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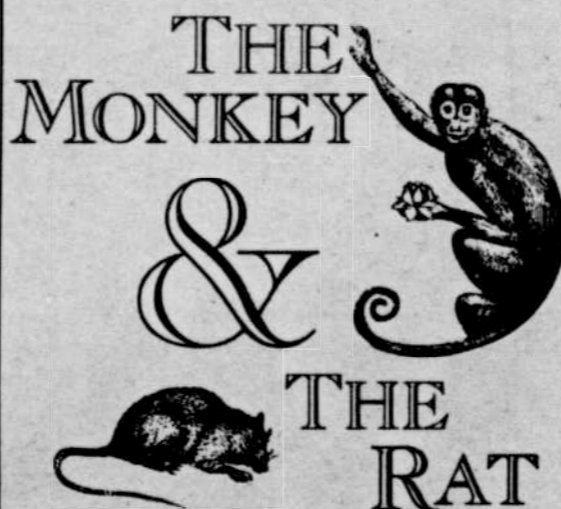
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believe they will still draw the line at sex between adults and children."

Blackout president Don Hood told *Just Out* he was "dumbfounded" when he learned about the CWA statement. He emphasized the leather community's creed, which frowns on sex that isn't "safe, sane and consensual."

"It's a bunch of bullshit," Hood said. "These women have nothing better to do than to ding the mayor for doing something good? For Christ's sake, go after the Catholic priests."

Hood explained Leather Pride was intended to promote unity and to raise money for Camp Starlight, a summer event for children affected by HIV/AIDS. What people did at home on their own free time is another matter, he added.

Sarah Bott, Katz's communications director, said the mayor's office is getting slammed by correspondence both praising and condemning the proclamation. Despite all of the backlash, City Hall is standing by its word.

"We've received a handful of very negative, vitriolic e-mails from people who seem to have been guided by the Concerned Women for America's completely biased and inaccurate story," Bott said. "The request for the proclamation fell under the guidelines of the mayor's proclamation policy as a nonprofit, noncommercial organization, and she's not apologetic about it."



Michael Aaron Wilson



William Joseph Fritsch

TWO ARRESTED IN 'SEX SLAVE' CASE

The Clark County Sheriff's Office arrested two men from Brush Prairie, Wash., on charges of kidnap, rape and assault Sept. 5.

Michael Aaron Wilson, 45, and William Joseph Fritsch, 22, allegedly held a 47-year-old Seattle transient captive as a "sex slave" and repeatedly tortured him until his eventual escape. According to court papers, the suspects confirmed the account of events in their house but contended it was consensual sexual role-playing.

The homeless man initially contacted Wilson and Fritsch via the Internet. They eventually provided him with a Greyhound ticket to Portland.

The suspects met the man Aug. 28 at the bus depot and, before driving to Vancouver, made him disrobe. He said he then was handcuffed, injected with an unknown substance, gagged and covered with a hood over his head and a blanket over his body.

Once at the suspects' residence, the man allegedly was held in a "torture chamber" for the next eight days. He said he endured repeated beatings and sexual abuse.

The man was led to believe that every door and window of the residence was wired to monitor any escape attempt. He said he managed to get away through a window that had been left ajar while his alleged captor slept.

Deputies found the man to have restraints with padlocks on his wrists and ankles along with bruises and marks from handcuffs and shackles. He was treated at Southwest Washington Medical Center, and a rape advocate is assisting him.

Searching the premises, deputies discovered a large upstairs playroom set up to look

much like a hospital, complete with operating tables, electronic equipment, surgical tools and video camera. "The room also contained several apparatus for restraint and 'bondage' along with a wide array of sexual devices, beating and whipping instruments, and devices with locks for appendage restraints," a sheriff's office statement said.

Leather community leader Andy Mangels told *Just Out* he conducted some research online and discovered the situation could be more complex than investigators realize.

"From the public statements in chat rooms and Web sites of the alleged perpetrators, it seems inconceivable that the alleged victim was not aware that he was dealing with a situation in which rape fantasies would be present," he said. "When and if he consented, or removed his consent, to participate in those fantasies is a question—and an extremely murky question at that."



Jack Harvey Jones

DETECTIVES SEEK LEADS

The Portland Police Bureau needs information about a gay man who was bludgeoned to death earlier this year.

The body of Jack Harvey Jones, 66, was discovered about 5 p.m. Jan. 22 at his residence, 3715 S.E. Division St. The retired antiques dealer had been active in the gay and belly-dancing communities.

"Friends of his hadn't seen him for a couple of days, and they were concerned about him," Detective Mike Larson said. "He did have some medical problems, so they went to find out if he was OK, and then they discovered him deceased."

A reward of up to \$1,000 will be provided for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer. "We have some leads we're working on," Larson said, "but there's no arrests that are imminent, and we have not identified a particular suspect as of yet."

Anyone with information should call Detective Rich Austria at 503-823-0449.

MOELLER WINS, BERRONG LOSES

Openly gay candidates finished first and last at the polls Sept. 17.

Vancouver City Councilor Jim Moeller won the Democratic nomination for Seat 2, District 49 in the Washington State House. On Nov. 5 he'll compete against Republican attorney Barbara Peterson, who attacked him in 1995 letters to the editor for his sexual orientation.

"I think she's probably smart enough to not personally address that issue in this campaign," Moeller said. "All she has to do is let a number of organizations know in the state—the Christian Coalition or whatever—and they can do independent expenditures against me."

Meanwhile, Portland City Council hopeful Ric Berrong brought up the rear in a field of 16