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### BRO Takes Action

After months of consideration, Basic Rights Oregon has decided to expand its search for a new executive director, possibly enlisting the help of a national recruiting firm.

The organization had narrowed the decision to three candidates last month when it decided it was in a position to be choosy.

"This decision is primarily a reflection of the board's desire to really find the perfect person to fill this role," said Rebekah Orr, a spokeswoman for BRO. "The difference between the organization this time and when we hired Roey [Thorpe] is we have a professional staff at every level; we have a diverse board with really solid leadership, stable funding and the ability to continue the work of the organization while we take the time to find the right person for Oregon and for this organization."

BRO will stick with current leadership in co-interim executive directors Frank Dixon and Aisling Coghlan.

"Moulin BRO!" is the theme for its annual fund-raising dinner, where guests will be entertained by a smashing burlesque entertainment lineup. BRO aims to raise \$200,000, a \$25,000 increase from last year. The dinner and auction begin 6:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Tickets are \$125. Costumed attire is encouraged.

BRO has deemed Oct. 14 a Statewide Day of Action, with campaign-related activities planned throughout Oregon. In Portland, a neighborhood walk to support the re-election of Gov. Ted Kulongoski is planned from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning at 128 N.E. Seventh Ave. The group of at least 100 aims to knock on 3,000 doors. Actions are also planned in Corvallis, Salem and Eugene. For more information visit [www.basicrights.org](http://www.basicrights.org).

The BRO PAC has released its most comprehensive endorsement guide to date Oct. 3 at [www.voteequality.com](http://www.voteequality.com) with 38 endorsements for the general election and a voter guide on all statewide ballot measures.

### September to Remember

Gov. Ted Kulongoski's Task Force on Equality sought public comment across Oregon last month. The task force heard from the communities of Portland, Lincoln City, Bend and Medford about the need for anti-discrimination legislation and marriage equality in Oregon.

Kulongoski created the task force in February to analyze current law and provide recommendations for the 2007 legislative session in a final report by Dec. 1. In Portland, four members of the

task force heard public testimony Sept. 14 at the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

Those who provided committee-invited testimony—including representatives from Nike, Portland General Electric and Oregon Health & Science University—were asked questions regarding their anti-discrimination policies based on sexual orientation, health care benefits to same-sex domestic partners of employees and how anti-discrimination and civil union legislation would affect their business.

Marcus Mundy, president of the Urban League of Portland, a social service and civil rights group, said it's surprising but not shocking that Oregon doesn't have protective nondiscrimination legislation. His organization has a zero-tolerance policy regarding discrimination, and he said a statewide law would be good for business, prevent litigation and encourage a culture of tolerance and anti-bullying.

Lee Coleman, Democratic candidate for state representative in District 26, proposed that the task force consider establishing domestic partnerships under a statutory framework. "The only group excluded from benefits are gays and lesbians who have formed loving and committed relationships," he said, adding that partnership governance rules would be the best alternative to Senate Bill 1000, as it would take the issue out of the marriage debate and therefore have greater acceptance.

Several community members spoke about a civil union/domestic partnership law from their personal perspectives. David Martinez, policy and constituent relations manager for Multnomah County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey, spoke about his background. He said that when he came out to his parents at age 30, he told them that he would be married and taken care of someday and that his partner would be a man. "I want and expect to have this right in my and my parents' lifetime," said Martinez.

State Sen. Ben Westlund, I-Tumalo, also made an appearance before the task force. The committee grilled Westlund, chief sponsor of SB 1000, about which recommendations should be made to Kulongoski to get legislation passed. He told them to recommend "the most fair and comprehensive legislation you can." He added, "We're not just talking about the '07 session; we're talking about human lives."

### Become Aware

A Portland-based photographer is helping bring attention to domestic violence with striking imagery.

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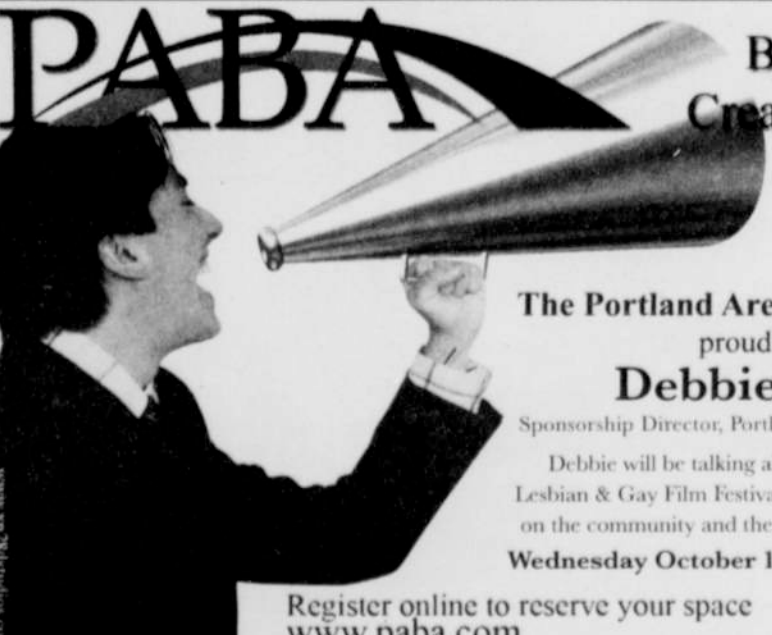
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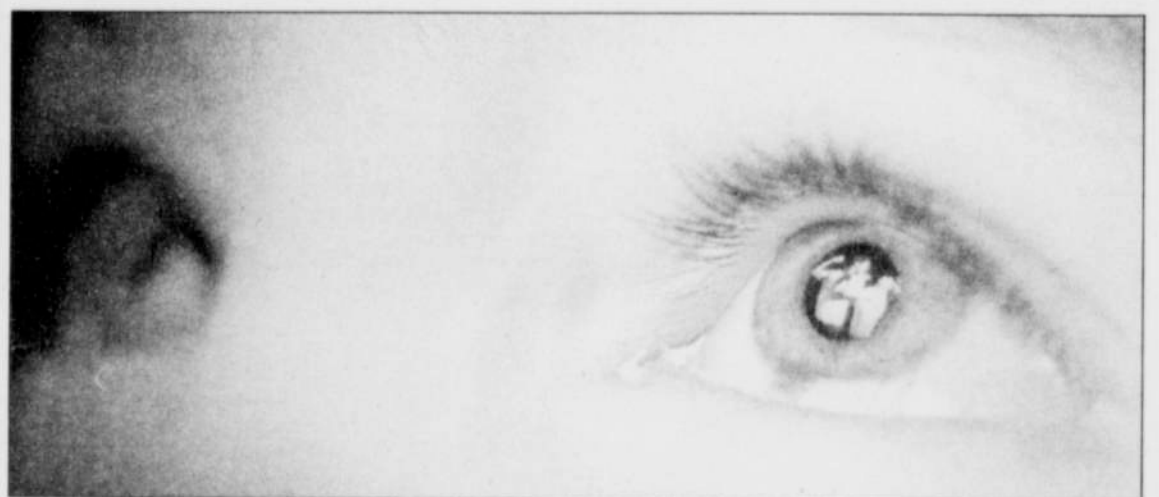
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