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Guerrero. In partnership with Miracle Theatre, he will screen his award-winning documentary on the life of his father, *Lalo Guerrero: The Original Chicano*. The event will run from 7 to 10 p.m. June 5 at Jupiter Hotel, 800 E. Burnside St.

Miracle Theatre also will present *¡Gaytino!*, Guerrero's hilarious and touching autobiographical one-man show, from 7 to 9 p.m. June 6 at 525 S.E. Stark St.

A Papis dance party, which will offer the finest selection of Latin grooves, hip-hop and dance music spun by Portland's most popular Latin spinner, DJ Sam, will run from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. June 6 at Boxxes, 1035 S.W. Stark St.

Chicas Who Brunch will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 7 at Crush, 1400 S.E. Morrison St. This stylish, elegant, politically savvy and scrumptious champagne brunch will have a distinctly Latin flavor.

The Portland Latino Gay Pride Fiesta will run from 3 to 7 p.m. June 8 at Jupiter Hotel's courtyard. The event will include local dance groups, vocalists and entertainers; remarks by community leaders; and resources from Latino and queer organizations. Food, beverages and surprises will be served.

## Darklady Joins Free Speech Coalition Board

Pansexual sex educator, free speech activist and journalist Theresa "Darklady" Reed has joined the 2008 board of directors for the adult entertainment industry's trade organization, the Free Speech Coalition.

The new board expects to continue wrestling

with the Department of Justice concerning the constitutionality of the Child Protection and Obscenity Enforcement Act regulations and the Utah Child Protection registry while addressing piracy, industry standards and practices and other issues.

"I'm thrilled to have been nominated to the Free Speech Coalition board of directors and have the opportunity to work with so many intelligent and sincere people," said Reed.

Reed is an editor for YNOT.com, a monthly contributor to AVN and GayVN magazines and the president of Darklady Productions.

## Poison Waters Honored for Community Work

Beloved Portlander Kevin Cook and his popular drag alter ego, Poison Waters, will receive the 2008 José Honor Award.

Named for the founder of the Imperial Court System, Her Imperial Majesty Absolute Empress I José, The Widow Norton, this award was created to recognize nationally those who have exhibited excellence in community involvement.

The International Court System has honored many individuals and courts since the inception of the José Honors in 1997. Recipients are selected among nominated representatives of local chapters of the Imperial Court System throughout North America.

The goals of the court are to further relationships with businesses and organizations within its local communities, to hold functions and raise money to benefit the communities and to help those in the community who are in need of assistance.

In 2001, Cook was elected the 44th Rose

Empress of the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court. This year marks the 20th anniversary of drag diva Poison Waters. Cook has volunteered and raised money for countless nonprofit organizations. Most recently, his philanthropy was directed toward children affected by AIDS at Camp Starlight.

The José Honor Award Selection Committee was impressed by the 54 letters of recommendation included in Cook's nomination packet, anchored by personal letters from Portland City Commissioners Sam Adams and Dan Saltzman, Mayor Tom Potter and Multnomah County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey. Also presented were e-mails of support from Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts and drag icon Darcelle XV, who was Rose Empress XV in 1973 and is a 1999 recipient of the José Honor Award.

The 10th José Honors Award Dinner will take place April 18 in Denver.

## Gay Dems Take Office

"There's always been a consciousness within the GLBT movement," said KC Hanson, the Multnomah County Democrats' newly elected chairwoman. "If you look back historically, even before Stonewall, GLBT folks were always part of significant progressive movements—suffrage, civil rights, etc.—but we weren't so 'out.'"

What has changed is that queers are taking on

a much more visible role in the state and county Democratic Party. Since the fall of 2007, many of Oregon's political organizers took leadership roles within the party.

Kristin Flickinger is the Democratic Party of Oregon's GLBT Caucus chairwoman.

Joey Kerns is chairman of the Multnomah County Democrats' GLBT Caucus.

Frank Dixon was elected vice chairman of the Democratic Party of Oregon.



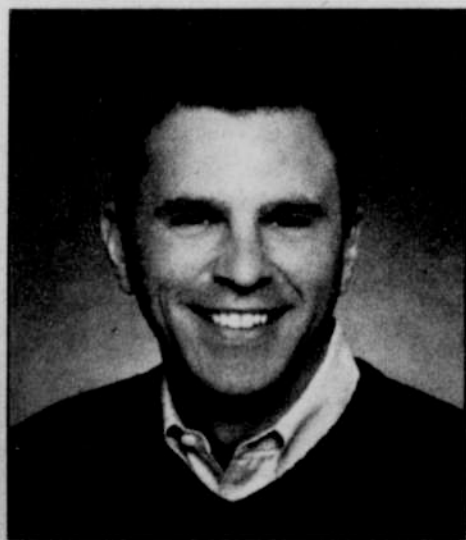
Kevin Cook, aka Poison Waters, will join the ranks of Darcelle XV when he receives the 2008 José Honor Award on April 18.

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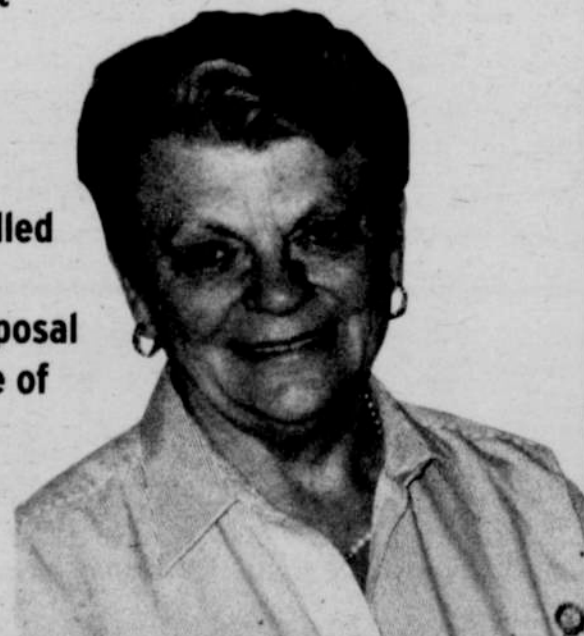
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