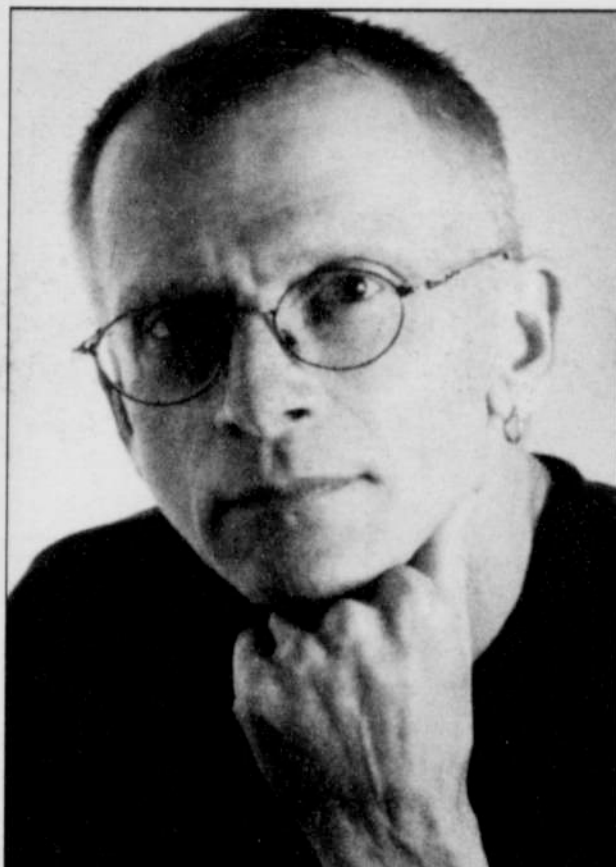




Activist Bill Hancock was honored by Multnomah County commissioners for World AIDS Day.

Department's administration office.

Hancock, 51, died of brain cancer June 29. He moved into Our House of Portland on Dec. 5, 1995, and moved out June 22, 1996. Hancock, his partner and a third resident where the first to leave Our House alive and recovered.

Hancock was policy coordinator for CAP, representing the agency on a statewide committee, developing its public policy priority list and sometimes traveling to Salem and Washington, D.C., to lobby legislators about issues concerning public health. He served on the HIV Planning Council and Tri-County Safety Net Enterprises board. He

completed his third term June 12 as chairman of the Multnomah County Community Health Council and was a member of the county's Citizen Budget Advisory Committee. He also met annually with Pacific University graduate students of occupational therapy to help them become better therapists.

The commissioners encouraged all community members to recognize the impact of AIDS and the progress that has been made on World AIDS Day.

Q Center Celebrates December

Q Center and Love Makes a Family are throwing a holiday bash from 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 16 at Q Center, 69 S.E. Taylor St.

The event is fun for all ages with delicious treats, cookie decorating, holiday crafts and a sing-along.

A December art show, *Family* by Aaron Raz Link, opens with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 1. The interactive, multimedia exhibit—

featuring artifacts, videos, stories and performances—explores queer family traditions, from the outrageous to the ordinary, taboo to transgressive, foreign to familiar.

Link and others in the queer community define and create family on their own terms. His exhibit helps make the diverse definitions of family visible.

For more information visit www.pdxqcenter.org.

Register for GLSEN Conference

Leaders at Oregon's Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network encourage local students to

attend the organization's fourth annual "Organizing Leaders: Students of Color Organizing Conference," which will be held from Jan. 12 to Jan. 14 in Atlanta.

The conference will gather middle and high school students of color to provide networking and skill-building opportunities to empower young people to become engaged in safer-schools work. Students will create action plans they can make into projects in their own schools and communities.

Applications should be submitted by Dec. 3. To register visit www.glsenoregon.org.

Task Force Leaders Hold Discussion

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force leaders will be in Portland from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3.

Holly Pruett and Amber Wilson are hosting women's travel writer Thalia Zepatos and Rodney McKenzie from NGLTF's organizing and training department to discuss the state of queer rights worldwide at 2338 N.E. Seventh Ave.

To RSVP contact Todd Kimmelman at 310-855-7383 or tkimmelman@thetaskforce.org.

Join the Fair and Equal Campaign

Basic Rights Oregon is searching for volunteers to educate the community through Jan. 1, 2007.

Next year BRO plans to urge the Oregon Legislature to pass a bill that would create civil unions and ban discrimination throughout the state based on sexual orientation and gender identity. But the work starts now.

Phase one of the Community Education Project had volunteers knocking on thousands of

doors. Now, BRO wants people to order a Community Education Toolkit to begin educating neighbors and friends on the issues. The kit includes a packet of Fair and Equal Oregon literature, postcards to legislators and a list of 10 ways to educate the community in a way that best suits your needs.

To register for the campaign, visit www.basicrights.org.

Join PFLAG for Cleanup and Holiday Fun

The Portland chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is hosting a holiday party from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 12 at First United Methodist Church, 1838 S.W. Jefferson St.

A contingent from Confluence Chorus will give a special performance. The party is free, but attendees are required to bring a potluck dish.

PFLAG's Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Day is Dec. 16. The group will make an immediate impact on the state highway system by cleaning up a strip of road in Northeast Portland. Volunteers should wear leather-soled shoes and long sleeves and bring gloves. Vests and tools are provided.

For times and a meeting location, call 503-481-2935.

If you were considering making a donation to PFLAG, the clock is running out. Any donations made after Jan. 1, 2007, will not be tax-deductible for 2006.

For more information call 503-232-7676 or visit www.pflagpdx.org. 

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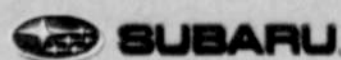


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