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Evelyn Hall, 1938-2008

Evelyn Hall, community activist and co-founder of Senior Housing and Retirement Enterprises (SHARE), died of complications from heart surgery and a stroke April 8.

Hall was born May 30, 1938, in Memphis, Tenn. She graduated from Humes High School in Memphis and worked as a dental technician until her retirement in 2006.

Hall and Mary Beth Brindley, her partner of 49 years, moved to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1959. Hall and Brindley were closeted for 30 years in Texas and came out in 1996, when they moved to Portland.

The couple founded SHARE in 2002 after visiting a friend in Beaverton who was forced back in the closet after moving to an assisted living facility. Hall remained on the SHARE board for three years after co-founding the organization.

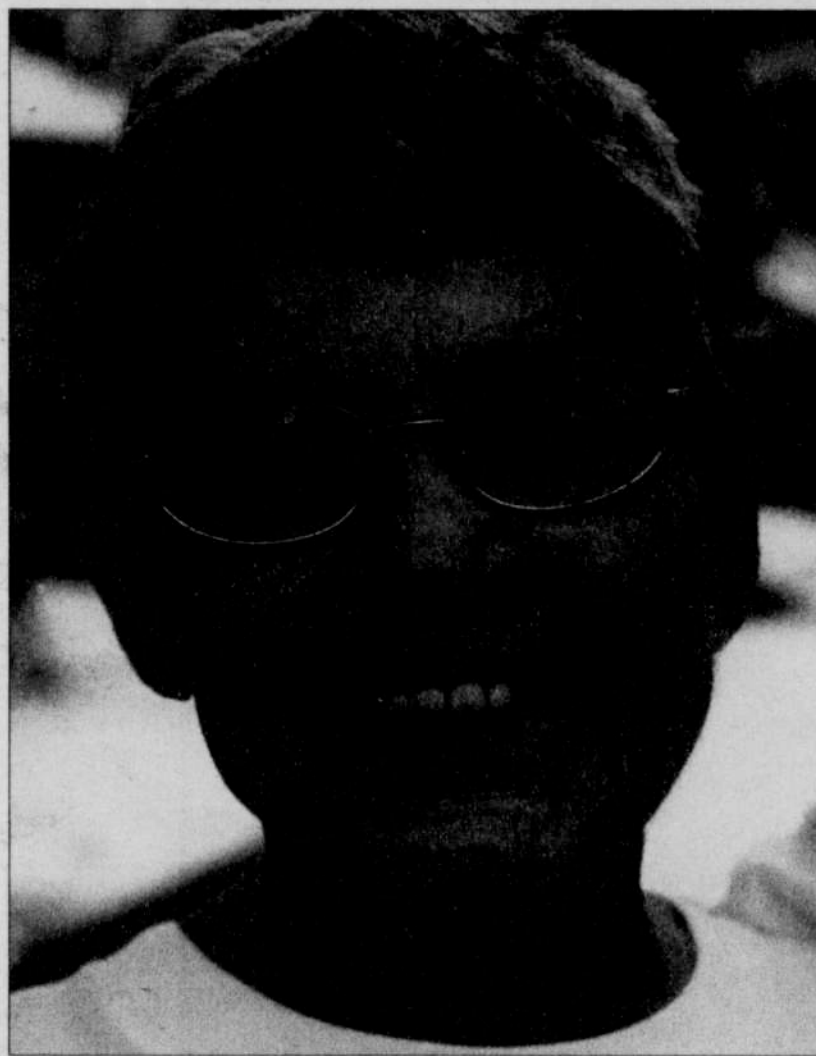
SHARE is engaged in a capital campaign to raise \$2.5 million for its first retirement community, which will be named Brindley Hall after its founders.

Hall tried never to miss a Portland Gay Men's Chorus performance and enjoyed live theater and musicals. She followed both men's and women's basketball and was a fan of the Portland Trail Blazers and Seattle Storm.

Hall is survived by her partner, Brindley; sisters, Stella Hall of Mineral Wells, Texas, and Betty Bradley of Olive Branch, Miss.; brother, Bobo Hall of Memphis; and a host of friends.

Remembrances may be made to SHARE, P.O. Box 12292, Portland, OR 97212, or the Portland Gay Men's Chorus, P.O. Box 3223, Portland, OR 97208-3223.

Memorial services will be held 1:30 p.m. May 31 at Metropolitan Community Church of Portland, 2400 N.E. Broadway.



MARTY DAVIS



David Anderson, 1953-2008

David Anderson, who co-owned Steam Portland bathhouse, died April 1. He was 54.

Anderson was born Oct. 25, 1953, in Newberg. He graduated from Newberg High School and received bachelor's and master's degrees from University of Oregon.

He moved in 1978 to Portland, where he worked in a variety of professions. He was a landscaper, apparel salesman, real estate agent and co-owner of Steam for the past five years.

Anderson enjoyed gardening, paintings and sculptures, traveling, being on the water, hiking, Sauvie Island, licorice ice cream, Coney Island hot dogs, nice clothes, convertibles, arguing politics, dressing up, flirting with elderly ladies and his cats, Jack and Toby.

Survivors include his brother, John Q., and sister, Sally Paull.

Remembrances may be made to the Oregon Food Bank, P.O. Box 55370, Portland, OR 97238.

Jim Harper, 1940-2008

Jim Harper died March 17 in his home, which he shared with his partner of 15 years, Robert Ryan. They were recently registered as domestic partners.

Harper was born Sept. 11, 1940, in Indiana. He graduated from Indiana University in 1973 with a major in business management and minors in data processing, mathematics/statistics and transportation.

Harper was in the Marines and then the Army, serving in Vietnam with the Army from 1967 to 1975. He flew helicopters and worked for the special forces.

Harper was also an ordained Methodist minister and served as a minister with the Metropolitan Community Church in Dallas, Texas. His favorite job was working as the director of finance for the U.S. Postal Service from 1976 to 1987 while living in Dallas.

Harper also loved riding motorcycles and was an active member and officer in the Border Riders Motorcycle Club. He enjoyed monthly and annual motorcycle runs with the group. He was also a member of the Dallas Motorcycle Club and an animal lover who

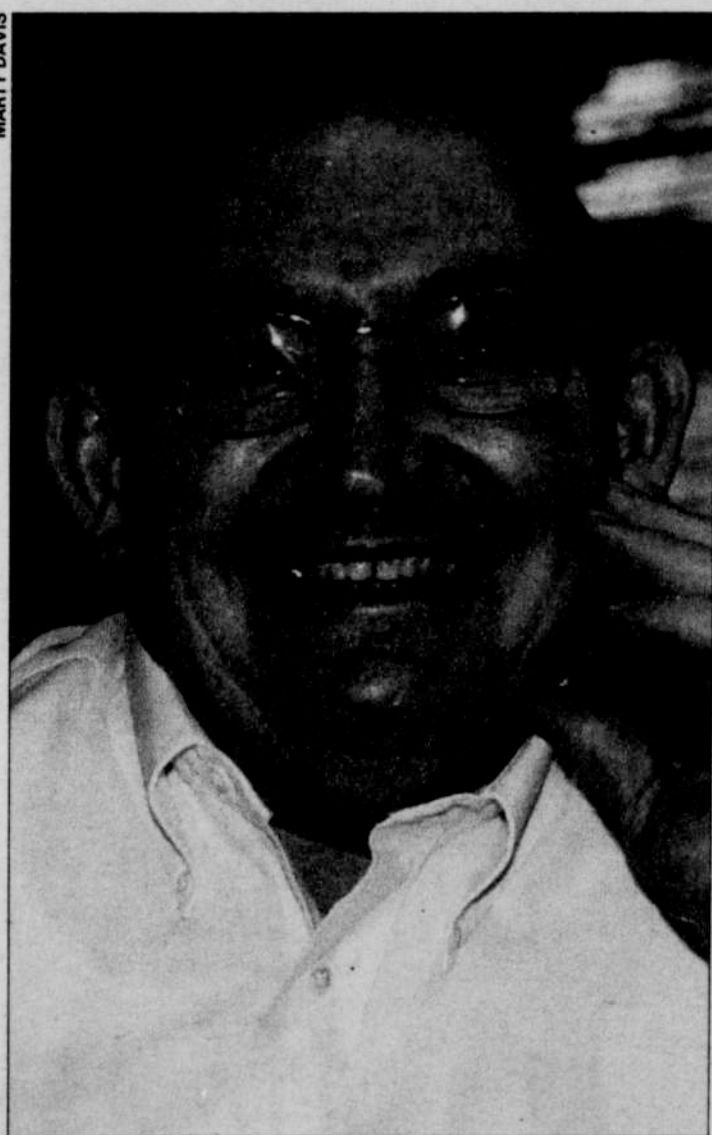
trained and rode horses and worked in the rodeo circuit for several years.

Although Harper was active in the gay community, he was not out in the workplace until he retired and started his own business, In the Black Accounting.

He was a member of the Portland Area Business Association (PABA) for six years. Because he was an accountant, his skills were called into use when he joined the board of directors and became PABA's treasurer. After he left the board, he was its executive director for 18 months.

Harper was primarily responsible for PABA's participation in the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and attended its international conference in Canada. The event closed with the opening of the Gay Games, where all the participants in the conference marched into the stadium. He said that was one of the happiest and proudest moments of his life.

Harper also was a strong supporter of the PABA scholarship program. Remembrances can be made to the fund in his name at P.O. Box 6344, Portland, OR 97228.



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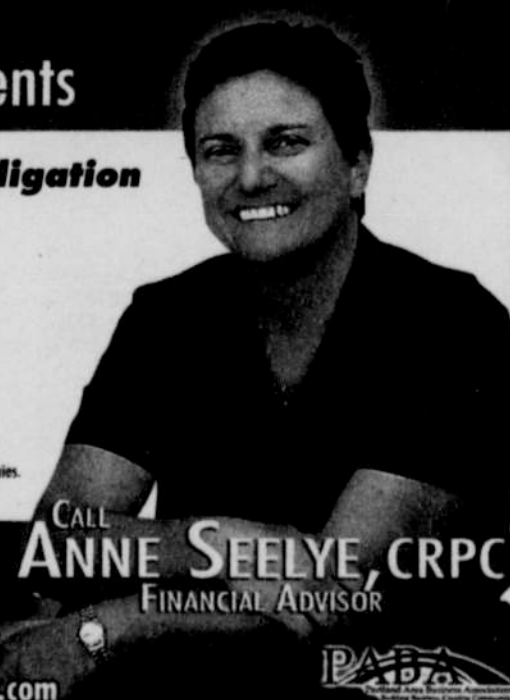
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