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Rev up for Pride Weekend

The City of Portland has approved Pride Northwest's application to hold the 1997 Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration Weekend from June 20 to 22. The parade is slated for June 21.

Pride Northwest is seeking volunteers to help with an array of duties requiring varying time commitments.

Those interested in sharing their thoughts about the upcoming festivities are also encouraged to attend an open community meeting on March 13 from 7 to 9 pm at the Egyptian Club restaurant at SE Division and 37th in Portland.

For more information, call 295-9788. Send e-mail to Pride Northwest at PDXPrideNW@aol.com; visit its Web site at http://members.aol.com/pdxpridenw/index.html

Log Cabin's Keene goes national

Portland attorney Jerry Keene has been appointed to the national Log Cabin board of directors, where he will serve as a representative for the western region.

Keene, who most recently served as president of Log Cabin Oregon, will help set policy for the national organization, an activist

Jerry Keene

group for gay and lesbian Republicans. Keene was appointed to the post in mid-Janu-

ary.

Queer BBS to expand

Jason Byrd has recently taken over ownership of Hot Pockets BBS, Portland's oldest and largest gay, lesbian and bisexual bulletin board system.

Byrd hopes to make Hot Pockets more inclu-

than \$21,000 to four organizations via the first award of the Podlodowski/Mileur Fund for Lesbian and Gay Families with Children and the granting of \$50,000 to 15 organizations that work to strengthen the sexual minorities community.

"Pride's growth is a reflection of our community's growth," says Seattle City Councilwoman and past Pride board president Tina Podlodowski. She and her partner, who are new parents, provided the resources for the Podlodowski/Mileur Fund.

For more information, contact the Pride Foundation at 1-800-735-7287.

New bills target gun safety

Oregon state Sen. Avel Gordly (D-Portland) has introduced a package of bills designed to enhance public safety.

Senate Bill 351 requires the Oregon Health Division to develop and maintain a statewide reporting system of all injuries and deaths caused by firearms; SB 352 allows an income tax credit for an individual who turns in a handgun(s) to law enforcement; SB 353 extends the instant check to private sale, lease or transfer of handguns by requiring such private transactions to be handled through a gun dealer; SB 354 makes it a crime to store firearms unsafely where children are present or residing; and SB 364 establishes a confidential statewide bias crime reporting system and data bank through the Oregon State Police.

The package was introduced Feb. 3.

Teachers, youth workers meet in April

The 4th Regional Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Youth Conference is scheduled for April 25-26 at the Portland Conference Center.

The conference seeks to promote "open, honest and accurate discussion of and with sexual minority youth, their issues and service needs."

The event is designed for educators and youth service providers from diverse backgrounds including education, mental health and health service. For more information, call Phoenix Rising Foundation at 223-8299.

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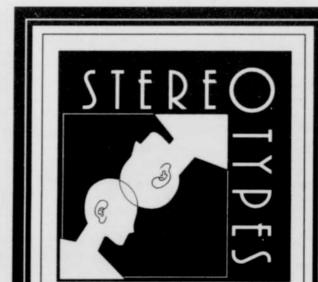
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sive of local interest and community events and to increase the overall number of callers. The board currently offers Internet e-mail access, chat rooms and various message areas for community social and business interests. Hot Pockets' dial-up number is 232-9657.

Organizations interested in posting activities and events are urged to log in and leave a message for the sysop, or write in care of Hot Pockets, 625 SW 10th Ave., Portland, OR 97205.

Lend a hand for Women's Day

Volunteers are being sought for the 22nd annual International Women's Day to be held March 9 at Montgomery Park in Northwest Portland.

The event celebrates the accomplishments of women, and offers art, music, dance, food, poetry and presentations.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of duties including serving as door monitors, setting up and taking down tables, and directing traffic. Those interested in helping should call Kathleen Taylor at 287-7322.

Pride celebrates a decade of giving

The Seattle-based Pride Foundation celebrated 10 years of giving by awarding its one millionth dollar during a Feb. 11 ceremony in the Emerald City.

The festivities included the granting of more

Catch the Mammogram Van

The Mammogram Van will be at the Downtown YWCA on March 10.

Women 40 and older who are uninsured or have a high deductible may be eligible for a free breast exam and mammogram.

For more information or to register, call Holly Howard at 294-7413.

Book now for Gay Games

More than 60 people turned out Jan. 19 for a Gay Games Seminar sponsored by Travel Agents International.

TAI is the official travel agency handling Team Oregon's travel arrangements to the Gay Games to be held in Amsterdam in August 1998.

This past November, TAI owner Rip Rupinski spent two weeks in Amsterdam meeting with the Gay Games Organizing Committee and learning about the various hotels available for the games.

"One thing came through loud and clear-Amsterdam has nowhere near enough hotel space to handle all the visitors expected for the games," he says. "The games may be a year and a half away, but anyone wanting to stay in a budget hotel in Amsterdam during the games will need to put a deposit down if they want a guaranteed space."

Rupinski recommends that anyone interested in booking a space contact TAI as soon as possible, at 223-1100.

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