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speeches, films, discussions and activities will be held during the second half of Genderblendz (5:30 to 7 p.m.), with the first half (4 to 5:30 p.m.) dedicated to check-in, services and resources.

- **First Monday, Health Night:** Guest speakers, group discussions and workshops on trans and intergender health issues.

- **Second Monday, Media Night:** Films, music, slide shows, artworks and digital media surrounding all aspects of gender experience, with group discussion. The Oct. 10 event will feature the 1997 film *You Don't Know Dick*, a documentary on trans men featuring such notables as Jamison Green and Loren Cameron. Says TG Crossroads, "Simply put, this is the most profound, compelling and thought-provoking documentary ever made on gender identity."

- **Third Monday, Discussion Forum:** A topical group discussion on trans and intergender issues, sometimes with a guest speaker or panel. The Oct. 17 event will feature Portland electrolysis Wendy Dillon speaking and answering questions on different techniques and aspects of hair removal.

- **Fourth Monday, Creative Activity:** Creative, do-it-yourself, hands-on projects centered around self-reflection led by Tuesday Smillie of Oregon College of Art & Craft. The Oct. 24 event will invite participants to create their own bound journals to record thoughts, to use as a sketchbook or to document personal transformation.

Trans/Identity Resource Centre general walk-in hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. It is located at the Outside In Arts Building, 1030 S.W. 13th Ave. For more information call 503-535-3895 or e-mail tirc@outsidein.org.

WHO WANTS TO GET MARRIED?

Citizens of Washington are awaiting a state Supreme Court decision on the constitutionality of its Defense of Marriage Act.

Should the Supreme Court strike it down, same-sex couples will be able to apply for marriage licenses that same day. The law requires a three-day waiting period prior to actually marrying. The decision will be announced on a Thursday. Couples who apply for a marriage license on that day will be legally allowed to wed on the following Sunday.

Equal Rights Washington would like to know if you are interested in obtaining a marriage license on the day of the decision and then actually getting married on the following Sunday. This would essentially mean planning and pulling off a wedding in three days.

If you are interested, contact Fran Dunaway at info@equalrightswashington.org as soon as possible. The organization will be selecting



Fran Dunaway, executive director of Equal Rights Washington, has put out a call for same-sex couples who wish to be married.

couples of diverse backgrounds to include various ages, ethnicities, geographic regions, etc. These couples will be placed on a list of media contacts and can expect a great deal of media attention.



BON VOYAGE, CARAVANERS!

The Campaign to End AIDS Caravan will hold a bon voyage and thank-you party from 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 19 at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 N.E. 14th Ave. There will be food and entertainment provided by Shaky Hands.

C2EA organizers in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama feel strongly that the campaign must go on, even if Hurricane Katrina delays some events and caravans.

"C2EA leaders in states affected by Katrina need to deal with the reality on the ground and ensure an adequate response that will save lives," said Thelma Wright of North Carolina, C2EA national co-chairwoman. "At the same time, they told us that our nation needs to hear about how HIV/AIDS is devastating their communities. That makes it more important than ever for all of us to move forward together."

Kathie Hiers, CEO of AIDS Alabama and chairwoman of the Southern AIDS Coalition, is one of the C2EA leaders urging that the campaign continue. "Southerners need the Campaign to End AIDS more than ever," she said. "I feel very strongly about it, and I appreciate that with a chance to recover we'll come back better and stronger."

Many C2EA local events—including rallies, marches, prayer breakfasts, concerts and advocacy days—will continue as planned. Some events will now focus on support and fund raising for Katrina HIV/AIDS relief efforts, as well as a call for strong new government action to strengthen and heal wounded communities.

Lowen Berman, program manager of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's HIV Services Program, reminds Oregonians: "Even as our HIV-positive population continues to grow year after year, Portland has experienced steady cuts in funding from the federal Ryan White CARE Act. Combined with reductions in funding from state, county and private sources, this has resulted in a significant reduction in services available to Portland's HIV-positive population."

C2EA activists said the national response to the Katrina disaster might allow their message to be better heard in the days and weeks ahead.

"There are natural disasters, and there are avoidable catastrophes," said Jean Ann Van Krevelen of Oklahoma, C2EA co-chairwoman. "Our nation is beginning to understand the difference, and we're beginning to see that the government won't always take appropriate action unless the people demand it. We have what it takes to end AIDS right now—it's time for all of us to insist on simple actions that will save millions of lives."

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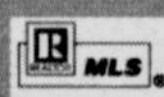
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