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They Are the Champions

After 11 days of competitions and events, the first-ever Outgames came to an end Aug. 5 at Montreal's Olympic Stadium.

The closing ceremony, featuring a performance by legendary gay icon Liza Minnelli, was both a celebration of the event and an opportunity for queer athletes to gather one more time to rejoice in the opportunity to compete out and proud. About 32,000 people attended.

Team Oregon, which brought home eight medals from July's Gay Games VII in Chicago, scored some more wins at the Outgames:

- Chris Gaarder: bronze in 100-meter breast-stroke
- Steve Gonzales: gold in nine-ball billiards
- David Moreno: silver in physique
- Lisa Sherer: bronze in physique

Christian Coalition Leader Admits to Child Molestation

Lou Beres, former head of the Oregon Christian Coalition, admitted to last October's charges that he molested three underage girls between 1963 and 1977. He identified the victims as his sister-in-law and two friends of his daughters.

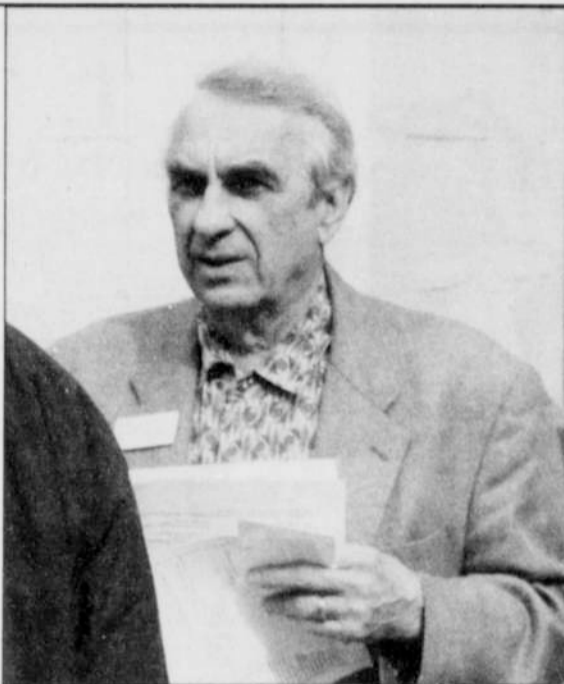
A lawsuit against Beres made the newly released Gresham Police Department report public Aug. 14. Sources say Beres confessed to the charges because he thought that the statute of limitations had run out and that his record would be sealed. He was mistaken. Although he will not go to jail because of Oregon's six-year statute of limitations, Beres was sued in March by one of the victims for \$2.1 million in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

Beres resigned from the Oregon Christian Coalition, a vehemently anti-gay rights group, but records indicate he renewed the group's business registration with the state and signed a check on the organization's account as recently as early August.

Through his lawyer, Beres now denies the allegations in the lawsuit and has filed a motion to dismiss the charges. A hearing is scheduled next month.

Get a Crush on Candidates

Oregon's four out candidates for public office will meet for an evening of discussion about the issues faced by the sexual minorities community. The GLBT Caucus of the Democratic Party will co-host the event from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 23 at Crush, 1400 S.E. Morrison St.



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The event will feature Lee Coleman, candidate for House District 26; Tina Kotek, candidate for House District 44; Virginia Linder, candidate for Oregon Supreme Court; and Sam Sappington, candidate for House District 15.

Candidates will make statements, followed by a round of questions submitted by the audience.

"Together, we really can change the face of the Oregon Legislature and strengthen our community in Oregon," said caucus secretary Leo Schuman. "If we want to achieve political equality, we must have elected members of our community in Salem. It's that simple."

Love Makes a Family Heads to the Fair

Love Makes a Family is coordinating a booth at the Oregon State Fair from Aug. 26 to Sept. 5 to discuss "Families, Faith and Marriage Equality."

Volunteers will talk to fairgoers about the basic support systems that all families need. Volunteer trainings will be held 7 p.m. Aug. 21 at Ainsworth United Church of Christ, 2941 N.E. Ainsworth St., and 5:30 p.m. Aug. 22 in Salem.

For the Salem location or more information, contact Cecil Charles Prescod at 503-228-3892 or cecil@lmfamily.org.

Equity Foundation Finds Fresh Faces

Equity Foundation, a Portland nonprofit that funds organizations serving the sexual minorities community, has recently taken on two part-time employees. Aaron Ridings started as operations

coordinator in May, followed by West Duncan, who was hired as communications and development coordinator in June.

"When I was in school and really thinking about where I wanted to start out and end up, I said I want to work for a queer nonprofit, and lo and behold, I'm here now and it feels so good," said Duncan, 27, a graduate of Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash. "Overall, I'm thrilled to be a part of Equity Foundation and help shape its future."

Duncan—who identifies



Aaron Ridings (left) and West Duncan join the team at Equity.

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