

# transitions

## Gregg Ruffin

Gregg Ruffin, a bartender at **Boxxes** for 21 years, died Thursday, August 11. Boxxes (1035 SW Stark St.) will host a Remembrance of Life at 7 p.m. Saturday, August 27. The public is welcome. Pick up the September 2 issue of *Just Out* for a full Transition.

## Mark Alan Rupprecht

March 13, 1958-August 5, 2011

Mark was a 1976 graduate of Parkrose High School and lived most of his life in Portland, aside from a few years in Lincoln, Neb. and Dallas, Texas in his twenties. He completed some college courses at Mount Hood Community College.

Mark enjoyed camping, biking, photography, quilting, playing games and spending time with his friends. He had an extensive collection of photos

depicting the Columbia Gorge and roses, as well as a whimsical collection of pig figurines.

For the last five years, Mark invited his mom, sisters and sisters-in-law to an annual beach retreat. He was well known and loved for his kind and generous nature, and a great sense of humor.

Family meant the world to him. Mark is survived by his mother, 4 siblings and their spouses, 13 nieces and nephews and 17 great-nieces and great-nephews. His father predeceased him.



Mark will be missed by his many loving nieces, nephews and friends in the community.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Trauma Intervention Program of Portland/Vancouver ([tipnw.org](http://tipnw.org)).

Arrangements are being made under the direction of Gateway Little Chapel of the Chimes in Portland, Ore.

## Charges Dropped Against Darcelle Following OLCC Scuffle

Charges of misdemeanor harassment were dropped less than one day after pioneering Portland drag star Darcelle—real name Walter Cole—was arrested at his Old Town club, Darcelle XV Showplace. Cole posted \$3,000 bail and was freed early Friday, August 12, but his case was scheduled for a hearing later that day. Upon arriving to the Justice Center in downtown Portland, Cole was informed that the charges by the district attorney had been dropped, and no hearing took place.

The trouble started the evening of Thursday, August 11, when the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) conducted a routine minor sales check with the Portland Police Bureau at Darcelle XV Showplace. Christie Scott, OLCC public affairs specialist, says a PPB cadet—a minor—was sent to see if he could obtain entry, and also purchase alcohol. Scott reported that because no one was at the door checking identification, the cadet was granted access to the bar, where he then bought a beer. Two OLCC inspectors were then summoned to the club to identify themselves, and the violation, to the owners or manager on duty. But with no one at the door, they had no one to identify themselves to.

Darcelle was in the middle of a performance on stage and noticed the commotion caused by



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the entry of the OLCC officers, approaching them. Unaware they were OLCC officers—although Scott said they attempted repeatedly to identify themselves—Darcelle, along with her partner Roc “Roxy” Neuhardt, grabbed and pushed the officers, telling them to leave.

“At this point, [the OLCC officers are] in plain clothes—jeans and a button-up shirt, I think,” Scott explained. “They thought Darcelle was going to include them in part of his act. But that’s not what happened.”

Following the ejection of the inspectors, Darcelle finished his performance, but was then arrested. As of press time, Cole declined to comment further on the incident, although Scott confirmed that once Cole realized whom he’d

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