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For Us Northwest, which advocates on behalf of children affected by HIV/AIDS, received \$3,000 in seed funding. Mirroring the changing demographics of the disease, the group is composed of 50 percent people of color and 40 percent women. It seeks to change funding priorities, health care systems and schools to be more responsive to the needs of these children and their families.

The Lesbian Community Project received \$2,000 for a project to overcome the marginalization of Deaf lesbians. It will include American Sign Language classes, a theater presentation, a "conversations project" and an Internet site upgrade to make communications more accessible.

Since 1976, the foundation has distributed more than \$6 million to progressive groups. Activist-controlled decision making provides donors with the assurance that their gifts are used strategically by qualified organizations.

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PROMINENT GAY BILLBOARD ON DISPLAY DOWNTOWN

Interactive Male, a gay dating service, has secured a prime location for its latest adver-



Outdoor advertising agency AK Media has received no complaints about this out and proud downtown billboard

tising campaign: above Dante's at the corner of West Burnside and Third Avenue downtown. A billboard featuring two men and the words "Chat live...with local guys FREE!" went on display to coincide with Pride 2001 last month.

"We didn't know how Portland would handle it," said Neil Janssen, Portland's Interactive Male rep. "It'll probably stir a few emotions, but so far they haven't received any complaints. We're hoping to last the whole month there."

Janssen said this is the first time Interactive Male has taken out such a billboard in Portland. It is part of an ad campaign being launched in four or five cities throughout the country.

YOUTH CENTER OPENS DOWNTOWN OFFICE

The Youth Opportunity Center launched its downtown satellite office June 29.

The facility is dedicated to helping homeless kids develop their skills, plan careers, find jobs and earn a steady paycheck. The YO Center serves youth between 14 and 21, many of whom are members of the sexual minorities community.

The space includes a gay-straight alliance that works in conjunction with the Sexual Minorities Youth Recreation Center and Roots and Branches. "I have tried to make...the YO Center a safe, embracing environment for queer youth," youth development specialist Scott Dillinger says.

The facility offers free education, career development, training and placement. The program, which began last October in Northeast Portland, operates under a five-year, \$20 million grant from the U.S. Labor Department.

The satellite center is located in the lower level of the New Avenues transitional housing building at 1220 S.W. Columbia St. It includes a full computer lab, an art center, on-site job readiness training and a space for staff to meet with youth and help them set education and job goals.

For more information visit the Internet site www.yozone.org.

COMMISSIONER PUSHES BURNSIDE TRIANGLE IDEA

Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman introduced two proposals June 21 that would get the ball rolling to make the Burnside Triangle an official gay district. The action items

were introduced during a hearing discussing the West End planning recommendation.

One proposal would establish a Burnside Triangle Advisory Group to participate in developing strategies to enhance the unique character of the area and support its continuation as a queer-friendly environment. The other involves designing and constructing pedestrian and streetscape improvements to identify and promote the neighborhood as Portland's gay district.

The proposals were not discussed during the 6 1/2-hour hearing. However, they probably will be finalized during the next meeting 6 p.m. July 18 at City Hall, 1221 S.W. Fourth Ave.

Saltzman hopes members of the community will let their voices be heard. "We'd definitely like to have a show of support there," he says.

Saltzman is working with the Metropolitan Human Rights Center, which gauged community support by distributing a survey to more than 300 people during Pride 2001. "Way over half agreed we should do something with respect to the district," he says.

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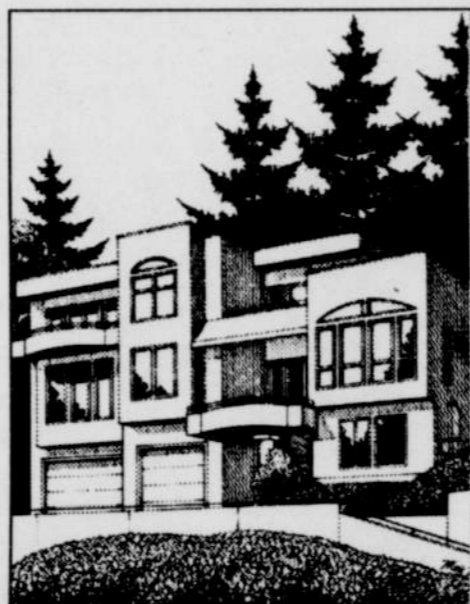
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