

## Hispanic cultural festival planned

Miracle Theatre/ Teatro Milagro is busy preparing for its fifth-annual Hispanic Cultural Festival. Organizers describe the festival as "a month-long entertainment spectacle...celebrating cultural diversity within the Hispanic community." Events include drama, dance, music and storytelling. The festival begins April 1 and continues through April 27.

This year's festival includes two plays, *The Miser of Mexico* and *Earth Summit*. Chicano playwright Carlos Morton borrows liberally from Moliere for *The Miser of Mexico*, a romantic comedy about three young couples fighting for love and revolution in turn-of-the-century Mexico. Mel Fletcher directs a local cast. Morton, a professor of theater at the University of California, Riverside, will be on hand to discuss *The Miser of Mexico* and a play he wrote about artist Diego Rivera, a Marxist Mexican muralist. Teatro Milagro will perform that play in the fall. A special preview is planned for April 1; the show plays Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through April 17.

Sunday, April 4 is a day especially for children and families to enjoy the festival. *Earth Summit* continues Teatro Milagro's tradition of bilingual children's theatre. This musical adventure explores the streets of Rio de Janeiro and the Brazilian rainforest in search of harmony between the earth and its human inhabitants. This collaboration between playwright Richard Painter and director-actor Kam Sisco is presented April 4, for the Sunday Festival Familia. Venezuelan vocalist Irene Farrera will also perform at the Festival Familia. Farrera, whom organizers describe as "powerfully passionate," sings in Spanish, Portuguese and English.

Other events include a visit from New York's Repetorio Español. They are touring nationally performing *Botanica*. Cultural storyteller Olga Loya will join the festival as well. The festival will take place at St. Mary's Auditorium, 1615 SW Fifth Ave. For more information about performance schedules and ticket prices, call 236-7253 or 236-0215.

## Thinking big for queer youth

A series of meetings held by the Multnomah County Children and Youth Services Commission has proved a catalyst for aiding sexual minority youth. It started with a report on the county's youth, in which a few paragraphs suggested a commission and support groups for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth. From that sprang the new Oregon Sexual Minority Youth Network, which has proposed establishing a community center, a telephone resource line, a newsletter and a prom.

County Youth Program Developer Jim Clay described the initial meeting as "totally wonderful."

Organizers expected about 15 people at the first meeting on Feb. 25. Instead, 40 people arrived and brainstormed over 50 possible projects in the two-hour session. The projects are divided into four service areas: communication and information; social opportunities; clinical and professional services and social change and empowerment.

Minutes from the meeting said that organizers were working to network with similar groups and put forth a coordinated effort. Nearly 20 different groups, ranging from Queer Nation to Cascade AIDS Project to Southeast Mental Health Network, attended. County agencies were also represented.

Diverse representation for all sexual-minority youth is a priority for OSMYN. One of the goals listed in the minutes is "...support diversity and visibility in OSMYN by planning for the needs of

street youth, youth of color, youth in detention, sexual-minority youth who are parenting, and other 'often forgotten' youth."

OSMYN's objectives are: "To develop and maintain a proactive and responsive network of individuals and organizations supporting sexual minority youth; to support the mobilization of sexual minority youth, assisting them in becoming an influential social force; to educate the public in matters of social policy related to sexual minority youth; [and] to coordinate the efforts of people supporting sexual minority youth."

The Multnomah County Children and Youth Services Commission, a volunteer citizen panel, is contributing in-kind staff support to the project.

## PCUN activism gathers steam

Flying Focus Video Collective and the Portland Association of Teachers have both come out in support of *Pineros Y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste's* boycott of Steinfeld's, Flav-R-Pac and Santiam brands. The farmworkers' union has called for a boycott to encourage Kraemer Farms, a major supplier for those brands, to negotiate with the union and improve working conditions.

Flying Focus has planned an interactive presentation about farmworkers in Oregon that will include speakers and videos. The presentation is the kick-off fundraiser for the video collective's Farmworkers Civil Rights Project, which will train farmworkers to use video equipment. The presentation, "Beyond Apartheid: Oregon's Farmworkers," is scheduled for 7:30 pm, Tuesday, March 23 at the Clinton Street Theatre. Admission is \$3.

At a recent school board meeting, the teachers' union asked that Steinfeld's, Flav-R-Pac and Santiam not be used in school cafeterias. The board was not enthusiastic about the request. Apparently, H. Richard Steinfeld, president of Steinfeld's, is involved with the school district's radio station.

## CAP offers holistic info

Cascade AIDS Project is offering a forum to address questions and concerns people with HIV and AIDS may have about alternative medicine. Roger Lore, of Portland Addictions Acupuncture Center; Subhuti, Darmanada Ph.D., of the Immune Enhancement Project; Cindy Breed, N.D., of the Portland Naturopathic Clinic, and Lucijah Marx, R.N., N.D. of the center will be on hand to discuss their areas of expertise. The Holistic Treatment Update will be March 23, from 7 to 9:30 pm at CAP's offices at 620 SW Fifth Ave., Suite 300.

## Fundraiser planned

Dinners at the Human Rights Campaign Fund's upcoming fundraiser will be treated to potluck — as far as speakers are concerned. According to spokeswoman Toni Grabler, the keynote speaker will be either Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, or Ellen Malcolm of Emily's List, a fundraising PAC supportive of women Democrats. A press release also mentioned Rep. Pat Schroeder of Colorado as a possibility.

The agenda for the fundraiser includes a cocktail hour, dinner and an awards ceremony. Gov. Barbara Roberts and HRCF activist Terry Bean will receive awards. The event is scheduled for 6 pm, April 4 at Montgomery Park in Northwest Portland. For tickets call 797-2690.

HRCF bills itself as "the largest gay and lesbian political organization in the country." It claims more than 65,000 members. A recent press release says the group donated more than \$3 million to Pres. Bill Clinton's campaign, and more than \$80,000 in staff and financial support to the fight against Ballot Measure 9.

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