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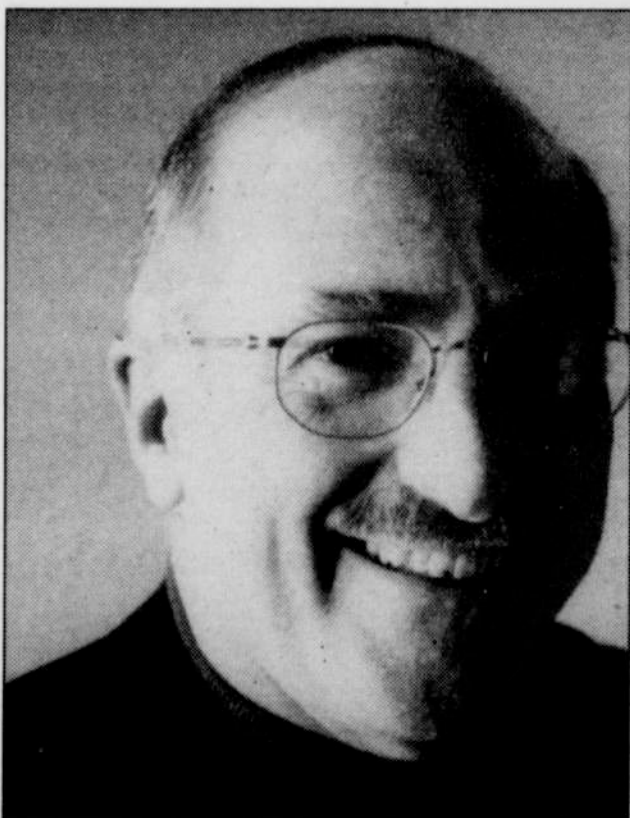
Maffei was instrumental in the highly successful public fund-raising program Kows for Kids, raising more than \$2.5 million for children's charities. His partner, visual artist Marcus Lintner, was the creative force behind the design of a cow that raised \$100,000 for the program, making it the second highest selling piece in the nation.

The Gary R. Maffei & Marcus R. Lintner Donor Advised Fund of Equity Foundation sponsored Portland productions of *As Bees in Honey Drown*, *Shirley Valentine* and *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*. Last year, the couple were recognized by the Sitka Center for Arts and Ecology for their outstanding contributions to arts and culture.

Carole E. Morse, a former board member of Equity, will receive the John Grigsby-Jim Vegher Investments in Dignity Award, which recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution of time and energy to champion Equity's mission to build communities that embrace the dignity and worth of all people.

In addition to her eight years of leadership with Equity, Morse manages community investments for Portland General Electric and serves as president of the PGE Foundation, which provides grants and employee volunteers for non-profits and schools in the community. She has advocated tirelessly to increase participation by women, minorities and the gay and lesbian community in government and the corporate sector.

While at Equity, she introduced many corporate leaders to the foundation, helping them establish their own donor advised funds. She also serves on the boards of Grantmakers of Oregon and Southwest Washington, Northwest



Gary R. Maffei is a longtime supporter of the community through his commitment to philanthropy.

Business for Culture and the Arts, Regional Arts and Culture Council and E³—Employers for Education Excellence, and she volunteers for Start Making a Reader Today and Compassion in Dying.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to recognize these great community leaders, who on a daily basis live Equity Foundation's commitment to establish communities in Oregon that embrace the dignity and worth of all human beings," said Linda Traeger, executive director of Equity Foundation. "Gary and Carole are always there, whether in the forefront or behind the scenes, encouraging creativity and celebrating our differences and individuality. They lead the charge in filling service gaps, bringing others to the table with them, to address community needs that respect the rights of all individuals."

In addition to honoring Maffei and Morse, Equity will present grants to 38 Oregon non-

profit organizations for their ongoing programs in arts and culture, health services, human dignity and youth and family services. Attendees will enjoy a hosted wine reception, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and entertainment by Wade McCollum of Insight Out, the Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls and Planned Parenthood Southwest Oregon's Teen Theatre.

Admission is \$50. To make reservations call 503-231-5759 or e-mail info@equityfoundation.org. Scholarships are available.

POLICE PANEL NOMINEE ANNOUNCED

Portland City Auditor Gary Blackmer nominated Jerry Spegman on Feb. 18 to fill a vacancy on the Independent Police Review Division's Citizen Review Committee.

The mission of the division is to improve police accountability to the public and to pro-



Former Equity board member Carole E. Morse manages community investment for PGE and has worked to increase queer participation in government and the corporate sector.

vide the opportunity for fair resolution of complaints. The division works with the committee and the Portland Police Bureau to ensure that proper action is taken to address complaints about police activities; that complaints and officers have an opportunity for a fair appeal of the results; and that policies are changed to prevent the recurrence of problems identified through the complaint process.

Spegman was appointed Feb. 23 by the City Council. He is a grants manager for the non-profit Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He was formerly an attorney in Minnesota and New Hampshire representing poor, disabled and socially marginalized clients. He was an administrative hearings officer for cases involving special education, vocational rehabilitation and state disability benefits. His previous volunteer experience includes serving on the board of directors for Portland Metro Residential Services, which serves developmentally disabled adults, and the Multnomah County Citizens Task Force on Smokefree Workplaces.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for March 15.

The remaining eight members of the committee are not up for confirmation, as they have either just begun or are in the middle of their terms.

One returning member of the committee is longtime queer activist Gwenn Baldwin, who was nominated by former Mayor Vera Katz. She owns Baldwin Consulting, a firm that helps business, government and nonprofit clients with strategic positioning, government relations and communications needs. In addition to serving on the committee, she is on the board of directors for Equity Foundation and

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