

**OCA RECORDS SCOURED**

Bonnie Mabon, Oregon Citizens Alliance secretary-treasurer, was hauled back into Multnomah County Court for a judgment debtor examination March 5 in photojournalist Catherine Stauffer's ongoing effort to collect more than \$40,000 owed to her for a 1991 assault.

Most of the questions focused on the OCA Educational Foundation, which has seen more than \$200,000 go in and out of its account during the past two years. Mabon says the money mainly covers supplies, postage, payroll and \$2,500-a-month rent, which is sent to the United States Citizens Alliance.

Throughout the hearing she gave vague answers to most questions. When asked how many people she employs, she said, "At the most, I believe three, part time."

Mabon answered a string of questions relating to OCA PAC Inc., denying it exists anymore. Attorney Brent Foster soon realized he had to be more specific, because a separate entity exists known simply as OCA PAC.

Mabon said that OCA PAC Inc. ceased to exist in 1993 but that OCA PAC is still around. "It is inactive but it is in existence because I never discontinued it with the secretary of state."

Mabon's husband, Lon, was sent to jail Feb. 20 for up to six months because he refuses to acknowledge the court's jurisdiction. He believes he can't get justice until all Oregon judges take a new oath that matches the state constitution word for word.

The Mabons also were found in contempt March 1 for violating a court order in a separate lawsuit filed by Stauffer in 2000. That case alleges that the couple and the OCA have illegally transferred thousands of dollars in assets to avoid payment of the debt they owe her.

Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Ronald Cinniger ruled March 14 that Lon Mabon must pay attorney fees as well as \$200 a day—in addition to already levied \$1,000-a-day fines—until he agrees to be deposed. The OCA's

documentary *Journey to a Hate Free Millennium* 7 p.m. April 3 at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 S.W. Broadway.

The stirring and powerful film focuses on how hate incidents and language culminate in horrific crimes: the vicious murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo.; the dragging death of African American James Byrd Jr. in Jasper, Texas; and the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colo. Attendees also will have the opportunity to hear gay producer Brent Scarpo explain how he used multimedia to make an impact on the world and celebrate the human spirit.

Shepard's mother, Judy, will tell her story in person and describe her mission to embrace the just causes her son championed. The evening also will feature inspirational performances by the Portland Gay Men's Chorus and Randi Driscoll, who will sing "What Matters," a single benefiting the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from more than 30 human rights organizations. State Sen. Margaret Carter, D-Portland, and Holocaust survivor Alice Kern will provide welcoming and closing remarks.

"By keeping silent when a horrific crime or incident happens...you're validating it," event organizer Mandy Ellertson says. "If we don't stand up as a unified voice...they'll continue to go on."

The event, which is being held in honor of Expressions of Human Dignity Month, will be preceded by a student activist rally 6 p.m. at Pioneer Courthouse Square. The evening will end in the foyer, where guests will have the opportunity to greet Scarpo and Shepard.

Tickets are \$5.50 at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts box office. They also can be obtained for \$7 through all Fastixx outlets.

For more information contact Mandy Ellertson at 503-614-7261 or melleto@pcc.edu.



PHOTO BY MANDY DAVIS

PGE's Fred Miller, Oregon first lady Sharon Kitzhaber and Lily Tomlin schmooze during the Investments in Dignity Awards Gala on Feb. 25 at Nike headquarters

corporate entities will be sanctioned April 4. Right before the ruling was handed down, the Mabons' attorney, Frank Patrick, pulled an 11th-hour stunt asking that Cinniger be disqualified. The motion went nowhere.

Meanwhile, a reception was held March 11 for the Catherine Stauffer Trust, which collects money for her attorneys, who have been working on the case pro bono. About \$2,000 was raised.

To donate to the Catherine Stauffer Trust Account, mail checks to Thane Tienson, Landye Bennet Blumstein LLP, 1300 S.W. Fifth Ave., Suite 3500, Portland, OR 97201.

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Portland Community College will co-sponsor an evening featuring the award-winning

**EQUITY FOUNDATION RAISES \$55,000**

Equity Foundation raised more than \$55,000 during its inaugural Investments in Dignity Awards Gala on Feb. 25 at the Nike World Headquarters Campus. The money will support its mission to build communities embracing the dignity and worth of all people.

Equity awarded 17 grants to nonprofits; honored two of its founders, John Grigsby and Jim Vegher; and presented the first Investments in Dignity Award to major donor Fred Miller, Portland General Electric executive vice president. The evening also included a performance by comedian Lily Tomlin.

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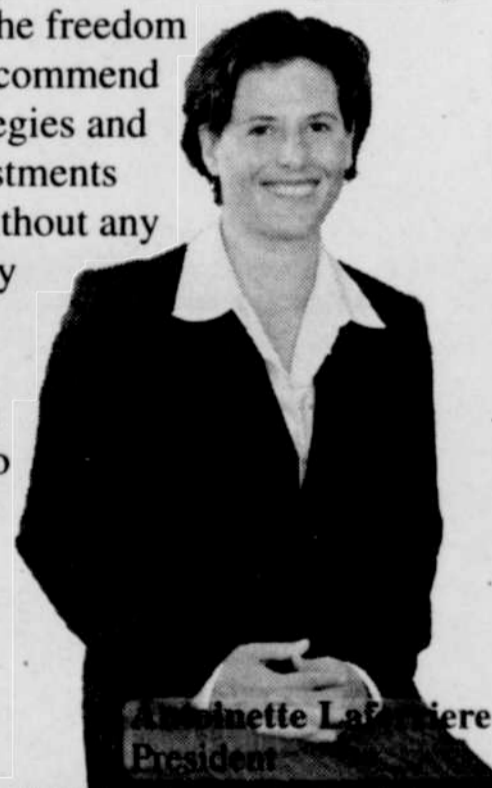
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