

NORTHWEST newsbriefs

HRC worked closely with Equal Rights Washington and key legislators developing and implementing a strategy for passage.

First introduced 30 years ago by Washington's first openly gay legislator, Rep. Cal Anderson, who died of AIDS 10 years ago, this version of the bill was spearheaded by openly gay Rep. Ed Murray. Six states have nondiscrimination laws covering sexual orientation and gender identity; 16 states cover sexual orientation.



Chip Shields (right, with Multnomah County Commissioner Serena Cruz) blasted the Supreme Court for its ruling in *Li vs. Oregon*.

QUEER PRIDE WEEK OFFERS VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES AT OSU

Members of Oregon State University's sexual minorities community are joining friends and allies for Queer Pride Week, a series of events focusing attention on open dialogue and inclusiveness. The annual celebration, scheduled for May 9 to 13, will incorporate educational sessions, entertainment and recognition of the struggles and accomplishments of queers at OSU.

A planning committee, co-chaired by students Jeff Otis and Clinton Downs, has been meeting weekly since winter term, preparing a schedule of events for the entire Corvallis community. Among activities planned for this year's celebration, popular programs, including a kickoff barbecue and a much-anticipated drag show, will be joined by others to reflect the 2005 theme, "Voices Being Heard: Out. Strong. United."

Queer Pride Week is sponsored by the Rainbow Continuum, an OSU student organization.

For more information contact Otis at 541-737-6360 or rexec@lists.oregonstate.edu.

ACLU MEMBERSHIP MEETING TAKES ON MORAL VALUES

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon will hold its annual membership meeting 1 p.m. May 21 at Portland State University's Smith Center, 1825 S.W. Broadway.

The event is free and open to the public. It will feature a panel discussion titled "Standing Up: Whose Morals? What Values?" that will address the role of moral values in guiding a pluralistic society.

Panelists include Cecilia Wang, staff attorney for National ACLU Immigrants Rights Projects, whose presentation is titled "Torture Is Not an American Value: The Case Against Donald Rumsfeld"; Darius Rejali, professor of political science at Reed College, who will speak on the topic "Why Speaking Frankly and Publicly About Torture Matters in a Democracy"; Ellen Lowe, lobbyist for the Oregon Law Center and the Oregon Food Bank and former political director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, whose presentation is titled "Why the Faith-Based Initiative Will Hurt Clients and Religious Institutions (The Effects on Real People)"; and Beth Allen, attorney for Lane-Powell and member of the Basic Rights Oregon Legal Working Group, who will speak on the topic "How Opponents of Same-Sex Marriage Are Harming Children and Families." She has worked extensively with BRO in bringing suit against Measure 36.

The panel will be moderated by David Fidanque, ACLU of Oregon executive director.

After the discussion ends at 3 p.m., a reception will be held in Room 294 of Smith Center. If you plan to attend the reception, RSVP at 503-227-3186, 541-345-6162 or www.aclu-or.org.

SHIELDS EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT WITH COURT RULING

State Rep. Chip Shields, D-Portland, expressed his disappointment with the April 14 ruling by the Oregon Supreme Court in *Li vs. Oregon*.

"This ruling strengthens my resolve to work hard to ensure passage of Senate Bill 1000 and House Bill 2519 so that all Oregonians will enjoy the same civil rights protections under the law," he said. "I believe that all individuals, couples and families in Oregon should enjoy civil rights protections equally. No Oregonian should be subjected to discrimination for any reason, including on the basis of sexual orientation."

"Current Oregon law doesn't prevent a tenant from being evicted from their home or prohibit a restaurant owner from refusing to serve someone simply because of his or her perceived sexual orientation. And Oregon law doesn't prohibit a prospective employer from refusing to hire a qualified job applicant who happens to be gay. This is something all Oregonians should seek to change."

If you would like to express your appreciation to Shields, write to rep.chipshields@state.or.us.

PORTLAND PRIDE PARADE ROUTE SET

Pride Northwest, the nonprofit organization that produces the annual gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender festival and parade, has announced the parade route for 2005.

Taking into consideration construction projects, city management, police concerns and suggestions from the public, the parade will be staged in the North Park Blocks and head up Broadway through the streets of downtown Portland. It will no longer pass by the gay bars clustered along Stark Street. A map of the parade will be posted at www.pridenw.org.

In an effort to curb concerns by the city and police department, this year preregistration will be required for participants in the Dykes on Bikes contingent. All riders must provide their name, license plate number and insurance information in order to ride in the parade.

Call 503-756-1566 to provide the necessary information. Entrance into the Dykes on Bikes contingent is free, and the deadline for registration is June 10.

TWO EVENTS HIGHLIGHT THE GAY MARKET

Two upcoming events will discuss marketing to the sexual minorities community.

The first will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 11 in the Billiard Room at the Governor Hotel, 614 S.W. 11th Ave. Featured speakers Barbara Steinfeld and Deborah Wakefield of the Portland Oregon Visitors Association will speak about the value of marketing to the gay and lesbian community.

Steinfeld, director of tourism development

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Working Our Community

Cascade AIDS Project's Prevention & Wellness department offers a variety of programs to support a healthy community.

HIV Testing & Counseling

Free and times good through June 30

Drop-in or by appointment

Saturday, May 14th 9pm - midnight

THE ESCAPE

Every month 9pm - 1am

STEAM

Every month 9pm - midnight

Condoms

Following locations:

ALICES	OREGON THEATER
BARBERS	RED CAP
BLISS	SCANDALS
BOBBER	SILVERADO
BOY AND HOUNDS	STEAM
CAL'S DIRTY DUCK	THE EAGLE
JEFFERSON THEATER	THE SHANGHAI

CityGuys

Want to be a healthy, too?
Look for CityGuys in the bright yellow shirts.

The Link

Is a high-energy social and support group
for HIV+ men.

Si Puedes

Es un programa creado para llevar el mensaje de cuidado y
prevención especialmente para hombres que tienen sexo con
otros hombres.



Oregon AIDS Hotline 800-777-2437
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Brother to Brother - Outside In - Project Quest - Partners
Multnomah County Health - Oregon Department of Human