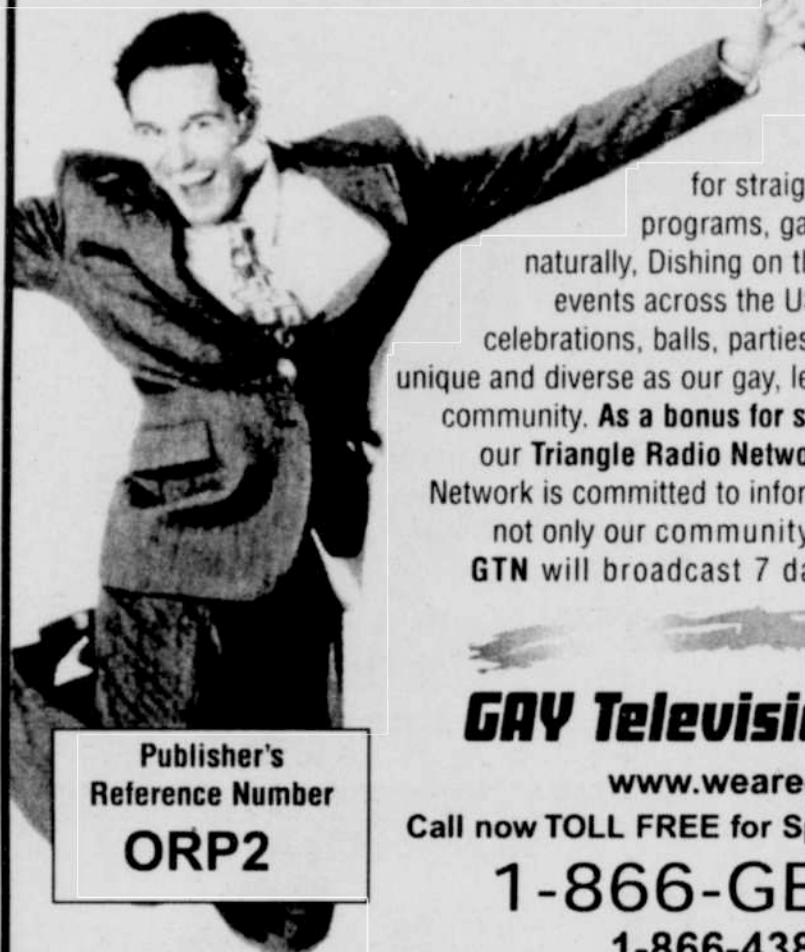


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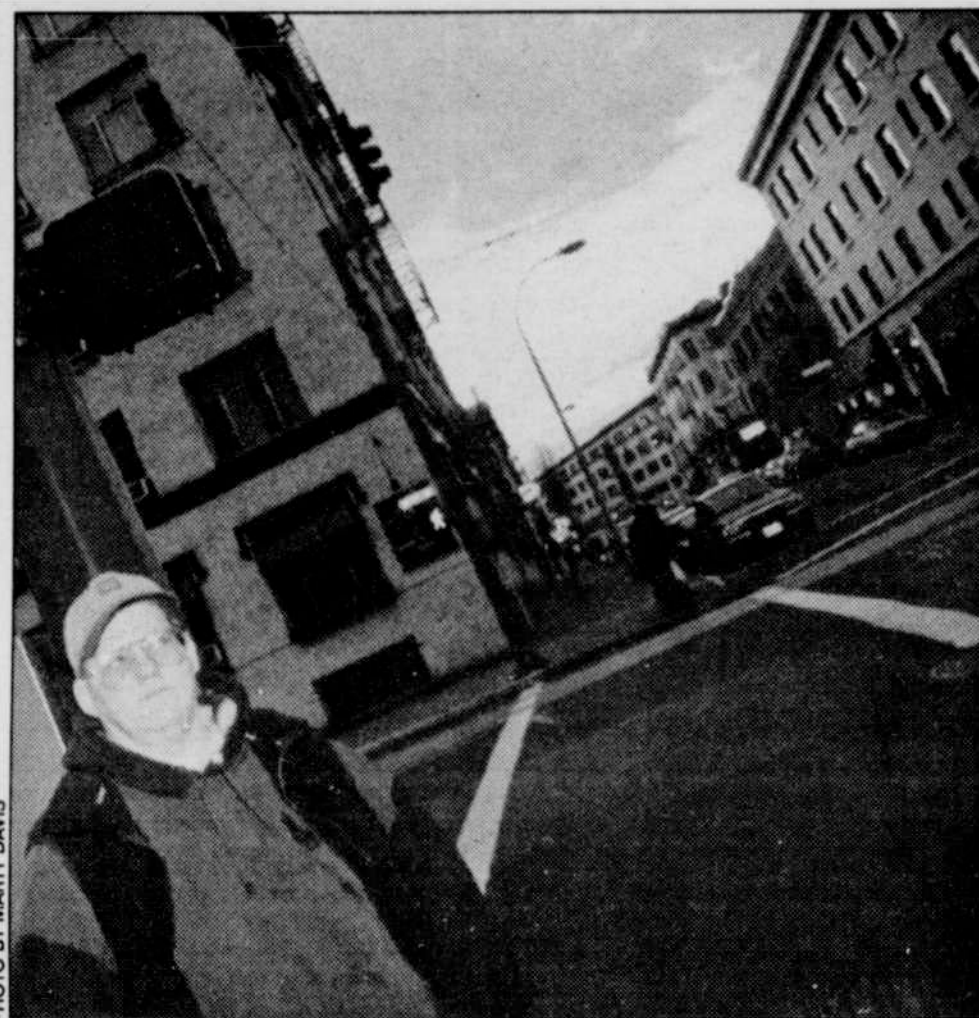
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COMMUNITY FOOT PATROL SEEKS VOLUNTEERS AND INPUT

A workshop will be held Jan. 21 for a foot patrol forming to help police keep an eye on two downtown Portland neighborhoods frequented by sexual minorities.

The Rainbow Community Foot Patrol will start training volunteers 9:15 a.m. in the main meeting room at Multnomah County's Central Library, 801 S.W. 10th Ave. Registration is not required to attend the two-hour gathering.

Co-chairs Dana Roselund and Pam Monette are working on recruiting volunteers who want to participate in the foot patrol and make a difference in neighborhoods and parks. They say they have extensive experience recruiting and training security team volunteers for Portland's annual pride festival.

More than 50 volunteers provided security for last year's event. They are hoping some of those people will be interested in participating.

The foot patrol is a good way to get involved in the community to be a part of the solution, Roselund and Monette say. The only requirement is that volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

The program needs 12 volunteers—two groups of six—to get it started, Roselund says. Five people were signed up at press time.

Roselund says the group likely will hit the streets the first weekend of spring break in mid-March. The foot patrol initially will focus on the hours between 9:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. on weekends.

In the meantime, Roselund says she and Monette are looking for businesses to help sponsor the effort. They also will sit down with entrepreneurs in the areas affected and seek feedback to help strategize what needs to be done, where it needs to happen and when.

Foot patrols in Northeast Portland and St. Johns have proven successful in deterring criminal and harassment incidents. Members are respected and

appreciated by district officers, according to the Portland Police Bureau's Sexual Minorities Roundtable.

The foot patrol's mission is to observe, take notes and make reports. Members do not get involved in any incidents.

For more information call 503-774-9085.

CRISIS LINE NEEDS HELP

The Portland Women's Crisis Line needs volunteers.

Training for sexual assault advocates and 24-hour crisis line advocates will begin Jan. 10. The program will include 42 hours of training.

After completing that, volunteers will work for 16 hours a month. Shifts usually are four hours; some people volunteer overnight for eight hours. A six-month commitment is required.

The organization says minorities and bilingual and bicultural volunteers are especially welcome. The line provides support for a significant number of bilingual callers, most often Spanish-speaking females.

In addition to crisis line and sexual assault advocates, volunteers are used for community outreach, support group facilitation and courtroom advocacy as well as in the elder abuse program. Although females staff the crisis line, the organization does utilize male volunteers in other capacities.



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