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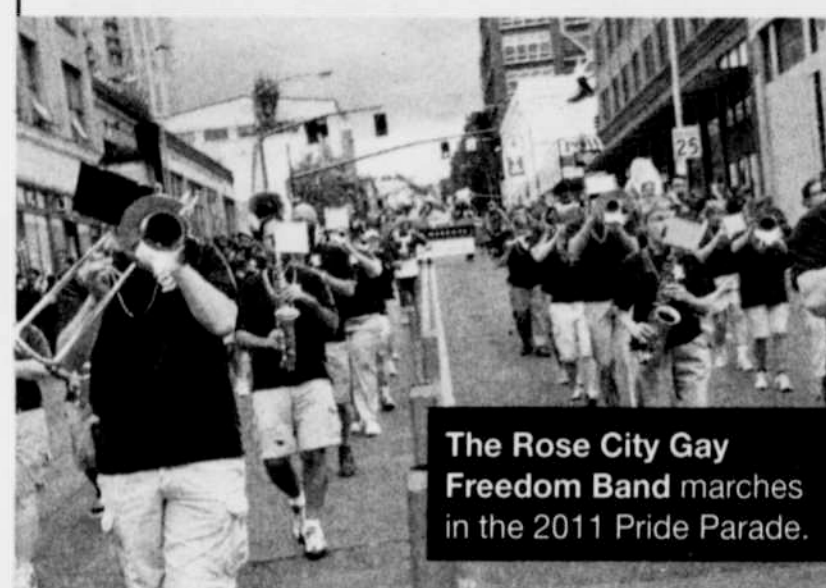
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April, May and June were important months for Portland LGBTQ history, as three of the city's gay institutions settled into their thirties. **Scandals** celebrated its 32nd anniversary throughout the entire summer with a lineup of weekly live music—almost unheard of in the deejay-dependent gay bar scene. All-male nude strip club **Silverado** welcomed 30 years with its usual roster of scantily clad

manner of outdoor recreation by—what else?—going on even more adventures. Visit adventuregroup.org to get in on the action.



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The Rose City Gay Freedom Band marches in the 2011 Pride Parade.

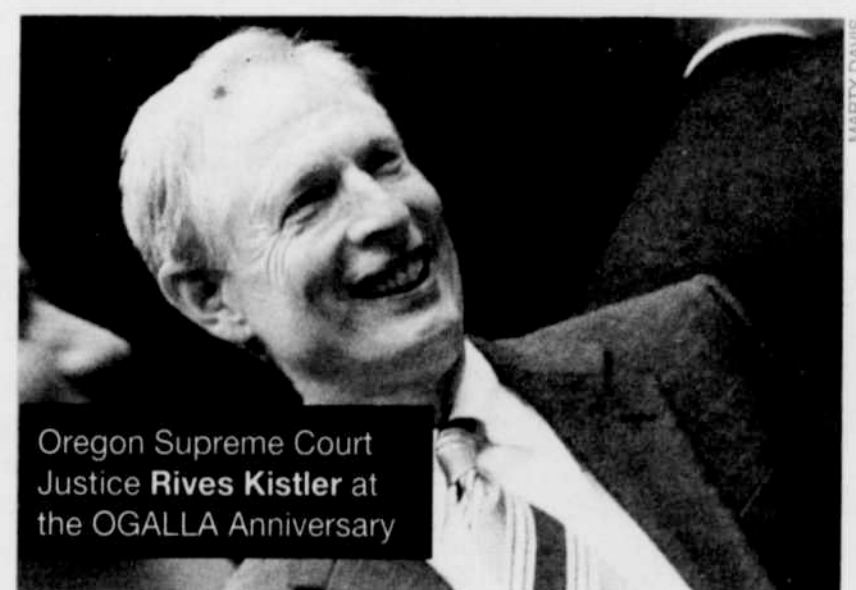
The **Portland Lesbian and Gay Film Festival** (plgff.org) turned 15 this year, expanding its reputation as a bona fide cinematic scene-maker with another roll call of stellar LGBTQ-tinged talkies, while docu fest **QDoc** hit the five-year mark (queerdocfest.org). So, too, did **Siren Nation** (sirennation.org).

The **Rose City Gay Freedom Band** (rcgfb.org) rang in 20 years with a concert performed by sub-groups the Portland Gay Symphonic Band, Rose City Swing and Pride Marching Band. The ladies of the **Portland Lesbian Choir** warmed up their pipes for the 25th year, inviting all women

go-go guys and booze, keeping the grit and spirit of Portland's Pink Triangle alive and well. And **CC Slaughters** met 30 years with a summer-long celebration of events, including the always entertaining Sunday night performances by the Superstar Divas.

Elsewhere, **OGALLA: The LGBT Bar Association of Oregon** celebrated 20 years in 2011, highlighting a push for continued inclusion and reduction of prejudice for LGBT people in the legal community (ogalla.org). The group's first constitutional meeting took place January 18, 1991.

The **Portland Adventure Group** embraced 25 years of hiking, climbing and all



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Oregon Supreme Court Justice **Rives Kistler** at the OGALLA Anniversary

who love to sing, regardless of skill level, to join the ranks of one of the longest-standing performance groups in the city (plchoir.org).

The group's winter concert is set for February 4, 2012.

And Cascade AIDS Project marked the **25th Annual AIDS Walk Portland**, uniting more than 10,000 people in early October to raise upwards of \$460,000 for the cause.

Happy anniversaries, all! **JO**



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AIDS Walk 2011