year's bank account. OCP wants nationally known Pride speakers. LGP does not. After a couple of months of wrangling, a compromise is worked out. Author Armistead Maupin and Valerie Terrigno, West Hollywood's first openly lesbian mayor, are invited to speak. Maupin shows. Terrigno does not.

1986 THROUGH 1991

No major controversies to report. Katherine Forrest and Pat Bond keynote in 1986. According to Cook, 1987's Pride activities include a Lesbian Community Project-sponsored soirée for lesbians at Portland's Pittock Mansion. KBOO 90.7 FM community radio covers the rally live from Waterfront Park. An estimated 5,000 people turn out for 1988's Gay and Lesbian Pride festivities, which include a show featuring San Francisco comedian Tom Ammiano. All appears to run smoothly and uneventfully from 1989 to 1991. An estimated 8.000 attend 1991's Gay and Lesbian Pride March and Rally.

1992

Participation in Lesbian and Gay Pride skyrockets this year, due largely to Ballot Measure 9, a statewide initiative that would deem gay men and lesbians "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and per-

verse." The outrageous proposal, which is sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance, prompts queers to come out in droves. An estimated 15,000 lesbian- and gay-rights supporters attend the Pride Rally at Waterfront Park, which features more than 80 booths.

Portland Police Chief Tom Potter, who publicly supports his openly lesbian daughter Katie, also a Portland police officer, marches in the parade in uniform, which garners him international attention.

1993 AND 1994 Lesbian and Gay Pride continues to be a huge draw both years. A political flavor saturates the parade, once again because of the OCA, which has launched both local and statewide anti-sexualminority-rights campaigns. Human rights supporters from throughout Oregon join in the parade, which begins to have more of a statewide feel. Despite the continued attacks on lesbian and gay rights, the parades and rallies are upbeat (and the weather is good, too!) The 1994 parade organizing committee receives some flak, however, for being too white male-oriented.

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