

## Love Makes A Family is a COLAGE affiliate

Bonnie Tinker, executive director of the Portland-based Love Makes A Family Inc. says her group is a local affiliate of COLAGE, also known as Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, an international club for children of lesbians and gay men.

COLAGE is an organization dedicated to giving teenagers and younger children of gay and lesbian parents an opportunity to connect through various publications, including a new Kids Page for younger children. COLAGE also hosts gatherings across the country. Love Makes A Family members Alex Tinker, 12, and Chantel Petry, 10, will attend the national COLAGE Youth Conference and Children's Conference in Los Angeles this month.

According to Tinker, youth members of Love Makes A Family receive a quarterly COLAGE newsletter; children receive the Kids Page. Lesbian and gay parents who are members of Love Makes A Family receive the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International quarterly newsletter.

Love Makes A Family groups for youth, parents and children meet on the second Monday of each month at the organization's downtown Portland office. Annual membership is on a sliding scale, \$10 to \$100. For more information about Love Makes A Family Inc. call 228-3892; or write to PO Box 11694, Portland, OR 97211.



## Oregon students fight for environment

Youth activists participated in the National Day of Outrage on June 27 as part of the Free the Planet campaign. Students from Washington, D.C., to Portland joined the environmental community to protest the sale of public lands and what they view as anti-environmental laws.

"This action demonstrates student outrage at congressional attempts to devalue and degrade our natural heritage. Young people all over the country are enraged that the people's national forests, parks and water are being sold for bargain-basement prices," says Rick Taketa, 23, coordinator of the Free the Planet campaign.

In Portland, students took the message directly to President Bill Clinton when he was in the Rose City last month for an economic summit. At the rally site where the president spoke, Oregon student activists circulated petitions and gave their own speeches.

"Because of these giveaways we are losing thousands of acres of forest," says 23-year-old Jeana Frazzini. "Of course the timber industry will lobby Congress to sell our national heritage. They can buy a 1,000-year-old Douglas fir for three bucks. The president should be outraged at this reckless abuse of public lands."

The Free the Plant campaign is a student-driven effort to reinvigorate the environmental movement and demonstrate massive public support for a healthy environment through youth action.

## National Lawyers Guild convention slated in Portland

The National Lawyers Guild will hold its annual convention Aug. 11-13 in Portland. The guild is an organization of lawyers, law students

and legal workers dedicated to the protection and expansion of the rights of workers, women, the poor and minorities. Central to the group's philosophy is the acknowledgment that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests.

The convention will be held at the Governor Hotel in downtown Portland. Delores Huerta, co-founder of United Farm Workers, will be the keynote speaker. Several workshops will be held addressing issues such as economic justice, violence against women, immigration, hate crimes and electoral politics.

## OSPIRG seeks to expand bottle bill coverage

Staff from the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group will spend the upcoming months canvassing neighborhoods in an effort to collect signatures for a statewide ballot initiative designed to protect and expand Oregon's bottle bill coverage.

The group wants to place an initiative on the November 1996 general election ballot.

"The bottle bill [law] is the most effective recycling program in the country," says OSPIRG staffer Jen Gerrad.

"Expanding its coverage is just common sense, [and] letting it fall to the wayside because of pressure from outside interests would be a serious blow to 25 years of environmental progress."

According to OSPIRG, Oregonians landfilled or incinerated more than 100 million beverage containers in 1994. Those containers held noncarbonated drinks, which OSPIRG says are not covered by the existing bottle bill law. OSPIRG estimates sales of products such as Gatorade and Snapple are growing at a rate of 30 percent a year, and says these containers represent a major waste of both resources and landfill space.

OSPIRG is a statewide citizens advocacy group with more than 35,000 members. For more information or to get involved in the Bottle Bill campaign, call 231-4181.



## Portland police get \$30,000 grant

The federal Department of Justice has awarded the Portland Police Bureau a \$30,000 grant through its COPS MORE program, which assists law enforcement agencies across the nation in increasing their personpower and purchasing technological



Katz and Moose

tools to combat crime. This award is designed specifically to provide agencies with money to purchase equipment and support resources.

"The impact of these dollars will be additional hours of face-to-face problem solving between police officers and residents in Portland neighborhoods," says Portland Police Chief Charles Moose, who recently celebrated his second anniversary as chief.

Moose and Portland Mayor Vera Katz had been invited to a White House ceremony announcing the grant, but neither could attend due to prior commitments.

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