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**NORTHWEST newsbriefs**

**PCC CASCADE  
HOSTS ROUNDTABLE  
ON ELECTION RESULTS**

Portland Community College's Cascade United Sexualities organization will host a public forum to discuss the results of the election, particularly the passage of Ballot Measure 36, at 3 p.m. Nov. 20. There has been an upsurge in student interest as a result of the election, and the campus group has grown in membership to almost 30 people. The PCC Sylvania Campus also hosts a United Sexualities group.

Sensing fragmentation and disorganization after the election, the group hopes a discussion will give participants focus and motivation to continue their activism. The discussion will be loosely moderated, and each participant will be asked to respect time limits for speaking.

The forum will be held in Room 301 of the Student Center at 705 N. Killingsworth St. For more information call Chelsia at 503-156-1456.

sive as homophobia, spearheaded a return to the anti-littering program. She filed the necessary paperwork, offered it to be approved by the state and recruited a team to perform the two "picks" necessary to qualify an organization or business to have signs placed on the highway. This time, plenty of spaces were available.

Former board member Coleen Dotson is enthusiastic about the cleanup project even though, she says, "I've picked up the most dead animals." Crew members have an informal contest to see who gets the most interesting piece of litter. Dotson says the winner so far was a "fairly unused, bright pink 36C bra." She didn't say who found it.

"I love the road cleanup program," she says. "It's something we can do for the community," and she enjoys younger and older members working together.

Another board member, Ginny Laferriere, thinks the project is "a great way to get our name out, plus do what we can for the community." She recalls being told she was too thorough when she tried to pick up every cigarette butt.



From left, Portland PFLAG members Ann Combe, Kimberlee Van Patten, Susie Shepherd, John Hryciw and Juanita Hryciw unveil a sign honoring their commitment to roadside tidiness

**PFLAG CLEANS UP**

Portland's chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, well known for its service to area queer citizens and their families, has taken on a new project.

Look closely some weekends on the two-mile stretch of Highway 30 (North Lombard Street) between 42nd and 82nd avenues, and you may see some of familiar faces. They'll be the people in orange vests grubbing trash to help clean up Oregon's highways. Adopt-a-Highway signs facing eastbound traffic at 42nd, and westbound at 82nd, notify drivers that Portland PFLAG is removing litter from that stretch of highway.

Former board chairwoman Ann Blair first suggested involving PFLAG in the Adopt-a-Highway plan but was told by the Oregon Department of Transportation that no allotments were available. Difficult issues, like a series of ballot measures, also caused PFLAG to set the project aside.

In June 2003, Susie Shepherd, a daughter of Portland PFLAG co-founders Bill and Ann Shepherd, attended a meeting to donate her mother's gay library to the organization. She ended up becoming a board member.

Shepherd, who considers littering as offen-

A Nov. 14 patrol resulted in 20 bags of litter, a couple of tires and a baby buggy missing a wheel. ODOT hauls away the litter picked up by the group. Contents of the bags go on a conveyor belt, where plastic, metal and glass are sorted out for recycling.

Shepherd is delighted with the results. "Real Oregonians pick up litter," she says.

**PRIDE NORTHWEST SEEKS  
THEME FOR PRIDE 2005**

In light of election year losses—and wins—for the queer community, Pride Northwest seeks a theme for the 2005 Pride celebration.

The nonprofit organization, which produces the annual queer festival and parade, seeks a theme that will express the community's wide-ranging feelings and actions for the coming year. Recent themes include "Bridges of Pride," "Queer We Go Again," "On a Queer Day..." and "Lions and Tigers and Queers, Oh My!"

A brunch or dinner cruise for two on the Portland Spirit will be awarded to the person who submits the chosen suggestion. Submit your ideas to media@pridenw.org or 503-295-9788 by Dec. 3. For more information check out www.pridenw.org.