

Pride-o-rama *Continued from page 25*

event begins at 9:30 am in Pioneer Courthouse Square. The Portland Gay Men's Chorus will be on hand to inspire our Christian soldiers before they take to the streets.

The celebration ends at 10:15, leaving ample time to reconvene at 11 am at Northwest 9th and Davis in the North Park Blocks. This site is the birthplace of the **1997 Portland Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Parade**. More than 100 contingents and floats, making this the third-largest parade in Oregon, will wind through downtown along Davis, Stark, Broadway, Salmon and Naito Parkway.

Keith Boykin, executive director of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum, is grand marshal for this year's parade.



Boykin has also served as special assistant to the president for the Clinton administration. As such, Boykin was the highest ranking openly gay or lesbian person in the White House.

The parade's stopping point is Waterfront Park and the **Pride Festival**, where the grass will still be warm from the previous night's kick-off party. The food booths and the beer garden will resurface, but the festival will also hold your interest with more than 100 information and sales booths. An impressive list of entertainers is complemented by an impressive list of scheduled speakers.

The festival's keynote speaker is Charlie Hinkle, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, an attorney and adjunct law professor at Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College. He's a past president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon and currently serves on the ACLU's national board.

Other slated speakers include State Rep. George Eighmey, County Chair Bev Stein and Kim Roth from Mayor Katz's office. Festival music starts at 12:30 pm with Virginia Lopez and the Mambo Queens and the Rainbow Zanies. Sign-language interpreting will be provided throughout the day by Louise Curtis and Michael Sorensen. The festival runs until 6:30 pm.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Sunday offers one last chance to see **Keith Boykin**, who will give a lecture followed by a reception and book signing at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N Interstate Ave. Boykin is author of *One More River to Cross: Black and Gay in America*. The event begins at 1 pm.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Just because the festival is over, that's no reason to say good-bye to Pride. There's still so much



PHOTO BY LINDA KLEVER

to see and do, like **Bi Day '97**, from 5 to 8 pm at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus will mark the

Pride season with the concert *Naked Man* at the Portland Community College Sylvania Campus Performing Arts Center. The chorus will season the poignancy of *Naked Man* with the festive flavor of the Gay Supremes in full drag, as well as a barber-shop quartet and Cascade, an intimate ensemble of

PGMC members. For ticket information call 460-3689.

Inspired by the *Naked Man*, **Expose Your Pride** at the Eagle PDX's underwear party, 1300 W Burnside St., 8 pm to 2 am.

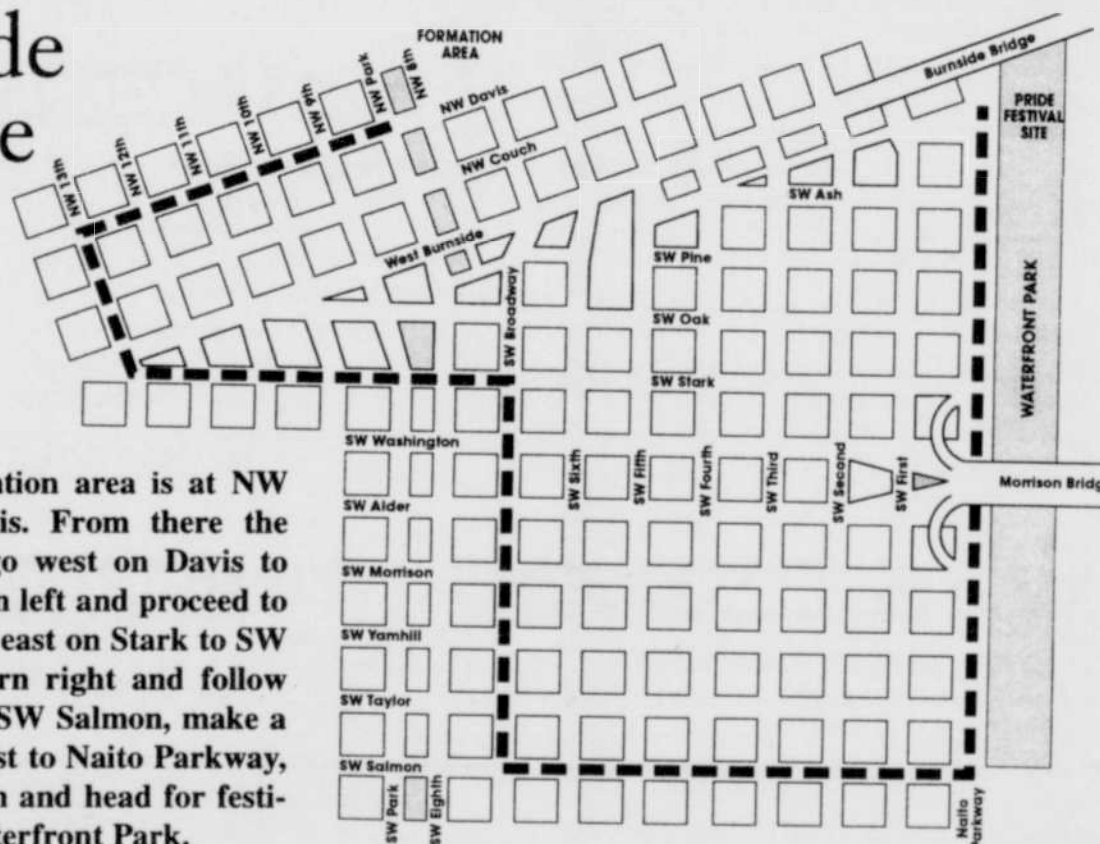
SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Perhaps the most festive event of the year, **Peacock in the Park** returns to Washington Park Amphitheater. The show benefits the Audria M. Edwards Youth Scholarship Fund, which is administered by the Equity Foundation. Picnicking starts at noon; the show follows at 3:30 pm. The featured hostess is Maria. Performers will include Poison Waters (pictured above, at right), Darcelle XV, Pebbles, Champagne and Patti O'Dora. Hot dogs, chips, sno-cones and beverages will be available for a small donation. All tips given to the performers during the show will be donated to the scholarship fund.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

This may be it till next year, folks. **Vancouver Pride** is the area's last nod to our prideful heritage. Join Portland's northern neighbors from 1 to 9:30 pm at Vancouver Landing, Terminal One.

Parade Route



Parade formation area is at NW 9th and Davis. From there the parade will go west on Davis to NW 13th, turn left and proceed to SW Stark, go east on Stark to SW Broadway, turn right and follow Broadway to SW Salmon, make a left and go east to Naito Parkway, turn left again and head for festival site at Waterfront Park.



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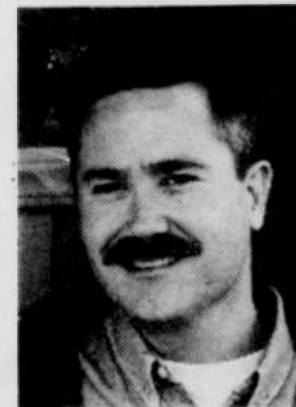
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