

Free parking, child care and shuttles from the Gateway Transit Center are also available. Labor Commissioner Jack Roberts, a gubernatorial candidate, will speak during the event at 10:15 a.m. May 18.

For more information call 503-943-2228.

GILL FOUNDATION LAUNCHES INITIATIVE

About \$5 million has been earmarked to fund several new programs at the Gill Foundation.

Among the programs is the People of Color Initiative, which seeks to advance the social justice movement by strengthening organizations serving people of color. The Portland area is included in the list of eligible urban areas in 20 states and the District of Columbia.

The initiative's goals are to "support and strengthen the infrastructure of urban, locally based LGBT people of color organizations through grants and technical assistance and to broaden the base of donors to LGBT people of color organizations." Three types of grants will be awarded: eight catalyst grants, to support intensive building efforts; 10 resource grants, to support efforts for midsize organizations to achieve greater stability; and 12 development grants, for support of small and emerging groups with specific and targeted organizational efforts.

In all, the initiative will award \$1 million. Announcements of grant recipients are expected this summer.

For more information send e-mail to cristina@gillfoundation.org or visit the Internet site www.gillfoundation.com.

NEW SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR ABUSE SURVIVORS

Bradley-Angle House recently started distributing culturally specific informational materials about domestic violence throughout the Portland area.



PHOTO BY MARTY DAVIS

Roper says domestic violence services must target sexual minorities

The literature contains specific messages that speak to the cultural nuances of the sexual minorities community. The effort is part of a larger outreach campaign the agency is launching to overcome barriers faced by marginalized communities in accessing information and support.

"Domestic violence affects all communi-

ties," says Roper, Bradley-Angle House sexual minorities outreach coordinator. "But most mainstream services aren't set up to work with people for the gay, lesbian, bi or trans communities."

Organizers say the new effort is the only domestic violence program of its kind in the state. The agency offers in-house education, advocacy and peer support programs for sexual minorities.

The new materials are written for both English- and Spanish-speaking audiences. One brochure's first page reads: "Lesbianas, Bi-women, FTMs, Queers, Transwomen, Lesbians, Dykes, Queer Men, Mujeres Bisexuales, Questioning, Trans, Boy Chicks, Two-Spirit, Intersex."

The Survivor Project and the Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center collaborated on the effort. New materials also have been designed for the Latino, African American and Native American communities.

For more information call 503-232-7805. To reach the 24-hour crisis hot line call 503-281-2442 or call the Portland Women's Crisis Line (for all genders and orientations) at 503-235-5333 or 888-235-5333.

COUNTY SEEKS CITIZEN INPUT

Multnomah County's Civil Rights Task Force, in its quest to get an anti-bias ordinance passed to help protect residents, will hold two hearings to listen to the testimony of sexual minorities who have suffered discrimination.

The meetings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. May 29 and 30 in Gresham. The first will be in Room 2057 at Mount Hood Community College, 26000 S.E. Stark St.; the second will be in Rooms 2A and B at City Hall, 1333 N.W. Eastman Parkway.

The task force also is accepting written statements from residents who can't testify in person. Officials want to hear firsthand stories from people who have suffered discrimination because of their sexual orientation, gender identity or source of income.

The task force is working with other municipalities and the largest employers within the area in an attempt to gain widespread support for a proposal before it goes to the Multnomah County Commission for a vote. Portland passed a citywide nondiscrimination ordinance last December adding gender identity and source of income to the list of protected groups.

For more information call 503-823-5542 or send e-mail to agaddie@ci.portland.or.us.

RECREATION CENTER WELCOMES VISITORS

About 40 people gathered April 27 to kick off the Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center's daylong open house. The event

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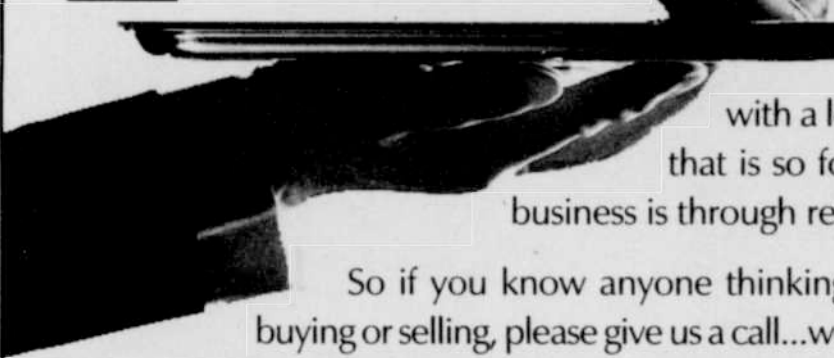


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