

**LOCAL news**

# NIKE SAYS 'NO'

**From distribution saints and sinners to coffee and compost, queer community businesses are buzzing with activity**

This month marks the first anniversary of the "new" It's My Pleasure and the Sacred Grounds coffeehouse in Portland. It was one year ago that It's My Pleasure owner Holly Mulcahey made the bold move away from bustling Southeast Hawthorne Boulevard to the shop's current locale at the intersection of Northeast 64th Avenue and Sandy Boulevard.

Sharing adjoining space at the location is Sacred Grounds. While Mulcahey

remains owner of It's My Pleasure, and Becky Bilyeu and Bonnie Westfall co-own the coffeehouse, there is definitely plenty of interaction between the two facilities.

**THE QUEER PROFIT**  
by Marty Davis

In addition to providing your favorite coffee beverages, Sacred Grounds is the community resource center for the two establishments.

Here you'll find *Just Out* as well as other community publications and resources. The lending library resides within the coffeehouse and is the spot where myriad meetings and classes are held.

New to the venue are musical performances on Fridays and Saturdays. With no cover charge or fee, the coffeehouse provides a comfortable atmosphere for friends to gather and enjoy a relaxing evening in a nonsmoking environment.

The number of gay- and lesbian-owned coffeehouses is on the rise throughout the region, and in future issues we'll be profiling more of these businesses.

With tough competition from the large chains, gay-owned and gay-friendly shops and restaurants depend upon the community's support for survival.

*Just Out* says, "Welcome!" to the staff and students at the University of Portland, where the administration has approved the distribution of *Just Out* on campus.

Meanwhile, across town at the Nike campus in Beaverton, a similar request for permission to drop off a stack of *Just Outs* has been denied. The reason given is that Nike doesn't allow the distribution of materials representing "special interest groups."

So, do you consider gay men and lesbians to be a special interest group? Let Nike know your thoughts.

Michael Mickow of Portland Creative has been contracted by the Marion County Health Department to coordinate the Three-County Health Conference, an HIV health conference for Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties slated for April 29 and 30.

Mickow was also awarded the coordinating bid for the HIV, Mental Health and Chemical

Dependency Conference, co-sponsored by the Oregon Health Division and set for March 15 in Portland.

Proving that gay and lesbian leaders are not all "one-issue" activists, William Warren recently been honored with a distinguished service medal awarded by the Portland Police Bureau.

The award is presented to members of the community who are recognized for exceptional accomplishments that further the goals of the



Co-owner Becky Bilyeu stands outside Sacred Grounds coffeehouse

police and/or enhance the livability of the city's neighborhoods.

Warren was chosen for his efforts in developing strategies and setting up programs that resulted in neighbors reclaiming the crime-ridden Lents Park

At the Equity Group's realty office on Northeast Broadway in Portland, Millynn James has earned her Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR) designation from the Real Estate Buyers Agency Council of the National Association of Realtors.

As dreary winter weather continues, avid gardeners hunker in their homes with catalogues and brochures and yearning thoughts of spring, warmth, worms and compost.

While there's nothing anyone can do to hasten the arrival of the next planting season, there is someone as close as the phone to help you plan and prepare for fertile soil and sunny days ahead.

Just dial 234-WORM and you'll reach Karin Kelley, the self-proclaimed queer Compost Queen. Kelley operates Earth Angel Worm and Garden and she's ready and willing to provide you with red worms and compost consultations.

Operating year-round, Earth Angel is a purveyor of the VermiCompost method of composting with worms. It's all natural and all organic. Kelley can provide the worms, the bins and the instructions.

(With the Y2K computer bug waiting to immobilize our food supply, a healthy and bountiful garden could be a very appropriate avocation to be considering.)

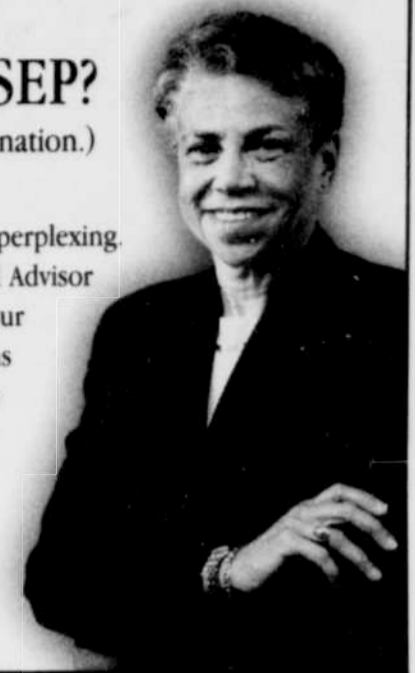
Have you reached a milestone in your career? Been singled out for an award or know someone who has? Is your business expanding, or just opening? If you have an item that would be of interest to our readers please call, e-mail or fax Marty Davis at the *Just Out* office.

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