any student will be warned that enlistment, followed by an accusation of even a single pursuit of an act of love, could result in the lifelong consequences of receiving a less-than-honorable discharge from the armed forces.

EVERETT JAROS
*Portland*

## Needle point

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to respond to your very informative article on street youth written by Natalie Shapiro ["Living on the Edge," April 20]. It referred to people who use injection drugs as "intravenous drug users."

I want to take this opportunity to clarify the different methods of injection drug use. It is not limited to using injection drugs intravenously.

Intravenous injection, also known as mainlining, is the primary choice for those who inject drugs because it goes directly into the bloodstream. However, it is also the most dangerous form of injection in terms of overdose risk and potential spread of bacteria and other bloodborne pathogens.

Intramuscular, or muscle popping, is another way injection drugs are used. Muscle popping puts users at a high risk for abscess formation because of the nonparticle-free drugs that are used—and if an injector does not hit the muscle correctly.

Finally, there is subcutaneous injection, or skin popping. This is similar to a tuberculosis test in which the drug is injected between the body's skin and fat layers.

We tend to use the term "injection drug user" because it encompasses all of these techniques. Thanks for allowing me to clarify this.

The Injection Drug Users' Harm Reduction Program at Outside In is in its 12th year of operation and is dedicated to improving the health of those who inject drugs and their partners and families. We also provide drug and alcohol referrals for our clients. If any of your readers have other questions please feel free to contact me at ksage@outsidein.org or 503-535-3826.

One last note: We now provide for the exchange needs of those who are using hormone syringes. This will be of particular interest to any of your readers in the transsexual community 18 and older.

KRISTEN SAGE
Outside In Injection Drug Users'
Harm Reduction Program Coordinator

## Welcome to Oregon

TO THE EDITOR:

We are writing in response to the June 1 letter "Change of Heart." As far as what Jim Price has to say about our letter, we think he's got his point of view all wrong. My husband and I have been together for almost two years now and have experienced some bad times but also good times.

We both agree that being our age and taking these "blows" make the younger couples stay together longer and the older couples fall apart for one simple reason: Older couples are used to their own ways, and if some "blow" disrupts their way, they can't handle it. We base this on one simple fact: We have a 50+ friend who is single and loves it because he knows if someone interrupted his way of being, he wouldn't be able to take it.

So that is all we have to say. Oh yeah, and Portland could be a little nicer to us newbies.

JIM AND JAMIE CHRISTOPHER
*Portland*

## just wondering

***Would you like to see Portland Police Chief Mark Kroeker march during the Pride 2001 parade June 17?***

We appreciate your "Just Wondering" poll about Pride parade participation. The Board of Pride Northwest Inc. thought there would be enough community interest to ask *Just Out* to print our policy on parade participation by "any" person and/or group:

"Pride Northwest Inc. and its agents reserve the right to ask any participant to alter his or her behavior, dress or placard if it appears to be a hindrance to the progress of the parade, to place other participants or spectators in physical danger or to oppress, demean or stereotype any person because of gender, race, age, physical differences, mental capability, religious convictions, political beliefs, sexual orientation or differing economic resources and means. Failure to comply will result in removal from the parade."

Many board hours have been spent through the years on this issue. However, the Pride Northwest board remains committed to organizing an annual LGBT Pride Weekend that supports, celebrates and exercises our entire community's free expression. (Check out our Internet site, www.pridenw.org, for further information.)

Thank you, *Just Out*, for your ongoing sponsorship!

Make it happen in the Northwest! June 16 and 17 at Portland's Waterfront Park!

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I not only would like to see him in the parade, I think they should take it a step further: We should make him master of ceremonies riding at the head of the parade along with Darcelle and a few flawless drag queens. Oh, and decked out in leather, cracking a big old leather whip! We would proclaim him the first "COP OUT" in Portland history! Oh, well, one could only wish, right?

CHRIS SCHLEGEL
*Portland*

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Regardless of how people feel about the police chief, I think we should welcome him in our parade. How can we expect him to "be there for us" defending our rights if we tell him to stay away from our celebration?

LYLE M. TUCKER
*Lake Oswego*

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I think it would be great! He has helped us in many ways, over and above the call of duty, as in setting up the monthly roundtable between gays and lesbians and the uniformed community and community leaders to work on fighting problem areas within our communities. If he wishes to walk in our parade I'd be honored to walk with him!

BISHOP JACOB MADSEN
*Keizer*

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I plan to be out of town for Pride. I'm glad I won't get to see Kroeker in the parade.

PHIL WAGONER
*Portland*

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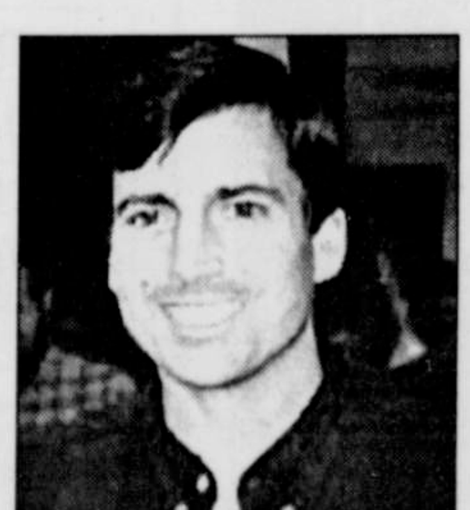
NO WAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

JAMES TOMPKINS
*Portland*

## transition

# Bob Hays, 1955-2001



San Francisco native Robert B. Hays died May 30. He was 46.

He received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Vassar College and a master's and doctorate in social psychology at University of Oregon and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at University of Utah.

Hays was a highly productive and accomplished behavioral scientist, achieving international recognition for his research. He wrote the first paper identifying that many young gay and bisexual men were at risk for HIV during a time when government authorities thought the risk had diminished.

He co-developed, implemented and evaluated the Mpowerment Project, the only HIV prevention program that has been shown through scientific research to be effective in reducing young gay men's risk behavior. He conducted this research in Eugene; Phoenix; Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara, Calif.; Albuquerque, N.M.; and Austin, Texas.

He is survived by his sisters, Susan Hays Meredith and Margaret of Mount Shasta, Calif., and Katharine of Santa Rosa, Calif.; brothers, Samuel of El Portal, Calif., and John of San Francisco; and parents, Irene of Santa Rosa and Samuel of El Portal.

A memorial celebration will be held June 28 in San Francisco. Remembrances may be made to STOP AIDS, 2128 15th St., San Francisco, CA 94114.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