

NO JUDGMENT REACHED IN OREGON MARRIAGE CASE

As newlywed couples in Multnomah County watch and wait, the Oregon Supreme Court is moving slower than molasses in deciding the legality of their unions.

Nine months after Basic Rights Oregon, the American Civil Liberties Union and nine plaintiff couples filed *Li vs. Oregon* seeking marriage equality for same-sex couples, the justices finally heard the case Dec. 15. There has been no movement yet on the case.

"We continue to wait. It could be weeks, it could be months," says Roey Thorpe, executive director of Basic Rights Oregon.

Bonnie Tinker, Love Makes a Family executive director, adds: "The families of lesbian and gay couples are at risk when society refuses to grant them the rights and the responsibilities that other families have. Equal justice is a right required by Section 20 of Oregon's Constitution and consistent with our society's deepest values. Justice should not be denied or delayed."

NEIGHBORS UNITE AGAINST HATE

The Tualatin Valley Skins, a hate group from the Portland metro area, plans to conduct a racist leafleting Jan. 8 in Southwest Portland. They will meet at a park and then branch out into several surrounding neighborhoods, passing out fliers promoting bigotry and denigrating many minority groups.

The Skins are affiliated with the neo-Nazi group Aryan Nations. They promote the ideol-



ogy of white supremacy that targets Jews, people of color, feminists, immigrants, sexual minorities and communists.

Neighbors Together Against Hate will take the opportunity to reaffirm their shared values and show that hate is not welcome in their community. They are planning a Unity Rally to honor the dignity and worth of all people, regardless of the color of their skin, their religion, their sexual orientation or their gender.

The event will start 1 p.m. at the Multnomah Center, 7688 S.W. Capitol Highway. The rally will feature community and government leaders, music and a kids activity room.

Signs and banners promoting justice and understanding are welcome. You can download and print out a window poster at www.swni.org.

Multiple community organizations are endorsing the rally: Office of Neighborhood



Involvement, Southwest Neighborhoods, American Jewish Committee, American Association of University Women, Basic Rights Oregon, Coalition Against Hate Crimes, Friendly House, Havurah Shalom, Jewish Federation of Portland, Congregation Kol Shalom, Neighborhood House, Oregon Hadash: Jewish Meditation Center, Portland Chapter of Hadassah, Portland Trail Blazers, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Mission Team, Uniting to Understand Racism, National Association of Social Workers and SOLV.

That same afternoon, several feminist, civil rights, Jewish, labor, anti-racist, sexual minority, left and immigrant rights activists and organizations will hold a counter-demonstration at noon in Gabriel Park because "neo-Nazis threaten the rights and safety of people throughout the Northwest," says Marian Rhys, an organizer of the ad-hoc coalition. Gabriel Park is the center of the area's Jewish community and has the region's highest concentration of Muslims.

"The counterdemonstration is a community event, a time for everyone who believes in human rights to come together. Our message is: Let's work together for justice and equality and let the racists know that hate is not welcome in Southwest Portland or anywhere," urges Marjie Sandoz, a Southwest Portland resident.

Jordana Sardo, former Freedom Socialist Party candidate for state representative in District 45, adds: "The ad-hoc coalition believes that people ready to take a stand for civil rights

are the best antidote to displays of Hitlerism. However, rallies happening a mile away sends these thugs the message that we're giving up the neighborhood to them for the afternoon. The absence of visible opposition allows Nazism to grow."

Gabriel Park is located along Southwest Vermont Street between 37th and 45th avenues and is accessible by Tri-Met bus No. 1. For more information and to get involved, call 503-516-6557 or e-mail jsardo60@hotmail.com.

If you receive a flier that contains any general threats of violence, save it and call Stephanie Reynolds of the Portland Police Bureau at 503-823-3131 or Officer Scott Westerman at 503-823-0235. They will collect the information and turn it over to the appropriate units.

LOVE MAKES A FAMILY SPONSORS SPEAKERS WORKSHOP

In light of the recently passed Ballot Measure 36, Love Makes a Family will sponsor a speakers training workshop about same-sex marriage Jan. 15.

The Rev. Cecil Charles Prescod, director of the organization's Marriage Equality Project, notes, "The recently passed constitutional amendment, which places discrimination into our state's foundational document, means that we need to continue our efforts to talk to our fellow citizens about how this negatively impacts our families."

The workshop will take place from noon to 3 p.m. at Ainsworth United Church of Christ, 2941 N.E. Ainsworth St. The event is being held in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

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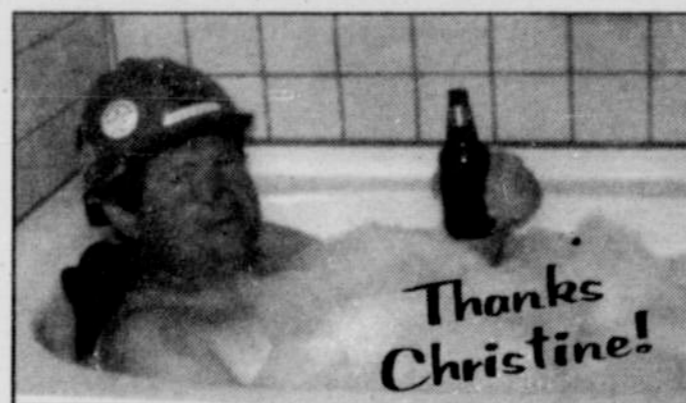
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