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Been off the planet for the last 12 months? Here's
your crash course in queer.

BY AMANDA SCHURR

2011. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times—okay, so maybe not the worst of times, but our year in queer has had its share of highs and lows unlike any other. National marriage equality victories, regional advances, local realities. The end of “Don’t ask, don’t tell,” the reintroduction of ENDA to the Senate, the move away from DOMA.

those on the opposite side of the pew. We persevered with another year of community service from Q Patrol and In Other Words; we “Made It Happen” during an expanded Portland Pride; we remembered life is a pageant, from Latin Look to La Femme Magnifique. We Dined Out for Life and kept it close to home at the inaugural Market Q and at local businesses. Gnerds united in

comic book revelry, alternative publishing thrived, and Siren Nation and the Portland Oregon Women’s Film Fest made their voices heard, their visions seen.

We got schooled, from Q Center’s *Telling Stories: The Art of Fact* to Disjecta’s *Queer Academy*, Jeffrey Horvitz’s *Queer Aperture* at Pivot to Philip Iosca’s debut solo exhibition at Pacific Northwest College of Art. We scored: Oregon universities received



The Portland Gay Men's Chorus traveled to NYC to sing at the 9/11 Memorial Concert.

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A governor took office, again, a mayor announced he would not attempt to. Portland got an Office of Equity, and trans-inclusive health care for city employees. We watched as December was declared “Transgender Child Awareness Month” in Multnomah County, and we shook our heads at the latest bias crime headline.

From community discussions to a live music series, Q Center continued its evolution, with one executive director departing for the governor’s office and another returning to Oregon to replace her. We looked to the future with new and burgeoning youth-led events and resources. And with archival efforts and art exhibits by organizations like Cascade AIDS Project, the Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest and the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court, we revisited the past.

We came out, we Occupied, we were Gay & Grey and Red Dress all over. Old Lesbians organized for change, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence converged for Conclave, and a new Stark Street institution Crystallized. We made a day of it: Repeal, Coming Out, World AIDS, Trans Day of Remembrance. We made a Night, too: SMYRC’s Night of Noise, BRO’s Ignite. We were farm-fresh for the Human Rights Campaign and tipped our hats with the Portland Area Business Association.

We moved (Triangle Productions!) or prepared to (Our House of Portland). We stood our ground (Seth Stambaugh) in one of many “teachable” moments in the ongoing fight for LGBTQ equality. We held hands across bridges and reached out to

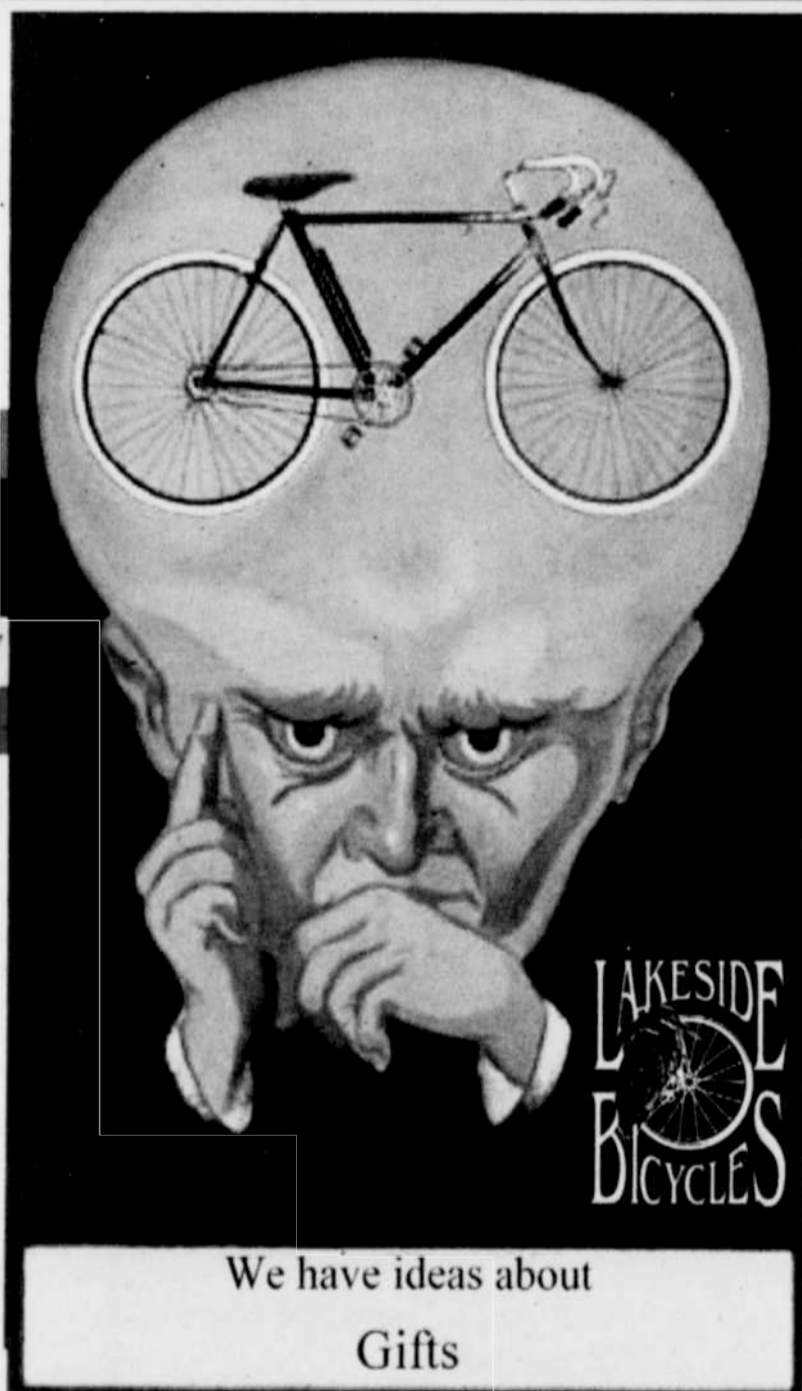
high marks for its LGBT-friendly campuses. Portland lost the bid to host the 2013 Gay Softball World Series, but we still played hard, be it the Rose City Rollers, the Fighting Fillies or the Amazon Dragons. We camped OUT on the coast for the 35th year thanks to the YWCA. Thomas Lauderdale played Grieg, Kaia Wilson and friends played Sinead O’Connor.

We represented: BearTown, statewide Leather Pride, the Rev. David Weekley and the Rev. Tara Wilkins to HRC’s Clergy Call in the nation’s capital, the Portland Gay Men’s Chorus to New York City. We mourned community figures who passed away—Ed Caduro, Don Drees, Gregg Ruffin, Jean Harris, Anthanasios “Saki” Katsavopoulos, Kent T. Magionos, Richard Ludt, Jose Israel Ornelas and Donald Baker Ross, to name but a few.

Lady Bunny and Joey Arias came to town, so did George Takei and Kate Clinton, Big Freedia and Erasure, and John Cameron Mitchell and his Mattachine party, twice. We made movies and music and wrote books and plays and established record labels and organized new dance and performance nights and arts festivals. Poison Waters got roasted, “Team Darcelle” became a local mantra—its namesake, the grand marshal of the Rose Festival Starlight Parade.

And that’s just for starters. In long, 2011 just wouldn’t quit—and in these pages you’ll find a rundown of the best and worst of the year in queer, with much more to be found on a local, national and global scale at justout.com.

See you for another 12 in ‘12. ☐



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