



"From strudels to noodles, working's a dream in my newly remodeled kitchen..."

I needed more room to add cooking classes to my catering business but I dreaded the thought of refinancing to do it. Luckily, I was referred to Christine. She came to our house with all the paperwork, smoothed out the bumps with

solutions and made the whole refinancing process genuinely friendly. Bon Appetite!"

—Sasha, "And She Cooks"



Call today for a free qualification over the phone

First Time Buyers • FHA/VA Loans
Self-Employed • Complicated Borrowers
Bankruptcies & Foreclosures • Credit Problems
Investment Properties • Pre-approvals
100% Financing Programs

Christine Hall
Mortgage Broker
President's Club
503-495-8339

800-345-9190

503-301-1941

Pager

hallc@eaglehomemortgage.com



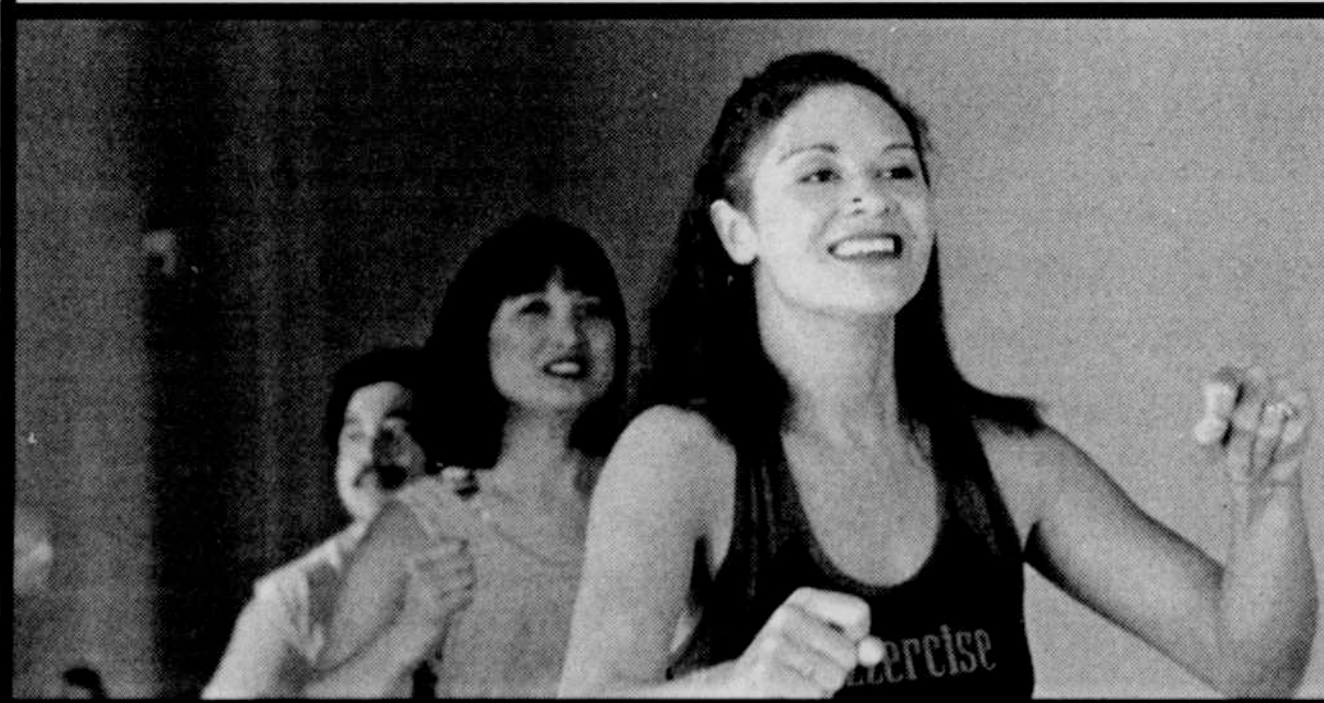
WE LOVE OUR VET!

Companion Pet Clinics Portland \ Salem \ Vancouver

M-SAT
8am • 6pm
WEST LINN Sun 11am-4pm

WEST LINN 19343 Willamette Drive • (503) 635-3115
CLACKAMAS 16317 SE 82nd Drive • (503) 657-9225
TIGARD 13500 SW Pacific Hwy • (503) 670-9707

**RUTH THOUGHT SHE HAD TWO LEFT FEET.
(BOY, DID WE PROVE HER WRONG.)**



Over 23 locations in the Portland/Vancouver area!
Visit our website or call **503-289-2209** for the class nearest you.

With Jazzercise, the original dance-fitness program you get easy to follow aerobics in a fun and friendly environment.

PRESENT THIS AD FOR 3 FREE CLASSES!

- No experience necessary.
- No contracts or membership fees.
- Convenient times/locations
- We fit every body.

jazzercise

www.jazzercise.com

NATIONAL news

COLORADO

The Montezuma County Sheriff's Office disclosed July 11 that the killing of Cortez youth Fred Martinez Jr. probably was motivated by bias.

A detailed affidavit quotes suspect Shaun Murphy of Farmington, N.M., as bragging to a third party that "he had beat up a fag." Numerous other details pertaining to the crime scene, lab results and ongoing inquiry also were contained in the document.

"This has been a very sensitive, emotional investigation," Montezuma County Sheriff Joey M. Chavez said. "We cannot state with certainty that hate was a motive, but we continue to investigate it as a possibility."

Murphy, 18, was booked July 5 as part of the ongoing inquiry into the death of Martinez, an openly gay, Two-Spirit Navajo youth whose body was discovered June 21. Reports from the sheriff's office and local media outlets indicate the 16-year-old Montezuma-Cortez High School freshman, who disappeared June 16, was bludgeoned with a blunt object and died from that beating possibly coupled with exposure.

The sheriff's office declared Martinez's death a homicide July 2. It has been investigating the crime in conjunction with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, the Cortez Police Department, the Farmington Police Department and the San Juan County Sheriff's Office in New Mexico.



Fred Martinez Jr.



Shaun Murphy

"This is a giant step forward in getting that almost self-evident idea accepted," he explained.

MARYLAND

An effort to repeal a law that would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation goes against the will of a majority of Marylanders, civil rights advocates say. The Anti-Discrimination Act of 2001, which Gov. Parris Glendening signed into law May 15, would level the playing field in employment, housing and public accommodations.

Referendum backers have misled some into thinking the bill is much broader—a scare tactic that has no place in a fair society, said Blake Humphreys, Free State Justice managing director. "The anti-civil rights activists clearly used misinformation to

manipulate people to sign this divisive petition."

According to a survey conducted for the *Baltimore Sun*, at least 60 percent of residents statewide oppose discrimination based on sexual orientation and support the act. "The legitimate polling data show that the people of Maryland support ending discrimination based on sexual orientation," Humphreys said.

The repeal effort collected a total of 54,221 signatures; 46,128 were required. Election officials now will verify that all of the people listed on the petition are registered voters of the coun-

NEW YORK

The state's highest court has ruled unanimously that university policies requiring couples to be married in order to qualify for subsidized housing can be challenged as discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The American Civil Liberties Union sued Yeshiva University on behalf of two lesbian graduate students who were denied

access to university-subsidized housing for couples. The New York Court of Appeals in Albany ruled July 2 that lower courts erred in finding that the policy didn't violate New York City's gay rights law.

"This is a huge victory," said lawyer James Esseks, who volunteered with the ACLU on the case. "The court's decision today says that if you make marriage the primary qualification for anything, you are likely going to wind up discriminating against lesbians and gay men."

Lower courts had ruled that Yeshiva's policy was not discriminatory because it "had the same impact on nonmarried heterosexual students as it had on nonmarried homosexual students." The Court of Appeals said this was the wrong standard.

"The decision says if using marriage as a qualification in effect excludes lesbians and gay men—and it always will as long as gay people can't marry—then policies tying benefits to marriage discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation," Esseks said. He starts work as the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project's litigation director later this month.

The ACLU has worked for more than two decades to convince the government that it's unfair to insist that people be married in order to have their relationships recognized, Esseks said.



Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening celebrates passage of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 2001 with Free State Justice co-chair Nancy Meyer and managing director Blake Humphreys

ties in which they signed it.

"The Maryland Constitution provides a sound process by which Marylanders can petition laws passed by the General Assembly to the ballot," Humphreys said. "We respect that process, and we are confident that given the opportunity to vote on equal rights for gays and lesbians, a clear majority of Marylanders will vote for fairness and equal rights."

NATIONAL

HIV prevention methods do not adequately address social and cultural factors that can contribute to increased risk for infection among Latino gay men, according to a report released July 12 by the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. *Social Discrimination and Health: The Case of Latino Gay Men and HIV Risk* directly connects social discrimination to an increased risk of HIV infection in the gay Latino population.

The report is based on the preliminary findings of *Nuestra Voces (Our Voices)*. About 900 men participated in the groundbreaking study, which split its focus between three major cities—Los Angeles, Miami and New York—chosen for their representation of the Mexican, Cuban and Puerto Rican subgroups, respectively, within the Latino community.