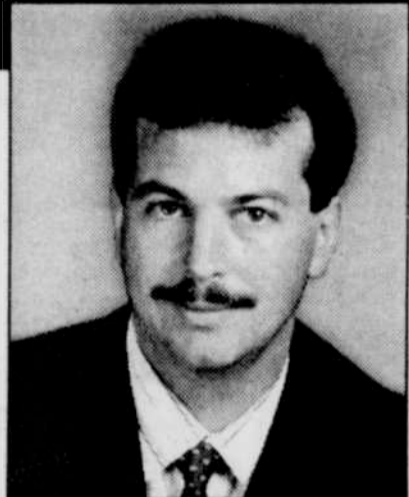


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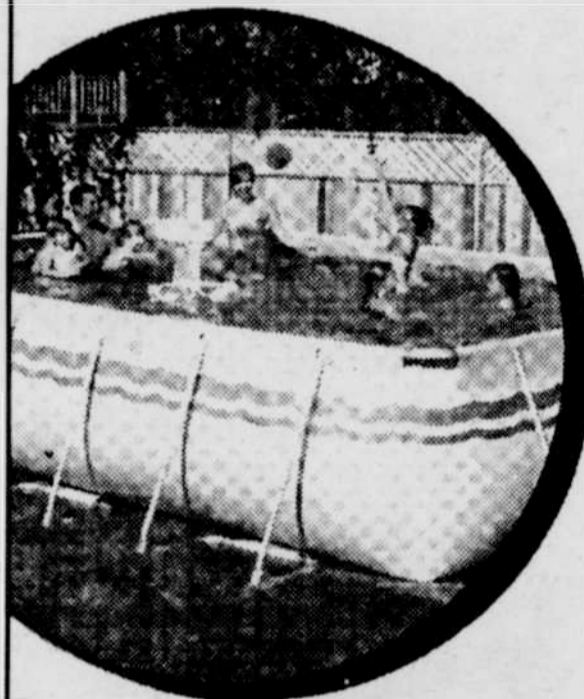
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The world's oldest and largest annual grassroots event of its kind, the memorial honors those lost to the epidemic, shows support for those living with the disease, raises awareness, mobilizes communities for the fight and creates a sense of global solidarity. This year's theme is "Share Your Vision for a Brighter Tomorrow."

For more information call Don Mathews at 503-391-6847 (Salem) or Bill Coyne at 541-772-1777 (Ashland) or visit www.candlelightmemorial.org.

**FAIR HELPS WOMEN
RETOOL SKILLS**

The 10th annual Women in Trades Fair will be held May 18 at Local 290 Plumbers & Steamfitters Training Center, 20220 S.W. Teton Ave. in Tualatin.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. attendees will be able to get practical advice on retooling their skills for nontraditional careers including plumbing, electrical wiring, sheet metal work, drafting, carpentry and heavy equipment operation. They also may participate in 10 different hands-on workshops, watch demonstrations, fill out job applications and talk with experienced



From left, Molly Franks, Jaimee Caruso and Barbara Turrill learn about community centers in San Francisco

**PORTLANDERS
BUILD COMMUNITY**

Six Portlanders traveled to San Francisco this month for the Northwest meeting of the National Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Centers. Holly Daigle, Barbara Turrill, Angie Jones and Erin Sexton of the Lesbian Community Project met up with Molly Franks and Jaimee Caruso of Vanguard Youth Services for the two-day conference featuring community center advocates, directors and supporters from cities including Seattle and San Jose, Arcata and Chico, Calif.

The meeting was held at the new \$15.5 million Charles M. Holmes Campus at the Center, San Francisco's new queer community center. A renovated 1908 building and a new structure come together to form 40,000 square feet of state-of-the-art community space for the city's sexual minorities population.

Organized by the Billy De Frank Lesbian and Gay Community Center of San Jose, the conference featured two intensive workshops on fund raising from major donor sources and strategic planning. Participants were able to quiz financiers on everything from how they prefer to be approached for a significant contribution to how they like to be recognized for their involvement.

The association also gave a presentation on its anti-tobacco programming featuring the one-woman powerhouse behind Seattle's Gay American Smoke Out, Elise Lindborg. Aside from learning about the sexual minorities community's high incidence of smoking, the group learned how to bring her event to their hometown.

Although Portland sexual minorities have had many a dialogue about a community center, so far nothing has materialized. The conference participants hope to change that: LCP is looking for a new office and hopes to collaborate with other organizations to find a space that could be a precursor to the Rose City's own queer community center.

For more information call Kristan Aspen at 503-227-0605.

tradeswomen, apprenticeship coordinators, community college instructors and employers from 65 organizations.

The day will culminate in a women's work wear demonstration and an awards ceremony from 3 to 4 p.m. Parking, child care and admission are free.

"Now is the ideal time for women to learn about high-paying trades careers," said Connie Ashbrook, Oregon Tradeswomen executive director. "The opportunities are only going to get better from here. There will be a growing demand for skilled workers as older workers retire."

The fair began in 1992 as a one-day event for 100 women and has become a three-day extravaganza for more than 1,500 people. The first two days—May 16 and 17—were dedicated to middle and high school students.

For more information call 503-943-2228 or visit www.tradeswomen.net.

**TEAMS FORMING FOR
BREAST CANCER WALK**

Every three minutes someone is diagnosed with breast cancer. The American Cancer Society is hopeful that thousands of people will gather May 19 at Southwest Portland's Willamette Park to help reduce this statistic.

This is the first year that the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Five-Mile Walk will be held in Portland or the Pacific Northwest. Since 1993, it has raised awareness and dollars in 48 other U.S. cities.

"Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is an event geared to the entire family—giving everyone a chance to help fight breast cancer," coordinator Rachel Verdick explained. "There is no preregistration nor are there registration fees. Participants simply arrive, register at the event and bring their pledges with them."

Money collected will be dedicated to breast cancer research, education, patient

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