

COMMUNITY



Horace Long

"Beautiful People" was the theme of this year's Pride Parade. Organizers said that for the first time the parade sold out. The event, featuring LGBT marchers from all walks of life, was made even better due to mild temperatures and partly cloudy skies. True story!

(PRIDE)

PRIDE PASSES

More than 100 groups marched through the streets of Portland in the Portland Pride Parade June 17. Thousands of spectators—from small children in baby strollers to senior citizens seated in lawn chairs—lined the streets and watched bands, politicians, service and religious organizations, and many more, make their way along of the parade route that ended at the waterfront Pride Festival. A contingent from the Mormon Church, supporting the LGBT community, received a

particularly loud and supportive ovation from parade watchers.

Occupy The Pride Portland, an ad hoc action group connected to the occupy Portland movement, showed up as planned for a day of what they billed as "educational outreach and visibility activities." They set up just outside the festival's main entrance gate.

To volunteer next year: pridenw.org.

Wells Fargo Bank cancelled their part in the Portland Pride Parade just days before the event. The decision came just two days after there was an attempt to throw a molotov cocktail through the window of one of their local branches. A gay rights activist group claimed responsibility for the vandalism in an e-mail to a local TV station, expressing disapproval of the banks funding of a prison industrial complex where they report a trans-

gender female is serving time in a men's prison, placing her at risk of sexual assault.

But days later the bank reversed course. Wells Fargo staff announced that they planned to go ahead with plans to march.

Anyone with information about the vandalism contact: Arson Investigator Rick McGraw at (503) 823-3797. kptv.com



Carlos Silva

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PDX LATINO PRIDE

Year number seven for PDX Latino Gay Pride (PLGP) 2012 kicks off on July 19 with an entire weekend of events,

The centerpiece of the festivities is the July 21 Festival; organizers expect 1,000 to attend. The day has a lineup of entertainment, community leaders, public officials and non-stop music.

This year's event moves to a new spot: Pure Space. *Just Out* is a sponsor.

In 2011, Pride NW honored PLGP for the positive impact and contributions to the community. PLGP was selected to serve as the official Pride Parade Grand Marshall, the first time a Latino organization has been chosen for this honor.

For more information about all of the events: LatinoGayPridePDX.com.

TWO BOARD MEMBERS AT THE NON-PROFIT PEACOCK PRODUCTIONS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR EXCELLENCE IN VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. ROSE EMPRESS LIII THE LEGENDARY MONICA BOULEVARD AND IMPERIAL PRINCESS ROYALE XLII ADRIENNE ALEXANDER RECEIVED THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING OUR NATION AND FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH VOLUNTEER SERVICE. BOTH HONOREES WORK FOR BANK OF AMERICA.