

So the OLCC Walks Into a Bar...

Have you heard this one?



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Let's see, what's going on in the world today? The economy is tanking, again. The midsection of the country is being baked alive while months of Republican Party presidential candidate hijinks lie ahead of us. On a local note, the streets of Portland are filled with out-of-town Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Fred Armisen came to dinner and Darcelle got arrested. Pretty much normal summer stuff going on in these parts.

The Darcelle incident, as with most things in today's Age of Immediacy, blew through town like a one-day storm—a storm that was noisy and alarming while it was happening but left little damage in the aftermath. A disclaimer here might be appropriate: I do consider Darcelle to be a friend and have personal concerns, always, about her health and well-being, and that of



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Roxy. Both are treasures of our community and rightfully deserve to be treated as such. That said, people, good grief, some of you got a little carried away in your enthusiastic defense of our beloved icons. Only a very few people saw and know what actually happened the night that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission sent agents through the doors of Darcelle's Old Town club. About 99.9 percent, if not more, of the city got its information—or, more likely, misinformation—from social media sites. Facebook, I'm talking about you.

As folks woke up on Friday morning, August 12 and read about the event of the night before, it quickly became apparent that emotions could/would immediately get out of hand. Within hours, "FREE DARCELLE" T-shirts were being planned, with proceeds

going to Basic Rights Oregon—hey, this arrest was entirely about marriage equality, after all. If the gays could just get married, none of this would have happened. People were making plans to swarm the courthouse hearing, and I may have read of attempts to steal a helicopter and bust Darcelle out of lockdown. Armed gays were about to take to the streets to protest this assault and attack on the gay community. Yeah, okay, they were armed with smart phones and low-fat

lattes, but armed they were. One Facebook post stated, in all seriousness, "This incident is a violation of the entire gay community."

Uh... really?

Folks, this was not a "gay-bashing" incident. It was a law-enforcement matter that may or may not have been handled in the best manner by all parties concerned. This was not an attack on a gay business. This was not

a gay person being targeted. This was not a hate crime. We are a nation, a state, a city of laws. The OLCC has rules, regulations that must be enforced, whether you're gay or not. We, as a gay community, can't march in the streets one week and demand laws to protect us and then march again the next, whining about laws that protect everyone while complaining, "It's not fair, he's gay."

If you don't like specific laws, work to change them. If you think the OLCC is a heavy-handed bully, let your elected officials know and demand change. Have your facts right, know what you're talking about, be an educated citizen and voter. That's how democracy works, that's how we effect change.

While on the subject of Darcelle, let me use her as a role model for all the other event

promoters and producers in town. You know what you can always count on Darcelle for? Her shows, her events, her productions all *start on time*. She has respect for her audience. If you want to show your admiration and support for Darcelle in Portland, emulate her behavior. It's gotten to the point of ridiculousness with the starting—or non-starting—times of events in Portland. If your show is scheduled to start at 9, then start at 9. If you say 10, start maybe, oh... at 10. Leaving an audience hanging for 30, 45, 60 minutes and more is neither professional nor cool. Yes, the bars want to sell drinks. You know what, though? They're not going to be selling anything to disgruntled people who have already left in annoyance. This now concludes my rant of the day.

After Portland Pride weekend, I promised readers an interview with the president of Pride Northwest. That interview can be found in this issue, on p. 30. You aren't going to learn much from it. With no reflection on my writer, it's a study in vagueness. But as it stands, the community appears to have been satisfied with Pride Northwest events this year and seems content to leave it to the current board to continue as they will, when they will. If and when Portland is ready for a change, I trust that Portland will make it happen. Until then...

And now, a moment of self-indulgence. As you've surely heard, members of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence came to Portland this week to attend Conclave 2011. At the opening ceremony on Monday, August 15, I was surprised and delighted to be awarded a Declaration of Sainthood by the Portland Sisters. I shall now be known as Saint Photo Op, Patron Saint of the "Gotcha Moment." The Sisters award sainthood to "people whose life and accomplishments are exemplary and in keeping with The Order's philosophy and statements of purpose. These people have had an impact on our community by their deeds and actions. They are the Saints of the order."

For this award I am humbled and thankful—but I make no promises as to the disposition of photos of compromising nature. ☺

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