

## CAP announces recipients for walk funds

The Cascade AIDS Project recently announced the five non-profit groups that will receive money raised at this year's From All Walks of Life event. Nearly one-third of the money will go to the Oregon Hispanic AIDS Project to help start a teen peer-education program. Friends of PWAs Foundation, the HIV Day Center, Outside-In and Phoenix Rising will also receive funds from the pledge walk.

The Oregon Hispanic AIDS Project, a program of the Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement, provides culturally and linguistically appropriate education through churches, schools and migrant camps around Oregon. The money from the walk will help train youth to educate other youth about HIV, both one-on-one and in classrooms. Organizers hope to start the pilot project in early 1994. Last year, OHAP reached more than 14,000 people. According to CAP, national statistics show that while Latino/as make up less than 10 percent of the population, they make up 16 percent of all documented AIDS cases.

This year's From All Walks of Life pledge walk will be on Sunday, Sept. 12. It starts in Waterfront Park at 9 am. Last year, nearly 3,000 Oregonians participated and raised \$285,000. For more information about the event, call 223-9255.

## Gordly works to protect affirmative-action gains

State Rep. Avel Gordly (D-Portland) is watching to see that state agencies don't cut back their commitment to a diverse workplace when they cut their budgets. Gordly, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, is working to attach a note reading "When positions are changed or abolished, the agency shall make every reasonable effort to protect affirmative-actions gains with regards to females and minorities" to each budget.

"The gains we have made, and will continue to make, must not be lost in these times of economic uncertainty," said Gordly. "Yes, reductions in staffs will be made, but they must not be targeted at minority or women populations, particularly in those agencies that already have a poor affirmative-action hiring record."

Gordly is especially concerned about the Land Conservation and Development Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality. LCDC's agency's staff of 45 includes only one person of color. No people with disabilities work at the agency, and no women hold upper-management positions, according to Gordly. Less than 40 percent of the DEQ staff is female, and seven percent of the staff are people of color. Minority employment in state agencies rose from 8.5 percent in 1991 to 8.8 percent this year, according to the state Office of Affirmative Action.

"The Legislature has not done a very good job of holding state agencies accountable and monitoring progress, or the lack of progress, in recent years," said Gordly.

## Lesbian author to speak at addictions conference

JoAnn Loulan, therapist and author, will speak on gay and lesbian recovery issues in a conference sponsored by the Oregon Institute of Addictions Studies. Loulan will lead a workshop and speak at a plenary session on Monday, July 26.

The conference, titled Institute 1993: A Family Focus, runs from July 26 through 30 at Lewis and Clark College in Portland. Costs vary for different workshops, and some financial assistance is available. Other workshops cover such issues as couples in recovery, infants and children

exposed to drugs, women in treatment, mature masculinity and cultural connections between counselors and clients.

Loulan is best known for her direct and humorous approach to lesbian sexuality and relationships. She is the author of *Lesbian Sex, Lesbian Passion* and *The Lesbian Erotic Dance*.

For details about the conference, or to request registration materials, call 1-800-822-6772.

## Outside-In plans auction

VOICES is seeking donations for an auction fund-raiser to support the group's work with gay, lesbian and bisexual homeless youth. Hosts Gus Van Sant, Darcelle XV, Kate Sullivan and Lady Elaine Peacock plan to auction off restaurant and retail gift certificates, merchandise, memorabilia, antiques, vacations, furniture, clothes, artwork, crafts, theater tickets and similar items. Anyone wishing to donate something for the auction should call 223-4121 and leave a message for Mark.

VOICES, which stands for Voices of Individual and Community Empowerment from the Street, is a joint project of Outside-In and Phoenix Rising. The project's support group has served 64 sexual-minority youth since August 1992. The group uses art and video as a means for the teens to express themselves.

## Partnership forms to fight gangs

Community activists and local officials have joined hands to help Multnomah County's youth resist the lure of gangs. The coalition is trying out a summer project to connect young people and social-service agencies.

The Urban League, the House of Umoja, the Minority Youth Concerns Action Project and others are working with the Multnomah County Housing and Community Services Division's Youth Program, the Portland Police Bureau's Gang Enforcement Team and Multnomah County's Juvenile Justice Division to provide social services to at-risk youth and their families. The Urban League is providing office space and staff, and the county's Housing and Community Services Division is putting up the bulk of the funding. Other groups are providing various in-kind resources.

If the project works, and if funds are available, it will be continued. Since 1988, the number of gang members in the county's juvenile justice system has grown from 85 to 700.

## First-time winners

The tenth Rosebowl Classic attracted 315 bowlers from the United States and Canada—the largest turnout ever. People came from as far away as Fort Lauderdale, Rochester, Phoenix and Las Vegas, and there were over 100 participants from the Seattle-Tacoma area. For the first time in the Classic's history, a shift format was implemented to accommodate all the bowlers.

The Trophy Hunters rolled into first place in the team category, winning \$1,200. It was the first win for the Portland team of Roni Lang, Jonathan McRobert, John Oshin, Stewart Jolliffe and Jim Henderson. First in doubles went to Jonathan McRobert and Doug Overfield, both of Portland. Scott Ekblad of Portland won the singles award.

The president of the International Gay and Lesbian Bowling Organization, Daryl Carter, was on hand to speak at the Sunday awards banquet held at Shenanigans. IGBO is the largest lesbian and gay sporting organization, with over 20,000 members in three countries. Carter congratulated Portland on its reputation of gender compatibility. "It has been an outstanding example to the national organization," said Carter.

Tom Geil has directed the tournament for the 10 years of its existence.

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