

WELCOMING CONGREGATION WORKSHOP PLANNED

Wy'east Unitarian Universalist Congregation will hold a workshop to begin the process of becoming a welcoming congregation Oct. 6. The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Memorial Room at Trinity United Methodist Church, 3915 S.E. Steele St.

The Rev. Keith Kron of the Unitarian Universalist Association's Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns will be in attendance. Welcoming congregations must study sexual minority issues, make changes in bylaws and policies to be anti-oppressive and agree to support gay, lesbian, bi and trans rights publicly.

Wy'easters and members of all the other Unitarian Universalist congregations in the

executive director, says proceeds will benefit both the Internet site and an upcoming full-length documentary, *Our Community*, which he hopes will debut at the Seattle International Film Festival in June 2002.

For more information call 206-325-1369 or send e-mail to michael@queercommunity.org.

CADILLAC CAFE CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES

Ground was broken Sept. 24 for the expansion of the Cadillac Cafe, a popular restaurant in Northeast Portland. Co-owners Terry Hughes and Rod Brackenbury anticipate construction will be finished about April 1, 2002.

The cafe and catering business will move



Construction is under way for the new Cadillac Cafe

Portland/Vancouver area are invited to attend. Child care will be provided.

The Rev. Kit Ketcham will talk about some of the rewards and challenges of becoming a welcoming congregation during the regular service 4 p.m. Oct. 7. The Portland Lesbian Choir will perform.

"It's important for as many members and friends of the church as possible to participate in this workshop and in subsequent monthly workshops so that our process and decision making represent the feelings and commitment of the majority," Ketcham says. "The welcoming congregation process can take a year or more to complete; it's important to take enough time to make the inner changes that letting go of heterosexism requires."

For more information call 503-777-3704.

BUILDING COMMUNITY ONLINE

The Seattle-based nonprofit QueerCommunity.org will hold a fund-raiser from 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 20 at TRAX, 226 First Ave. S. in Kent. The event will feature a karaoke contest and raffle prizes as well as entertainment by "some hunky go-go boys."

The outreach multimedia project addresses differences among gay, lesbian, bi and trans people as a way to bring them closer and build bridges. Former Portlander Michael Montgomery, QueerCommunity.org founder and

down the street from 914 to 1801 N.E. Broadway and will more than double in size. Hughes says the walk-in refrigerator alone will be larger than the entire kitchen at the current location.

Next door at 1815 N.E. Broadway, the gay couple will lease out 2,900 square feet of additional space for one or two retail establishments. Hughes hopes to attract owner-run businesses that will generate foot traffic for the cafe.

He says the project will add to the revitalization of the east end of Broadway. "We feel it'll be a major impact."

For more information call 503-284-8523.

WEST END PLAN PROCEEDS

The debate concerning the future of the West End might be nearing some sort of resolution.

During a Portland City Council meeting Sept. 26, planning director Gil Kelley said he almost has reached a compromise that will satisfy business, housing and community leaders in the neighborhood, which includes the Burnside Triangle. He soon will present a detailed proposal, which might come to a vote at a hearing Oct. 18.

Kelley received praise from a business group seeking incentives for commercial development in the north end of the district. "I'm very, very confident we can get all the way there," co-chairman Greg Goodman told *The Oregonian*. □

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