

letters

State employees not protected by city ordinances

To the Editor,

On Sunday, March 6, the *Corvallis Gazette-Times* featured an article in the Opinion Section, "Coming Out At Work." The article may have given Corvallis and Oregon residents the impression that gay persons employed by Oregon State University, or any state agency in Corvallis, are protected by the city of Corvallis' anti-discrimination ordinance. This is not the case. In fact, anyone who works for the state of Oregon in a community that has passed a city anti-discrimination ordinance is *not* protected by that city ordinance.

Last year the attorney for Oregon State University sought and received an opinion by the state attorney general's office stating that OSU is outside the jurisdiction of the city and does not have to abide by its city ordinances—i.e., the city cannot make the state enforce or obey a city ordinance. OSU asked for this opinion specifically to find out if they were bound by Corvallis' anti-discrimination ordinance. Prior to this opinion, the Bureau of Labor and Industries told me they wanted to "take this case to the wall." Since the opinion was issued, the Bureau of Labor and Industries has declined to investigate anti-discrimination complaints against OSU, based on this opinion.

Until a state anti-discrimination ordinance is passed, those of us in state service do not have equal employment or civil rights that heterosexual people enjoy. If you read the article carefully, it was obvious that OSU is not the safest place for a gay man or lesbian to work.

Pat Mohr
Corvallis

Land grants available to lesbians

To the Editor,

As a member of the board of directors of Lesbian Natural Resources, I would like to bring to the attention of your readers the work of our organization. LNR is dedicated to the development of rural lesbian communities. We fund grants for land purchase and development, community development programs, and individual and self-sufficiency projects. Our intention is to support the growth of lesbian communities that are actively creating lesbian culture, preserving land-based life skills and rural ecosystems, and discovering non-oppressive ways to live and work together.

It is important that the work of LNR become known throughout as many lesbian communities

as possible. We want, specifically, to disseminate information about LNR to lesbians of color. As a lesbian of color, I know that many lesbians of color have rural backgrounds and perhaps have had to abandon their desire to live on the land. LNR would like to make it possible for lesbians of color to consider establishing a rural lesbian community or joining an existing community.

In addition to monetary grants, LNR's advocacy committee will, upon request, assist dykes with issues such as land purchase, establishing a land trust, and obtaining tax-exempt status. LNR can also offer assistance to lesbians in the development of rural land skills. For more information and/or a grant application, please write LNR, PO Box 8742, Minneapolis, MN 55408-0742.

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Lesbian Natural Resources

TRANSITIONS

Jake Trujillo



Jake Trujillo, 1959-1994

Portland lost one of its premier hairdressers on Jan. 23, 1994. Jake courageously fought AIDS for five and one-half years, and through his brave struggle furthered medical knowledge and research.

Jake was a beacon of spirit which inspired everyone who knew him. Even his battle with AIDS did not dampen his zest or love of life.

Through the support of his mother, Sharon, Jake was able to retire from work and spend his last days in his home.

Owner: Jacob-Michael Hair Salon
Staunch supporter: Yes on 8 and No on 9
Only honorary male member: Lesbian-only annual camping trip

Owned: Most known makes of motor vehicles (a car for every season)

Most often coifed: Dyke do's around town
Always attended: Mt. Hood Jazz Festival
Greatly: Traveled and never missed a party!

We thank you Jake, you are already missed...



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