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terhouses, he made what he calls "a decision of conscience."

"From birth to death, it's a miserable, filthy existence that these animals are in," he told *Just Out*. "There are so many parallels between how we as humans treat anybody who is different—whether that's another race or sexual orientation or, in this case, species."

Still, Brown remains optimistic that the tide is turning.

"I guess I'm kind of a futurist," he said. "I look at it in 50 to 100 years, and people won't be eating meat at that point. With the way that the population is growing and the way that our planet is evolving, it's a very ostentatious and environmentally expensive way for us to live."

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## SALEM SOCIAL FOCUSES ON IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

The Portland chapter of the Lesbian and Gay Immigration Rights Task Force will hold a social in Salem for queer immigrants and their partners 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at the 300 Club, 300 Liberty St. S.E. Residents of Benton, Clackamas, Lincoln, Marion, Polk and Tillamook counties are particularly encouraged to attend.

The organization is launching an effort to obtain U.S. Rep. Darlene Hooley's co-sponsorship of the Permanent Partners Immigration Act. She is the only Democratic member of Oregon's congressional delegation who is not a co-signer of this important bill, which would

allow U.S. citizens to sponsor their same-sex partners for permanent residency.

For more information call 503-471-1568, e-mail [lgirtfpdx@hotmail.com](mailto:lgirtfpdx@hotmail.com) or visit [www.lgirtf.org](http://www.lgirtf.org).

## COMMUNITY CENTER EFFORT SEEKS BOARD NOMINATIONS

The LGBTQ Community Center Fund, a nonprofit organization charged with studying the feasibility of a potential community center for Portland's sexual minorities, is accepting applications for its permanent board of directors.

Gwenn Baldwin, co-chairwoman of the interim board of directors, says its nomination committee seeks 11 to 15 individuals to serve one- or three-year terms. Board members will be expected to contribute time and money at a level that is personally significant. More importantly, however, candidates will represent a variety of segments within the sexual minorities community, including a range of age, ethnicity, economic status, gender and geography, in order to provide diverse leadership perspectives on the organization's activities and development.

The nominations committee plans to interview candidates and make selections in September. Then the new board will begin examining the results of the recent sexual minorities community survey and subsequent feasibility study to determine if and how the center might be established.

To apply, submit letter with a résumé or biography by Aug. 31 to [pdxqueercenter@yahoo.com](mailto:pdxqueercenter@yahoo.com).

## PORTLAND PRIDE 2004 NEEDS A THEME

Pride Northwest already is seeking theme ideas for next year's Portland Pride festival.

The celebration will be held June 19 and 20, 2004, at Waterfront Park. Recent themes include "Celebrating Queer Art and Culture," "Bridges of Pride," "On a Queer Day..." and "Lions and Tigers and Queers, Oh My!"

The person who wins the annual contest will receive "a fabulous prize," promises Jack Keegan, Pride Northwest president. The deadline is Sept. 15.

To submit a suggestion, e-mail [president@pridew.org](mailto:president@pridew.org) or write to P.O. Box 6611, Portland, OR 97228.

## WEDDED BLISS

The *Oregonian* finally printed its first same-sex wedding announcement under the appropriate heading Aug. 3.

James Hanson and Tim Daily were the lucky couple, having tied the knot July 23 in Revelstoke, British Columbia. The Canadian province, along with Ontario, allows gay men and lesbians to marry under the same laws as heterosexuals.

Last December the newspaper announced the union of Mary McCarty and Lottie Zorn but insisted on segregating them under the heading "Commitments." Hanson and Daily were the first couple to appear side by side with straight newlyweds. ☐

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## Hanson-Daily

James Hanson and Tim Daily of Portland were wed on July 23, 2003, in Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada. The ceremony, legally binding in Canada, was officiated by Marriage Commissioner Janice Sessa of Revelstoke. In attendance and acting as witnesses were James' mother, Betty Hanson and Angelo Sessa. The ceremony was conducted in Mt. Revelstoke National Park on the summit of Mt. Revelstoke.

After vacationing in the Canadian Rockies and British Columbia coastal areas, the couple will make their home in Portland.

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