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## COMMENTARY

BY MARTY DAVIS

# Putting the "Pride" in Gay Pride

Rally for an extraordinary cause this year

**A**h, June finally has arrived. The month that brings us sudden showers, sunny summers and Pride events galore is here. Just Out starts our celebratory season by presenting to you the largest and most labor-intensive issue we've ever published. And for the opportunity to do this we thank our advertisers, our readers, our distribution points and all you folks who keep us focused and on our toes year-round. Smack dab in the middle of this issue you'll find a 20-page Portland Pride Pullout, chock full of summer event schedules and colorful entertainment profiles.

And for maintaining that after-Pride glow, be sure to pick up our June 21 issue, which will feature a passel of photos highlighting the previous weekend's festivities. Look closely; maybe you'll see yourself.

As Pride 2002 begins, we have the opportunity to come together as a viable and cohesive community and rally for an extraordinary cause. Together we have a unique opportunity to showcase the Pride that so many cherish.

And hey, listen, even if you happen to be one who might be inclined to wonder what the fuss is about and even question the meaning of Pride—well, good news. I'm about to tell you how we all are going to delight in and recapture the special feelings of belonging, unity and diversity that go hand in hand with Pride celebrations. So wherever it is you fall on the spectrum of enthusiasm, I invite you to join me in celebrating Pride 2002 in a very special way.

In the May 3 issue of Just Out we brought to you the story of Georgena Moran, a longtime Portland resident and family member who now suffers from a severe and life-threatening form of multiple sclerosis. The prognosis for this condition is grim. The disease is virulent, fast and not capable of remission.

Hope for Georgena's survival lies in experimental stem-cell treatment offered at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. This is a highly complex transplant process, and the toll is high, physically, emotionally and financially.

The cost of the procedure and ensuing recovery period is estimated to be at least \$150,000. Furthermore, no insurance money can be counted on to provide relief.

In an amazing outpouring of love and dedication, these life-

saving and necessary funds are being raised through the efforts of friends, family and supporters. An incredible group of people have joined together and are staunchly steadfast in their determination to save their friend's life.

Fund-raisers have brought in \$24,506 to date. That leaves \$125,000 to be raised by September. That leaves you and me—all of us—to make a difference.

This Pride I am asking you to save a life. I am asking you to make the most generous financial donation you can to the medical fund for Georgena Moran.

I ask that we come together as gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and trans people, that we rally as a community of friends and neighbors, and that we unite in a common goal. If you're questioning or searching for the meaning of Pride, I truly believe this could be your answer.

In the most simplistic of terms, if everyone who attended the Pride celebration at Waterfront Park donated \$1, we optimistically could raise \$40,000 more toward obtaining the amount needed. This is an aggressive yet obtainable goal, and I look forward to reporting to you proudly in the June 21 issue that we met—or, better yet, exceeded—our goal.

Friends and supporters of Georgena will be sharing space at the Just Out booth in Waterfront Park. These dedicated volunteers will be available to answer your questions, explain in further detail what is needed and, most importantly, happily and thankfully accept your donations.

For the cost of a beer, for the cost of a rainbow bauble, you can make a contribution that will have life-altering results. Please, visit our booth and give as generously as you can. We look forward to meeting you all and seeing you at our booth—and we

thank you in advance for your contribution.

And finally, a personal thank-you from Georgena, who wants you to know that "in helping me, you'll also help those who come later. I'm asking you to join me in this grand adventure. The importance of this work cannot be overstated nor can my appreciation for your support." ☐

Columnist MARC ACITO will be at the Just Out booth from 3 to 5 p.m. June 15 and 16. For contributions to the Georgena Moran fund he will be available for autographs and photos. For "generous" donations you may "kiss the columnist." (Sorry, certain restrictions apply.)

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## REFLECTIONS

10 years ago in just out...

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• Publication of *BLK*, the first monthly magazine for African American gay men and lesbians, has been suspended until a new editor can be found. Alan Bell, who was seriously injured in an April car accident, is still unable to return to work, his doctors say.

• San Francisco Police Chief Richard Hongisto has been fired for allegedly instigating the removal of more than 2,000 copies of a gay newspaper from street racks after the publication ridiculed him. His actions were in direct violation of the U.S. Constitution.

• The big event of the year, the annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade and Rally, will be held June 20. This year's theme, "A Simple Matter of Justice," is taken from a speech by Harvey Milk and optimizes the fight we face with the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

• For Love and Justice: A Walk Against Hate will start June 7 in Eugene and end two weeks and 150 miles later in Portland.

• Terry Bean has been named to the Credentials Committee of the 1992 Democratic National Convention, the Human Rights Campaign Fund

reports. The Portlander, who is a member of the fund's board of directors, is believed to be the first openly gay person ever to receive an appointment to this committee.

• A rally was called May 2 to confront a neo-Nazi organization that was scheduled to meet in City Hall and to give people a place to deal with emotions raised because of the Rodney King verdict. After the rally at Pioneer Courthouse Square, people marched to City Hall. The neo-Nazis backed out of their meeting after they saw the vast numbers of people united against them.

• Portland Police Chief Tom Potter was guest speaker at the Northwest Gender Alliance dinner meeting April 15. A total of 42 members and guests were present. Potter was invited to speak to the organization about the law and cross-dressers in Portland.

• The Friends of Gail Shibley invite you to attend a special performance of *Psycho Beach Party* June 11. Proceeds benefit her race for House District 12.

• The Pride of Portland Athletic Association presents Skatefest '92 on June 15 to benefit the Lesbian and Gay Sports Festival.

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