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**AUTO CLUB RECOGNIZES  
DOMESTIC PARTNERS**

Better World Club, the world's first and only travel and roadside assistance club dedicated to preserving the environment, is now the first national auto club to recognize domestic partners of primary members. They are offered the same savings and advantages that usually only are offered to spouses.

Until now, gay and lesbian couples had an unattractive choice to make when signing up for the kind of roadside assistance used by millions of U.S. drivers: either pretend that they were a heterosexual couple—usually by

not spelling out the first name of one of the partners—or pay for an additional primary membership, which costs more than an additional person on a primary membership.

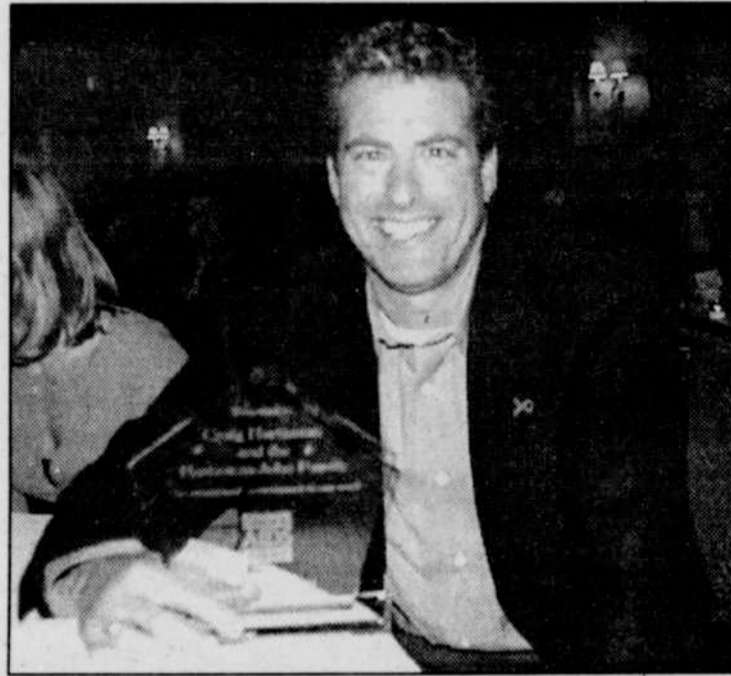
"We're a family, too," says Richard Levy, who recently signed up as a Better World Club member. "I was frustrated by [the American Automobile Association's] policy of only recognizing spouses and dependents as additional drivers on memberships. We shouldn't have to bear double the financial burden for roadside assistance because we cannot legally marry."

For more information visit the Internet site [www.betterworldclub.com](http://www.betterworldclub.com).

**WORLD AIDS DAY  
COMMEMORATED**

Cascade AIDS Project held a celebration in conjunction with World AIDS Day on Dec. 2 at the Governor Hotel.

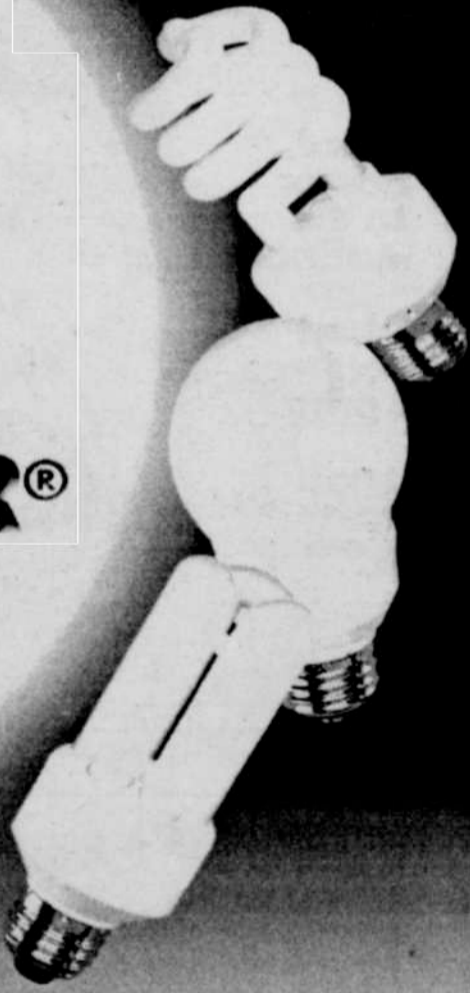
Awards were presented to several volunteers, including many members of the sexual minorities community: former CAP board president Craig Hartzman, AIDSWalk chairman Gregg Arntson and Basic Rights Oregon board member Daniel Cheyne. The entertainment was provided by the Portland Taiko Drummers and Jefferson Dancers.



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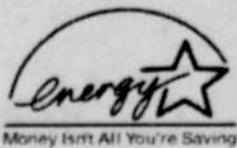
From left, Michael Kennedy, Rafael Arellano-Barerra and Erick Cervantes commemorate World AIDS Day on Dec. 2 at the Governor Hotel; above, Craig Hartzman, former Cascade AIDS Project board president, received a Torchbearer Award for all of his accomplishments

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