

NORTHWEST BRIEFS

State University student Tash Shatz for the program, which focused on House Bill 2599. Better known as the Safe Schools Act, it's now pending a Senate decision.

Shatz spoke poignantly of the bullying and intolerance he faced, and the extreme measures many take in response: According to one statistic, 33 percent of gay, lesbian, bi and trans teens attempt suicide, four times the norm. Ross described being at "the intersection" of the tragic numbers rattled off during the luncheon. As tired as she was of hearing the statistics, she said, she couldn't imagine how tired the children must be of living them.

A live auction benefitted the Basic Rights Education Fund, and Mayor Sam Adams and Multnomah County Chair Ted Wheeler were on-hand for closing remarks. Most memorable, though, was a special video presentation that left the audience with food for thought. Entitled "Is Bullying Harmless or Inevitable?" a black-and-white scroll of words – punctuated by phrases of fear, intimidation and hate – was turned on its head:

"Work so that all youth can have safe schools. / It shouldn't be so hard to understand why so many of us / Gave up at school. / The students calling me 'faggot' or 'freak' / Shouldn't be. It is hard for me to go to school, and it / Isn't made an issue. My identity / Makes me the butt of the joke. / No one..." and so on. In a simple reversal from forward to back, the statements, taken from experiences compiled

by BRO, became:

"No one makes me the butt of the joke. My identity isn't made an issue. It is hard for me to go to school, and it shouldn't be. The students calling me 'faggot' or 'freak' gave up at school. It shouldn't be so hard to understand why so many of us work so that all youth can have safe schools."

"Powerful words, powerful thoughts, create powerful actions," Frazzini concluded.

Visit basicrights.org/luncheonvideo.html to view the video in its entirety.

— Amanda Schurr

Portland Shows Its ID. the City's Second Gay And Lesbian Publication

Portland will soon have a second gay, lesbian, bi and trans publication with the May 11 bow of *id Magazine*.

id Magazine developed over several meetings between Editor-in-Chief West Duncan and Publisher Christian Messer, owner and operator of Whiplash Design, a full-service print and design company. Both felt there were a lot of stories that weren't being told in the local media. They wanted to broaden the scope, and to include youth, elders, trans issues and everything else passing under the radar.

Duncan explained *id* will be different than existing media because other outlets have yet

to provide representation to those groups asking for it. Content wise, he said *id* would be a regular newsmagazine, featuring hard and soft news, sports, health and gardening writing.

With a staff of four and a projected circulation of 1,000, Duncan described *id* as a streamlined, grassroots publication.

"There's going to be a lot of stuff that's DIY," he said. "We really want to utilize loyalty in this community to our advantage."

Duncan said physical copies of the free, monthly magazine should be available all over town. He encouraged people to subscribe or visit the website to minimize the environmental impact of printing unread issues.

The magazine was originally slated to debut May 4, but the date was pushed back to put finishing touches on a few things. However, West seemed confident everything was on course for a Pride week launch.

Check out *id* online at idmagazineor.com.

— Josh Gross

HRC Asks How Gay Will the Next 100 Days Be

This Sunday, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) looks to the future of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender legislation, mobilizing members in 26 cities across the country. In a night put on by local steering committees, the May 3 event marks the first 100 days of Presi-

dent Obama's administration and sets the stage for the next 100 to come.

"We recognize that we have opportunity now to really pass the federal legislation that's important to our community, and we need financial support to make it happen,"

said Barb Bloom, co-chair of the HRC's Portland Federal Club. Bloom and Scott Langley organized the local event. Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley is the featured speaker.

The evening, presented by Federal Club members of the HRC, aims to recruit 100 new members to the club nationwide. The Federal Club is composed of donors who give a minimum of \$1,200 annually. These members – who total 5,000 across the U.S. – cover 33 percent of the organization's operational budget.

As *Just Out* went to press, the HRC was pursuing legislation to pass an inclusive Employee Nondiscrimination Act and the Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Other endeavors include repealing the Don't Ask, Don't Tell military bill and the Defense



Sen. Jeff Merkley (D) is the featured speaker at HRC's Portland Federal Club's event.

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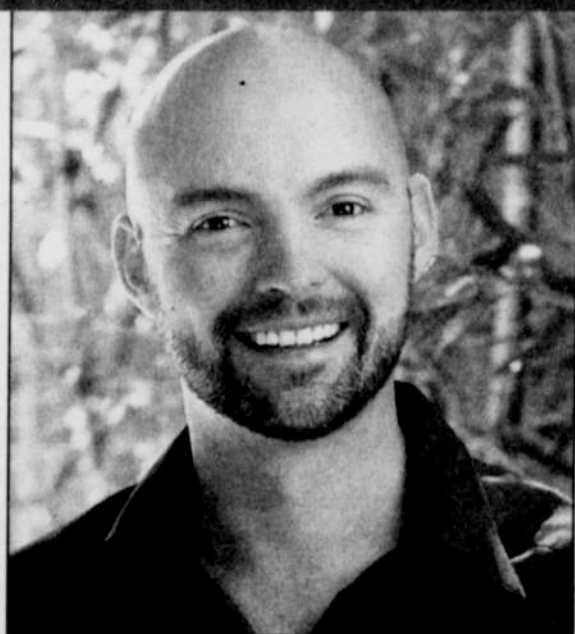
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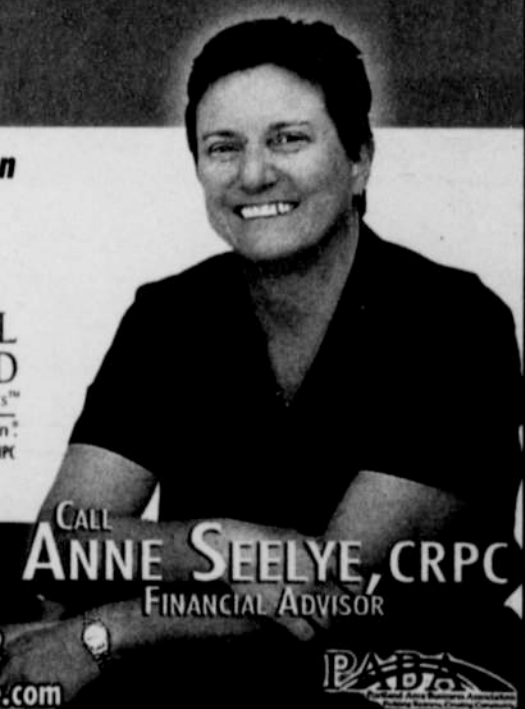
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