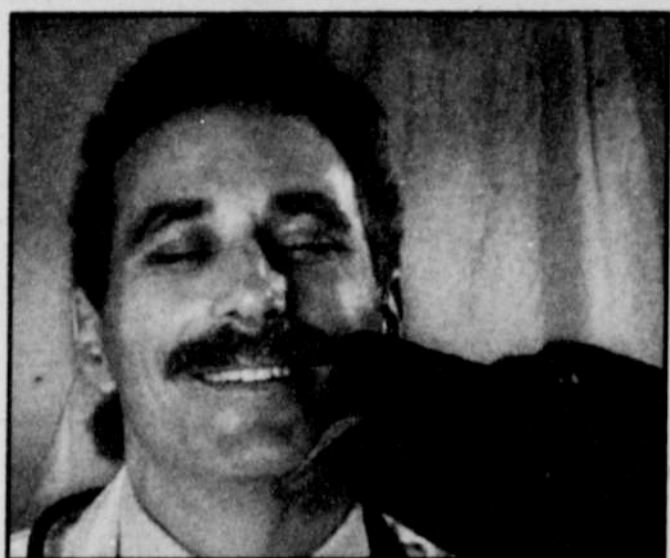




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Players Hold Grudge Match

Q Center partnered with the Rose City Softball Association in its 13th annual Grudge Match against the Portland Police Department.

Starting noon June 16 at Lents Park, Southeast 88th Avenue and Holgate Street, the event pits Rose City Softball all-stars against a team of large-ly returning officers from the Portland Police Bureau in a high-stakes game of heavy hitters.

The charity event raises money through the \$5 ticket price, which the two teams split. The police donate proceeds to its Sunshine Division, which buys toys for children. Rose City Softball has chosen Q Center as this year's beneficiary.

Q Center has invited viewers to participate in the family-friendly picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tim Bias, commissioner of Rose City Softball's open division, approaches the game with something to prove.

"For the last three years," he said, "the police have won the game."

He believes the event is the ultimate collaboration between the gay community and Portland's law enforcement.

"We wanted to show community mutual respect and appreciation," he said.

It's also a great chance to see the athletic side of the gay community and to meet officers out of uniform, according to Bias.

A concession stand is run by the Portland Police Cadets.

For more information visit www.rosecitysoftball.org.

City Hall Has Pride

The Portland Office of Transportation and City Commissioner Sam Adams' office took on the month of June as part of the city's Diversity Program and Monthly Cultural Celebration.

For the city of Portland, June is Gay and Lesbian Pride Month.

The celebration begins with a First Thursday reception for a City Hall art exhibit featuring gay and lesbian artists at 5 p.m. June 7. Art will be on display all month in the commissioners' offices at 1221 S.W. Fourth Ave. Check out the article on Page 18.

The city of Portland Benefits Office will give an overview on the various benefits available to city employees in domestic partnerships. "The (City) Benefits of Being Gay, Lesbian or Otherwise Domestically Partnered" is from noon to 1 p.m. June 13. A government relations specialist will be on hand to answer questions about the impact of the new statewide domestic partnership legislation.

An Out of the Closet Fashion Show and Clothing Exchange is from 5 to 6 p.m. June 14. Adams' office is collecting clothing up to the day of the event. Participants will be given the opportunity to sort through the donations and choose a new wardrobe. The fashion show will commence at 5 p.m. and will feature city employees and other neighborhood notables. Organizers are still searching for models. Contact Caitlin McCollum at caitlin.mccollum@pdxtrans.org with your name and phone number by June 7 to apply.

Just Out Publisher Marty Davis will join Q Center coordinator Tim Healea and other business owners for a discussion about the barriers, successes and goals for the queer business community. The talk is from noon to 1 p.m. June 20.

Rob Douglass of the Gay & Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest will lead a walk starting from Lownsdale Park behind the Multnomah County Courthouse for a "Historic Gay Portland" guided walking tour from noon to 1 p.m. June 28. For more information call Steve Hoyt at 503-823-7191.

The city's Web site, www.portlandonline.com, will feature resources, links and information on these events plus photos for the entire month of June.

The display case in the Portland Building, 1120 S.W. Fifth Ave., will be dedicated to promoting gay and lesbian events and activities from June 11 to 22.

Watch Out

Pride Northwest and the Portland Lesbian and Gay Film Festival celebrate queer cinema with a screening of *Itty Bitty Titty Committee*. You'll recognize several of the actors in this lesbian romantic "dramedy," many of whom have starred in previous queer hits like *But I'm a Cheerleader*, *D.E.B.S.*, *Foxfire* and *Go Fish*.

The film premiered at the Berlin International Film Festival in February. It stars Melonie Diaz as Anna, a high school student who joins a feminist group known as Clits in Action or C(i)A. Part social commentary, the film questions the use of graffiti, public artistic declarations and protesting to effect change. The politically charged film boasts a great soundtrack that includes classic riot grrrl bands such as Heavens to Betsy, Sleater-Kinney, Team Dresch, The Need, Slumber Party and Bikini Kill.

Director Jamie Babbit is as prolific in queer cinema as glow sticks at raves. In addition to 1999's *But I'm a Cheerleader*, she has directed episodes of *Popular*, *The L Word* and *Ugly Betty*, to name a few. She can be proud of this most recent venture, which won the best narrative feature jury award at



The queer community gears up for a full weekend at the 2007 Pride Family Fun Run.