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## editorial

# Bits and pieces

Here's a brief look at some unrelated news stories that are mostly queer positive

by Ariel Waterwoman

**TIME TO CELEBRATE.** The Portland City Council has taken one more step toward the enactment of civil rights for all persons. They just passed a resolution that gives unmarried domestic partners health benefits comparable to those of married employees. Bill Casey, founder of the Oregon chapter of the Traditional Family Values Coalition, was in the Council chambers for the vote, voicing the same old sorry crap that he usually does. He called the vote a step toward fulfilling the gay agenda. Well, duh. Does he think we are *not* going to keep pushing toward our full and equal civil rights as a people? Not exactly a covert agenda, Bill.

**"REAL MEN" DO WEAR EARRINGS.** The owner of the Cincinnati Reds has stuck her foot in it again. She was going on about how only "fruits" wear earrings and so none of her ball players are allowed to. This gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a chance to show that "real" men do wear earrings: The whole team took the field wearing simple gold clip-ons in a home game against the Reds.

**PERPETUAL SISTERS.** While we're on the subject of jewelry, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, who wear lots of it, will be attending Portland's lesbian and gay pride celebration this year.

The sisters are an organization dedicated to charity, especially AIDS care and education. The Seattle chapter will be gracing us with their presence July 9.

**TRIBUTES.** The Tony Awards were presented the night of June 12. In many ways, it was a tribute to gay and lesbian performers, songwriters and directors. As people accepted their awards, many tributes were given to gay or lesbian lovers. Tony Kushner dedicated his award for *Angels in America* to his brothers and sisters who were at Stonewall. It was wonderful to have our lives included along with everyone else's at such a well-publicized mainstream event.

**PUBLIC SEX.** Sex in the park may start looking attractive in this warm weather. The Portland Police will not be doing plain clothes, sweeps through the parks, but, since public sex is illegal, they will nail you if they catch you. Also, the men's restroom on the 10th floor of the downtown Meier and Frank, an apparently well-known location for public sex, is under surveillance. Store security is having men arrested for having sex there. We are not endorsing nor condemning men for public sex, just letting you know. However you choose to have sex, please use condoms and play safe.

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