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Gay Marriage Issue Back

Gay rights backers plan to ask Oregon voters to reverse their ban on gay marriage. Basic Rights Oregon said Monday it hopes to put the issue back before Oregon voters as soon as 2012.



'This Is It' a Hit

"Michael Jackson's This Is It" pulled in \$101 million worldwide in its first five days, and distributor Sony announced Monday that it's extending the farewell performance film beyond its planned two-week run. The film captures Jackson in behind-the-scenes performances in the weeks before his death last June.

Phils Keep Series Alive

Philadelphia staved off the Yankees and elimination with an 8-6 win in Game 5 on Monday night. Game 6 will be played Wednesday night, with New York's Andy Pettitte going on short rest - against Pedro Martinez, not exactly a beloved figure in the Bronx.

Ducks Jump to No. 7

A 47-20 college football victory Saturday over Southern California in Eugene has propelled the Oregon Ducks to No. 7 in the AP Top 25. The Trojans tumbled to No. 12.

Driver Pulled from River

A Clackamas County marine rescue team used a boat to reach a truck driver who veered off the highway and slammed 150 feet into the Clackamas River near Carver Tuesday. The driver called 9-1-1 for help while perched on top of his partially submerged truck.

Bay Bridge Reopens

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge reopened to traffic Monday, ending days of frustration for Northern California commuters.

The bridge was closed for six days while engineers worked furiously to complete repairs to a section of the bridge where two rods and a crossbar fell into rush-hour traffic lanes.

Contaminated Beef

Federal health official says two deaths and 26 other illnesses may be linked to possibly contaminated ground beef recalled by a New York company. All but three of the suspected E. coli infections are in the northeastern U.S. and 18 are in New England.

Buffett Buys Railroad

Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. on Tuesday agreed to buy Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp., making a \$34 billion bet on the future of the U.S. economy. Analysts say Buffett is planting both feet in a railroad industry that is poised to grow as the economy gets back on solid ground.

40
years of
community service

Helping Neighbors Grow Roots

Non-profit greens up Portland

BY JAKE THOMAS
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When Andrew Land moved to the Boise Neighborhood five years ago, one of the first things he noticed was the lack of trees. There was a large plant in the backyard of his sparsely-vegetated house, which was actually a weed that poisoned the soil around it and prevented anything else from growing.

But over the years, he has witnessed a dramatic transformation in his part of town from the efforts of his neighbors and a non-profit that has big plans for Portland's urban landscape.

Friends of Trees has been working for the last 20 years to create healthier, more attractive, and generally more neighborly neighborhoods by bringing residents together to plant trees. The group, which has planted 375,000 trees in the Portland metro area, is part of a national trend to add more vegetation to urban landscapes, and has even bigger plans to bring the benefits of trees to Stumptown.

Brighton West, program di-

rector for the non-profit, said that the mission of the non-profit is to help neighborhoods with the logistics of adding more trees to its streetscape. Usually an individual or group of people will approach Friends of Trees with the desire to green up their neighborhood, he added.

"We're always trying to get the community involved in improving their own space," said West.

Friends of Trees helps facilitate all-day planting sessions, which usually occur between

'We're always trying to get the community involved in improving their own space.'

November and March—the time West says “trees want to be planted.” After people gather early in the morning to slurp coffee and munch on breakfast donated by a local business, they divide into crews to plant Persian Ironwoods, maples, dogwoods, and other trees along the sidewalk while being supervised by a crew leader.

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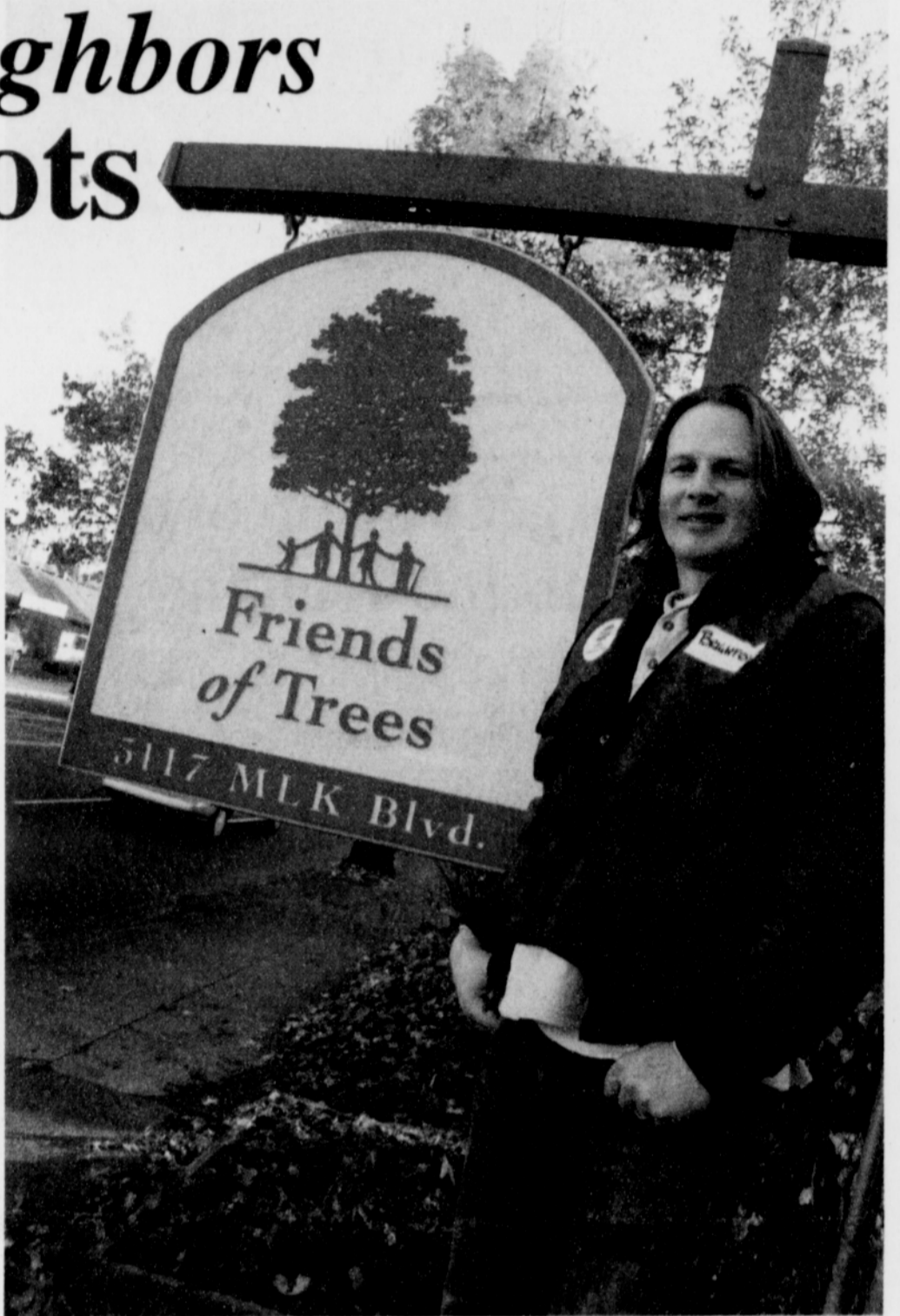


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Brighton West is program director for Friends of Trees, the non-profit group dedicated to making Portland green.

First Cannabis Café Planned

Site would serve medical marijuana patients

Northeast Portland could soon be the location of the state's first cannabis café where state-approved medical marijuana patients could medicate with marijuana or sample varieties of the drug.

The group Oregon NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) announced Monday that it plans to open the café Nov. 13 on the ground floor of retail space at 700 N.E. Dekum St.

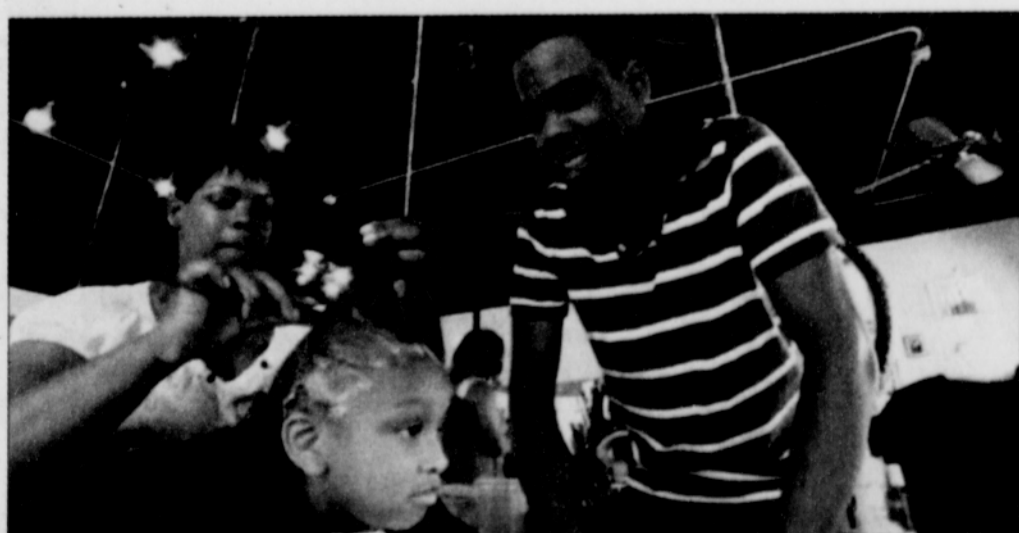
The café would be open only to state-approved medical marijuana patients and operate completely within the guidelines of the Oregon Medical Marijuana

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PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Oregon NORML is opening a cannabis café for medical marijuana patients in the former site of Rumpspankers Restaurant at 700 N.E. Dekum St.



Chris Rock (right) stars in 'Good Hair,' a documentary that provides a critical look at what constitutes beauty.

Film Looks at Roots of 'Good Hair'

With critical eye on what constitutes beauty

BY AMANDA GREAR
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

When Africans were enslaved by Europeans over five centuries ago, they were stripped of their language, their culture, their religion— even their conception

of beauty.

The image of fair, skin and long-flowing blond hair, accompanied by a svelte size-2 frame is the one society gives its stamp of approval to, which is

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