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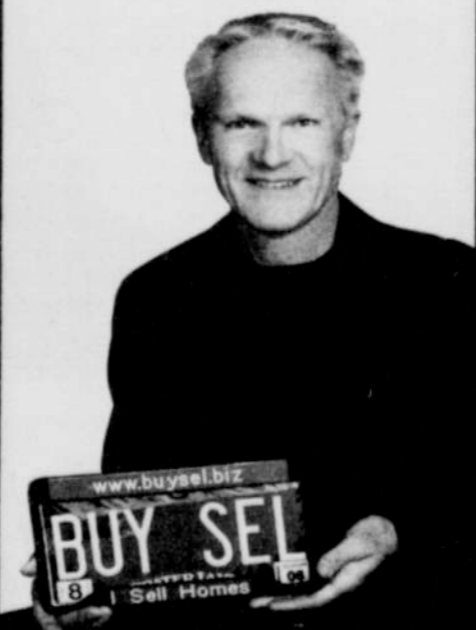
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Mangels, a best-selling gay author, organized the event.

A trio of comic book artists signed Wonder Woman comics and memorabilia, and a silent auction, raffles, costumes and rare memorabilia made the event successful.

Raphael House development director Jessica Elkin said: "Mr. Mangels utilized and embraced the power of the most famous superheroine of our time to inspire and educate comic book lovers and those dedicated to eradicating domestic violence. It is hard to know what kind of difference Wonder Woman has made in the last 50 years, but today, Andy Mangels and all the artists and companies who contributed have collectively made a difference in the lives of thousands in this community."

Mangels previously produced a 2001 benefit book for the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund that raised approximately \$7,000.

College Prep at Q Center

Q Center, in partnership with Equity Foundation and Pride Foundation, will hold Scholarship and College Night for LGBTQ Students and Families.

The program, the first of its kind for sexual minority youth in the region, will also include representatives from Oregon State University, Portland State University, Western Oregon University, University of Oregon and Portland Community College. The event is from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 5 at Q Center, 69 S.E. Taylor Ave.

Trans Resource Lost

What was once a lively place where queer youth, the homeless and those experiencing gender identity issues could grab a snack, use a computer, create art or discuss a film, has now become a stripped space with limited office hours and an uncertain future.

The Trans Identity Resource Centre (TIRC), staffed by the Risk Education Department at Outside In, lost its Multnomah County contract and drastically cut hours of operation.

"Priorities at the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] changed, and we weren't even eligible to apply for the money this year," said Kathy Oliver, executive director for Outside In. "That was really unfortunate, because that was the first trans center in the state of Oregon."

Outside In did not replace two TIRC staffers who resigned.

TIRC was opened to provide "a safe, creative space to access resources for all sexualities, genders and sexual identities." Today it

is moving away from the concept of space and focusing on services, according to Christa-Margaret Nelson, a Risk Education Department specialist.

The combination living room, resource center and risk prevention clinic providing HIV testing was also home to the West Coast's pre-eminent library of trans material, thanks to a \$9,000 grant through Portland State University.

Access to the library for disabled clients is at the forefront of the changes at TIRC, and insiders are looking for a new location for the multimedia collection. Alternative locations, including Q Center, were discussed at a community forum Oct. 10 and are still being considered. The library of approximately 400 trans-specific titles is being housed at Outside In for the time being.

TIRC is open from 1 to 6 p.m. Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays at 1030 S.W. 13th Ave. It formerly had several clients waiting on the porch before its drop-in hours began at 11 a.m. four days a week and hosted many Genderblendz participants until 8 p.m. Mondays.

TIRC retains some programs including the ID Project, which helps transgender people apply for Oregon identification cards congruent with their gender identities, and Resources PDX, an online resource guide for people of all genders to reach medical specialists with experience in sexual minority health issues in and around Portland.

For information about the services available at TIRC or Outside In, call 503-535-3895 or visit www.outsidein.org.

Eugene Author Wins Award

Author Sally Sheklow was awarded the "best local writer" award Oct. 26 for her column "Living Out" in *Eugene Weekly*. The paper attributed her with "playing havoc with stereotypes"



Drool over Rickie Vasquez of *My So-Called Life* on Queer TV Night at Q Center.