The Politics and the Poetics of Gay/Lesbian Representation." The relatively new study of sexuality has brought to light the ways in which political power is exerted through rhetoric, and many artists and scholars are seeking new forms of representation for gay and lesbian culture. The current state of sexuality in discourse will be discussed by panelists Howie Baggadonutz, Henry Blair, Linda Kliever, and Laurie Finke.

"It's a good chance to educate the caffeine addicts at Powell's Books cafe," says Howie Baggadonutz. "We should get some lively debate going in the liberal, straight community there."

Panel will be presented Sunday, May 17, at 11 am in the cafe at Powell's Books, the corner of SW 10th and Burnside.

Signing of contract for enforcement of the civil rights ordinance

The contract for enforcement of Portland's recently passed civil rights ordinance was signed on Wednesday, April 15, 1992 at 9:10 am, in the City Council chambers.

Participating in the signing were Oregon Commissioner of Labor and Industries Mary Wendy Roberts; Donna Butler, Director of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon; and Portland City Commissioner Mike Lindberg.

Portland's civil rights ordinance, passed in October 1991, called for utilization of the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) as the enforcement arm, recognizing BOLI's long and established history of enforcement of state civil rights law.

Homophobic response destroys bird migratory spot

According to state officials, the Bend Metro Parks and Recreation District violated the State Scenic Waterways Act by not submitting a plan for clearing portions of Sawyer Park for review.

The district cleared brush and undergrowth from a section of the park near the Deschutes River, disturbing wildlife habitat. When pressed for the reason why, park services supervisor Paul Stell said, "We're just trying to give nature a little boost."

"In fact," general manager Ernie Drapela said, "the park was mentioned in at least one homosexual publication as a place to meet gays for woodland trysts."

Drapela was contacted and asked which lesbian or gay publication Sawyer Park was mentioned in and he couldn't answer, claiming he did not know. A reporter with the Bend *Bulletin*, the city's sole newspaper, who reported the story locally, also couldn't name the publication because he didn't know.

P.J. Rivers

Communicating at Kaiser

Communication and decision-making skills for many couples are easy to learn but hard to put into practice. Kaiser Permanente's "Couples Communication for Couples in Same Sex Relationship" helps couples learn and practice basic communication skills. The eight sessions will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Wednesdays, April 29 through June 17, at Kaiser Permanente's Health Appraisal Program Center, 4035 SE 52nd Ave., Portland. Cost is \$78 for Kaiser Permanente members and their partners, \$140 for the general public (fee includes textbook). Late registration is possible. Call Kaiser Permanente Health Education department, 286-6816, to register.

Deschutes County gives permission for park

Deschutes County has given permission to "Funny Farm" owners Gene Carsey and his partner, Mike Craven, to open their property as a private park and playground. The park will include a 2,000 square foot "souvenir" shop which may be called "Buffet Flats."

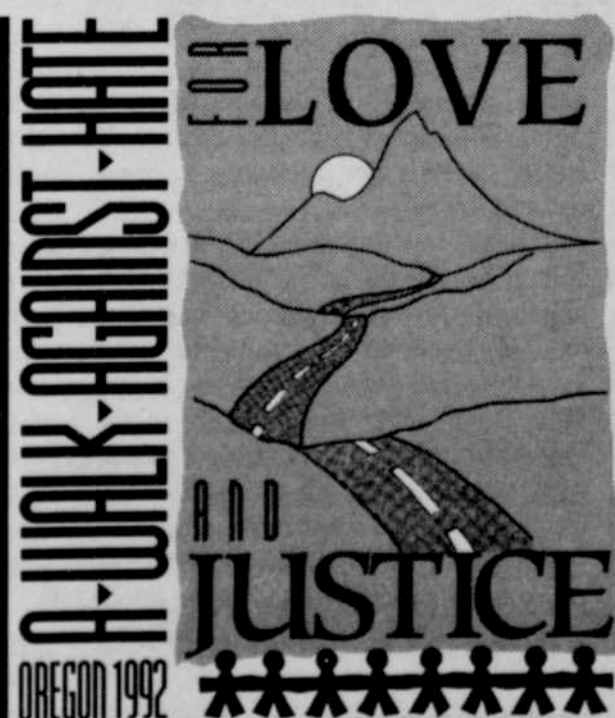
Some of Carsey and Craven's lawn decorations will be allowed to stay, despite earlier attempts by the county to have them removed. A number of conditions must be met before opening.

Carsey and Craven have posted a large sign facing highway 97 that reads: "Stop. Think. Don't sign OCA hate measure."

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Exploring Differences

A workshop to open doors to understanding and combatting racism, sexism and homophobia is being held Friday, May 8, from noon to 2 pm, at Portland State University, Campus Ministry, 633 SW Montgomery Street. The workshop will be facilitated by Kathleen Saadat, aide to Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury and steering committee member, Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon; Donna Red Wing, executive director, Lesbian Community Project; and Scott Nakagawa, program director, Coalition for Human Dignity. For more information, call Gwen Jagernauth, 725-5652 or Ruth Toba, 725-5341.



■ The fundamental rights of lesbian, gay, and bisexual people are under attack in Oregon by the OCA, a right-wing organization whose agenda, we believe, also threatens the rights of women, Jews, people of color, and the poor. We invite all people who believe in justice and freedom to unite to fight this bigotry.

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