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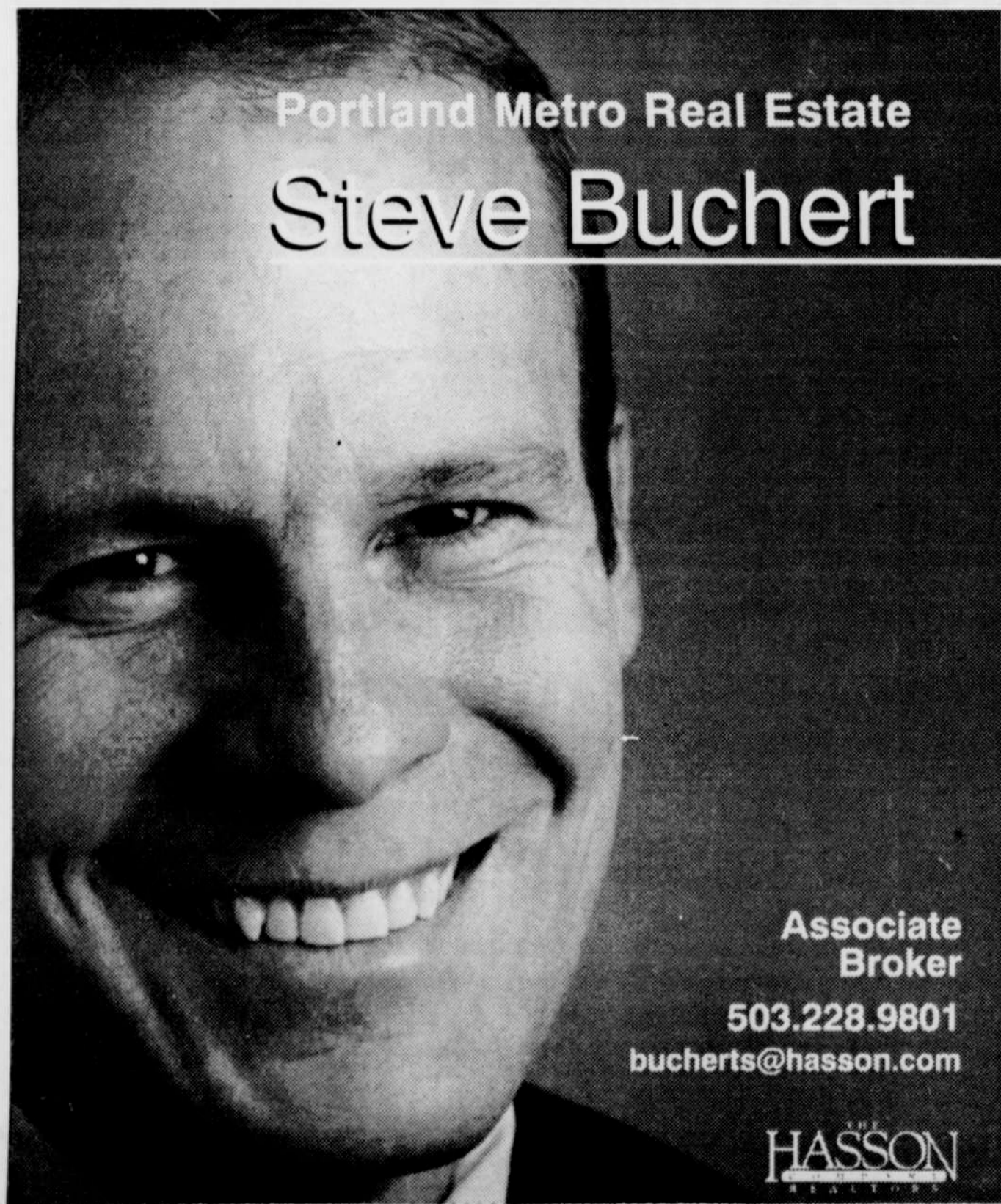
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PLAN FOR YOUTH

Jim Clay, Commission on Children, Families and Community executive director, released the final draft of a plan for bringing strategic support to Multnomah County's sexual minority youth. A team brought together by County Commissioner Sharron Kelley wrote the plan.

The strategy does not include any specific activities, a timeline or a budget. Planning team members expect these details to be addressed after the strategies are approved or revised.

The primary objective of the plan is to increase support for sexual minority youth in all parts of Multnomah County. The plan identifies available community resources and recommends activities in six areas of strategic opportunity: youth development, education, social activities, system development, health and social services, and advocacy.

For more information or to share your thoughts about the drafted plan, send e-mail to ccfc.org@co.mulnomah.or.us or call 503-988-3897.



Betty DeGeneres

PFLAG WILL PLAY HOST TO BETTY DEGENERES

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, its Oregon State Council and its Portland chapter will play host to an evening with activist and celebrity mom Betty DeGeneres, Susan Carmel and the Portland Gay Men's Chorus on Oct. 28 at the Vintage Plaza Hotel.

The reception and dinner are part of the national organization's annual meeting, which will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Almost 100 members from across the country are expected to visit.

Executive director Kirsten Kingdon said the organization looks for a meeting location where PFLAG would be welcome and an area with a strong state council and local chapters. She said Portland particularly was chosen because of the Oregon Citizens Alliance's anti-gay Measure 9, which members fear could lead to similar laws across the country.

PFLAG's Oregon State Council was one of the first to form, Kingdon said. She said members were forced to organize because of earlier anti-gay ballot measures in 1992 and 1994.

In addition to annual housekeeping, including the election of new board members, the meeting will include strategic planning sessions with both the Oregon and Washington state councils. Several pending changes to PFLAG's bylaws will be addressed as well.

Among them is a bylaw to recognize non-geographical affiliates of PFLAG such as the

Transgender Network. Kingdon said that some groups reach people throughout the country and that officially sanctioning them would offer more support and make growth easier.

DeGeneres, the mother of television star Ellen DeGeneres, recently penned *Just a Mom*, which will be available for \$21.95 during the event. A total of 10 percent of the proceeds from book sales by PFLAG will be donated to the organization.

Carmel is a former president of the Seattle chapter and now serves as president of a notorious PTA chapter. Her leadership resulted in the group being the first to recognize the needs of sexual minority students.

Tickets to the reception and dinner, which will begin at 6 p.m., are \$250 a person or \$400 a couple. A reception-only ticket is \$40 for members or \$50 for nonmembers.

PFLAG, based in Washington, D.C., has more than 80,000 members and supporters and more than 440 chapters nationwide. The group works to end prejudice against sexual minority communities.

For more information, call 503-684-4416.

PRIDE ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD

Pride Northwest's board of directors has experienced some changes.

The current members are Raphael Arellano, Norm Costa, Carmella Ettinger, Michael Kennedy,



Carmella Ettinger and Jack Keegan participate in Pride Northwest's National Coming Out Day event Oct. 11, 1999, at Pioneer Courthouse Square