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to "get out of the red zone!" He arrived in Portland in 1972 and almost immediately began to support and develop the sexual minorities community. In three decades, Fulmer helped numerous organizations become aware of issues facing gays and lesbians. During the late '80s, he was the senior executive of Portland Public Schools and created the Sexual



Minority Task Force to help queer students fight against discrimination. Fulmer has also helped the Portland Gay Men's Chorus become one of the leading

men's choirs in the nation.

"I consider myself an organizer, and it has been great to use my skills and network to help numerous organizations and people during the last 30 years," he said.

## LORI BUCKWALTER

*Human rights activist, educator and policy developer*

**Claim to Fame:** Helped pass the Portland Human Rights Ordinance; served as executive director of It's Time Oregon from 1996 to 2006; brought transgender issues into the public eye.



**Who's Next:** Christa-Margaret Nelson, who worked as a youth outreach and program developer for trans issues with multiple organizations.

Lori Buckwalter entered Oregon's political arena in 1996 and, for more than a decade, has

helped create awareness for transgender issues. Her commitment to transgender visibility helped push Portland to the forefront of transgender equality. She has told her story to the media and helped advocate for trans-specific health services.

At It's Time Oregon, Buckwalter traveled throughout the state, advocating for trans equality and putting a familiar face and voice to the relatively unknown issue. "I know how fortunate I have been to keep employment and receive insurance for my treatment, and that is why I have tried to be a voice for trans issues," she said.

Buckwalter now lives in Washington. She is a programmer with community radio station KMUN and is writing music and a book.

## JERRY KALLIOINEN

*The mainstream queen*

**Claim to Fame:** *The Snickers La Barr Show*, award-winning cable access show from 1992 to 1999. Won lawsuit against Tri-Met and Obie Media and ended advertising discrimination on Portland public transportation.

**So They Say:** "I personally view that character [Snickers La Barr] as a job, as well as a theatrical creation." (Oct. 21, 1994)

**Who's Next:** Kendall Clawson, executive director of Q Center.



Raised in Anchorage, Alaska, Snickers La Barr has always been fabulous. In the late '70s, she was the Portland Debutante and later a feature writer for *Exotic* magazine. In 1992, she hosted the popular *Snickers La Barr Show*, which won an award for the longest-running cable access show in the country. La Barr's alter ego, Jerry Kallioinen, works in mental health treatment for gay and bisexual men addicted to crystal meth. He hopes to earn a

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## HONORABLE MENTIONS

When Kathy Oliver came to Outside In 35 years ago, she thought she would diversify the funding as a grant writer, and be on her way. Today she leads the organization and prides herself on responding to the community's needs.

Outside In provides health care for homeless youth, 40 percent of which she says identify as queer. The organization has always had a program specifically for sexual minority youth, such as Genderblendz or Queerzone.

Oliver and Outside In made front-page news in *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times* and *The Boston Globe* for creating a syringe exchange program in 1989. The organization also briefly housed Oregon's first center for transgender people, the Trans/Identity Resource Centre, from 2002 to 2006.

Under Oliver's leadership, Outside In has a permanent home. She led a \$5 million capital campaign six years ago for the organization's new facility, which she describes as "youth friendly" rather than institutional.

—Jaymee R. Cuti

Five people I'm most excited about in the next generation of Portland queer power players: Bryan Boyd, a first-rate writer at the blog Gay Rights Watch and an enterprising entrepreneur; Holcombe Waller, an indie folksinger of

increasing maturity and sophistication; Tom Cirillo, a savvy music administrator with Portland Baroque Orchestra, who could do well with any larger arts organization in town; Lindsey Asher, an eloquent young activist who made a strong impression at the

recent Portland rally she co-organized against California's Proposition 8; and housing policy wonk/arts supporter Jesse Beason, a former City Hall staffer on the ascendant.

—Stephen Marc Beaudoin

So many names come to mind when I think of who else could've made the list in this edition: Bruce Carey, the restaurateur behind hot spots Bluehour, Clarkelewis, Saucybox and 23Hoyt; Karen Harding,

the restaurateur behind the Cup & Saucer empire; Robin Lane, who leads the "actorbats" of Do Jump; Joan Szymko, who leads the women of Aurora Chorus; Tom Spanbauer, the author who champions "Dangerous Writing" that personally scares you in order to explore those fears honestly; Chuck Palahniuk, the author of *Fight Club*; and longtime Basic Rights Oregon staffers Dan Yonker and Cathy Abbruzzese, who have been toiling quietly for gay rights for years with little fanfare.

—Jim Radosta



Kathy Oliver's nonprofit organization Outside In benefited from filmmaker Gus Van Sant's Portland premiere of *Milk* Nov. 14.

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