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A sophisticated and powerful ancient system for self-understanding and personal development, the Enneagram is used worldwide as a tool in spirituality, psychology and business. The Enneagram reveals that all people belong to one of nine major personality types.

Touted as a tool of transformation, the Enneagram helps identify limitations and give guidance on how one may break free and develop beyond them.

A workshop, "Introduction to Enneagrams: Discovering the Nine Points of View in Love, Work & Spiritual Development," will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 13, 2007, at Michael Servetus Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4505 E. 18th St. in Vancouver, Wash.

The workshop is conducted by Dale Rhodes, a gay mentor and spiritual director who interweaves psychology, spirituality and professional experience in his work.

The cost is \$40. For more information call 360-695-1891 or visit www.msuuf.org.

Living History

Poet, playwright, director, Grammy winner, actor, activist and voice of her generation Maya Angelou will mesmerize Portland audiences with a spoken word performance 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 S.W. Broadway.

Angelou's legendary poetry and best-selling autobiographical work, including *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, have earned her many honors, including Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award nominations.

A favorite among presidents, she was appointed by Gerald Ford to the Bicentennial Commission and by Jimmy Carter to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year. A hometown president, Bill Clinton, requested her to write and deliver a poem for his 1993 presidential inauguration because she is his "favorite living poet."

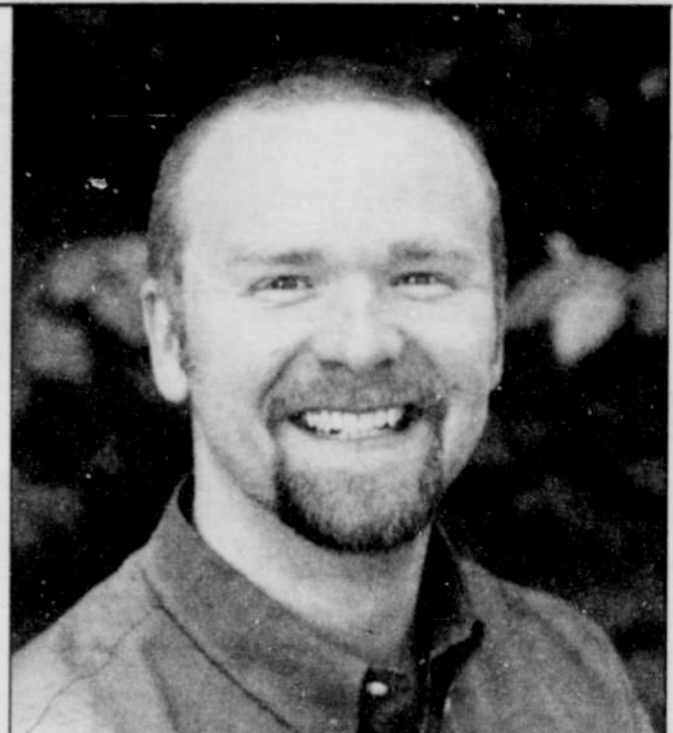
Angelou is performing during Black History Month, a tradition started more than 70 years ago by Carter G. Woodson.

Tickets, ranging from \$30 to \$70, are available by visiting www.ticketmaster.com or www.pcpa.com, by calling 503-224-4400 or at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts Box office at 1111 S.W. Broadway. For more information visit www.mayaangelou.com.

BRO Makes Transitions

One week after Rebekah Orr's Dec. 28 announcement to resign from Basic Rights Oregon and join the Oregon House Democrats, BRO began its search for a new communications director.

Orr said she plans to continue advancing the queer civil rights agenda in her new capacity as communications director for the Democrats and believes her post should be perceived as an achievement for the movement. "Just a couple of years ago, I'm not sure a high-profile spokesperson for the state's GLBT advocacy group would have been viewed as a liability to Democrats in the Legislature—not an asset. Our state has changed because of the strength of our movement and the strength, influence and credibility of Basic Rights Oregon."



Spiritual director Dale Rhodes is holding a workshop on the Enneagram to aid participants in discovering their personality types.

BRO is seeking qualified candidates who can support its mission through strategic message implementation, public education, media relations, polling and research, desktop publishing, graphic design, management and new media projects. Qualified candidates should have a demonstrated passion for sexual minority and civil rights causes and experience working in director-level positions.

To apply, e-mail interim executive director Aisling Coghlan at interim@basicrights.org or visit www.basicrights.org. Interviews begin Jan. 15, and the application deadline is Jan. 31.

Granting a Radical Platform

Love Makes a Family, a Portland nonprofit organization that serves as a resource agency for sexual minorities and their families, was awarded \$2,000 Dec. 18 by Resist, a national progressive foundation in Somerville, Mass.

"We are proud to have support from Resist Foundation," said board chairwoman Pam Monette, "because they encourage groups to recognize the connections between all people who suffer injustice or violence."

Executive director Bonnie Tinker said that support from Resist Foundation is especially important to the progressive organization. "Resist Foundation not only understands the connection between discrimination against queer families and the war in Iraq, they support work which strengthens ties between all people who are the targets of injustice," she said.

Love Makes a Family provides peer support groups, makes referrals and provides an outreach program called A Public Voice for Peace and Equality. It also sponsors booths at the Oregon State Fair to spread the message of family equality.

Resist was formed in 1967 in support of draft resistance and other forces in opposition to "illegitimate authority." Today it helps fund organizations that might not qualify for other types of



Rebekah Orr will leave Basic Rights Oregon to work for the Oregon House Democrats.