

# Gayberry, PDX

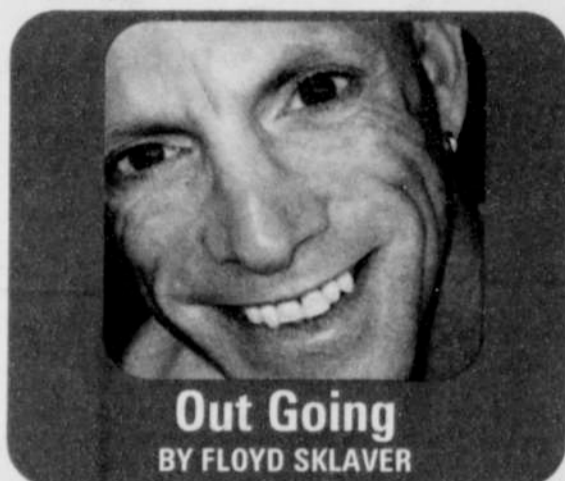
## Hangin' with the proud crowd

It's said, "Pride goeth before a fall." But in Portland, Pride goeth before the summer.

"Weather-wise, we lucked out this year, and everyone was out celebrating. In fact, I ran into so many friends and acquaintances, Portland felt like Mayberry. Or perhaps I should say Gayberry.

The annual festivities began for this reporter with the opening of Cascade AIDS Project's homey new Men's Wellness Center, where team leader for prevention and wellness **Michael LaClair** literally wore his heart on his sleeve with a heart-shaped tattoo. Also full of heart were his boyfriend, **Brent Dorg**, **Darren Axton** and CAP board member **Michael O'Connor** as well as **Tomas Zamudio** and his partner, Men's Wellness Center coordinator **Wade Meadors**. Wade joined the CAP staff after 10 years in the financial sector wanting to "put my eyes out when the alarm went off in the morning."

From there, it was off to the Human Rights Campaign's no-host Happy Hour, which left me thirsty and not so happy. I felt better when the obviously brilliant **Don Summerow** informed me he reads my column while people-watching at Coffee People. **Greg Baldwin** and **Jeff Trentham** were feeling very gay, having just returned from Gay Days in Orlando, Fla. **Antone Eck** spent three days with friends in Las Vegas but wouldn't give details because "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas." And recent MBA recipient **Ken Houseman** told me he's going for a Ph.D. because "I want to keep ignoring my friends."



**Out Going**  
BY FLOYD SKLAVER

both his birthday and college graduation, and Marc ran into **Steve Zarnfeller**, with whom he went to musical theater camp 25 years ago. **Vendetta** owner **Craig Olson** and partner **Jeff Houghtaling** showed up late because they mistakenly went to a party given by another Mike on the 14th floor. It took them two cocktails and a sheet cake reading "Happy Retirement Mike and Joyce" before realizing why they were surrounded by straight senior citizens.

At least they were there on the right night, which can't be said for **Boxxes' Warehouse Party**. **Ron Mitchell** threw a boffo bash, but not enough boys blew in. Perhaps next year it'll be on a night with less competition. Disco diva **Crystal Waters** rocked the house with a pair of delectable dancers, but the duo had stiff competition from hoppin' hotties **John Wangsgaard**, **Christopher DuBay**, **Lonny Nielsen**, **Steve Smith**, **David Krause**, **Kevin Kanyo** and **Just Out's** own **Jumpin' Jim Radosta**.

By the next morning, I was too fatigued to flirt, so I found female company. **Linda Miller**, **Sue Brooks** and **Mary Ellen Kenreich** thoughtfully set up a dog watering station along the parade route. And the highlight of the festival was feminist folksinger **Jill Sobule**, who announced that the groovin' moves of **American Sign Language** interpreter **CM Hall** were making her "kinda hot." Just back from her first **Olivia Cruise**, **CM** tells me, "CM did it in the Hall."

Speaking of doing it, **Meredith Cole** introduced me to **Lil Salama** and **Claire Busse**, who are preparing to have their second baby. **Gay Yellow Pages** publisher **Scott Montes** is expecting his first. Children must be the must-have accessory for summer.

Lots of friends told me they're breaking new ground. **Lake Perriguet** took part in his first **World Naked Bike Ride**; **Valerium Pereira** is opening a salon at **Northeast Sandy Boulevard** and **38th Avenue** named, appropriately, **Valerium**; and juicy **Jonathan Hill** heads to **Southern California**, where he hopes to fulfill his dream of opening **Aqua Fetish**, a spa/salon on a yacht.

Fried on **Pride**, I skipped **Stark Street's** dueling block parties, which I'm told confused some folks. But maybe they were just drunk. That can happen when you're too **Out Going**. ☺

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Floyd with Mr. Gay Pride Jeffrey Grimes at Boxxes' Underwear Party.

There was no ignoring the men in briefs at **Boxxes' Underwear Party**, mostly because so few were showing them off. What part of the concept did all the clothed guys not understand? Perhaps they were intimidated by the bigger-than-life-sized **Benjamin Rymal** or meaty **Matt Neupert**, who won the **Biggest Bulge** contest wearing "lift and project" tighty whities. **Zev Walter** (aka **Adara Diamonds**) offered fluffing services at the clothes check, **Matt Guinn** wore flowered undies, and sexy **Don Renalds** wouldn't show off his beefy chest no matter how much I begged.

The next night, Marc and I began with beverages at **Mike Smith's** chic apartment in the **Henry**. "**GI Joey**" **Bodwin** was there, celebrating

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