



The Imperial Sovereign Rose Court

Mr. Gay Oregon 40
The Endearing Athens
Scities Foxx,
and
Miss Gay Oregon 39
Tryniti LaCroix
invites everyone of
all ages to the

2011 Gay Oregon Pageant

Time of Our Lives

Saturday June 25th
The Crowne Plaza Hotel
1441 NE 2nd Ave.

Doors open at 5pm
Event begins at 6pm

\$20/ticket

A net proceeds benefit for
the Pride of the Rose and Audria M.
Edwards Scholarship Funds.

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Friday - June 17

CRAVE PRIDE PARTY

"A Dance Party for
Queer Ladies & Friends"
8pm-2am

Saturday - June 18

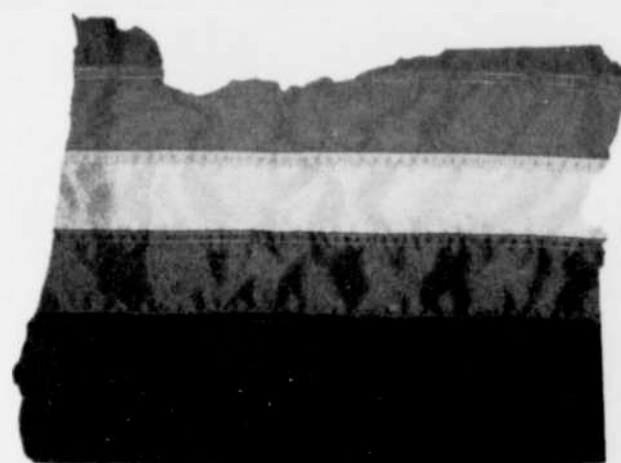
Chocolate City & PFLAG Team Up
"IT'S A PAJAMA JAM!"
9pm-2am

Sunday - June 19

BIG GAY SUNDAY BRUNCH
with DJ Mikey,
9am-3pm

SNEAKIN' OUT,
Ashleigh Flynn, Christine Havrilla
8pm

503.235.8150 crushbar.com
1400 SE Morrison



The State of Pride

Oregon shows its true colors during summer of Pride BY RYAN J. PRADO

It's a testament to the progressive nature of Oregon's community to even fathom compiling a rundown of statewide Pride celebrations. That there are Pride events outside of the Portland metro and Salem areas is an encouraging reality in the modern LGBTQ movement, and something that's been discussed in these pages before. But the fact they are persevering, even growing, is a better barometer for what celebrating pride across the state really means.

Take this year's Corvallis Pride—more notably, the fact it isn't happening. What would have been the upstart event's third annual celebration and parade fell victim to the Pride Corvallis board disassembling just prior to planning time. Had the remaining organizers simply thrown in the towel, a crucial community gathering may not have been able to recover. Instead, the annual **Stone-wall Dance and Social is teaming up with Pride Corvallis** June 25 to present "Pride in Wonderland," a catered buffet and dance evening with an *Alice in Wonderland* theme at Club Escape on the Oregon State University campus. All proceeds will go toward the 2012 Pride celebration (pridecorvallis.com).

Or consider the plight faced by the 2010 **Iris Pride Festival**, held in Lincoln City on the Oregon coast. Last year's festival was to include performances by the Wanderlust Circus, the return of Lily Armani as emcee and lots of beachside merriment. Unfortunately, the event was "monsooned out," as organizer Nichole LeSage puts it, resulting in a significantly downsized indoor celebration. But in the spirit of a comeback, Iris Pride returns, superhero theme in tow, September 16-18. Expect Flamingo Bingo with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a costume contest and much more (Search for "Iris Pride Street Fair" on Facebook).

Such acts of determination epitomize the spirit inherent in pride not just in oneself, but also in a community at large. Whatever region of the state, pride is spreading. And what follows is a list of statewide Pride 2011 activities for an emboldened LGBTQ community as they stand, as of press time. Visit blogout.justout.com daily for late-breaking updates and more.



Asian Pacific Islander Pride's contingent in the 2010 parade

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June 15-19

Portland Black Pride

This year's Portland Black Pride opened June 15 with a slew of events for the black LGBTQ community. The organization's scope broadens in 2011 to include a skate party Friday, June 17 at Skate World in Gresham (1220 NE Kelly Ave.) from 6:30 to 10 p.m. featuring hip-hop and Top 100 tunes. That same evening, don't miss the Black-buster Movie and Spades Tournament at Pivot (209 SW Fourth Ave., 9 p.m.-midnight), which includes a film screening (*Finding Me*), games of spades and dominoes during the movie, and free food and drinks. There's no cover.

On June 19 from 5 to 7 p.m., Darcelle XV Showplace (208 NW Third Ave.) plays host to Hot Chocolate: Pride Edition—a spectacle of drag delight featuring Alexis Campbell Starr, Tiara Desmond, Kourtnei Capree Duv and many more. Admission is \$10 for those 21 and over.

PBP caps its week with the Families of Color Day Out Picnic June 19 at Kenton Park (8417 N. Brandon Ave., 4-9 p.m.) with good eats and great live music.

For more details, visit facebook.com/portlandblackpride, and look for PBP's booth at the Portland Pride Festival.



Portland Black Pride kickoff!

MARTY DAVIS

June 18-19

Asian Pacific Islander Pride

Once again this year, Asian Pacific Islander Pride provides gaymes, goodies and T-shirts at its booth at Tom McCall Waterfront Park Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19, from noon to 6 p.m.

The group—consisting of LGBTQ people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent—can also be seen during the Portland Pride Parade June 19.

For more information, visit api-pride.blogspot.com.