

NORTHWEST BRIEFS by Ryan J. Prado



Bonnie Tinker

Gay rights leader Bonnie Tinker dies in accident

As *Just Out* went to press we learned the sad news of the death of Portland gay rights leader and community activist, Bonnie Tinker.

Few details are known at this time other than that Tinker was in Virginia and while riding a bicycle was in a fatal accident involving a vehicle.

Tinker was the founder and director of Portland's Love Makes a Family. She was passionately involved in the peace movement and a devout Quaker. Her many other accomplishments and works will be detailed in the July 17 issue of *Just Out*.

Tinker leaves behind her wife of many years, Sara Graham, and three children,

Josh, Connie and Alex. Tinker's family and her love for the sanctity of all families was the driving force of her lifetime's work.

As news of Tinker's death spread, her Facebook page quickly filled with words of shock, sorrow and sadness.

"Farewell my dear friend: your friendship, advice, inspiration, and integrity meant so much...I will miss you..."

"You will always be with us and live on through all that you have given to the community. Thank you! you will be missed!"

No details about a service were available as of press time. All information, as it becomes available, will be posted at BlogOut at www.justout.com. — Marty Davis

Q Center Pushes Member Drive in Time for Grand Opening of New Location

The Q Center is holding its annual membership drive, and is planning on sweetening the pot with some amazing raffle prizes for those who join before July 11.

"As a member, you literally help us keep the lights on, the doors open, the music playing, and the costs low or free for all members of the LGBTQ community," said Kendall Clawson, executive director of Q Center via press release.

The membership drive began during Pride weekend, but is still in full swing to try and attain the goal of 500 new and/or renewed members. Those interested in joining before July 11 will have their name entered into a raffle for prizes such as two fully autographed Portland Trailblazers basketballs, 10 pairs of tickets to OMSI, and the grand prize of a weekend for two at the Hotel Max in Seattle, which includes a \$75 certificate for dinner at the Red Fin Restaurant, plus free parking and wi-fi.

Annual memberships for individuals are \$40, and \$65 for families. Q Center has also arranged that select businesses

and restaurants on Mississippi Street will throughout the year honor a Q Center discount when you show your membership card.

Annual business memberships are offered on two levels: \$99 for a regular membership (through which your company will be listed on the Q Center business member page at www.pdxqcenter.org), or \$149 for a "preferred" business membership. Preferred memberships are listed on Q Center's Web site as a company with whom Q Center prefers doing business.

Those interested in joining Q Center can fill out a membership card on site, or can visit the Q Center web site and click on the "Donate Now" link. Additionally, Q Center membership card holders are entitled to a free beverage when available, coffee drink, and a 20 percent discount on applicable entry fees at Q Center events.

Drawings for the raffle will take place on July 11 at 11 a.m. during the Grand Opening event for the new Q Center location at 4115 Mississippi Ave.

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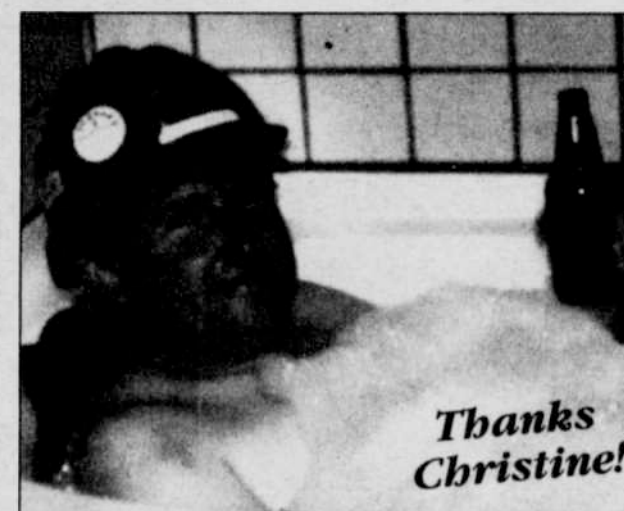
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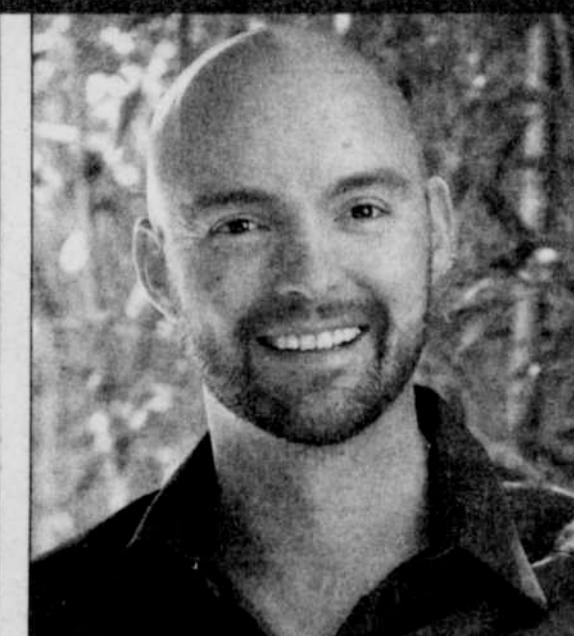
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