



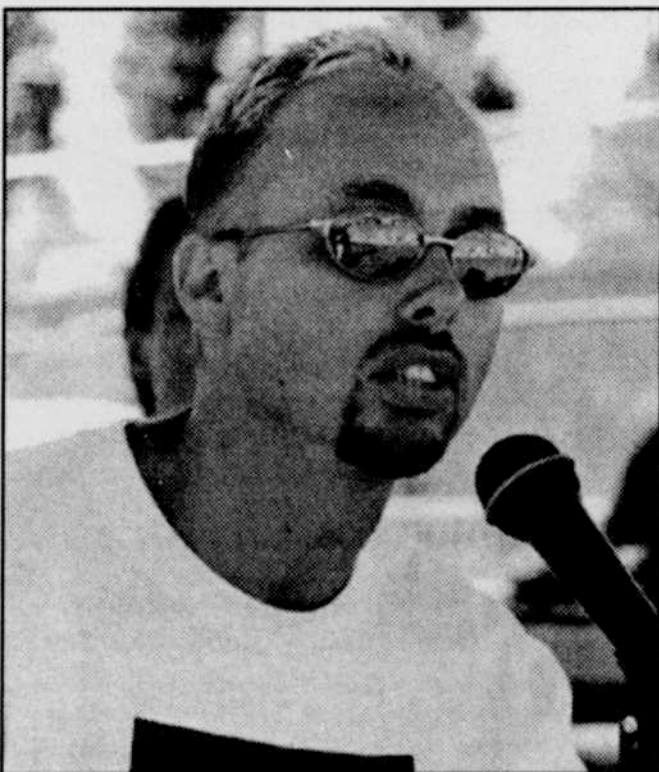
The Sexual Minorities Roundtable listens to community suggestions during a meeting March 3

A Columbia County judge will hand down his decision after reviewing written closing arguments sometime after March 16.

SOCIALITES LOOKING FOR NEW LEADERSHIP

The SW Washington Gay and Lesbian Socialites are looking for someone to take over the management of the group.

Michael Audette has been organizing, planning events and maintaining the monthly newsletter for five years. The organization, a social group that meets for a variety of activities, has become too much for one person to manage, he says.



Michael Audette

If Audette doesn't find someone to take over, all of the group's assets will be donated to Saturday in the Park, the organization that produces Vancouver's annual gay pride celebration. The deadline to take over is set for April 1.

To contact Audette send e-mail to socialites@aol.com.

ROUNDTABLE GRAPPLES WITH PLAN

The Sexual Minorities Roundtable still is struggling through with its plan to help Portland Police Chief Mark Kroeker rebuild his relationship with the gay community, torn apart by the discovery of tapes that contained his disparaging comments about homosexuality.

During the quarterly community meeting March 3, attendees participated in the process, providing suggestions for the chief. The roundtable hopes to compile a list of ideas and later an action plan that will be presented to Kroek-

er and the bureau's commissioner, Mayor Vera Katz. A list of the community's ideas will be presented during the April 10 meeting.

Another topic of discussion was the Rainbow Community Foot Patrol. Assistant Chief Mark Paresi said the group is busy surveying downtown businesses and working out the details. The foot patrol should be under way before the Rose Festival in early June.

The group will patrol the Stark Street area, which is frequented by sexual minorities, and streets in Old Town. Members are working with the Lents and Downtown Neighborhood Associations to launch the patrol.

For more information call 503-774-9085.

CHIEF HONORS COSTA

Norm Costa, Sexual Minorities Roundtable co-chair, will receive the Portland Police Bureau Chief's Forum Certificate of Appreciation during an awards ceremony 9 a.m. March 19 at the Portland Building Auditorium.

The honor is presented to an individual who directly aids the community in promoting the community policing effort in a distinctive way. According to a letter written by Chief Mark Kroeker, Costa's name was submitted for the award by Tom Johnston and Roni Lang "for your hard work and involvement with the sexual minority community and the bureau."

HOMELESS YOUNG WOMEN WILL SPEAK OUT

A lesbian-feminist bookstore in Eugene will play host to an upcoming panel titled "Real Life: Young Women Speak Out About Homelessness."

The presentation will begin 7 p.m. March 21 at Mother Kali's, 720 E. 13th Ave. The young women, who were contacted by the Looking Glass New Roads program, will spend some time sharing their personal stories, experiences, problems and solutions about being young, female and homeless, then address questions from and lead discussion with the audience.

"The population of homeless young women is growing and can be expected to continue to grow in Eugene and elsewhere," said Tova Stabin, Mother Kali's Books co-manager. "These young women have unique lives, knowledge and strong voices that all should be listening to."

This program is part of Mother Kali's International Women's Day and Women's History Month Series 2001, which continues through May 1. The event is free and open to all.

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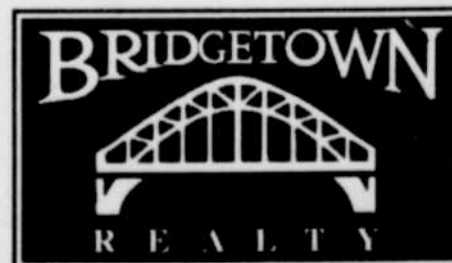
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