

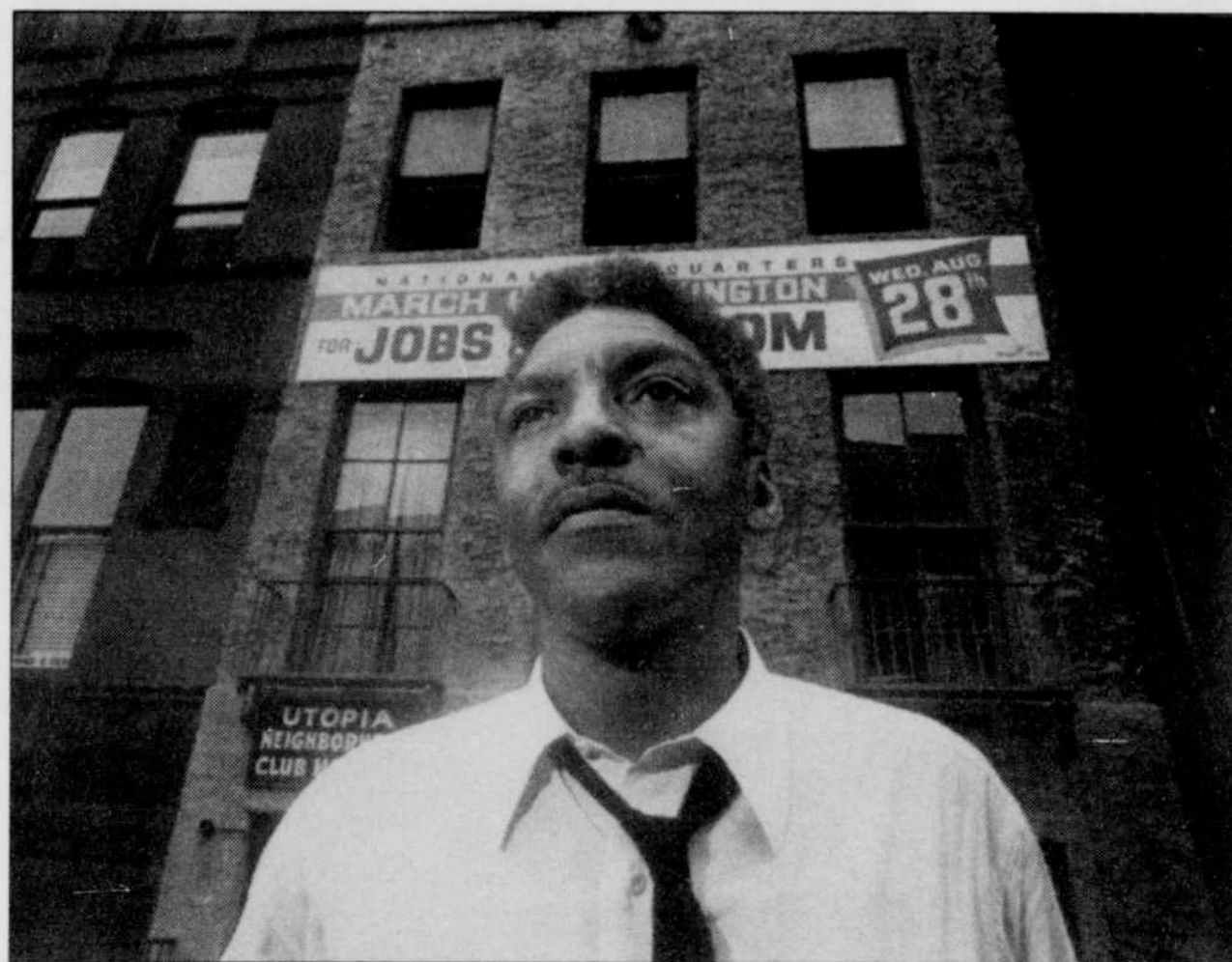
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**QUEER UNION GROUP  
SCREENS DOCUMENTARY**

Pride at Work Oregon, an AFL-CIO affiliate that connects the queer and workers' rights movements, is showing the acclaimed documentary *Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin* in honor of Black History Month. The free screening will start 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Communications Workers of America Hall, 2950 S.E. Stark St.

Rustin was an African American who helped organize the 1963 March on Washington, worked closely the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and advanced civil, queer and workers' rights. Despite these achievements, he was silenced, threatened, arrested, beaten, imprisoned and fired from important leadership positions, largely because he was an openly gay man in a fiercely homophobic era.

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Pride at Work Oregon is screening the documentary *Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin*, a civil rights leader who was kept in the background because of his sexual orientation

**PFLAG RECOGNIZES  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

The Forest Grove chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will recognize Black History Month during its next meeting, which will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 17 at Forest Grove United Church of Christ, 2032 College Way.

The speaker will be Pacific University freshman Kyle Jones, 18, a member of PFLAG as well as the campus queer group

Rainbow Coalition. Openly gay since the age of 14, he will speak about his own experiences as well as influential African American queers in history and media portrayal of black gays and lesbians.

Jones said his coming-out process went relatively smoothly. ("My mom took it OK, and I didn't lose any friends.") But he didn't find much of a black gay community in his home-

town of Sacramento, Calif. He began volunteering at a community center and went on to co-found the Gay Straight Alliance at his high school.

"I didn't see a lot of black gays fighting for gay rights," Jones told *Just Out*. "So I wanted to be that visible presence."

Jones hopes that talking to groups like PFLAG will help foster more acceptance and

understanding about queer issues. He'd like to see that acceptance and understanding grow in the black community, too.

"There's a stigma around being gay in the black community," Jones says. "I'm not sure how to change it."

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**GAIL SHIBLEY JOINS  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mayor Vera Katz announced last month that former state Rep. Gail Shibley, who became Oregon's first openly gay elected official in the 1980s, has been appointed to the Portland Planning Commission. The commission advises the City Council on any proposals that affect the goals, policies or contents of the Portland Comprehensive Plan and on amendments to the Portland Zoning Code, urban renewal plans, city capital improvements and street vacations, dedications and name change requests.

Shibley has worked since February as an administrator for the state Office of Public Health Systems, leading Oregon's public health efforts, including assuring safety of drinking water, food, radiation sources, emergency medical services and health care facilities. She previously served as a state representative from 1991 to 1997, ran as a candidate for Portland City Council in 1996 and worked as a program manager for the city's Bureau of Traffic Management from 1990 to 1996. **JM**

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