

local news

Local NAACP president to speak

Eugene businessman Greg Evans will address the connections among sexism, racism and homophobia at a program hosted by the Deschutes County Coalition for Human Dignity.

An officer with the U.S. Bank of Oregon, Evans is the president of the Washington/Oregon conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He is also a past board member of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation, and Eugene's Planning, Parks and Sister City Commissions.

In 1992, Evans was a part of the No On Nine Steering Committee. He also ran for Mayor of Eugene that year, receiving 24 percent of the votes in a four-way primary.

The event will be held Monday, Jan. 24 at 7 pm in Bend at the Environmental Center, 16 N.W. Kansas St. For more information, call the Deschutes County Coalition for Human Dignity at (503) 385-3320.

Right to Privacy chooses new officers

Leila Wrathall and Don Powell are the new co-chairs of the Right to Privacy Political Action Committee. Right to Privacy PAC is a separate organization from Right to Privacy, Inc. The PAC raises money for candidates and ballot measures that promote full civil rights for lesbians, gay men and bisexual people. The new Board of Directors was elected on Jan. 8.

Other new officers are: Carolyn Young, vice-chair; Kim Bauske, treasurer; JoAnn Bowker, secretary; and Alan Brown, member at large of the executive committee.

Wrathall has been a member of the board for six years. Powell has been on the board 11 years.

The officers will serve as the board for Right to Privacy, Inc. They directly lobby legislators on behalf of sexual minority communities.

Heads of committees were also selected on Jan. 8. They are: Fred Ross, political affairs committee; Anne Schiedel, fundraising committee; Don Powell, nominating committee; and Katherine Tennyson, education committee.

Artist puts together *The Baby Book*

Local artist Benjamin Silver is collecting baby pictures of lesbians, gay men and bisexual people to be compiled in a book of several hundred photos called *The Baby Book*.

Silver aims to show that babies are loved unconditionally, but as adults, love has many conditions and can turn into hatred. The book is to be a reminder that these people are the same children now grown.

To be a part of the project, send a picture of yourself up to six years old, with your name, age and brief note about yourself on the back to: *The Baby Book*, 2025 NE 24th Ave., Portland, OR 97212. Pictures cannot be returned, and the deadline is Feb. 15. People of color and sexual minor-

ity elders are especially encouraged to participate.

Help form GLAAD chapter in Portland

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation is looking to form chapters in cities across the United States.

GLAAD is a media watchdog group that works to ensure fair, accurate and inclusive representation of sexual minority populations in the media. The group currently has nine chapters across the country that are working to challenge the myths, stereotypes and homophobia that are seen too often in the media.

To help form a local chapter, call Donna Red Wing, National Chapter Coordinator, at (212) 647-1282, or write: GLAAD/USA, 150 West 26th St., Suite 503, New York, NY 10001.

Gay Republicans seek Oregon members

Republicans for Individual Freedoms, an organization of gay Republicans, is planning to start a chapter in Oregon.

The group has more than 200 members nationwide, with about a dozen living in Oregon. According to President Gary Bastian, the chapters have three main areas of responsibility: to speak out when Republicans make homophobic remarks, to hold Democrats accountable for campaign promises to the gay and lesbian community and to insist that lesbian and gay leaders represent all community members, not just the Democratic platform.

"On several occasions, we have been able to communicate with Republican officials and staff members who do not usually talk with gay groups," said a press release from the group. "Our being Republican opens many doors that are usually closed to most other gay groups."

To become a member or to help start a chapter, contact the national headquarters: Republicans, P.O. Box 13162, Atlanta, GA 30324.

KBOO airs documentary on the Religious Right

In Jesus' Name: The Politics of Bigotry, a five-part radio documentary to air on KBOO 90.7-FM, will address the motivation, strategies and agenda of the Religious Right.

The producer, Barbara Bernstein, interviews the leadership of right-wing groups, such as the Oregon Citizens Alliance and the group that pushed Amendment 2 in Colorado, to examine the motivation behind their anti-gay politics. She explores the theological and ideological underpinnings of the right-wing, and how the belief



Barbara Bernstein

that they are doing God's work influences their anti-gay politics.

Bernstein is an award-winning radio producer whose other shows include *Homegrown: Counterculture of the '70s* and *Country Women*. Her news coverage of Measure 9 and Amendment 2 was featured regularly on Pacifica National News.

In Jesus Name will be aired on KBOO Monday through Friday, January 24-28, at 9 am.

Compiled by Pamela Lyons

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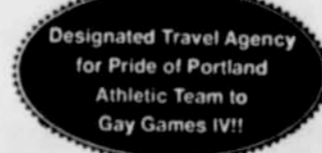


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