

WHAT'S happening



The three Garza brothers who make up the Texas-based **Los Lonely Boys** like to call their sound Texican Rock 'n' Roll. And while it's true that many Mexico-U.S. border states breed a certain band style that spans the two cultures, these Boys owe more to Nashville's Southern-fried Steak Rock than to influences south of Laredo. But no matter; like many of this year's Cuthbert headliners, the Boys have been part of charity albums helping out causes from Darfur to Amnesty International, so they continue the tradition of putting the music where it matters. Guitar virtuosos (oh how we grow weary of that label!) **Jonny Lang** and **Ehren Ebbage** round out the bill. See Tuesday Calendar.



Unlike the Country Fair, the only thing you'll see buck naked at the **Lane County Fair** is pink, four-legged, enjoys a good mud bath and goes *oink oink*. Get ready for some honest-to-goodness all-Alaskan pig racing, curling demos, bingo tournaments, carny booths, mechanical bull-riding and roller derby provided by the Emerald City RollerGirls. Oh, and don't forget the real draw here: those loopy, crazy, zany carnival rides that will make you lose your lunch, lose your spare change and, just maybe, lose yourself in child-like thrills. On Sunday, check out a stellar lineup of Eugene's best Latin bands: Los Mex Pistols del Norte, Organizacion Oaxaca and Caliente. Then, of course, there's the county-fair-approved main stage lineup of REO Speedwagon, Charlie Daniels Band, Satin Love Orchestra and Clay Walker (pictured left). See Tuesday Calendar.

A queen will be crowned this Saturday eve, and it's not gonna be pretty. The **Society for the Legitimization of the Ubiquitous Gastropod (S.L.U.G.) Queen Competition and Coronation** enters its silver jubilee of 25 years. Past S.L.U.G. queens will preside over the ceremonies while



celebrity judges Catherine and Cheryl Reinhart (co-owners of Sweet Life) and KLCC's Pete Lavelle will judge this slimy, gooey pageant of would-be S.L.U.G. queens. Organizers suggest bringing your own chair for optimum viewing at Broadway Plaza (and bring a tissue for the runner-up). As for the contestants, who will be judged on costume, a three-minute talent act and their answer to an unrelated question, 2003 Queen Irsipira suggests, "bribe early and bribe often." See Saturday Calendar.

It's time to celebrate The Gay! OK, yes, we know **LGBT Pride** in *normal* cities (and even small towns) takes place in June, which is Pride Month, but you know that unique Eugene thing: We're *different*. Plus, we're too busy at the pride celebrations of the city to the north in June. So: We're later, we're smaller, but we're still proud.

Start off with a **Pride Kickoff Dance** at the Indigo District on Aug. 10, then get ready to march on Aug. 11 at 11 am from 8th and Oak (wear your most fabulous gear, dahlings, to impress the Saturday Market peeps) to Alton Baker Park, where festivities like water fights, volleyball and performances from Katastrophe, Nicole Sangsuree and Androgene (pictured right), among others, highlight the day. Vendors! Nonprofits! Rainbow *everything*! Don't forget to save some fabulosity for the **White Party** at Club Pynk (AKA the Red Lion Inn) for adults and the **After Pride Youth Dance** at the Amazon Community Center for those under 21. See Friday and Saturday Calendars.

