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African American legal group. The brief argues that preventing same-sex couples from marrying is fundamentally wrong and violates the Washington Constitution.

"Our nation has a troubled history of imposing restrictions on the most private and most important choice of who one will marry," the brief said. "Ultimately, the judiciary has righted such wrongs."

VANCOUVER PRIDE FESTIVAL TURNS 10

Saturday in the Park will celebrate its 10th anniversary from noon to 5 p.m. July 10 at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver, Wash. The 2004 theme for the city's Gay Pride festival is "Your World Is Our World: Freedom, Faith and Equality."

The opening ceremonies will begin with Mayor Royce Pollard, Clark County Commissioner Craig Pride-more and openly gay state Rep. Jim Moeller, D-Vancouver. Other scheduled speakers include County Commissioner Betty Sue Morris and state Rep. Bill Fromhold, D-Vancouver.

The entertainment throughout the day will be provided by the Rose City Swing Band, Colorfield, De'Zhon Fields, Amy Wells and several other performers. Vendors will also provide a variety of services and products.

For more information call Jon Martin at 360-607-2843 or visit groups.msn.com/sitp2004.

BEND BANS BIAS

Bend has become the first Oregon jurisdiction east of the Cascades to pass a city-wide ordinance protecting gay, lesbian, bi and trans people from discrimination. The unanimous City Council vote came June 16 after months of testimony, consideration and political wrangling.

The ordinance covers employment, places of public accommodation as well as selling, leasing or renting property. It was drafted and submitted by a coalition that includes Basic Rights Oregon; the Human Dignity Coalition; Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of Central Oregon; Support Diversity-Bend Together; and other community, church, labor and business groups.

This ordinance, while similar to others already in place in several Oregon cities and counties, is the most comprehensive because it does not include the exceptions that those laws make. It was first proposed after an assault on a gay man at a local nightclub.

Bend residents Bill Brackett and Dave Eaton filed papers June 22 to begin circulating a petition to refer the law to voters in November, *The Bend Bulletin* reported. If they can collect 3,352 valid signatures by July 16, voters would have the opportunity to repeal the ordinance.

BRO's field director, Jessica DuBois, said opponents had ample opportunities to air their concerns before the law was approved. "There was an extensive, several months-long airing of this ordinance, and they didn't show up."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SISTER PAULA

The Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center's Trans Youth Group will play host to a



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Sister Paula Nielsen single-handedly created the genre of cable-access transsexual televangelism

66th birthday party for Sister Paula Nielsen, who single-handedly created the genre of cable-access transsexual televangelism, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 13 at 2100 S.E. Belmont St.

The retired host of *Let's Have Church* will celebrate her 41st year as an out trans woman by sharing stories, reflections and one-liners, followed by a cake reception. All are invited to the free event; donations are encouraged.

The youth group provides socializing, support and empowerment for trans, genderqueer and questioning kids. It meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at SMYRC.

For more information e-mail Christa-Margaret Nelson at transyouthgroup@smyrc.org or visit www.smyrc.org/transyouthgroup.

PROJECT LAUNCHES SUMMER ACTIVITIES

A new bilingual program is helping queer men younger than 26 from rural Washington and Clackamas counties fight foes like ignorance, syphilis and depression.

But instead of concentrating on dental dams, condoms and lube, the Health Education for Rural Outreach, Empowerment and Support Project will play host to theater outings, dances, movie nights and coffee socials. Events will be held every Sunday beginning July 11 at coffee shops in the tri-county area and at the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center, 2100 S.E. Belmont St.

HEROES was started in 2003 by the state health department and is coordinated by SMYRC to provide information and materials to young men in the rural corners of the tri-county area. The project concentrates primarily on this population because they have recently shown a marked increase in sexually transmitted diseases, especially among those who have sex with other men.

"There's much more to the prevention [of STDs] than telling people not to have sex or handing them a condom. It's amazing how confused people can get around the subject," HEROES head Vicente Guzman-Orozco said. "Many guys have never felt comfortable showing they may not know everything about what goes on with their bodies. By socializing and chatting we can share information more casually, as you would normally with a friend in a field you want to want to learn more about."