

PRIDE PARADE, FESTIVAL REGISTRATION OPEN

Pride Northwest is now accepting registrations for Portland Pride 2004, the area's annual celebration of the gay, lesbian, bi, trans and questioning community. This year's theme is "Queer We Go Again!"

The Pride Festival will be held from noon to 11 p.m. June 19 and from noon to 5 p.m. June 20 at Waterfront Park. More than 35,000 visitors are expected to attend. Booth vendors will receive a 10 percent discount if they register by May 1.

The Pride Parade will wind through the streets of downtown June 20. Step-off is at 11:15 a.m. from Northwest 15th Avenue and Glisan Street. More than 50,000 visitors are expected to watch the parade. Parade contingents that sign up by May 31 will have their position determined by lottery. Late registrants will be added to the lineup on a first-come, first-served basis.

To submit a parade contingent or festival booth registration form, visit www.pridenw.org. For more information call 503-295-9788 or e-mail info@pridenw.org.

GRANTS TO BE PRESENTED

The Clark County Pride 2004 Grants Celebration will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. March 27 at Patrick's Hawaiian Cafe, 316 S.E. 123rd Ave. in Vancouver, Wash.

The event will feature food and entertainment. This year's grants recipients are the Children's Home Society (\$3,000), Love Makes a Family (\$2,500), Planned Parent-

hood (\$1,500) and Saturday in the Park (\$2,000).

To RSVP contact Farand at 888-575-7717 or farand@pridefoundation.org.

QUEERS CAN COMMENT ON COMMUNITY CENTER

Now that Portland is enjoying nationwide recognition as the only major city that allows same-sex couples to marry, isn't it about time we had a queer community center?

Gay, lesbian, bi and trans people are encouraged to offer their thoughts on the subject during a forum 5:30 p.m. March 24 at the Multnomah Building, 501 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd. It's being organized by the LGBTQ Community Center Fund, which is in the

process of polling potential tenants to determine the feasibility of such a facility.

For more information visit www.outwithit2003.com.

FORUMS RESPOND TO SPIKE IN STDs AMONG QUEERS

A series of upcoming forums will discuss two disturbing trends among Portland-area queer men: the rise in HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, barebacking and crystal meth use, and the lack of conversation and active response about these new epidemics. The meetings were announced in a March 12 letter written by Mitch Zahn, Oregon Department of Human Services HIV prevention manager; Thomas Bruner, Cascade AIDS Project executive director; and Loreen Nichols, Mult-

nomah County Health Department HIV program manager.

"If these trends are not reversed, our gay/bi male community could face dire consequences," they said. "In an era of shrinking budgets and drug-resistant strains of HIV, we simply can't afford for another generation of gay/bi men to get sick."

A light dinner and nonalcoholic beverages will be provided at each forum. To ensure men feel free to be candid in their criticisms and suggestions, no staff from health departments or CAP will attend the meetings.

Longtime lesbian activist Kathleen Sadaat will facilitate the forums, which will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 120B at the Portland State Office Building, 800 N.E. Oregon St. Participants can choose between a Tuesday track (March 30, April 13 and April 27) and a Thursday track (April 1, April 15 and April 29).

To RSVP contact Bart Church at 503-223-8822 or bart@stonewallschool.org by March 26.

CONFERENCE ADDRESSES ADOPTION, FOSTER CARE

More than 30 specialty workshops, many on queer parenting, will be presented during a conference from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 26 and 27 in Everett, Wash.

"Adoption and Foster Care: Attaching Pieces, Solving Puzzles" seeks to help turn things around for children who struggle with grueling psychological and emotional issues on a daily

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Queer community center organizers march through downtown during Portland Pride 2003

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