



Jane Alexander (left) listens to student filmmaker Richard Wade

## Youth video screening draws NEA leader

Jane Alexander, chairwoman of the National Endowment for the Arts, stopped at the Alberta Street Cafe, 501 NE Alberta St., on her recent visit to Portland. Alexander attended a debut screening there of videos made by at-risk youth from high schools in North and Northeast Portland. Guided by Brian Lindstrom of the Northwest Film Center, the students produced public service announcements about the Community Cycling Center and the Imani Women's Support Project.

Alexander was also shown a mural and other art at the new Northeast Portland police precinct.

## No on 13 campaign plans events

The No on 13 campaign (formerly Support Our Communities PAC) plans a coalition leadership briefing summit at 7 pm Thursday, Sept. 8, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 NE Hancock, Portland. The session is intended to build a broad alliance of groups that believe in basic civil rights for all.

More events will be scheduled in September, according to campaign leaders. A newsletter will be available soon with a complete listing of events and ways for people to get involved in the effort to fight the Oregon Citizens Alliance's latest effort to legalize discrimination.

The campaign storefront office, which opened Sept. 1, is located at 329 NW Broadway, in Portland. The telephone number is 222-6151.

As campaign workers prepare for another statewide battle with the OCA, they also are awaiting a court ruling that will decide whether Measure 13 gets on the November ballot or not. The state and the OCA asked the Court of Appeals to put the measure back on the ballot, after a Marion County Circuit Court judge said last April that the discriminatory initiative was legally flawed.

The American Civil Liberties Union says Measure 13 is not constitutional. The Court of Appeals is expected to rule on the matter by Sept. 8, which is the deadline for measures to make the ballot.

## Gay man fired, alleges discrimination

Kevin Lawson, a Pendleton resident who was abruptly fired from his job as coordinator of Umatilla County's Commission on Children and Families, says the county's Board of Commissioners acted wrongly in firing him just days after he received a positive job evaluation. Lawson, a gay

man, says he was given a satisfactory rating during a job evaluation May 20, and a pay raise in March. But, on May 31, the county commissioners fired Lawson without much explanation, saying in a letter that he had failed to perform his duties to their satisfaction. Lawson speculated that homophobia on the part of some commissioners may have led to his dismissal.

## Group gets money for ecological efforts

Friends of Trees will get a check for about \$4,700 from Rejuvenation, Inc., after the local company decided to share one weekend's profits with the charity. Jim Kelly is president of the local chapter of Business for Social Responsibility and president of Rejuvenation, a lighting and home accessory store in Southeast Portland.

Kelly started a program through which Rejuvenation donates 15 percent of a weekend's retail sales to various charities. Proceeds from the weekend of Aug. 12 to 14 went to Friends of Trees, an organization that promotes community partnerships to plant, care for, and preserve urban trees.

## Farmworker boycott advances

Oregon's farmworkers union scored a victory in June with the removal of Flav-R-Pac and Steinfeld's products from the Peacock Lane IGA supermarket in Southeast Portland. Pinos y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (Northwest Treeplanters and Farmworkers United) reached an agreement with store owner Richard Han. A nationwide boycott of the products was called last September after a supplier of Flav-R-Pac and Steinfeld's produce refused to negotiate with PCUN.

## MHRC seeks nominees for recognition

The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission wants to recognize the many good things that go on each day that enhance a sense of community and promote respect for all cultures. The commission is seeking nominees for two awards to be presented at a dinner Oct. 12. A Business Diversity Award and a Community Harmony Recognition will be given. People who want to nominate individuals or businesses for the two awards may contact the MHRC office, 1120 SW Fifth, Ave., Portland, 97204.

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