

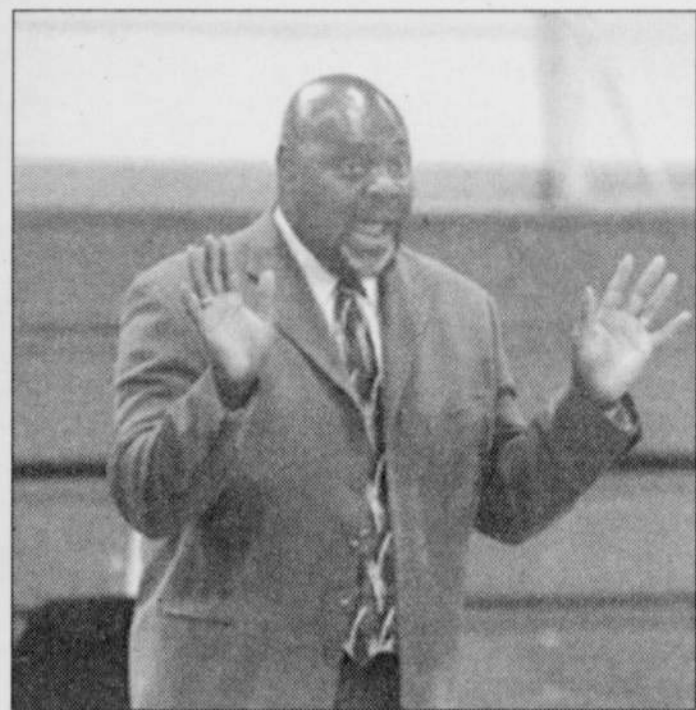
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## Pastor Plans Boycott of Washington Gay Rights Supporters

Redmond, Wash., pastor the Rev. Ken Hutcherson announced Jan. 19 a boycott of corporations that support a state gay rights bill. He called formally for the boycott on the radio show *Focus on the Family*.

"We're tired of sitting around thinking that morals can be ignored in our country," he said. "This is not a threat, this is a promise."

Several companies, including Boeing Co., Hewlett Packard Co., Microsoft Corp. and Nike Inc., signed a letter Jan. 11 urging passage of the measure,



The Rev. Ken Hutcherson recently stirred the pot by calling for a boycott of Microsoft.

which would add sexual orientation to a state law that already bans discrimination in housing, employment and insurance based on race, gender, age, disability, religion, marital status and other factors.

Microsoft is restoring its support for the proposal a year after the company was denounced for quietly dropping its endorsement. Hutcherson took the credit for badgering Microsoft into dropping its support for the bill last year by threatening a boycott.

## Save the Date! Equity Gala Feb. 16

The sixth annual Investments in Dignity Awards, a benefit for Equity Foundation, will take place 6 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Governor Hotel, 614 S.W. 11th Ave.

Investments in Dignity is an evening of food and music and a chance for grantees, donors and other friends of Equity to meet. All proceeds from the event will support Equity's grant-making activities and education programs.

Each year Equity honors two members of the community who have championed its mission. The tradition will continue this year when the John Grigsby-Jim Vegher Investments in Dignity Award is presented to Thomas D. Aschenbrener and the Torchbearer Award to Sho Dozono.

The event will have a silent auction, with proceeds going directly to Equity. Among the many auction items are travel and spa packages, fine wines, art and gift certificates to Portland restaurants. Visit [www.equityfoundation.org](http://www.equityfoundation.org) to preview some of the auction items.

To purchase a ticket, call 503-231-5759.

## Corvallis Film Fest to Benefit Women's Cancer Prevention

The Benton County Breast and Cervical Cancer Coalition, in collaboration with the Oregon State University Women's Center, will

host the second Lunafest Corvallis on Jan. 28. Lunafest is celebrating its fifth anniversary as the only national touring festival of films "by, for and about women." Lunafest Corvallis also will feature an exhibit of "healing quilts" by local artists.

For a nominal fee, Luna makes the films available to women's organizations and donates its proceeds to the Breast Cancer Fund, a national nonprofit dedicated to investigating environmental causes of the disease. The rest of the proceeds from Lunafest Corvallis will go to the coalition, whose mission is "to reduce the morbidity and mortality of breast and cervical cancer in Benton County," and to the women's center for breast cancer education.

Last year in Oregon, 2,750 women were diagnosed with breast cancer and 510 women died of the disease. Every woman has 1-in-8 lifetime risk of breast cancer. The news is better on cervical cancer because, as pap screening has become more prevalent, cancer is being detected more frequently before it becomes invasive.

However, the cost of routine mammograms and pap screenings can be prohibitive for women without medical insurance. They often delay or do not seek screening services, resulting in a later diagnosis and a lower chance of survival. Through its early detection screening and education and outreach programs, the coalition helps improve access for women regardless of income.

Lunafest Corvallis will take place 7 p.m. at OSU's LaSells Stewart Center Austin Auditorium. Tickets cost \$8 for students and \$10 for general admission and are available at the women's center, LaSells Stewart Center, Grass Roots Bookstore, Rice's Pharmacy and [BrownPaperTickets.com](http://BrownPaperTickets.com). For more information visit [www.lunabar.com](http://www.lunabar.com).

## Oregon Queer Youth Conference to Take Place Feb. 25

Youth throughout the state are invited to propose workshops for the Oregon Queer Youth Conference in February.

Queer youth and allies from around Oregon will get together to talk about what they are doing, what they want to do and how they can get there. The conference will address making schools safer and communities more accepting. It is about youth supporting youth to make things better for everyone.

The conference is for anyone younger than 23 who is gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning and those who care about them. The focus is on those younger than 18 and high school students, with some workshops relevant to older youth and college students.

Adult allies are welcome to attend and give their support through volunteering, leading youth-empowering workshops and learning to work better with youth.

The conference takes place Feb. 25 at Catlin Gabel School, 8825 S.W. Barnes Road. For more information visit [www.oqyc.joedeblassio.com](http://www.oqyc.joedeblassio.com).

## Salon Q Goes Mobile

Salon Q is going mobile. That is, Salon Q organizers are taking their monthly soirees into Portland's best spots with their event Jan. 26 at the Riverscape Showroom, 308 N.W. 11th Avenue. With entertain-

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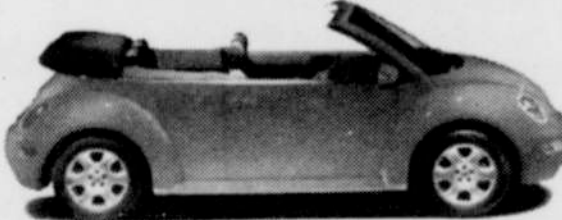
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