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Shutter to Think

Congratulations to winners of the 2006 *Just Out* Amateur Photo Contest

Welcome to the second issue of our 2006 Pride trilogy. In our June 2 issue, we previewed Pride Northwest events, and in this issue we showcase the winners of the 2006 *Just Out* Amateur Photo Contest. Our July 7 issue will feature pages and pages of images from all the festivities, so look for yourself and your friends. Don't forget to take your own camera with you as you're out and about. Start now on compiling your prize-winning photos for next year's contest. For 2007, we're going to be more creative with our category titles. Our old standbys of pets, people and nature are no longer sufficiently challenging to your vast talents and abilities. For next year we might go with categories such as:

- Things I Wish I Hadn't Seen at Pride
- Elected Officials Behaving Badly (perhaps a field trip to the Multnomah County Building?)
- Creative Interpretations of Lungs Damaged by Secondhand Smoke (Photoshop skills required)
- Special Black and White Category (as so many seem unable to see in shades of in-between)

As indicated, with this issue we are proud to share with you the winners of this year's Amateur Photo Contest. We've picked the best of the best. And in featuring our staff picks, we provide some insight into the minds of the *Just Out* staff. Let you be one who thinks *Just Out* is all-Marty all-the-time, I'd like to point out that my original caption on the photo I selected was vetoed by a certain news writer. What I had thought to say was, "I chose this photo because all my life I've been looking for a woman who will sit, fetch and roll over." But no, they made me be bland and nice instead.

The start of Pride marks a month since all the fun of the primary election ended. Fading from memory are the once-daily media watch rivalries between Diane Linn and Ted Wheeler, Erik Sten and Ginny Burdick, and Emily Boyles and all signs of reality. But don't start thinking it's over yet. There's nothing like a Pride parade to signal that there's a general election in the fall. People we haven't seen since, well, the last time they ran for office show up to signal what open-minded progressive candidates they are. Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski has indicated he'll participate in the parade, the first time since he last ran for office. Apparently he'll be aligned with the Basic Rights Oregon contingent, which was quick to clarify that he's there as *the governor*, not as a candidate. And what about that nice Ben Westlund, champion of Senate Bill 1000? Will he be marching with BRO also? Westlund isn't an official candidate yet, as he hasn't completed his signature-gathering process. So

could he march with BRO? Westlund's staff says he'll be around Saturday to do handshakes and smiles. The wannabe candidate did attend Southern Oregon Pride activities. I don't think the governor did.


Back to Kulongoski: It really bugs me that he only shows up on election years. I know that previous governors haven't attended under any circumstances and that we're supposed to be honored that he attends. But yet I don't feel honored. I feel pandered to. If you're with us, be with us all the time, not just when you need our votes. And in 2006, this governor is going to need our votes. Especially if Westlund does make the ballot.

With the annual return of Pride comes the usual mutterings and grumbings about anticipated boorish behavior on the part of celebrants. Mind you, now, not all of this grumbling is from me. I made my position clear years ago when I encouraged participants to "keep your pants on, grandma is watching." Years later now, I feel much the same. I still fail to see the correlation between Pride and nudity/inappropriate sexual behavior. What has changed, however, is the fact that I'm now far less inclined to empower the folks who engage in this type of behavior to be reflective of the rest of us, to be reflective of the community that I know us to be. A community of quality, merit and accomplishment. A community not to be judged by a public smattering of boobs and buttocks. If you, as an individual, set out to make an ass out of yourself, that's exactly what you'll do. The rest of us will be just fine, thank you very much.

Pride is a time to celebrate accomplishments. Kudos to the organizers of the first-ever Latino Pride, Noche de Familias y Mariposas. In staging their very successful event, they brought together a culturally, socially and politically diverse group. The doors have been opened to the building of strong and lasting relationships. Congratulations on a job well done.

Congratulations are also in order to Scott Montes as he publishes the 10th anniversary edition of the Portland Gay and Lesbian Yellow Pages. He provides financial support to many of our organizations and events and is to be thanked and acknowledged for his many contributions.

For my own personal accomplishment, I did survive Bill Dickey's 50th birthday party bash in Las Vegas. One Matthew Lashua did not, however, do so well. Poor boy. With this accomplishment also comes clarity that I am far too old now to go two nights in a row sans sleep.

Just Out will be at the waterfront all weekend in booths M6 and M12. We'll be proud until we drop from exhaustion Sunday, then we're off for a week's vacation. We'll return to the office June 26 and will publish next July 7. Check www.justout.com for daily bulletins and updates. 



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• A search organization based in Portland is offering its services to people with HIV/AIDS who want to find family or friends they have lost touch with. Seekers of the Lost helps people locate lost relatives throughout the United States.

• In an attempt to snatch some victory from what seems to be the jaws of certain congressional defeat, the Human Rights Campaign has proposed amending the Defense of Marriage Act to include the Employment Nondiscrimination Act.

• Chicago will be the site of OutVote '96, the nation's first lesbian and gay political convention, scheduled for Aug. 16 to 18.

• Lon Mabon, chairman of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, seems to sense that his professional future is on the line. "On July 5, we will ascertain the health of our organization. I think we're still there," says Mabon in the June 7 issue of *The Oregonian*—one day after the OCA announced it was abandoning its 1996 anti-gay campaign.



• Multnomah County Circuit Judge George Joseph declared *The City*, an alcohol-free nightclub catering to queer youth, a "specified crime property" during June 14 court proceedings.

• Erik Sten, who was unsuccessful in his May 21 bid for the Portland City Council seat of outgoing Commissioner Mike Lindberg, has announced his candidacy for the council seat recently vacated by Earl Blumenauer, who was elected to Congress.

• Attend the dedication of the AIDS Memorial Room and the Archives Room at Theater Theatre. The Memorial Room will house a permanent display of "life journals" representing Oregonians who have died from AIDS; the Archives Room will house gay and lesbian theater memorabilia.

• Portland activist Suzanne Pharr reads from and signs copies of her new book, *In the Time of the Right: Reflections on Liberation*. Music provided by Thomas Lauderdale.