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Several hundred law enforcement officers—many in full riot gear—stood behind metal barricades and fencing that enclosed the site of the \$2,000-a-plate Republican Party luncheon. A total of 10 arrests were made, pepper spray was used to disband a small post-protest park gathering, and a few minor skirmishes between Bush opponents and supporters led to minor pushing and yelling.

Local security costs are expected to exceed \$100,000. Mayor Vera Katz has said the city will bill the Bush-Cheney 2004 campaign, though officials believe reimbursement is unlikely.

TRAINING FOCUSES ON INTERSEX ISSUES

Intersex Initiative Portland—a network of activists working to stop medical abuse of intersex children and to challenge social erasure of intersex existence—will teach people how to deliver presentations on intersex issues during its second Speaker's Bureau training from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 13.

Founder Emi Koyama hopes to raise awareness of intersex issues by making the trained speakers available for college classrooms, non-profit organizations, queer groups and service providers. A training already has been scheduled this month for Outside In, a queer-positive agency for homeless youth.

"It's the only speaker's training program on intersex issues in the world," Koyama told *Just Out*. "We hope to develop a pool of volunteers who will raise awareness of intersex issues everywhere, especially in and around Portland."

For more information call 503-288-3191 or e-mail info@ipdx.org. To download an application form visit www.ipdx.org/speakers or write to P.O. Box 40570, Portland, OR 97240.

WORKSHOP OFFERED FOR HIV-AFFECTED WRITERS

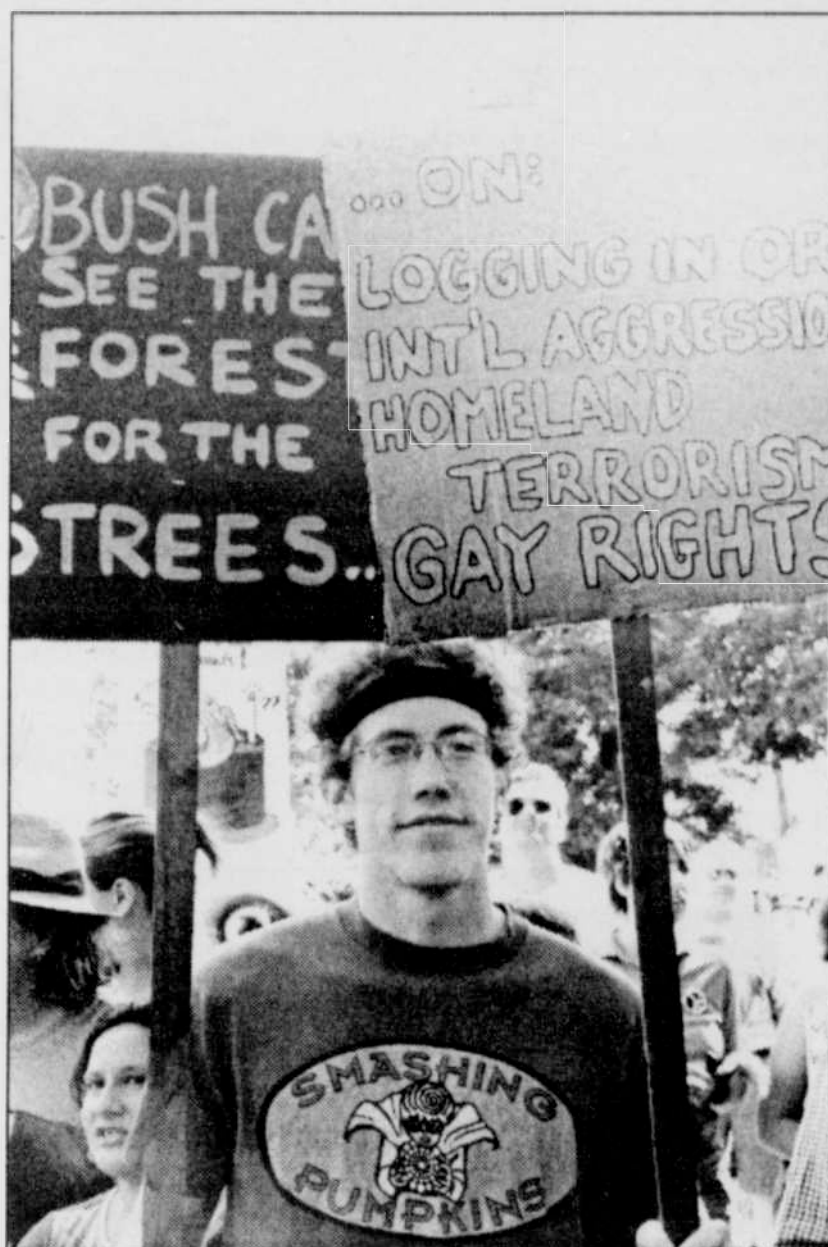
HIV-affected adults can tap into the stories inside them and let their voices be heard during a 10-week creative writing workshop beginning Sept. 18.

The free series is the result of a partnership between Write Around Portland and Cascade AIDS Project. Participants will have the opportunity to be published in WRAP's anthology and to participate in readings.

The workshops will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Nov. 20 in Suite 300 at 620 S.W. Fifth Ave. Pens, journals, snacks and bus passes are provided.

Write Around Portland strives to make communities more inclusive and humane by empowering new low-income, socially isolated individuals and developing audiences for their work. WRAP facilitates social change through collaborations with local agencies, creating networks of writing workshops that link diverse populations throughout the city.

To sign up call 503-796-9224 or visit www.writearound.org.



Protesters demonstrate Aug. 21 against President Bush

RACE FIGHTS BREAST CANCER

The Komen Portland Race for the Cure will fill the streets near Waterfront Park for one of the largest fund-raising races in the nation Sept. 14.

In 2002 more than 43,000 runners and walkers took part in the event. This year organizers hope to increase that number by making the race more accessible and introducing a new route designed to let people participate more efficiently.

The most noticeable difference is that this year's route takes participants over the Willamette River via the Burnside Bridge instead of the Steel Bridge. "Incorporating the Burnside Bridge in the race route will reduce congestion and allow more people to run and walk this year than ever before," said Cathryn Cushing, a lesbian who is serving as race co-chairwoman.

Another new component of this year's race is a Web site tool allowing entrants to create a personalized fund-raising page. Organizers hope this will encourage more participants to help fight breast cancer with a simple click.

"Just log on to your computer, set up your personalized...page and send out as many e-mail messages to your family and friends as you want," Cushing said. "Results so far have been encouraging, and we are very excited about this new, easy fund-raising system. We encourage people to take five minutes and set up their personal Web site and send out e-mails—it's that easy."

The Portland race has raised more than \$8.5 million in 11 years for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The 2003 goal is to collect \$2 million in a single day.

Of the money raised, 75 percent stays in the local community by providing education, screening and treatment. The remaining 25 percent is solely dedicated to breast cancer research.

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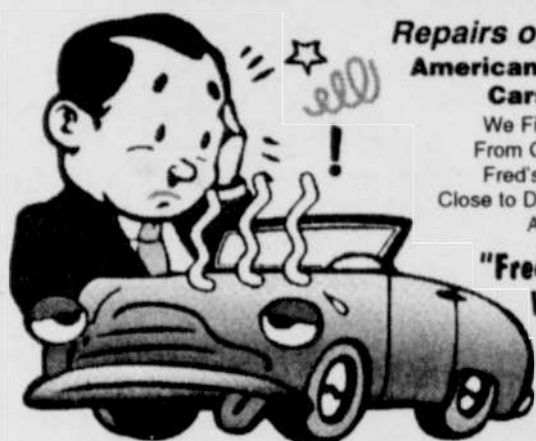
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