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total—maybe less, organizers promise. It will take place from 1 to 6 p.m. Oct. 11 and from 2 to 6 p.m. Oct. 12 in Northeast Portland.

To sign up call 503-460-9702 or e-mail cat@aracnet.com.

LOVE MAKES A FAMILY PREPARES FOR AUCTION

Love Makes a Family, a nonprofit agency that offers advocacy, education and referrals for queer parents and caregivers, needs help as it gears up for its third annual auction next month at Darcelle XV.

Organizers are asking for any assistance, auctionable product or service that donors can provide. Last year's event brought in \$5,000, and this year's goal is \$12,000.

The proceeds will benefit two Love Makes a Family programs. The Middle Schools Project ensures that alternative families feel safe within the public school system, and MultiQueer advocates for the empowerment of gay, lesbian, bi, trans and questioning youth of color.

For more information contact Sima Teherani or Jaye Sablan at 503-228-3892, 503-421-4863, sima@lmfamily.org or jaye@lmfamily.org.

GET A SNEAK PREVIEW OF SMYRC BENEFIT CD

The Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center, which is struggling for survival in the

face of financial cuts, will hold a fund-raiser 7 p.m. Oct. 6 at the gay-owned wine and cocktail bar Crush, 1412 S.E. Morrison St.

The event will serve as a sneak preview of the nonprofit's benefit CD, which features a variety of local and national songwriting and performing talent. *Safe Haven* at SMYRC, which was financed by the lesbian-owned coffee shop Haven, will be released early next year.

A small cover donation will be requested. In addition, 10 percent of proceeds from Crush business will be donated to SMYRC.

MATTHEW SHEPARD VIGIL PLANNED

A vigil will be held in memory of the fifth anniversary of Matthew Shepard's death at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 6 in front of South Eugene High School, 400 E. 19th Ave. Everyone is invited.

The event will feature speakers and music focusing on making schools and the community safer and more supportive for gay, lesbian, bi, trans and questioning youth. It is being organized by South Eugene High junior Jordan Blumberg-Engle, a singer/songwriter and queer activist.

Shepard, a gay University of Wyoming student, was savagely attacked Oct. 6, 1998, after two men lured him from a bar, drove him to a remote field, beat him with the butt of a gun, tied him to a fence and left him to die in near-freezing temperatures outside Laramie, 30 miles northwest of Cheyenne. He passed away six days later in a Fort Collins, Colo., hospital. **J**

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AID FOR AIDS

Portland Mayor Vera Katz leads the crowd Sept. 20 during AIDS Walk 03, which raised money for HIV prevention, services and advocacy programs in Oregon and Southwest Washington



Thomas Bruner, Cascade AIDS Project executive director, warms up before taking to the streets

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