

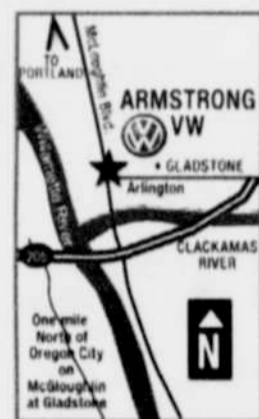


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Pitt—owners of *The Funny Bone* and *Balloons on Broadway*, respectively—announced April 7 that *The Funny Bone* would transition into an online-only retail outlet.

Hopping and Pitt have decided, though, to take out the bricks-and-mortar phase of the humor shop with a bang by throwing a Last Dance Store Closing Sale and Celebration, running Monday, April 25 through the afternoon of Friday, May 27. The sale will include storewide discounts and culminate in a farewell disco-themed celebration.

Balloons on Broadway will continue operations out of its close-in Southeast Portland location.

More information can be found by searching "Funny Bone Store" on Facebook. For information on *Balloons on Broadway*, visit balloonsonbroadway.com or call 503-241-3336.

• **Portland-born poet Jen Currin's *The Inquisition Yours* is a finalist for the Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize**, the Audre Lorde Award for Lesbian Poetry and the Lambda Literary Award in the Lesbian Prose category.

Currin's collection explores environmental atrocities, terrorism and the erosion of personal rights. She will return to Portland from her Vancouver, B.C. home for the Portland Cross Border Reading at The Field Work Gallery (SW Jefferson Ave. at SW 11th Ave.) Saturday, April 30 at 8 p.m. This reading is free.

Visit jencurrin.com for more information.

• **Portland Latino Gay Pride has announced that the Eastbank Esplanade** (SE Water Ave. and Hawthorne Blvd.) will house the headquarters of its 2011 festivities. The celebration has traditionally taken place in the courtyard of the Jupiter Hotel, but thanks to a growing popularity is in need of more space.

La Lucha 2011: *¡Celebración!* is held this year on Sunday, July 17 from noon to 9 p.m.

For more information, visit latinogaypridepdx.com.

• **Manifest Men's Wellness Community is still searching** for a treasurer, a web master and an outreach team leader to add to its existing program volunteers. Those interested should contact program director Bart Church at bart@manifestpdx.org.

For a complete list of Manifest's upcoming events, visit manifestpdx.org.

Events of Note

• **Revered Portland drag artist Sabel Scities—aka Timothy Byars—is moving out of town**, but not before leaving us with a memorable final act.

Scities' final Portland show is Friday, April 15, 7 p.m. at Hamburger Mary's (19 NW Fifth Ave.) and will include a special Sabel-a-Like contest. There's no cover.

• **The Eighth Annual Stumptown Comics Festival** gets underway Saturday, April 16 for two days of sequential art fun at the Oregon Convention Center (777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.). The festival includes guests such as Rick Remender (*Venom*, *The Punisher*),



The Briar Hollow boys

Molly Crabapple (*Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School*) and local exhibitors like Terry Blas and Kimball Davis of webcomic *Briar Hollow*.

Making a special appearance on Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. is Mayor Sam Adams, who'll be dressed as "SamDroid" with the Alter Egos Society in booth 206. Adams will be signing autographs as SamDroid and collecting donations for p:ear, the local group dedicated to providing creative mentorship for homeless youth.

For more information on the *Stumptown Comics Fest*, visit stumptowncomics.com.

• **Asian Pacific-Islander Pride leads an informative happy hour Wednesday, April 20** at Saucebox (214 SW Broadway St.) from 5 to 8 p.m. Attendees can hear about ways to get involved with Portland Pride, learn about Basic Rights Oregon's Our Families project and nosh on tasty appetizers.

Visit api-pride.blogspot.com for more info.

• **Cascade AIDS Project holds a free Bowl-A-Rama event on Thursday, April 21** from 6 to 8 p.m. at Interstate Lanes (6049 N. Interstate Ave.). Pizza, refreshments and free bowling shoes are provided. *RSVPs—with shoe size—are needed by Monday, April 18 to David Duncan at dduncan@cascadeaids.org or 503-278-3848.*

• **On Saturday, April 23, the PFLAG Portland Black Chapter celebrates two years of existence** at The Local Lounge (3536 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.) from 6 to 10 p.m. The organization's work with United Communities over the last few months has helped to strategically formulate and implement a plan for increasing their base and reaching out to new community partners and allies.

Attendees have the opportunity to learn more about the chapter's work in the community and how to become more involved. Light appetizers will be served.

For further information on PFLAG Portland Black Chapter, visit pflagpdx.org.

• **On Saturday, April 16 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Portland Community College's Queer Club** throws an all-ages, '90s themed Queer Prom at Q Center (4115 N. Mississippi Ave.) to benefit Portland's LGBTQ community space.

Whether dressed as a goth, raver or grunge rocker, you'll enjoy dancing to DJ Stormy Roxx and DJ Hufnstuf and have the opportunity to give back not only to Q Center, but also to PCC campus' starving students via the Rock Creek Canteen Project. Admission is