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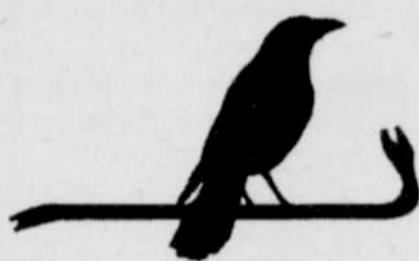
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~Events~

Thursday, May 20
6-8pm
Boise Eliot Multicultural Festival
Students demonstrate & learn arts & crafts
from around the world
Boise Eliot Elementary, 620 N. Fremont

Friday, May 21
1:30pm **Boise Eliot
Elementary Multicultural Parade**
Route is Fremont to Shaver on Mississippi
Ave., to Kerby back to school

7-9pm **Mississippi Avenue Street Fair
Talent Show** - Boise-Eliot Elementary School

8-11pm **NAYA Teen Dance**
(under 21) - Mississippi Rising Ballroom,
833 N Shaver

THE MAIN EVENT
Saturday, May 22
10am-7pm

Mississippi Avenue Street Fair
Street closed from Fremont to Skidmore

- Two music stages
- Minstrel performers
- Arts & Crafts Fair
- Skateboarding Demo
- Garage Sale
- Kids Space - Oregon Bug Zoo
- Local restaurant fare & beer tent
- Youth Basketball shoot off
- Rib-Off contest

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Speak Out

Isn't it ironic?

TO THE EDITOR:

Life's little ironies just keep getting better and better. And we have straight boys and their gal pals to thank for it.

Remember when Bush & Co., plus Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Jesse Jackson and the Vatican, said same-sex marriages were an assault on family values? The hot news then was a call for a constitutional amendment to make gay people second-class citizens by denying them marriage rights. Screw equality. Democracy is for normal straight people who promote and thrive on family values. These values are the bulwark of our nation. Well, now even hotter news has forced us off the front pages.

Along comes Abu Ghraib (don't forget Guantanamo Bay, Cuba) and we gay folks get to see family values in action in Iraq. Straight American family values-nurtured soldiers beating, raping, sodomizing, stripping, leading on leashes and forcing masturbation and man-on-man sex on Arab prisoners. They even let their guard dogs get in on the action. All for souvenir photos and videotapes for friends back home (and unfortunately the world at large) to see.

Our military isn't running concentration camps. They're shooting porn in sex dungeons in a bondage and discipline orgy gone wild. I guess straight American guys are more curious about homoerotic stuff than I suspected.

And what about those Christian churches that were so quick to attack gay marriage and to protect family values (whatever the hell these values really are)? Are they grabbing headlines petitioning our smarmy political leaders to close down these military sex ghettos? Nope. Not a peep. Mum. Christianity in action, I guess.

And closer to home we have more irony regarding family values. Former Oregon Gov. Neil Goldschmidt (twice married) gets outed for statutory rape (ongoing for possibly three years) of a 14-year-old girl. Current Gov. Ted Kulongoski, when he isn't playing job headhunter for the Goldschmidt family, expresses only dismay that we'll lose Neil's talent as chairman of the Board of Higher Education. Come on, Ted, throw a bone to the victim, why don't you—and not like the one Neil did.

Family values. Wow. They should come with a warning label.

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Some of them want to abuse you

TO THE EDITOR:

I realize *Just Out* is a local publication, but the writers and editor must have something to say about the Iraqi prisoner abuse photos. Countless news commentators have discussed the "homo-

transitions



Donnie Comstock, 1976-2004

Donnie Lee Comstock died of a heart attack May 3. He was 27.

He was born Dec. 6, 1976, in Kansas City, Mo. He worked as a counselor and caregiver in San Francisco, Oakland and Bay Point, Calif., before moving to Portland three years ago.

Acquaintances describe Comstock as a caring, selfless, bright spirit who attracted friends easily. They add that he would have made a great host of *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, as he had all of the characteristics of the Fab Five in himself.

He loved animals, including his Japanese Chin dog, Ching, and his cats, Zsa Zsa and TC.

Comstock is survived by his partner of eight years, Carl Tobey; brother, Michael Wayne Patrzykont Jr. of Kansas City; parents, Frances and Mike Patrzykont; grandparents, Harvey Comstock and Juanita Rodemyer; and best friend, Diane Rivera (aka Princess Diana).

A memorial celebration will be held 10 a.m. May 29 at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church,

17405 N.E. Glisan St. in Gresham. Chapel Hill-Butler Funeral Home in Kansas City handled the arrangements.

Remembrances may be made to the Donnie Lee Comstock Memorial Fund in care of the church, P.O. Box 1319, Gresham, OR 97030.



David Reimer, 1965-2004

David Peter Reimer died of suicide May 4 at St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was 38.

He became the victim of an infamous gender experiment when his parents were advised to raise their baby boy as a girl after a failed circumcision. Reimer was castrated and subjected to mental, social and hormonal conditioning to help him live his early life as a girl named Brenda.

Medical experts followed his development and socialization closely, comparing him with his twin brother in an experiment that came to be known as the Joan-John case during the 1960s and '70s. Reimer discovered the truth about himself when he was a teen-ager and decided to live as a male. He eventually married and revealed his story in the 2000 book *As Nature Made Him: The Boy Who Was Raised as a Girl* by John Colapinto.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Anne; stepchildren, Sherri, Carla and Anthony; granddaughter, Marina; and parents, Ron and Janet of Winnipeg.

A memorial service was held May 10. Klassen Funeral Chapel handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Children's Wish Foundation, 350 St. Mary Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3C 3J2.