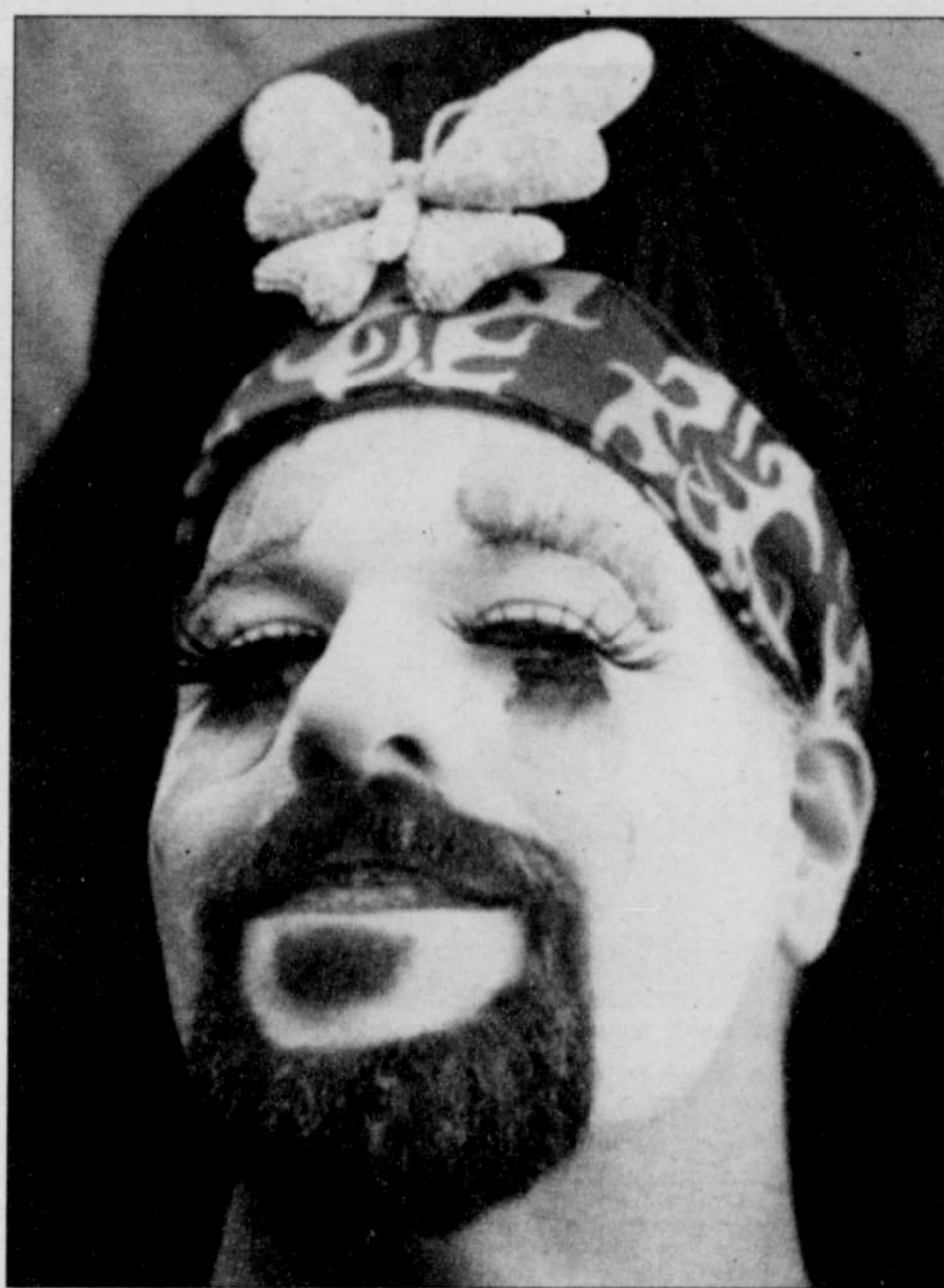


Although volunteers—or roadies, as they're called on the ride—are not required to raise money, the Sisters set a goal of \$2,500 for themselves. After looking at an online discussion board and seeing that many riders in the Portland area were not meeting their fund-raising requirements, the Sisters took it one step further. They organized Sister Mona's Big Gay Army, a military-themed party 9 p.m. May 12 at C.C. Slaughters, 219 N.W. Davis St. The \$5 suggested donation and the money raised from auctioning off jock straps, worn by your favorite go-go boy, will be split among all the riders from the Portland area to help ensure they meet their goals and can participate in AIDS LifeCycle 6. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.portlandsisters.org.



Sister Mona has organized a benefit for LifeCycle riders to meet their fund-raising goals.

Seattle Pride Files for Bankruptcy

Seattle Out and Proud announced April 25 that it scrounged up enough donations and sponsorship to move forward with its plan to produce the parade down Fourth Avenue on June 24. The board, however, decided not to produce the festival because of a \$102,000 deficit that the organization owes to the city for its 2006 event at Seattle Center.

As was reported April 24 by *The Seattle Times*, the organization is declaring bankruptcy.

Pride has been a Seattle tradition since 1975, and vice president Weston Sprigg told the *Times* that the group's dozen volunteers are burned out.

The debt accrued after the festival moved from Volunteer Park to Seattle Center.

Despite high attendance with an estimated 200,000 at the celebration, the organization didn't make enough money through sponsorship and donations to cover expenses, which were greater at Seattle Center than the previous location.

According to the *Times* report, some tasks that volunteers did in the past had to be performed by union labor through Seattle Center.

The Capitol Hill-based LGBT Community Center is also pursuing a way to salvage Seattle Pride. The group organized a march and music festival, Queerfest, last year to accommodate those who were unhappy with the move of Pride from Capitol Hill. The community center has reportedly obtained a license to hold festivities June 23.

The *Times* reported that City Councilor Sally Clark said at an April 23 meeting that organizers might have been "ill prepared" to move the event to Seattle Center.

Party Presents Profits

According to Red Dress Party board member Reid Decker, this year's event raised about \$25,000 for three charities. Checks will be formally presented to Q Center, Swan House and

the Friends of People with AIDS Foundation from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 9 at Gilt Club, 306 N.W. Broadway.

In attendance will be the three beneficiary organizations, members of their boards, volunteers from the party and the eight Red Dress Party board members. Decker said he anticipates between 70 and 80 guests.

Decker explained that the board of directors rotates the beneficiaries each year. This is the second year for Q Center, which will receive the largest portion of the profits. Decker said he looks forward to the presentation ceremony and hearing what the three organizations plan to do with the money.

"This year we added a third beneficiary, in an effort to be more community-based and more inclusive. This year we had the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence man our front door and coat check," he added. "Proceeds from the coat check went to them—making a fourth beneficiary—and they'll be able to create their own annual event with that money."

All 1,200 tickets were sold, according to Decker, and the venue capacity extended. He said the board will be looking for a space with a 2,000-person capacity for the 2008 event. Amid all the changes, one thing remains constant about the Red Dress Party. "We focus on AIDS-related causes, and we will continue to do that," he said.

VegFest Draws Gays

The work of some activists cannot be compartmentalized.

Pam Peterson, a nurse at Oregon Health & Science University, found that sticking up for the rights of animals helped her find a voice in the gay rights movement.

"Being a part of both of them has made me a stronger advocate for both. I feel more empowered," she said.

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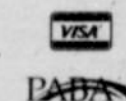


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