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Ideas suggested during a forum last December will be incorporated into a proposal for Portland Police Chief Mark Kroeker

ROUNDTABLE PLANS MEETING

The Sexual Minorities Roundtable will hold its regular quarterly meeting noon March 3 at Multnomah County's Central Library, 801 S.W. 10th Ave. The gathering is open to the public.

Regular members of the roundtable plan to unveil a proposal that, if approved, will be presented to Portland Police Chief Mark Kroeker. It is expected to include a list of suggested actions he could take to rebuild his relationship and trust with the sexual minorities community.

A small committee is authoring the action plan. The group is utilizing the notes taken during the forum sponsored by *Just Out* and the roundtable last December in which Kroeker met with members of the sexual minorities community.

The proposal will be discussed and voted on during the meeting. Kroeker agreed to attend the forum after 10-year-old tapes were found containing his controversial remarks about gays, AIDS, women and child discipline.

COUPLES CONTINUE TO REGISTER WITH COUNTY

Six months after Multnomah County launched a domestic partnership registry, 216 couples have registered.

The registry, giving same-sex domestic partners the chance to officially document their relationship, is only the second of its kind in Oregon. The city of Ashland also has a registry for unmarried domestic partners. Both registries also are open to heterosexual couples as well.

To register, couples must reside together and be at least 18 years old. They cannot be registered in another municipality or be legally married. The registry costs \$60.

Multnomah County's registry came to fruition Sept. 1 after months of lobbying and planning by the Oregon Gay and Lesbian Law Association and other activists. They worked in conjunction with city and county commissioners and other legal experts to launch the registry.

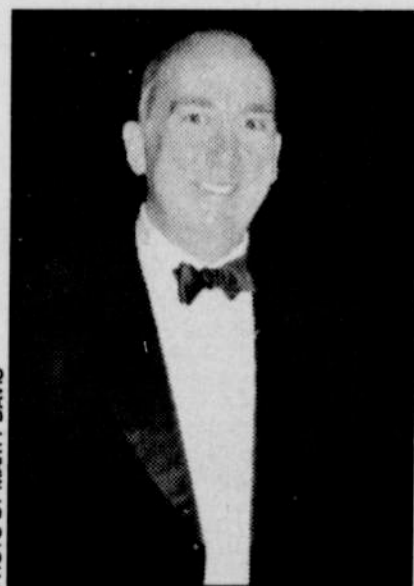
Although the registry has no legal benefits, proponents say the certificate can be used to

gain health insurance benefits at many workplaces throughout the region. Registering also gives domestic partners legal proof that they live as a couple, which might be helpful in other legal situations.

For more information call 503-988-5027.

OUR HOUSE OF PORTLAND CELEBRATES 13TH YEAR

Our House of Portland is celebrating 13 years as the only remaining residential care facility in Oregon and southwest Washington for people with advanced-stage AIDS. The organization will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. March 11.



Donald Falk

In addition to music and refreshments provided by Marriott Hotel, awards will be presented. Caprial and John Pence, owners of Caprial's Bistro, will be recognized for sponsoring and co-chairing "Dinner at My House for Our House." The annual fund-raiser is the organization's most popular.

Harold Rain and Donald Falk also will be recognized for their many years of support and for their work on "For Love & Money," Our House's annual auction and cabaret event.

Grace Ripplinger, a sister of one of the facility's first residents, will be honored for making signature quilts to honor those who have lived and died at Our House.

Agouron Pharmaceuticals and Abbott Laboratories, both sponsors of the biannual newsletter, also will receive awards.

Grant High School's Royal Blues Choir will perform. The presentations and entertainment begin at 3 p.m.

Since 1988, Our House has provided compassion and skilled nursing care to more than 370 men and women. Last month, the facility made history when all 12 of its beds were full. Until then, the facility had housed 10 residents.

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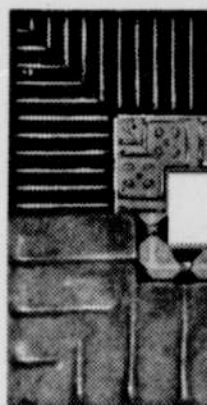
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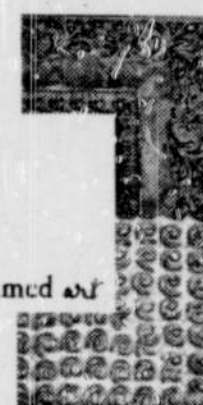


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