

Pride
2006

Statewide Pride

Portland isn't the only city that's celebrating this summer
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regonians can show their pride with events spanning from Vancouver, Wash., to the California border.

Attendees at Pride celebrations throughout the state see the events as a chance to party, build community and celebrate accomplishments among queers. To become a true Pride connoisseur, sample them all and tote your pride, statewide.

Saturday in the Park

Vancouver celebrates its Pride with the 12th annual Saturday in the Park, themed "Pride Not Prejudice," noon to 6 p.m. July 8 at Esther Short Park, 610 Esther St.

The celebration promises live performances from Rose City Swing Band, Roma de la Couve, High Octane and Acoustic Minds.

For more information visit www.sitpride.org.

NoPo Pride

The second annual North Portland Pride is from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 13, after University Park United Methodist Church holds its service at 4775 N. Lombard St.

Festivities include picnic food, speakers, music, vendors and information tables. More than 200 people are expected to attend.

For more information visit www.upumc.net.

Capitol Pride

Organizers of Capitol Pride encourage those in Salem and the Willamette Valley to come out from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 29 at Cascades Gateway Park, 2100 Turner Road S.E.

About \$1,000 was recently raised to make Capitol Pride a spectacular event, promising live entertainment, guest speakers, karaoke, vendors and a drag show.

Between 500 and 1,000 people are expected to attend the festival, which has been going strong for more than 10 years.

An after-party is planned from 4 to 7 p.m. at South Side Speakeasy, 3529 Fairview Industrial Drive S.E.

For more information visit www.capitolpride.org or www.salempride.com.

Eugene/Springfield Pride

The Eugene/Springfield Pride Festival is from noon to 8 p.m. Aug. 12 at Alton Baker Park, east of the Ferry Street Bridge on the north bank of the Willamette River in Eugene.

Pride features live music, food, craft and merchant booths, community information stands, a beer garden and a bachelor and bachelorette auction benefiting Pride Day Equality Project.

Themed "Pride Not Prejudice," the 14th annual festival expects to draw between 1,700 and 1,900 people.

Organizers describe Pride as a big party but also want to keep politics on the agenda with a skit about discrimination in high schools and panel discussions.

For more information visit www.eugenepride.org.

Bend Pride

Bend's second annual Gay Pride celebration is from noon to 5 p.m. June 24 at McKay Park, 166 S.W. Shevlin Hixon Drive. The day features music, food and games, with performances by White Elephant Project dance troupe and youth rock act Polite Conversation.

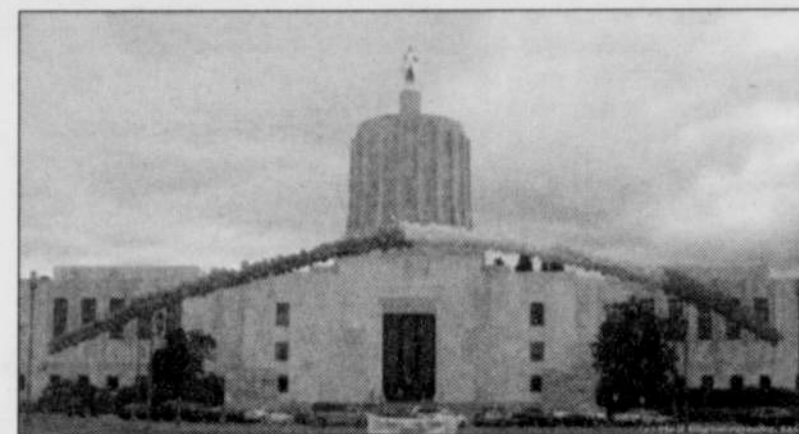
An after-party is planned with DJ Mikey Graham 9 p.m. at the Grove Restaurant and Lounge, 1033 Bond St.

For more information visit www.humandignitycoalition.org or www.glbtcend.com.

Coos County Pride

Coos County Pride Picnic, a staple in the Coos Bay area for more than 10 years, is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 11 at Bastendorff Beach County Park, 63377 Bastendorff Beach Road in Charleston.

Food is provided thanks to a grant from Equity Foundation, but participants are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. More than 50 people are



A rainbow encircles the Capitol at Salem's Pride celebration.

expected to attend, eat, socialize and play games at the picnic.

For more information visit groups.msn.com/SouthCoastPFLAGCoosBayOregon.

Southern Oregon Pride

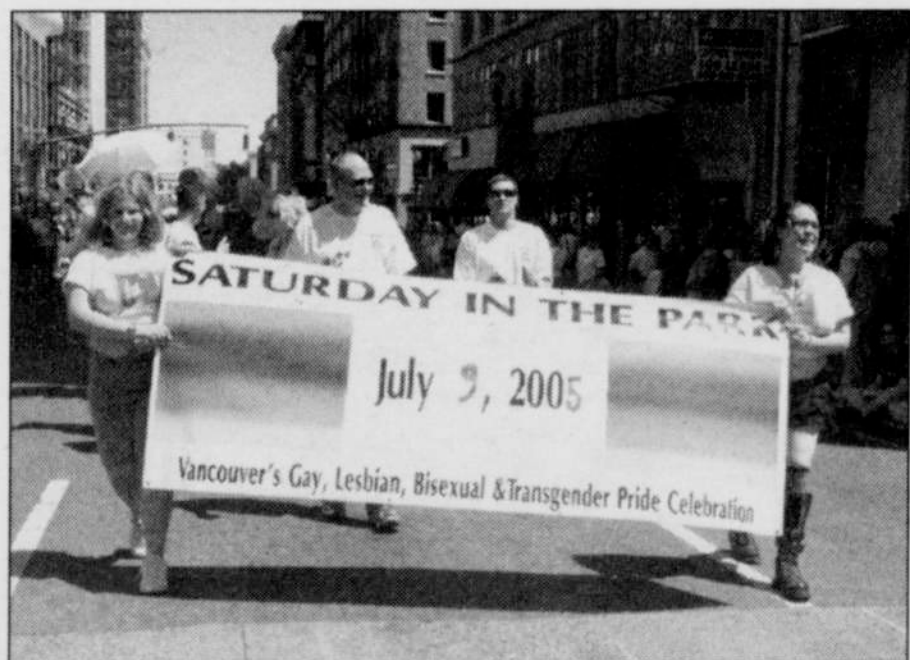
Southern Oregon residents can show their pride at Alba Park, located on Main Street at the corner of Ivy and Eighth in Medford.

The third annual Southern Oregon Pride moved from Ashland to Medford in hopes of gaining visibility and attracting passersby.

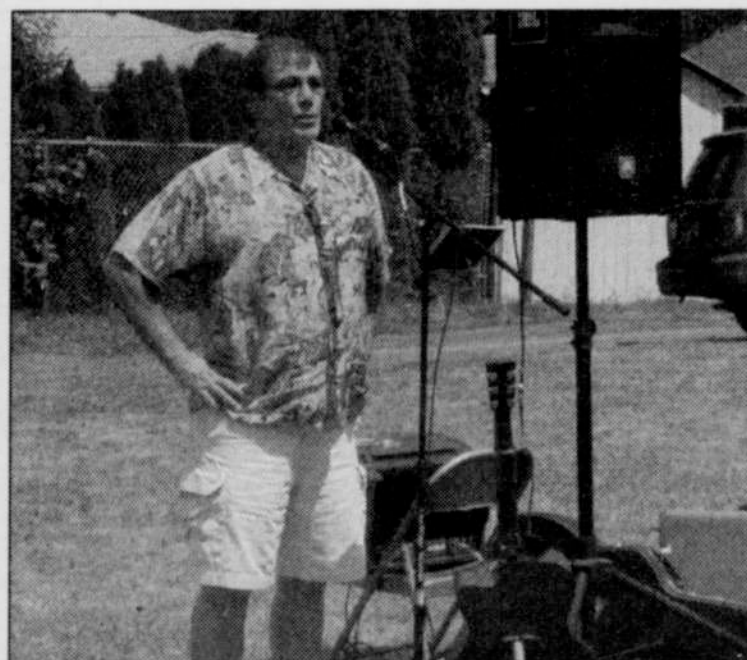
The event, themed "Bringing It Home," is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 10. It promises vendors, live entertainers and speakers, including gubernatorial hopeful Ben Westlund.

Organizers are expecting a crowd of about 200. After the festival, a dance is planned on Holly Street.

For more information visit www.abdellis.org. 10



Saturday in the Park organizers from Vancouver, Wash., have a presence at Portland Pride 2005.



State Rep. Gary Hansen addresses the crowd at North Portland Pride 2005.



Central Oregonians took the impressive step of celebrating Pride publicly last year.

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