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weekend meeting from noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 1 at Multnomah County's Central Library, 801 S.W. 10th Ave. All interested citizens are welcome.

Scheduled presentations will focus on identity theft and panhandling, especially around all-ages clubs and in the Stark Street area. Gay youth are encouraged to attend and make their voices heard.

The roundtable also will discuss changing meeting venues and times in response to rapidly dwindling attendance. Organizers hope the change might remedy the situation.

The roundtable officially was established in 1992 and formed a partnership agreement between the bureau and the gay and lesbian community in 1994. Other advisory groups focus on African American, Asian, Latino and developmentally disabled Portlanders.

CORVALLIS MOM DELIVERS TRIPLETS

After five weeks of hospital bed rest in Eugene and two more at home, Sandi Washburn delivered triplets via cesarean section July 13 at Good Samaritan in Corvallis. She and her partner, Shelley Willis, were profiled in the April 20 issue of *Just Out*.



From left, week-old triplets Ahni Lynn, Hanna Lee and Chloe Grey prepare to leave the hospital

Hanna Lee came out first at 19 inches long and 5 pounds, 10 ounces; a minute later Ahni Lynn measured in at 18.5 inches and weighed 5 pounds, 9.5 ounces; and then came Chloe Grey at 19 inches and 5 pounds, 5 ounces. They spent a week at the hospital and have been home ever since.

"The girls are all perfect, of course, and are doing well as we all adjust to life with a big family," Washburn says. "All are above their birth weights now and are doing great."

The couple continue to accept donations to cover the enormous expenses required to feed and clothe a family of five. The triplets are expected to go through about 1,000 diapers a month.

"The community continues to be a huge support by helping with the logistics of handling three babies—feeding, rocking, housework, grocery shopping, errand running and helping Shelley and I maintain our sanity after difficult midnight feedings!" Washburn says. "Folks have been providing meals and such as well."

Washburn says the *Corvallis Gazette-Times* sent a reporter and photographer to cover

their story but has yet to run the story for fear of "normalizing" a lesbian couple.

To donate to The Triplet Fund write to P.O. Box 1055, Corvallis, OR 97333, or contact Liza Newcomb at 541-753-2653 or liza@oregoncamera.com.

CLEAN OUR YOUR CLOSET

In case you missed out on spring cleaning, here's your chance to play catch-up.

The Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center and Vanguard Youth Services need donations for an upcoming garage sale benefit/fund-raiser. Suggested items include filing cabinets, office equipment, clothing, furniture, books and compact discs.

Donations will be accepted through Aug. 23. The garage sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 25 at 2100 S.E. Belmont St.

For more information call 503-872-9664, ext. 24.

ALLIANCE DEFENDS MEDICAL MARIJUANA

A Seattle AIDS agency emphasized Aug. 13 the importance of the initiative that made medical marijuana legal in Washington state.

Lifelong AIDS Alliance issued the statement after a week of media speculation and commu-

nity discussion about the issue and in the wake of the closure of the Green Cross. The patient co-op received a "cease and desist" letter from the Seattle Police Department on July 27.

"The overwhelming majority of voters that passed this initiative in Washington should have their vote honored," said Joel Hastings, Lifelong government affairs director. "SPD, the prosecutor and any other legislative entities should not circumvent the intent of this very popular initiative that permits many of our clients to stick to their medication regimes while remaining within the parameters of the law."

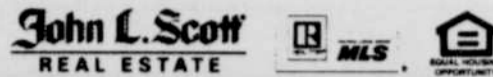
Since the Supreme Court decision earlier this year, the alliance has focused on educating clients by developing informational materials about the legal use of marijuana. It also is organizing patient advocacy groups to clarify future interpretations of the initiative and how it will be honored in Seattle.

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

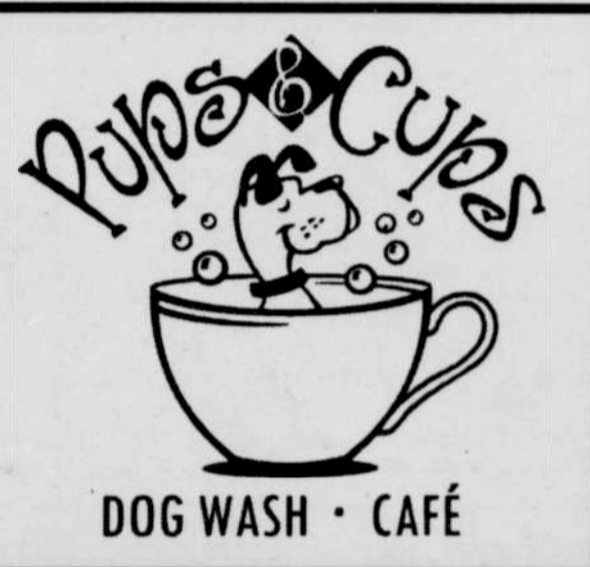
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