

Speak Out

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A sad note. You were justifiably devastated Jan. 19 to discover one of your plants—a Hobbit plant, a specialty succulent—had been stolen. It had been sneaked out by an unknown person after a Bear function.

You spoke of the 10-year-old plant as though a favorite pet or child had been kidnapped. What a below-the-belt thing to do!

Butch, don't be disheartened. Remember the months your plants were treated with the respect they deserved?

To the thief: Have enough respect to care for it properly and keep it alive. Your theft hurt us all including, most of all, yourself.

You sneaked the plant out Jan. 18. Have the good judgment to sneak it back in. Most of us have it in our hearts to forgive you.

FRED HOCTOR
Portland

Potter plea

TO THE EDITOR:

For years I've had my morning tea in a beautiful mug created by a lesbian potter.

First there was Abigail Dragon Woman, then (maybe still her?) one from Luna Works. Now the second one is also broken (the first one went about 15 years ago), and I don't know where to find another.

I'm hoping someone at *Just Out* or one of the readers can point me in the right direction. Thank you!

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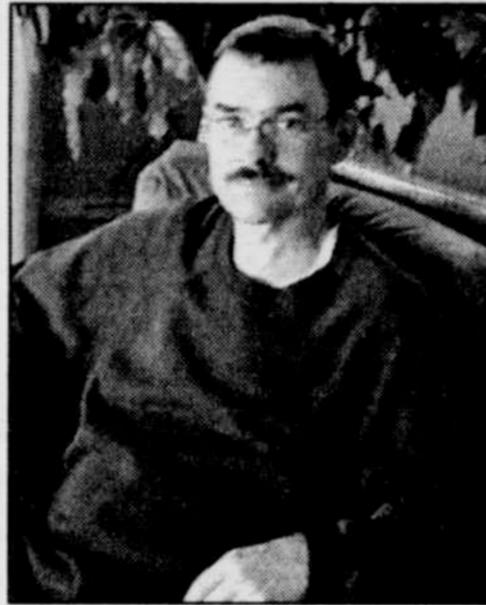
Jim Stanek, 1943-2003

James Edward Stanek died of acute pneumonia Feb. 5 at home in Northwest Portland. He was 59.

He was born March 21, 1943, in Chicago. He had lived in Salem and Northwest Portland since 1973.

Stanek grew up in Indian Head Park, Ill., and started attending Art Institute of Chicago classes at age 5, when he decided to study architecture. He graduated with honors from University of Illinois in 1966, receiving an award to travel and study in Japan, and earned a master's in urban design from Harvard in 1967.

He worked for C.F. Murphy Associates and Crosstown Associates in Chicago and Building Systems Development in Washington, D.C.,



and as an assistant professor of architectural design at Washington State University in Pullman. His career also included positions with Myers & Kroker and Wolff, Zimmer, Gungel & Frasca in Portland as well as Charles Hawkes and VIP Restaurants in Salem.

Urban planning remained a passion throughout Stanek's life, and the avid walker took great delight in pedestrian amenities and Portland's light-rail transportation system. In 1980 he designed a mixed-use solar-powered development overlooking the Willamette River in Salem, which was not built.

In private practice he designed, renovated and collaborated with owners on drawings for businesses, residences and store interiors throughout the area, including a treehouse condo deck in Salem as well as his own Pullman residence in 1971.

A lifelong music lover, Stanek played the cello, enjoyed gardening and was active in gay rights. He was trained in computer-aided design but continued to believe in the value of drafting by hand and making three-dimensional models.

He is survived by his mother, Dorothy B. of Indian Head Park; sisters, Barbara S. Atkinson of East Troy, Wis., and Margaret S. Fiore of New York City; and niece and nephew, Jill and Michael Atkinson.

A commemoration of Stanek's life was held Feb. 11 in Corbett, and prayers and chanting were offered Feb. 16 at the Dharma Rain Zen Center.

Remembrances may be made to Store-to-Door of Portland or the American Diabetes Association.

Roland Simmons, 1939-2003

Roland L. Simmons died of a severe heart attack and stroke Feb. 8 at Mt. St. Joseph Residence and Extended Care Center in Portland. He was 63.

He was born to James L. and Frances G. (Archambault) Simmons on Dec. 15, 1939, in Everett, Wash. He was raised in Shelton, Wash., and graduated from Irene S. Reed High School in 1958.

Simmons later moved to Portland, where he completed floral design school. He maintained a

long career as a florist and won the America's Cup in floral design and competed for the FTD World Cup in Hamburg, Germany.

He was a master designer and was known throughout the West Coast as one of the best. He loved working with flowers and owned shops in Washington and California.

An accomplished artist, Simmons also loved to travel, play the piano and organ at his church and, last but not least, drive his Volkswagen. The family would like to acknowledge the love

and support of the special friends who stood by him through the years and during his illness.

He is survived by his sister, Grace "Frankie" of Portland; brother, Phil of Olympia, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Simmons' life will be held 2 p.m. Feb. 23 at Darcelle XV, 208 N.W. Third Ave. A memorial service will be held in Shelton, where he will be inurned.

Remembrances may be made to Camp Starlight.



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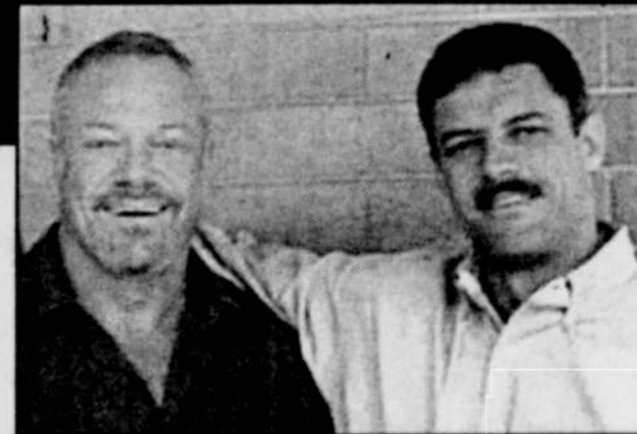
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