



SATURDAY IN THE PARK

Pride celebration crosses the Columbia

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Sunshine, grass, dogs, babies, music, weddings, God and farmers all contributed to a serenely successful Saturday in the Park on June 14 at Esther Short Park in Vancouver, Wash. Drinking beer, munching cherries, meeting friends and rocking to Jody Crocker and Swamp Mama Johnson. Indeed, Vancouver knows how to throw a festive event.

Amused, bemused and puzzled passersby took in the sights and sounds of the annual Gay Pride celebration. Rainbows and balloons were bordered by Farmer's Market produce stands and by a formal park wedding, complete with bridesmaids in lilac dresses. This accidental overlapping of events found the neighboring newlyweds taking their vows to the tunes of the Rose City Swing Band. This was indeed not your everyday Saturday in the Park. This one was pretty darn special. ☐

