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Pride Means Letting Go of Shame

Dear Editor,

Today it occurred to me that Gay Pride weeks and months with parades to celebrate, are beginning to happen all across the country.

I find myself remembering the feeling of empowerment so prevalent at last year's Gay Pride Parade in Seattle. I remember how I watched people and the many different ways in which they chose to express their pride and their uniqueness.

Today though, I am saddened by the contradiction of that day of self respect and the repressive fear that gay men and lesbians live with the other 364 days of the year. And I wonder, is it enough to feel proud of who we are and others like us only one day of the year? Why is it that we allow others to tell us subtly and not so subtly, how we should love?

I believe the problem and the perpetuation of homophobia are often a reaction to our own shame and fears. Shame, not pride. We walk around fearful. Fearful of what heterosexual

people will say or do if they "know about us." We "come out" to people who are "okay" but only after much deliberation.

In my own life I have experienced more homophobia from other gay people than I ever have from the straight community. My partner and I have been completely ignored by other lesbians when we've been holding hands in a place not specifically deemed a gay establishment or event. Well, I for one refuse to live in a bar or wait for a parade once a year to feel comfortable with who I am. If I am ashamed of who I am, then I believe other people see that and will in turn treat me as if I have something to be ashamed of. I think that if gay men and lesbians were more comfortable with their sexuality, then the rest of the world would be more accepting. Our being different is a big deal because we make it a big deal and because we allow others to make us feel shame. I don't believe anyone can make us feel anything. We choose to feel certain ways. Our differences are only relevant when we give

them power.

I'm proud of who I love and I will not suppress how I feel because my behavior allows (not causes) others to feel uncomfortable. More than likely they'll get over it. My pride is everyday. We do not need to feel ashamed of who we are and only we can change the way the rest of the world sees us. It won't change if we continue to hide.

Candi Styer-Ferguson
Bellingham, Wash.

Fantasy Isn't Innocuous

Dear TLN:

I'm writing in response to Sallie M. Huber's "Consensual Sex: Shattering S/M Stereotypes," which appeared in your July issue.

I agree with Huber that S/M is not the same thing as sexual abuse, but I disagree with her about a lot of other things.

As I understand it, sadomasochism is a sexual game of "make pretend" that involves acting out scenes of domination and subordination. I don't think that's a good thing. Expressing this opinion *does not* mean I'm trying to control other lesbians' sexual choices.

Fantasy is not necessarily innocuous. A wise lesbian once told me, "What you practice is what you get good at." Engaging in S/M teaches lesbians that domination and subordination are sexy, fun, and inevitable. In our oppressive society, I don't think any of us needs to learn that lesson.

I'd say that playing with domination and subordination isn't any better for adults than playing with toy guns is for children. I think I know what I'm talking about, because I played with toy guns a lot when I was a child.

Yes, it was fun. I could pretend that I was someone who actually had some control over my own life. No, I was not really murdering hundreds of people—this was a game, a fantasy. No, I'm not a particularly violent person now. Violence makes my stomach hurt.

But playing with guns taught me that my dislike of violence was morally suspect. It taught me that people of courage and integrity solved problems through force—and that people who solved problems differently were cowards. In my head, I know those lessons are ridiculous. In my gut, I'm still struggling to overcome them.

S/M dykes have the right to practice any form of consensual sex they choose. They don't have the right to insist that I agree with them.

Sincerely,
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Stillwell's Story Touches Deeply

Dear TLN,

Many kudos to Arne Stillwell (and thanks for publishing it) for the piece "Apples of Knowledge and Innocence" in the June 1992 issue. The beautiful story evoked memories of my own painful adolescence, and of the teacher who made a difference in my life. At 13, I was tall for my age, lanky and awkward, possessed of an adult wit and large appetite for any book I could get my hands on. I was shy and clumsy around people my own age, and they taunted me mercilessly. Enter Miss Stanley, the coolest, hippest English teacher on the planet, a large, rotund woman with an acerbic tongue and a ready, warm smile. She pulled me out of my self-pity and utter boredom by introducing me to Chaucer, Irving Stone, Jack London; by coming to my band concerts when my parents couldn't; by encouraging my interest in drawing with an assignment to design the yearbook cover; by taking me out to dinner every night for a week while my mother was in the hospital, my father working overtime and my sister hanging out on 82nd with her high school pals; just so I wouldn't be alone and would have at least one balanced meal a day.

I was so inspired by her dedication to teaching and to her subject and to her students, that I became a teacher myself. I haven't seen Miss Stanley since Jr. High, but if I found her today I would give her a big hug of thanks. How many of us were influenced by teachers like Vivian, in or out of school? How many of us have the opportunity today to show young people what their lives can become? Stillwell's story touched me deeply because it rings truly of common experience shared by so many of us. Thanks again, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Beth Hamon

"Special Rights?"

Dear Editor

Is it a "special right" to visit a loved one in the hospital? It is a basic right my partner of 16 years and I are not entitled to because we are not entitled to recognition as a family unit by state law. In the event of an emergency that requires hospitalization, we are not granted the basic right to make critical decisions for one another or even be by one another's side in times when only "family" are permitted.

Is it a "special right" to fall in love, to develop a relationship of caring and financial interdependence, and have that relationship treated with respect and dealt with fairly by law? Is the right to jointly acquire property or the right to inheritance a "special right?" These

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rights are not "special rights," but are basic rights of citizenship which the Oregon Citizens Alliance intends to be sure my partner and I never have.

I believe voicing my concerns about the lack of legal recognition for someone I regard as my spouse is minding my own business. It is not an attempt to impose my sexual orientation on anyone, nor is it an attempt to gain any "special rights." This is a difficult idea for some people to grasp; especially in a society where merely holding hands in public with someone I love is viewed by many as a threatening political expression of "militant homosexuality."

Sincerely,
Ron Schlittler

Calling All Cars

To the community,

Calling all cars. Calling all queers. If you own a car or truck 1972 or older, pay attention. I am a 20-year-old dyke and have a 1970 Nova. I have been attending show and shines for four years now and am the only one brave enough to go it seems. It is time for my community to get out and vote. Yes, vote. People's choice is what they call it. You take your car, 1972 or older, park it at different locations in the summer and gather your friends to come look around at the other cars. Then you have them stuff the ballot box with your car's number. My father recently told me "only moral people go to these shows" and I proved him so wrong. The only moral people my partner and I saw were the two lesbian couples that looked around and the two young males who gazed at the men looking at the old cars. If you are interested and have a car 1972 or older, Ford, Chevy, or anything rare and unusual, please call me. There are 14 more shows left this summer around the western part of Oregon, and they are in great need of moral queers. Some of the events you can enjoy are street dances, street cruises, show 'n' shines in the park, free

breakfast for the drivers, mud volleyball, people's choice trophies, poker runs, six-foot trophies, shopping sprees, raffles and so-much more. I am not in a club but go to every show 'n' shine there is and have all the information for upcoming shows. Your car does not need to be in mint condition; there is a class for under-construction and many others. It is time to strut our stuff in Oregon. For further information and all the details, please call Bonnie at 343-6214.

Thief at Large

To the Community,

Look out for this guy—he's smooth!
Twenty-five years old, 6'1", 165-175 pounds, medium length blonde hair, short-trimmed mustache. Believe his name is "Doug." Very good talker.

He claims to be a Portland Fireman working at Station #1 (across from Waterfront Park), but currently on sick leave due to a motorcycle accident the last week of June. Says he lives in Troutdale, but unable to drive due to his injury. Said his mother was coming up from Arizona to look after him while he recuperates. Supposedly released from a Portland hospital July 1, and was very visible in the PDX Eagle that night. Has a fresh scar running vertically upover his stomach, which caused him to walk slightly stooped over.

He stole a Sony Camcorder (about \$800) and a gold Seiko wristwatch (\$200) early in the morning of July 2 from an apartment in Portland where he'd been laying on the floor because of "pain from incision." No sex involved, but he claims to be a "recently out" homosexual.

According to the Portland Fire Bureau, this man is *not* a fireman anywhere in Portland. The Fire Bureau is making a thorough investigation, and their representative stated that, "...whether or not he proves to be 'one of ours,' we will follow through on this. We don't like our name being used that way."

Ed Walls.

"Claire" a Good Flick

To the Editor:

Claire of the Moon is a wonderful film written and directed by Nicole Conn of Demi-Monde Productions from Portland.

The unfolding love story takes place on the Oregon Coast and is a wonderful study in how two very dissimilar people can and do overcome their fears of intimacy and vulnerability. There's so much to like about this movie.

The acting is superb, especially noteworthy are Trisha Todd (Claire) and Karen Trumbo (Noel). Some of the other characters have been criticized for being stereotypical, but I've got to tell you, I've known some of these people.

The scenery is superb. My only fear is that everyone will want to move to the Oregon Coast.

I have two tips for seeing this film.

Tip #1: See the film at least twice. As one reviewer said "See it again for the first time." I think you see it "more" the second time.

Tip #2: Stick around through the credits. It's good to acknowledge and see all the contributors to this film, but also there's a sweet visual ending after the credits that you won't want to miss.

As to those who don't find "Claire" politically correct enough, there's plenty of room for other films about lesbians lives and loves. Please make them. It would be wonderful to have lots of films from which to choose.

Take my advice, see *Claire of the Moon*. If your local theater isn't showing it, ask them to book it. I hope there'll be a video.

Linda Tudico

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EDITORIAL

From the Editor's Desk

The Summer of My Disillusionment by Irene K. Hislop

This has been the summer of my disillusionment. As the temperature has increased, the number of things that disgust me has also increased. A vacation from all the homophobia, racism, sexism, etc. in our society would be great, but I've yet to hear of anywhere outside of my home where such an escape would be possible.

It all started when I read *The Oregonian* profile of Loretta Neet. Of course I'd imagined Loretta as the all-American mom, the personification of wholesomeness. Imagine my shock and horror when I read she feeds her children Cheetos. Now, I'm sure she feeds them other things as well, so there's probably no reason to flood the Children's Services Division with calls. But Cheetos. Yuck. I wouldn't let my dog eat Cheetos. But actually Cheetos are the perfect OCA snack. They are the perfect symbol for "Traditional Family Values." Cheetos come in a shiny red, white and blue package. Seductive ads tell us how wonderful everything would be if we all just swallowed some Cheetos/Traditional Family Values. Yet they are virtually devoid of any real substance or nutritional value.

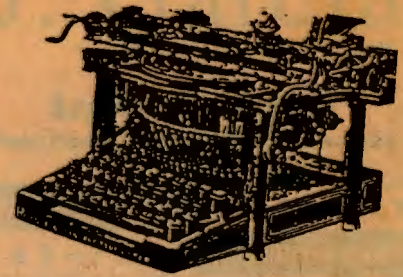
I was equally shocked when Don Robinson, editorial page editor of *The Register-Guard*, asked me what *The Lavender Network* was. I had called Robinson to see what the requirements are to have a commentary published in Eugene's daily paper. I guess *The R-G's* policy must be to print OCA commentaries without double checking

anything. *TLN* has been attacked in the editorial pages so regularly, it never occurred to me a professional editor such as Robinson would have no idea what *TLN* was.

But the real insult was yet to come. The requirements to publish a commentary are that the writer be either representing an organization or be an expert in the field she is writing about. Oh good, I thought, I qualify on both counts. Robinson was not so sure. I explained that *TLN* is a magazine. He said magazines don't count, I explained we are part of a non-profit umbrella group with a board of directors. He thought that meant we are a company, and companies don't count. I explained that as the editor of a statewide magazine about gays, lesbians and bisexuals, I felt I was a bit of an expert on the subject. He didn't think so. I decided to go ahead and write something; perhaps Don was just having a bad day. I sent it in with a stack of information on *TLN's* organizational status.

Robinson replied, "We can't use your proposed guest column because it is largely devoted to rebutting the OCA. We have had more than enough back and forth between that organization and those on your side of the issue." So sorry to have disturbed you, Mr. Robinson, with all our pesky whining about civil rights. I'd so hate to bore you or anything.

Of course, the national scene is perhaps even more disillusioning. The military apparently feels rapists aren't a security risk, but we are. Men in Chicago can now get their



hair cut by women in skimpy lingerie. I'll be watching the papers for stories of infiltrators who couldn't pass up the opportunity to be in the same room with those men and sharp scissors. And it looks like two straight white men who've previously opposed funding to help poor women get abortions really are our best hope in the presidential election. Am I crazy or is Arkansas a sodomy state? Remember, however disappointing the candidates are, *if you don't vote, you can't stop the OCA.* ▼

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TRAVEL

The Russian Experience

Former Eugenic Reports from Russia

by Marina Wolf

Now that Lidia and I have found decent jobs, I have decided to take pen in hand and keep our dear, queer hometown up to date on developments here in our new, not-so-queer city, St. Petersburg, Russia.



Marina Wolf

After searching for six weeks, we were able to find a one-bedroom flat in a decent location—\$50 a month plus well meaning but nosy neighbors. When we first came into town, we stayed with a gay male acquaintance of mine for three and a half weeks—three and a half weeks of a torturous

downhill slide into hating each other. We stayed with him and his 62-year-old aunt. Fortunately, she was a goddess of goodness and grace (oohed and aahed at our commitment ceremony photos). So we left, but not before we made the rounds of some of his homo-friends' parties. We feared at first that that was going to be the only way to make contact with other queers in this burg; I mean we truly feared. If you were to base your opinion of the St. Petersburg gay male life on the parties that we were at, you would fear too—drinking and foreplay.

Rumors were flying about some Christopher Street Festival to be held in June here, co-sponsored by a local gay group and some Germans. By a stroke of luck, the queer boy I snagged for a hairdresser brought along his dyke friend to my home haircutting appointment. She happened to be the secretary

of this local gay foundation and procured tickets for us. The sliding scale entrance fee concept is as of yet unknown, but the cost was fairly reasonable. You should have seen us the night of the festival opening. Is butch-femme the mode, or a major fashion faux-pas? Hair sans gel, a la Eugene, or do it up girl? Which tie for god's sake? Well, we got it together, snagged a taxi to the House of Culture (Community Cultural Center) and knew we had found the right place—all the fags were standing outside smoking. Some things may be universal.

We hastily pulled together a questionnaire about social activities and thoughts on starting a community center as grist for our project. (More information forthcoming.) This proved an excellent way to make some banter and get on at least a face-recognition basis with local queers. But I was surprised by how many people at the festival I had actually seen around

Vostok+: Russia's First Gay Travel Agency Opens

by Pavel Chaplin

Vostok+, Russia's first gay travel agency, was founded in spring 1991 and was the Soviet-side organizer of Moscow's first Gay & Lesbian Conference last summer. Vostok+ services destinations within Russia including Moscow, St. Petersburg and the popular gay beach in the Crimea. The agency can also make arrangements in Ukraine.

Following is a list of the hotels Vostok+ works with, plus the rates they're able to obtain at present. The prices were granted for Vostok+, and frequently hotels will charge foreign tourists more if they're making their own reservations. Even these prices are subject to some change, since the Russian economy is so active.

There are no gay accommodations in Russia. Since all tourist hotels are state-run, discretion is obligatory. All of the following accommodations have baths, phones, televisions and radios.

Individual tourists:

St. Petersburg:

The international airport is about a 40-minute drive from downtown, by airport shuttle or taxi. Trains from Helsinki or Moscow arrive in the center of town.

- Oktyabrskaya Hotel, Vosstaniya Square: Foreign and Russian tourists. Two-star hotel in the center of town. Cafe. \$55-99.
- Moskva Hotel, A. Nevsky Square: Foreign tourists. Three-star hotel in the center of town. Cafe, bars, hotel clinic, currency exchange. \$66-121.
- Pribaltiskaya Hotel, Karablestroitelny Street: Foreign tourists. Three-star hotel, 20-minute drive from town center. Cafe, bars, hotel clinic, currency exchange. \$94-187.

Moscow:

The international airport is about 45 minutes from town.

- Belgrad Hotel, Smolenskaya Square: Foreign and Russian tourists. Three-star hotel in the center of town. Bars, cafe, currency exchange. \$77-132.
- Orlyonok Hotel, Kosigina Street: Foreign and Russian tourists. 3-star hotel. Shower, no bath, bars, cafe, hotel clinic. \$55-110.
- Mojayskiy Motel, Mojayskoe Road: Foreign tourists. Three-star hotel, 20-minute drive from downtown. Bars, cafe, currency exchange. \$50-90.
- Private apartments in St. Petersburg or Moscow: 25-30 minutes from downtown, kitchen. \$25-35.

Vostok+ offers other services for individuals or groups of any size: visa support, \$35; airport or train-station pick-up/transportation, city guide, escort to gay hangouts, \$15 daily; interpreter, \$25 daily; tickets to the Bolshoi Theatre, opera \$35, ballet, \$45.

For groups of 10 or more, Vostok+ offers two, eight-day travel packages, each with five days in Moscow, and three days in St. Petersburg. Air travel needs to be arranged separately. One package costs \$570 person plus a portion of the \$640 daily services charge. The portion depends on how many people are in the group. The second package is \$490 plus the same daily services fee. Daily services include transportation, interpreters, guided excursions, escort to gay hangouts and airport pick-up.

For more information contact Julie Dork, executive director of the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission in San Francisco at (415) 255-8680.

town and how many people remembered me from last summer's Gay and Lesbian Conference.

Among the people we met at this festival were: a German woman folk singer who struggles with Russian, but sang it flawlessly; two 17-year-old girls who want to be boys (fooled me!); a group of Russian deaf-mute gay men who would love to correspond with their foreign counterparts (write us for more information); many lesbian more or less separatists who have some pretty amazing plans set up; plus a general assortment of drunk-but-happy queers.

The lesbians we met were pretty fed up with the existing gay groups; women are in the tiny minority and mainly participate in the groups for the sake of information gathering. For social and political activities they turn to themselves. Plans are in the works for the publication of a lesbian magazine, and apparently a fairly large group of dykes has already appropriated a cafe with unsuspecting or indifferent management and designated it as a lesbian gathering space.

There is also some talk flying around about a women's music festival. As with the States, such a designation is a euphemism for lesbians' music festival, because apparently the vast majority of women folk singers here are, in fact, lesbians.

I have also been asked to be a local contact for the International Lesbian Press Agency, which is based in Germany.

Lidia and I made up some business-card-like pieces of paper to hand out at the festival. We handed out about 250 at the conference. They have our names, telephone number, a double triangle graphic and the following: "Co-directors, Russian-American Human Rights Foundation. Translating services, consultations available for sexual minority groups and organizations. We deal with your issues."

I found myself struggling with being out on our business cards. It will be interesting to hand them out to prospective employers, but I realized that, unlike most Russians, we don't have much of an excuse, employment difficulties aside, which we can easily circumvent. The title and services statement sounds pretty fancy, but it lends our mission here ("find the queers and lend 'em a hand") some legitimacy. I expect we'll be getting a lot of phone calls, but we're ready for it.

There are some people in Eugene and Portland working on gathering support, financial and otherwise, for the founding and maintenance of a lesbian, gay and bisexual community center here. They're doing the support end (grant-writing, state-side publicity, collection of books, posters, buttons and other queer stuff, safer-sex materials, etc.), and Lidia and I are starting to gather the statistics. The questionnaires we gathered at the festival, 143 total, seem to indicate that queers here do want their own space. We are doing more fact-finding, networking, etc. to find out what, where, how, with whom and when. The festival gave us a big boost, and I think the tide is starting to come in.

I thought when I came here that there would be not much of a community or movement to look for. In times of economic and political unrest, "luxury" values and ideas are often the first to be thrown by the wayside, or so I had assumed. But I had seriously underestimated the meaning of queerness, for Russians and for myself. You may not have time, or space, or money, or societal freedom to act out your queerness the way some Westerners are accustomed to, but it is always with you, in you, of you, and affects everything you do and say. When the first opportunity arises to let it out, you probably will.

We frequently think about the people we left in Eugene with fondness and sometimes amusement—good, hearty, queer-based hilarity is hard to come by in this neck of the woods. We would love to hear from just about anybody—letters, photos, news clippings especially! We're living in a void as far as queer news from the good ol' US of A is concerned.

Please write! Also if you are interested in the plans and current activities of the Russian-American Human Rights Foundation, you may contact Brian Brunius at (503) 3440-8167. Be good, stomp the OCA and use your latex products!

(PS. Sue Dockstader! Leonard-the-Cheerwannabe! Queer Nation/Eugene! Write us, we don't have your addresses.)

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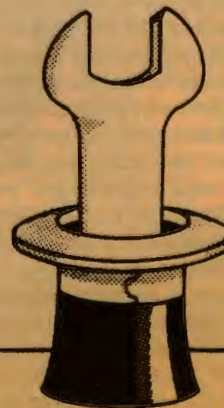
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UK Pride

A View From Both Sides of the Atlantic

by Nigel Parchester

After the festivities of Portland Pride you may have travelled to San Francisco or Seattle to prolong the party there. Meanwhile on June 27 a very special gathering of lesbian and gay people was taking place on the other side of the world. The occasion was EuroPride '92 and brought together for the first time many lesbian and gay communities of western Europe. The event—held in London—featured a two-week festival of arts, entertainment and activism unlike any other seen in the U.K. On the final weekend the attendance figures broke records for a pride event outside of the US and Australia and topped the 100,000 figure predicted by its organizers.

The sun shone throughout the day and rolled back the London fog of conservative thinking that is often associated with Britain and its Victorian "values" of homophobia and repression. By commemorating Stonewall in Britain the communities there pay tribute to the leadership that Americans show in the worldwide struggle for homosexual rights. But to be gay in Britain as opposed to the U.S. is not as bad as most Americans seem to think.

Certainly a prehistoric judiciary and a thuggishly unaccountable police force produce a legal climate in which the lifestyle of gay men and lesbians is constantly at peril. But it is vital to put these drawbacks in context. If you consider how different American and British cultures are and always have been, then it emerges that they really are, as George Bernard Shaw said, two countries "separated by a common language."

Take for instance the tradition of gay male playwrights working in the genre of social satire. Their works transcend the historical moment to become the accepted gay perspective on the manners and mores of British society. From Oliver Goldsmith to Oscar Wilde to Noel Coward to Joe Orton. Their lives and works show how homosexuality found its vocation in Britain in the cultural, as opposed to the political, arena and is an integral part of their creative vision. This angle is not only British, it is European and has produced the grand social/sexual commentaries of a Shakespeare, a Michelangelo or a Proust. The

figures whose works practically define the canon in western art, literature, film, dance, theater and poetry operated *outside* the mainstream as observers and critics of it. That they do so from outside the *sexual* mainstream has become commonplace in Europe.

In 1991 a very out gay actor, long standing member of the Royal Shakespeare Company and left-wing advocate of AIDS issues, Ian McKellan, was knighted. It is an honor that is sponsored by the government and carried out by the Queen. It is ironic that Sir Ian accepted the title, which at some stage in the paperwork had to have the same signature that enacts homophobic legislation, that of then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher!

Residing in a preordained niche, homosexuality has always flourished in Britain. Admittedly under duress, but always part of the status quo, a balance between some people like this and some people like that. Their role as academics, artists, councillors, eccentrics, teachers and clergy has been stabilized over time in Britain. This is because of the very European intellectualization of homosexuality as something necessarily different to the mainstream agenda.

The post-war culture of civil rights in *this* country seeks to assimilate and to render mainstream the lifestyles of lesbians and gay men. The project of the lesbian and gay movement *here* is come out of the closet, yes, but to also sit in some kind of equality with other oppressed groups. However noble, this is a task fraught with peril. The dream, as much as it can be reckoned, is to sit for brunch on the morning of a bright new day in the house called America.

Of course it is this dream that has inspired a post-Stonewall generation of British queers to politicize their role on the margins with strategies borrowed from the U.S. movement. But it is not always appreciated how *American* the whole concept of coming "out" is, running counter to British characteristics of privacy and reserve. But anyway coming out is a tool which serves the British community well. For Sir Ian McKellan has proved that in Great Britain in the 1990s being an openly gay actor/artist, out and about, loud and proud, is no

longer a bar to recognition or popular success. Being "out" as well as part of the "mainstream" is controversial and rightly so. The right kind of debate follows. Out gay filmmaker Derek Jarman had a point when he decried Sir Ian's decision to accept the honor while ordinary people are arrested, slandered and harassed by the system that fails its citizens because of their sexual orientation.

The critics, however were surprised when Sir Ian was summoned to Downing Street by Thatcher's more moderate successor Prime Minister John Major for talks on law reform and AIDS research. Sir Ian had become a figure who can represent both culture and sub-culture—a characteristically European trick. Just how many porn queens have become members of the Italian Parliament, anyway?

By blending their longstanding status as necessary sexual outlaws with the organizational methods of progressive American civil rights activism, Britain's homosexual communities are true to their history while remaining unsatisfied with their lot. The energy of new challenges, like European unity, lends significance to the British scene that is rarely reported in the U.S.

Being gay in Britain in 1992 isn't always a tea party, but with stunning events like EuroPride defining new successes, it would perhaps pay for Americans to be more responsive to foreign developments. Sexual minority profiles will differ in distinct national contexts but basically we are fighting the same war. Think how backward PBS was when showing *The Lost Language of Cranes* compared to the BBC, which not only made the film but was able to show a much more explicit version without uproar. What is needed is a dialogue of ideas throughout the world to enrich and strengthen gay and lesbian consciousness. The United States and the United Kingdom might have something of a historically overrated "special relationship" which in general terms has become irrelevant. But for lesbians and gay men across the Atlantic our common language need not be the barrier lampooned by Bernard Shaw. It is in this case a gift that allows for rare cross cultural unity that we would be negligent to abuse. ▼

TRAVEL

Homeward Bound

Miracles Found Along the Roadside

by The Rev. Marguerite Scroggie

For Love and Justice—A Walk Against Hate was a life transforming experience for all who had any participation in this incredible journey through the back roads of Oregon to increase awareness of the civil rights plight of gay and lesbian citizens of Oregon. I was fortunate enough to be able to take the weeks and join some really remarkable people on this walk.

For two weeks we lived in the now. Our lives were consumed with the real life concerns of eating, sleeping, walking, bonding, talking, circling, keeping dry in the rain and sunscreened on the hot afternoons. One's perspective changes when one walks for miles every day rather than driving. Things slow way down. You notice fields of golden poppies carpeting the way. You may notice the horses prance a welcoming dance as you go by carrying a rainbow flag high and proud. You notice that you really do know all the lyrics to all those old Broadway shows. You notice that you are alive and connected to every other living thing. You notice the Spirit's delightful glint in each other's eyes.

Several things occurred that I would call miracles. I found I could actually walk through my pain. I came to recognize every other walker as a sister or brother on a spiritual journey. We have many more friends in Oregon than any of us even begin to realize! All stereotypes disintegrate when one takes the first step. People everywhere, even in the very small towns, are generous of heart and spirit.

Open hearts and arms greeted us in every host community and group that fed us along the way. Whatever needs we had, whether a sore back, blistered feet, emotions that needed processing, hunger, cover, shelter, laughter, entertainment or friendship, were met generously by folks who were strangers to most of us. Strangers in time but family in heart and spirit.

Oh yes, we did experience a few young men having violent reactions to us. But the fearful responses of those few were dramatically outdistanced by the vast loving responses of everyone else. Once again, we saw the evidence before our eyes—love and justice will prevail!

I went on the walk because I needed to do something. I needed to do more than simply write letters. I needed to do something with my body. Something positive. Something transforming. I was transformed. I went believing that we are not supported by the vast majority of Oregonians. I learned the opposite! I learned that we have so many friends, if we only begin the dialogue, if we only will reach out and express our need for support. I learned that we have much reason for hope!

Sisters and Brothers, don't allow despair to bury you. Talk to people. Come out. Find out for yourselves how much love and support there really is for us. Justice is for *all*. Let's not defeat ourselves for the OCA. Let's uplift and encourage one another, instead. We are not alone. Love and justice are companions on our journey of truth and freedom. Keep the faith. ▼



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The Ultimate in Fun Vacations

by Lynn Emrick

Talk about the Love Boat! Taking an RSVP gay cruise is a really validating experience. As if a cruise to exotic

ports-of-call were not enough, cruise entertainment director Danny Williams kept our shipboard hours full of fun.

The biggest laugh is the pool games—the volunteers are indeed brave. I was amazed at what a Speedo could endure. Daily aerobics were quite an eye-ful since I was a looker, not a looker. The physically-fit really strut their stuff, and some of their outfits give an added visual stimulus to the occasion.

A variety of optional shore excursions are also available, yet they aren't operated by RSVP. They include tours to historic sites, snorkeling and general sight seeing.

Then there's the Dating Game, the Newlywed Game, Bingo, gaming tables and slots, shore excursions, scuba, snorkeling and even films.

Two dinners, including the Captain's Party, are "Formal, Black Tie suggested." On most cruises a good suit would do, and even though I saw a few, I would recommend a tux or dinner jacket. You can rent, buy or borrow. For those of you who are creative, you might design your own with sequins and rhinestones. Yes, there were a few.

Every evening's feature is a headline entertainer. Be it comedy or song—really excellent. On my last cruise, Harvey Fierstein gave a first-rate performance. Perhaps the most memorable evening is dedicated to a Costume Party, and what a costume party it is. Prizes are given for best single, pair and group. You might want to consider a little planning for this occasion.

The fun isn't over. As if the day hadn't been full enough, you might dart back to your cabin for a quick change into something more casual

and be off for a night of dancing. There's dancing under the stars poolside and later dancing in the disco.

November of 1993. This trip includes fantastic site-seeing, including Mexico's Sierra Madre mountains and the Bay of Banderas' 25 miles of beaches.

The Caribbean Adventure, which visits Blue Lagoon Island, Playa del Carmen, Cozumel and Key West in March has an excursion to the Mayan ruins off the seacoast of Tulum. The Caribbean Splendor, which visits West Palm Beach, San Salvador, St. Thomas, San Juan and Labadie in February stops in Charlotte Amalie, an historic Dutch trading town. Other trips includes the two-to-three day California Dreaming cruises, which visit San Diego and Ensenada in July.

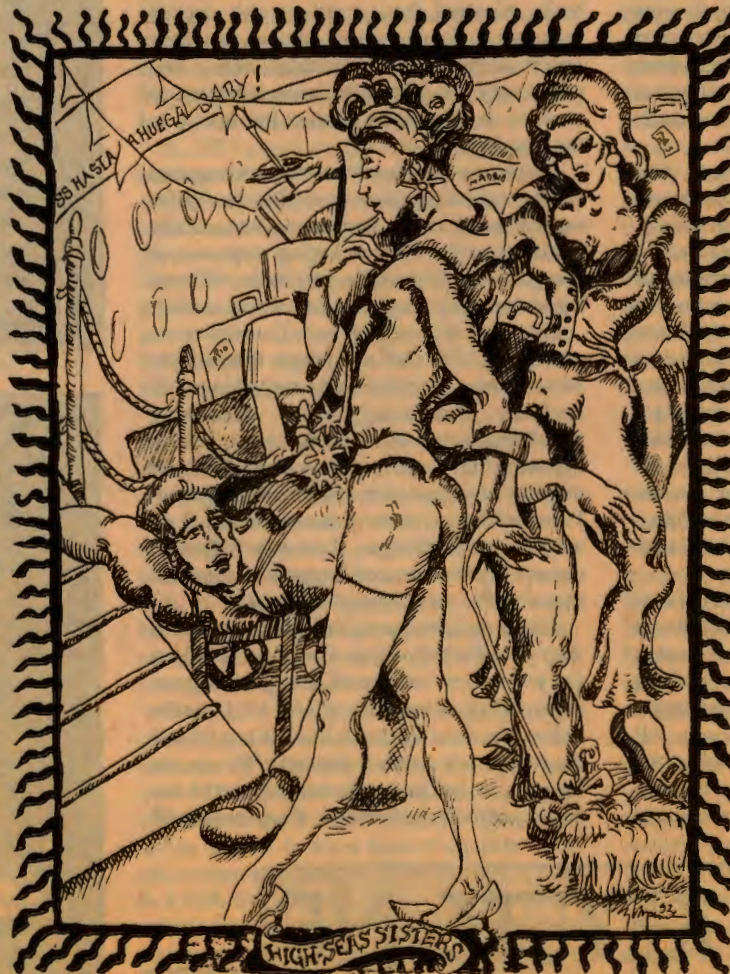
The ships include *The Crown Jewel*, which has eight decks and a maximum capacity of 820 passengers. For '93 it's taking the Caribbean Splendor route. *The Sea Breeze*, which has seven decks and a maximum capacity of 842 passengers is taking cruises on the Caribbean Adventure route. The third RSVP ship is the *Enchanted Isle*, with seven decks and a capacity of 750 passengers. It's taking for the Mexican Riviera and the California Dreaming routes.

I've booked my '93 cruise on the new *Crown Jewel* through Michael J. Scott of Vista Travel in Portland. If you are interested, these

cruises sell out fast so you need to get your reservations made early.

Adventure in Travel in Eugene also handles bookings for RSVP cruises and has a preview tape so that you can see what you have to look forward to. It's certain to be the gay travel experience of a lifetime.

Olivia Cruises has routes specifically geared toward women travellers. See page 18. ▼



As you can see, there are countless opportunities to meet gay people from all over the country. If you are traveling alone, you can sign up for a "cabin share" and avoid paying the single supplement. On both my RSVP cruises I lucked out and had great roommates.

The 1993 cruises to choose from are tremendous. There's the exotic Mexican Riviera cruise, which visits Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Cabo San Lucas in March and

TRAVEL

Pride

A Day to Remember
by Katherine M. Chance

A soft murmuring of over 400,000 voices could be heard that Sunday morning. Voices that were edged with excitement and anticipation. Gentle breezes blew the rainbow flags on every light post along the street.

Without warning, a person ran past us. Painted entirely in lavender and covered with very little else, he streaked down the center of the street raising a roar of cheers and laughter from the crowd. The time had come at last. All who waited could feel it. The 23rd annual San Francisco Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Freedom Day Parade had begun.

As the massive gathering of people from around the nation quieted, a new roar could be heard in the distance. Engines! Motorcycles of all kinds paraded past as crew after crew of "Dykes on Bykes" filled the street. Dressed in anything (and some in almost nothing) from T-shirts to tuxedos, the caravan of proud womyn brought on the festivities.

Before long the parade's main banner came into view carrying the new year's theme, "A Simple Matter of Justice," set on white across the symbol of our cause, the pink triangle.

Group after group and float after float, sponsored by anything from AIDS Emergency Fund to Levi's Jeans, showed their pride and support by marching before us. There were hisses and jeers for the Mayor Frank Jordon, good natured laughter at the "Fat Dykes Float," and cheers from the heart for the never quite large enough group of "Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays." For over three hours the parade marched on, finally leading us all to the steps of City Hall. A stage had been temporarily erected there for a multitude of entertainers. Booths lined the City Center Square and music blasted from giant speakers giving everyone a chance to dance and celebrate.

Perhaps the party would have lasted until late in the night if the clouds above hadn't begun to drop their unseasonable rain. Many festival goers felt the dampening of the body, but none felt any dampening of the spirit. Soon the booths began to close up, and the crowds turned their attention to deciding which of the many celebrating clubs they wished to explore that night. Yet the clouds above yielded for a few moments the magical sunshine.

As it broke through, high in the sky, atop the many waving rainbow flags, one of nature's own rainbows appeared to endow on us all a memory to last a lifetime. This was truly a day to remember. ▼

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Shock in the Park

by David Delacroix

It is August. It is hot in the suburbs. Joe Mutyeh and his family have planned their vacation for months. Finally, the day has arrived for them to hop in the station wagon and head for the beach. The Oregon coast is particularly inviting in August. The sky is blue, the wind so soft, the sand so warm and inviting under bare feet, it makes one happy to be alive and feel lucky to be an Oregonian. Joe and Betty Mutyeh rolled into the campground about two in the afternoon. They parked their trailer in the camp-site equipped with an electrical hook-up, a sewer hook-up and a picnic-table. The kids were really going to love this vacation! Jimmy and Kimmy put on their beach clothes, grabbed their beach toys, and headed out. Joe and Betty warned their children to be careful, to play safe, not to go swim for at least an hour after eating and not to talk to strangers. Off they went, running and skipping toward the beach.

The beach was fun. The sky was filled with sea birds, and the sand with all manner of shells and sundry marine creatures. There were other children playing in the sand as well, and Jimmy and Kimmy fell in with a couple of children nearby—Jean and David—who were digging an enormous hole which periodically filled with salt water. They were having such a good time. They invited Jimmy and Kimmy to join them as they planned to dig clear to China. It was great fun, and the hole was really getting deep when two other kids joined the party. These two, Scott and Sandra, already knew Jean and David. Their parents were friends and were all camping together.

"I'm hungry," stated David. "Let's all go back and get some potato salad and Fritos and

stuff." Enthusiastically, all six kids ran back to the campsite where their parents were waiting. Jimmy and Kimmy enjoyed the snack, and spent the rest of the afternoon playing with their new-found friends. Later, several other people, and some other kids came by. They began preparing hamburgers and crabs and all sorts of other neat things for dinner on their portable grill. They invited Jimmy and Kimmy to stay for dinner, but the kids knew it was about time to get back to their own campsite.

"Maybe tomorrow night," suggested David and Jean's mother. "We will be here a week."

They ran back excitedly.

"Dad, we met some really neat kids from Eugene, and had a great time digging and they gave us snacks, and invited us to dinner tomorrow night," exclaimed Jimmy.

"Yeah, and they are really nice," added Kimmy. "They are going to stay here for a whole week."

Joe and Betty were happy that the kids had found some other kids to play with. This was going to be a memorable family vacation. After dinner, they read the Bible together, and prayed. The family that prays together stays together. Everyone knows that.

The following day, the kids went back to their new friends' campsite. There were all sorts of people there playing volley ball and doing all sorts of fun things. They spent the morning there. When they went back for lunch, they asked if they could have dinner with their new friends, as Jean and David's mother had invited them.

"Well, I think I should meet these people," stated Joe knowingly. "After all, it is only right." Jimmy and Kimmy grabbed their dad

by the hand and excitedly led him to their new acquaintances' campsite.

Joe liked Mrs. Johnson, David and Jean's mother. She was very kind and sensible—one of those people you could trust with your children. Her children were likewise clean and well-behaved.

"I understand you folks are going to be here for a week," Joe said. "Are you on vacation too?"

"Well, it is sort of a vacation, and sort of a retreat as well," stated Mrs. Johnson.

"A retreat!" exclaimed Joe. "How wonderful! Are you here with your husband?"

"No, I am divorced. I am here with my lover," stated Mrs. Johnson matter-of-factly.

"Your lover?" asked Joe incredulously.

"Yes, my lover, Roberta. We have been together five years now, and are raising David and Jean. We are here with Scott and Sandra's father, Ed, and his lover Joel. The rest of the crowd is from all around the state. We are camping and attending seminars on openness and inclusion."

Joe was dumbstruck. He was speechless. He was horrified. He was blown away. Quickly scooping up Jimmy and Kimmy, he strode away in disgust. Lesbians! Gays! Indeed. Retreat, my foot! Look at all those people at that campsite. I can just imagine what they are doing over there... and with all those children present! There ought to be a law...

Wait a minute. There is a law! By God, there is an amendment to the Oregon State Constitution which forbids just this sort of thing. The more he walked the angrier he got. How dare those immoral people use this State Park for their perverse goings-on. God knows,

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it is hard enough to raise children these days with all the sin and perversion going on in the schools and all, but right here in an Oregon State Park! Well, by God, the Park Service is a part of the government, and the government is *required* not to facilitate such things, but to *discourage* homosexuality. By God, that is the law! That is the Constitution, and by God, the Park Service was going to comply with the law if Joe Mutyeh had anything to say about it!

Storming to the park office, he encountered a woman in uniform.

"Where is the man in charge?" Joe demanded. "I insist on seeing him about a matter of utmost importance. You people are in violation of the Oregon State Constitution, and by God, you are going to do something about it, *now!*"

"I am the 'man in charge,'" stated the woman ranger. "What seems to be the problem, Mr. Mutyeh?"

"You have a whole legion of illegal, immoral and disgusting perverts in your park, ma'am, and I am here to inform you that you are facilitating homosexuality! Now, you may be a bit out of touch down here at the coast, but I wish to inform you that as of last November the Oregon Constitution has been changed. All branches and divisions of the state are required to discourage homosexuality. It is abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse!"

"I am aware of the change," stated the ranger with deference, "but they're really not causing any trouble and they're really not hurting anybody."

"Not hurting anybody?" roared Joe in a righteous voice. "They were recruiting my children!"

"Recruiting your children?" asked the ranger with surprise.

"Yes, recruiting," stated Joe with emphasis.

"How were they doing this recruiting?" asked the ranger coldly.

"They invited them to their campsite for dinner!" stated Joe with alarm in his voice. "The Constitution clearly states that all governments in Oregon may not use their monies or properties to promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality. You, madam, are promoting this evil, vile thing by allowing those perverted people to remain on state property. This is clearly illegal, and unless you have those people out of here by tomorrow, I will take appropriate legal action."

Joe left in a huff.

The Gay and Lesbian Retreat left the following morning. Joe was happy. He had done his part to rid the state of such bad people. Thank God he had been here to take a stand against this terrible thing. Thank God he had done his part, and most of all, thank God the OCA had managed to change the Constitution. That made it so much easier.

As he sat in his pleasant campsite with the warm August sun shining on his face, with the smell of the salt and sand, and the sound of sea gulls flying over head, he felt good. He had done his part against immorality and perversion. After a while Kimmy came over and sat down beside him.

"Aren't you having a good time, Pumpkin?" Joe asked.

"No," she replied. "There's no one to play with anymore. They said they were going to stay a whole week. Why did they leave so early, Daddy? Why did they leave?"

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The World of Olivia Cruises

by Joelle Yuna

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Caribbean and the Blue Lagoon. Olivia's next sailing is from Athens September 14 to the Greek Isles including Lesbos, where a special ceremony at Sappho's birthplace is planned.

"From the moment the small plane flew over Canada Place, the Port of Vancouver, pulling the long banner reading 'Bon Voyage Women of Olivia,'" say cruisers Evelyn Paine and Martha Green from Portland, "we knew it would be special. Right up front, we were visible and welcome."

The 800 women who took the Alaskan Inside Passage Cruise in June felt particularly welcome. Literally hundreds of women—lesbians and feminists, living in and around the port cities—met the ship at each stop. They, along with Babs Daitch, excursions and special events director for Olivia, created an excursion experience for the cruisers. Some came with cars and vans to take women on sightseeing tours. Some came with boats and kayaks to take women along the shoreline to see the seaside wonders. Some carried maps to lead the many walking tours and runs they had planned. In Skagway, population (750) 800

lesbians from the ship and the town turned the gold rush town into a paradise for the day.



A typical cruise day starts as early as 7 a.m. with a mile walk around the deck, low impact aerobics or an hour meditation. Breakfast

follows with game shows, meetings (from 12-step to lesbian moms), movies and dancing lessons until lunch. More games and dancing, gambling, sunbathing, afternoon teas and receptions fill the time before dinner.

The Olivia Cruises also feature singers, songwriters, musicians and comedians. They do two sets a night, so all the passengers can enjoy dinner and still catch the shows. On the Alaska cruise, Marga Gomez, Karen Williams, Margaret Cho and Maureen Brownsey carried on in the comedy lounge. Cris Williamson, Tret Fure, Linda Tillery, Dianne Davidson, Teresa Trull, Bonnie Hayes, BETTY and Deidre McCalla entertained in the main theatre. And, of course, there's ballroom dancing till 1 a.m. and disco till it closes. Cruisers who could stay awake enjoyed the midnight buffets.

"The most incredible thing was that we could be ourselves all the time," says Bonnie Davis and Jackie Goree of Fremont, Calif. "And it didn't hurt that there were hours and hours of entertainment."

On the agenda for 1993 is Olivia's 20th Anniversary Mexican Riviera Cruise (Feb. 13-20), Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands (Aug. 20-Sept. 1), and the Eastern Caribbean for Thanksgiving (Nov. 20-27). Olivia is also taking over Playa Blanca, Club Med, in Mexico for a week in May, 1993. ▼



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Judith's Journey

by Tom Muzzio

Judith Hyde is a letter carrier. We used to call them "mailmen." Those days are over. Judith walks 10 miles a day for the U.S. Postal Service. This is her job. A few years ago, her life changed forever with one phone call. Her dear friend and confidant of many years—a gay man—called from Texas. He was dying. He had a son, and in his final days, needed her to come and help him tie up the loose ends of his life. Judith knew little about AIDS, the gay community, or what this disease was all about. She has learned, as many of us have, first hand.

As we have learned in dealing with hospitals, insurance companies and greedy relatives, Judith was plunged into a world that she was unprepared to deal with. But, *she dealt*. She, a straight woman with a teen-age son, was dumped into a world of custody fights, backstabbing spouses and get-all-you-can attorneys, preying on the remains of a dear friend.

Ravaged by the inequities and the bias of the legal system, she returned to Portland, determined to make a difference. She has worked for the past few years as a facilitator for families dealing with death and dying. But, the issue of AIDS has fallen on deaf ears in school systems in the metropolitan Portland area. She wants to send a message to youth in our schools. This is not a "gay" disease. This is a "human" disease, and *you* are at risk. Her overtures to the school system were treated as inappropriate, as "none of our kids have AIDS." But, she pointed out to one of her younger confidants, "Today it is the gays; in 10 years, it is *friends'* funerals you will be attending."

"What can I do to make a difference?" She asked. "What can I do to get the attention focused on this specter?" As a professional walker, perhaps a *walk across the nation* would make a statement. She went to her doctor. "Can I do it?" she asked. Ten miles a day is no more than she already walks. It is about 2,800 miles from Portland to Washington, D.C. "Take the message across the country," was their response. Since then, Judith has received endorsements from the National Association of Letter Carriers, the Soroptomists, the National Post Masters Union and the State of Oregon Convention of Letter Carriers (to name a few).

We need to give her our support as well. For \$28, anyone can sponsor her walk. Think about it. This will get national coverage. Call or write to Judith's Journey, (Walking across America to Fight AIDS), P.O. Box 861423 Portland, Ore. 97286, (503) 735-9567. ▼

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FEATURE

NGLTF's Urvashi Vaid

An Interview
by Jeff Koertzen

Urvashi Vaid has been the executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force for the past three years and has served on the board of directors and as Public Information Director. During this time she has been at the forefront of gay and lesbian rights—testifying on Capitol Hill for increased AIDS funding, addressing the Amnesty International U.S.A. conference and championing gay and lesbian issues in the international arena.

Vaid, 32, was arrested at a national civil disobedience action at the White House in December 1989 in an attempt to call for more presidential leadership on AIDS. She later made international headlines when she challenged President Bush at his first (and only) AIDS-policy address in March of 1990. More recently, Vaid was arrested along with five other feminist leaders for protesting the Supreme Court ruling on abortion.

In June, Vaid was in Portland to conduct a leadership strategy seminar for members of the gay and lesbian community. After she returned to Washington, D.C., the Portland offices of the Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon were broken into and vandalized.

Jeff Koertzen: Here in Oregon, we've been focusing mainly on our fight with the Oregon Citizens Alliance and have lost a little bit of the national perspective. Similar things are happening in Colorado and Maine. What exactly is going on there?

Urvashi Vaid: In Colorado, it's pretty much a similar ballot initiative. Colorado activists are facing an attempt to prohibit the passage of gay rights laws, to repeal existing gay and lesbian civil rights laws, and to enact a variety of homophobic measures through the referendum process. Petitions have been filed, the names have been certified, and it's now on the ballot for November.

The difference between Colorado and Oregon activists is that Colorado activists are coming off of a win. They successfully defeated the Far Right in a ballot measure last May on the Denver city ordinance. The city council passed a gay and lesbian civil rights ordinance banning employment discrimination and so on. The Right succeeded in getting a repeal on the May ballot, but we defeated the repeal

attempt and preserved the gay rights ordinance.

In Maine, the Right is in the process of name-gathering for an Oregon-like initiative for November.

The national picture that we are trying to communicate to the community around the country is that the Far Right didn't just go away with the demise of the Moral Majority. The Far Right has been reborn into a number of very strategic and very well-financed political organizations. The Traditional Values Coalition, Concerned Women for America

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and others are much more powerful than many of our organizations in our communities.

For all this jargon about "special rights," that is exactly what the Oregon Citizens Alliance is pushing. They are seeking a special right to discriminate against lesbians and gay men. That's the only special right involved in this whole election campaign! And then they turn around and accuse us of being the ones with special privileges!

JK: Last weekend when you and Eric Rofes were in town, Eric said "It's not about queers but about fascism. It's about finding a minority group that can be sacrificed for White America's faults and failures." The OCA tactics have been likened to the fascism of Nazi Germany. What is happening here does draw a certain parallel to the discrimination and eventual slaughter of Jews in Hitler's Germany.

UV: Yeah, it started in Germany quite innocently. Hitler was elected to office. It wasn't a violent seizure of power. It was all done through the changing of laws in the state and exerting a certain amount of control over people's lives. It was done through exactly the kind of rhetoric that Dan Quayle is leveling today. Accusing anyone who disagrees with him with a lack of moral values. The impudence is unbelievable!

Everything is being collapsed into this field called "traditional family values." It's just a diversionary tactic. They don't have any

solutions to the problem of the economic collapse of this country under the Reagan/Bush tenure. They don't want us to look at the impact of the reasons and the implications of the savings and loan disaster. They don't want to talk about solutions to the health care crisis in this country. They have no solutions!

Instead of focusing on those issues in a presidential election year substantive, meaningful issues that are about the quality of people's lives, they are focusing on this other terrain. It's how they can keep people divided against each other so they can have power.

I think that's what Eric was trying to point out. Fascism is quite banal. Fascism doesn't march into power. It's

coat and tie. It's very ordinary. It comes with the erosion of civil liberties. It comes with a lack of respect for individual freedom. It comes with politicians, Quayle and others, who completely disrespect anyone who disagrees with them.

The Far Right has a very authoritarian agenda. There's no question about it. They want to eliminate the separation between the church and the state. They want to enact laws that are Biblically consistent with their views and their interpretation of the Bible.

JK: Here in Oregon, the conservative right has attempted to distance themselves somewhat from the OCA. A coalition of religious leaders even stood up against the OCA, not necessarily for gay rights, but because this quasi-religious organization was attacking a group of people with a complete lack of Biblical love.

UV: One of the most wonderful things that I found on my visit to Oregon was that you have organized very effectively among the religious denominations. There are a lot of allies among the people of faith. Not everybody agrees with the extreme Right in the fundamentalist community. There are many people of faith who believe that lesbians and gay men are wonderful human beings who certainly don't deserve discrimination, but merely a ministry from those denominations. I thought that that coalition was very strong and showed the potential for being replicated around the country.

JK: How much attention are we getting nationally?

UV: Not enough, in my view, but we are doing our very best to pump up the coverage. In my view, this should be on the front page of the *New York Times*. It should be the cover story for *The Advocate*. It should be an important story for all of the major daily newspapers. I know that all of you have been very busy doing the work, so we're doing our part by trying to get you a little more attention.

Here at the NGLTF, Robert Bray has been making a series of phone calls to the networks to talk about the break-in at the CHFO office in Portland. It should be considered major news. An attack like this is an attack on every gay man and lesbian. Everybody had better take it personally. I'm taking it personally. I'm coming back sooner than I thought I would. We're going to lend a hand and do some more community organizing. We're talking to Peggy Norman at CHFO, Donna Redwing of the Lesbian Community Project, and others in the southern part of Oregon about coming back to do some more organizing around the state against violence. Kevin Berrel, who was our anti-violence director, has just stepped down but he's working as a freelance consultant and trainer with groups about violence. We hope to bring him to Oregon in the near future to start working with you in how to combat this crime.

JK: I'm afraid that this may give reason for people to stay in the closet and hide from anti-gay oppression which is playing right into the hands of the people who committed the crime. How should the individual react?

UV: I think people are going to be furious. You can't hide. It's counterproductive to hide. If you think that by hiding behind some wall you're going to protect yourself from the impact of the Far Right, you're in a dream world.

If this initiative passes, it's just the first step. They are going to go for every civil rights protection that exists in Oregon today. Sure, there will be court challenges, but we are really in bad shape. It won't be the end of the world if we lose. We'll get stronger. We'll organize harder. And we'll go right back at them. There's no doubt in my mind about it. They are not going to win in the long run.

I would appeal to every person or conscience, gay or non-gay, to get involved. This is the response that we need. We need you to show up and volunteer with the campaign. We need you to register voters. We need you to speak up and oppose this. We need every civic

leader, every political leader in the state of Oregon to condemn this violence. It's outrageous. It's utterly outrageous that in the course of a political campaign they are using bully-boy tactics.

JK: What about the individual, someone who is...

UV: Afraid? Look, there's strength in numbers. I think we have to remember that we're not isolated from each other. These kinds of attacks are designed to strike fear and terror into our hearts. That's why we regard anti-gay violence not as random incidents of violence that happen to be against gay people, but as expressions of the culture's hatred and vilification of gay people.

When we look at these things not just as isolated occurrences, but as part of a whole climate that we are trying to stand up to, I think it's very empowering. I think people can see that they have an individual role to play. It's sending money. It's showing up to run a phone bank. It's coming to a community meeting so that you can learn how to protect yourself. It's being involved in community safety activities. It's writing a letter to the police department to find out what they are doing about this. There's a lot of ways for people to have an impact.

The best way to deal with the fear as individuals when this kind of violence strikes is to reach out to others within our community.

JK: I understand that you will be stepping down at the end of the year. What do you see for the future of the movement?

UV: I see that the NGLTF will remain strongly on the same course that we have been on for the past several years; that is towards more grass roots organizing, more work like what Eric and I did this weekend at the leadership seminar in Portland and more working with community-based organizations and activists at local and state levels.

I see that our movement will have a big national march on Washington on April 25, 1993, and it's going to be huge! Whatever gains we have made in the last five years, I think the march on Washington in 1987 definitely contributed to bringing more people into the movement. I foresee that the march on Washington in 1993 will do the same thing.

It's going to get ugly. The OCA and Dan Quayle and Bush and the backlash that we are experiencing is an indication that it's going to get ugly. We have to be alert and not complacent.

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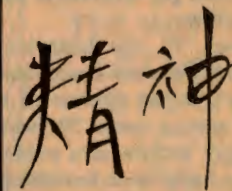
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NEWS

Spam Heir Gives Money to Gay Archives

by Dell Richards

The gay man whose father invented Spam and grandfather started George A. Hormel and Co. recently became one of the largest benefactors in gay history when he gave a \$500,000 gift, not a bequest, for the still-to-be created gay archives at the new San Francisco Library.

For James Hormel, 59, the historical donation was just part of a lifetime of activism that began when he was the director of a Chicago community service center 30 years ago. Endowing a gay archive at a public institution also was a chance to do something permanent to counter what he calls the "relentless heterosexuality" of modern culture.

"From the time we get up in the morning, till the time we go to bed at night, we are bombarded by TV coverage, news, posters, advertisements and products that push heterosexuality," said Hormel. "It has a subliminal effect on all lives and for those people with negative opinions, it reinforces their judgments."

The library, which isn't expected to open until 1995, will be the first of its kind in the nation—a gay archive in a public building. While the structure itself is being built with municipal bonds, some \$30 million is needed to equip the building, of which just over \$1.5 million is needed for the archives. Another \$3 million needs to be raised to permanently care for the collection of books and manuscripts.

To date, nearly \$700,000 has been raised for the endowment that will preserve the archives, half a million of which came from Hormel.

In addition to planning the library itself, staff currently are negotiating with the Lesbian and Gay Archives of Northern California about housing its collection of manuscripts, papers and artifacts.

Publishers Barbara Grier and Donna McBride have agreed to donate their book collection which contains complete copies of all St. Martins, Alyson and Naiad Press books as well as works about gay men and lesbians dating back to 1860.

"It will be a repository for collections that focus on the contributions of gays," said Hormel. "A place to do research and enable people to discover their own gay history. It is a wonderful opportunity for people to make these discoveries."

Luminaries such as director Peter Adair and journalist Randy Shilts also have agreed to give their papers to the budding archives.

Hormel says that, for him, giving money to the library and being out is an opportunity to show the world that gay people are human beings just like anyone else.

"It is an opportunity to connect with others in ways that will allow them to see I don't have three heads," said Hormel.

He considers himself lucky that he has been

able to be out almost since he admitted his sexual orientation to himself and began acting on it in his mid-30s. He admits that having inherited money from a family trust has given him a freedom most people don't have. He currently runs a management firm which handles his family's investments.

"I have been fortunate in that I have been in a position where I'm self-employed and don't have to worry," said Hormel. "That means I've been able to present myself in whatever fashion I choose."

Even though it took him years to admit to himself he was gay, during which he was married and fathered five children, he now thinks that coming out is the only way to change a predominantly heterosexual society.

"I look around and nothing else works."

Hormel hopes that building the new library to house the country's first gay and lesbian archives will have a permanent effect, enabling gay men and lesbians to find their varied stories under one roof and study their history in a hospitable environment.

"It's a very special opportunity for lesbians and gay men to discover their history," said Hormel.

Dell Richards is a syndicated journalist whose book "Lesbian Lists" is available nationwide.▼

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FEATURE

Medical Emergencies and Couples: How To Be Prepared

Assigning a same-sex partner the power of attorney won't do much good if the person cannot be located, say the editors of a national magazine for gay and lesbian couples. They recommend that partners carry an emergency medical card in their wallet, as well as a reduced photocopy of their power of attorney form.

"Medical emergency teams typically search trauma patients for information on emergency contacts, and same-sex couples need to make explicit the role of their partner," says Stevie Bryant, co-editor of *Partners Magazine for Gay & Lesbian Couples*.

"A medical emergency card doesn't replace the power of attorney," says co-editor Demian, Ed.D.

"Rather, the card directs health care workers to alert your partner (or any individual), who can then invoke his or her authority to act on your behalf."

Attorneys widely recommend that partners

assign each other durable powers of attorney for health care. Using this type of legal document, you can grant your partner the right to make health care decisions on your behalf if you become incapacitated. Without it, your

partner would likely play no role in important medical decisions, and might even be

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An openly gay character named Rick joined the staff at "FYI" (the series' fictional news program). The show sensitively provided insight into heterosexual angst (Murphy's straight boss, Miles, became worried after he dreamt about Rick), while slamming false stereotypes about gay men.

In real life, gay staff on shows such as "FYI" are increasingly open about who they are. Unfortunately, Rick only appeared once this season. Ask that Rick and other gay and lesbian characters be included as regulars by writing Diane English and Joel Shukovsky, Executive Producers, *Murphy Brown*, 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91522.

Copies to Jeff Sagansky, President, CBS Entertainment, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036.

Flash: In April the American Family Association targeted *Murphy Brown's* biggest advertisers for "promoting homosexuality" on TV (and both received hundreds of complaints). To counter anti-gay censorship, ask for further sponsorship of shows with gay and lesbian characters and story lines. Write to Chrm. Charles M. Harper, ConAgra, Inc., One ConAgra Drive, Omaha, NE 68102, fax 402/595-4665 (Healthy Choice foods, Morton frozen foods) and to Chrm. Henry Wendt, SmithKline Beecham, P.O. Box 7929, Philadelphia, PA 19101, fax 215/751-4306 (Aqua Velva, Calgon bath products, Massengill douches, Contact decongestant).

Roseanne: Exit Leon

Roseanne, winner of a 1992 GLAAD Media Award, was the only sitcom on TV to feature a recurring gay character (Martin Mull as Leon, Roseanne's openly gay boss). On a recent episode Mull broke up with his lover but started dating someone new (Rick Dees, in a guest appearance).

Mull is moving on and will not be returning next season, but ask the producers to continue their groundbreaking inclusion of gay characters on TV's highest rated series.

Write to Marcy Carsey and Tom Werner, Executive Producers, *Roseanne*, Carsey-Werner Co., 4024 Radford Avenue, Studio City, CA 91604.

Copies to Robert Iger, President, ABC Entertainment, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

Star Trek's Mixed Message

Star Trek: The Next Generation garnered mixed reviews for its March episode "The Outcast," in which the crew encountered an androgynous race. One of the aliens, Soren (Melinda Cullen), tells Commander Will Riker of being born with the feelings of a female. They fall in love but when their relationship is discovered Soren is put on trial and sentenced by her people to curative "psychotechnic" treatment.

On the one hand, Soren gave an impassioned speech saying "I am female. I was born that way...All of the loving things you do with each other, that is what we do. And for that we are called misfits and deviants and criminals." But in the end she is "cured," or maybe brainwashed, and rejects Riker. Many found the conclusion ambiguous and disturbing.

While there were elements to praise, no mention was made of gays in the future or about anti-gay discrimination in Earth's past. Both would have been natural to mention.

Before his death, *Star Trek* creator Gene Roddenberry told *The Advocate* "In the fifth season...viewers will see more of shipboard life (including) gay crew members in day-to-day circumstances." This didn't happen.

Ask for real gay characters next season by writing Rick Berman, Executive Producer, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, Paramount Pictures, 5555 Melrose Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

Maple Drive: Gay Family Drama

Doing Time On Maple Drive, a TV movie broadcast last March on Fox, was a realistic and moving look at a closeted gay son driven to attempt suicide because of his family's rigid expectations. "Matt," (William McNamara) later comes out and mends fences with his lover and with his family. The final reconciliation scene with his conservative father (James Sikking) was particularly affecting. (The film was directed by *thirtysomething's* Ken Olin.)

It's important to give Fox positive feedback (and ask for more gay inclusion on future projects) by writing Peter Chernin, President, Fox Broadcasting, 10201 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035.▼



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NEWSLETTER

**Knights of Malta
Busy Summer Knights
by Ed Walls**



June is gone; July is almost at the half-way mark, and except for not being able to water the lawn (I didn't want to mow it, anyway) it's going

to be a great summer.

We've feasted medievally, paraded, peacock'd, quilt sale'd, elected various new representatives, met for both business and pleasure, enjoyed the sun and even welcomed an occasional drizzle of strangely rare Oregon rain.

Now we're looking forward to the contest to select new Oregon State Leatherman and Leatherwoman on August 16. That's at Darcelle's, and we'll have a terrific field of contestants, very knowledgeable judges and some of the state's finest to entertain you. Current title holders, Joey White and Echo, will be on hand, and we hope to see you there. Come meet them—they've represented us for this past year, and have our thanks for job well done. The winners in this competition go on to the national contests in Chicago and San Francisco, so it's worth the effort.

The Knights are still busy planning for Assembly '92, which we're hosting over the Labor Day weekend. For only \$75, you get six meals, cocktail parties, a Sternwheeler cruise and barbecue and an All-Chapter Show which lets you see how talented our brother and sister Knights can be, and should make history of one kind or another. Our host hotel, the Holiday Inn (formerly Cosmopolitan) is holding a large block of rooms, at a truly special rate, and we'll bus you to most functions so you can just sit back and enjoy.

Our July meeting was at Dr. Paul's house, and we all stuffed with a back-yard barbecue afterward. Good idea, and the few showers that started the afternoon didn't slow us down a bit. We're planning more meetings in other-than-bar locations, and I might even be motivated to clean off the deck. The neighbors are bound to appreciate the effort.

I got Herman, my VW camper, back from the shop (again) yesterday, and so I can make the deadline for this month, and meet some of the people who bring us *The Lavender Network* every month, I'll drive to Eugene tomorrow and enjoy a little more of Oregon.

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HEALTH

HIV/AIDS News

by Spinner Jones

Women and AIDS

In an editorial entitled "Avoiding Women," Robert Marks, editor of *Focus*, writes that women are still not recognized as the fastest growing group of HIV cases.

He suggests that tens of thousands of women would be alive if there was foresight in the epidemic's early years. If all those with the virus were equally recognized, we would have a better chance of increasing resources and maintaining critical exchanges of scientific information. The cause of the vast increase of AIDS cases among women is that "we shy away from the awesome tasks of addressing the societal problems women face when they attempt to access health care and protect themselves from HIV infection." Currently women are twice as likely as men to have

opportunistic infections missed or misdiagnosed because HIV infection is not suspected. When detection does occur a woman may progress from an AIDS diagnosis to death twice as fast as a man. In July 1990, the CDC published a study stating that 65 percent of HIV-infected women died without filling the CDC definition of AIDS. The ramifications of such under-representation are enormous: women are denied disability benefits; their illness may go untreated, and research efforts are skewed, distorting general knowledge of AIDS and its treatments.

The classic early manifestations of AIDS in women are usually gynecological complications such as chronic vaginal yeast infection, anal or genital warts and ulcers, herpes simplex virus and pelvic inflammatory

disease. The situation for women is improving slowly and the scheduled change in the CDC classification system for AIDS should address some of the unique problems facing women living with HIV.

(Source: NAPWA Link AIDS Bulletin Board)

Candida (Thrush)

The fungus *Candida albicans* is one of the normal organisms found in the mouth, gastrointestinal tract (throat, esophagus, stomach, and bowel) vagina and skin of healthy individuals. It produces infection only when a particular change in the body's immune system occurs.

In people with HIV, *Candida* infections are a common problem, especially in the mouth, although the fungus can also be found in the esophagus, skin, rectum or vagina. The oral *Candida* infection is called thrush and appears as white or cream colored patches on the tongue, lips, gums or lining of the mouth. There can be a different type of presentation with *Candida* in the mouth, which is characterized by a reddish rippled area or by cracks at the corners of the mouth. It may cause swelling, painful or burning sensations, and changes in taste. It is usually diagnosed by its characteristic appearance. In women, *Candida* may first appear as a vaginal infection that does not respond to standard treatment. The symptoms are severe vaginal itching and thick curd-like discharge.

Treatments for oral *Candida* infection include Nystatin, which is swished in the mouth and swallowed, and Clotrimazole, usually in lozenge form, which is dissolved in the mouth. These treatments generally do not have serious side effects but may initially, or upon recurrent infection, prove ineffective.

The next line of treatment, if the infection persists, may be Ketoconazole, or Fluconazole. Side effects of Ketoconazole may include gastro-intestinal upset, liver toxicity and suppression of adrenal and testicular steroid synthesis. Proper absorption of Ketoconazole, also requires normal levels of stomach acidity; many PWAs produce low levels of such acid so you may want to ask your doctor about acidic supplements.

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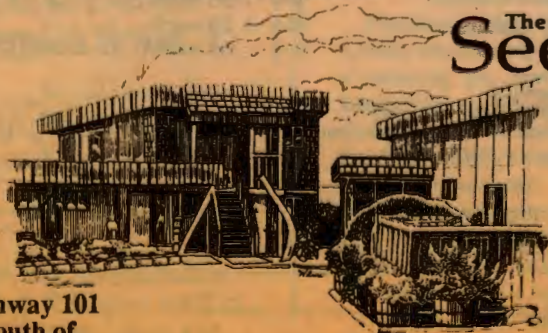
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fluctuations on hormone levels in women and is not recommended in pregnant women.

As always, make sure your doctor knows all the medications you take. Caffeine, beer, breads with yeast and high-carbohydrate foods may also contribute to candida.

Suggested
holistic treatments for thrush include: (1) aloe vera juice as a gargle, (2) camomile tea, chaparral tea, (3) sodium bicarbonate and water. (Make a mixture of the ingredients and rinse mouth thoroughly after a meal. Do this three or four additional times throughout the day. Do not rinse the mouth with anything else immediately afterwards.), (4) garlic either in its natural form or in a tablet supplement, (5) pau d'Arco tea. (Use enough to make a dark tea. Boil 20 minutes and then steep 20 minutes. Do not store in the refrigerator for longer than 48 hours, but try to drink about 1 quart per day.), (6) Caprystatin and Kaprycidin. These remedies are available through some health food shops.

(Source: Vancouver PWA Newsletter)

Storing Medicine

Traditionally, the medicine cabinet is found in the bathroom. However, the bathroom is the worst place to store medicine. Bathrooms can be humid and damp, and drugs deteriorate more rapidly under these conditions. Items such as Band-Aids, gauze, cotton swabs and hot water bottles can remain in the bathroom, but medications and creams should be moved to a dry, cool place. If you choose a cupboard or a drawer in the kitchen, be sure it isn't too near the sink, dishwasher or stove. And it's very important to keep medication out of reach of children! If you are unsure whether to keep a medication, check with your doctor. Check to see that your prescriptions are properly filled and are the correct dosage ordered by your doctor.

(Source: Head to Toe Wellness Newsletter, B.C. Medical Association)

Sundance Also Carries PCM-4

The July column neglected to mention that Sundance in Eugene also carries PCM-4. The monthly cost is \$69.95. Sundance also offers

a discount on vitamins and herbs for those with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. For more information on the discount, call Don at Sundance at 343-9142.

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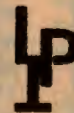
Studies Show UV Risk

There is ample evidence and scientific studies to show that excessive exposure to sunlight or artificial ultraviolet light is harmful to your health. But the risk may be even higher for HIV-positive people.

Some HIV-positive people develop a photosensitive reaction of the skin during increased sun exposure. This reaction can be severe and may result in red patches on exposed body parts, especially the hands, forearms, side of the neck and face.

Heavy exposure to UV light can also impair immune response enough to cause loss of T-cells. Dr. Larry Bruni, a Washington, D.C., HIV specialist, says "T-helper cell counts drop almost invariably after someone spends a long weekend at the beach... (but) you don't have to worry about the regular exposure during daily activities." (Source: Cascade AIDS Project Wellness Program Newsletter)▼

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NEWS

Eugene Group Angers KKK

by Irene K. Hislop

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are mad. The voice on the answering machine sounded eerily familiar; it was like all the voices that leave threatening messages on machines at night—low and growly.

"What's Clergy and Laity Concerned having their phone number on a recording machine of somebody who wears the Klan's colors in a blasphemous way? Blasphemers are not a good thing... We are very upset."

It's a disturbing greeting to find at work, but CALC's staff is used to that sort of thing. According to CALC board member Norman Riddle, community members have been very supportive, and the calls are under investigation. Security has been increased at CALC's office.

On June 30, members of Communities Against Hate, which is affiliated with CALC, gathered at the Federal Building in Eugene to educate people about the connections between

the Oregon Citizens Alliance and the recent Supreme Court ruling declaring cross-burning protected speech. Some members dressed in Klan-style robes and neo-Nazi uniforms; others handed out pamphlets about Communities Against Hate and the OCA initiative. Some drivers yelled in anger as they passed, mistaking the group for actual white supremacists.

Local straight media didn't really seem to get it, either. Generally, they ignored any mention of the OCA by the demonstrators. *The Register-Guard* ran a large photo of the group, along with demonstrator's names. That's how the caller knew to look up Lisa Hartrich and give her a call too.

"Yeah, I um, I um, I'm not really sure what message I should leave you," said the same voice that was on CALC's machine. "I saw your picture in the paper. That was really nice. Why don't you do something about all the babies that are being killed? You know what I mean? Get a grip, lady. You know? Cause you wear our colors like that and it's just not right."

After learning of the message on CALC's machine, Hartrich was expecting a call. They even have a pretty good idea what the caller is involved with.

"I would say based on the language and different things you could read into it," said Hartrich, "that probably he belongs maybe to Southern Justice, which is a skinhead group that seems to be coming from Vancouver (Wash.)."

Southern Justice, a Klan splinter group, is suspected of putting a sticker on the mural outside CALC, which depicts a happy, ethnically diverse group. The sticker reads "You have been paid a social visit by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Don't make our next visit a business call." Southern Justice has been trying to recruit Eugene and Springfield youths recently.

White gays and lesbians shouldn't think of

this as someone else's problem. Groups like the Klan make Dan Quayle look progressive on family issues; Klan literature blames working women for high unemployment rates. Neo-Nazis would just as soon bash a queer as a person of color. CAH can help those who have been bashed with referrals and some information on hate crimes law.

According to CAH members, this is nothing new for Oregon. While Eugene doesn't have a large population of Nazi skinheads, the city, like all of Oregon, has a history of Klan activity.

"Oregon," said Hartrich, "I believe, has the largest number of Christian Identity churches in the country, which is pretty scary."

Currently, white supremacists are most active in rural southern and eastern Oregon, but Portland has a problem with racist skinhead gangs.

According to CAH member Arwen DeSpain, Oregon once had the largest Klan membership west of the Mississippi.

Earlier this century, Oregon's government and media were largely controlled by the Klan.

"In 1857," said DeSpain, "there was a law passed where no Mongolians or mulattos were allowed to be in Oregon. They had six months to leave if they were caught. Oregon had sundown laws until 1940. I think that in the rural areas there are sort of informal sundown laws. If you talk to any person of color, they tend to skirt those areas when travelling."

Joseph Lane, after whom Lane County was named, was apparently a Klan member, and ironically one of Eugene's more ethnically diverse areas, the Whitaker neighborhood, may be named after a Klan Grand Dragon. CALC staffer Eric Ward has found records that show the controversial cross on Skinner's Butte had to be replaced often because it kept burning down.

For more information on CALC or CAH, or to report a hate crime, call 485-1755. ▼



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Hate Crimes Report

Compiled by Richard J. Schulte

On June 23, the Supreme Court struck down a St. Paul "Bias-Motivated Crime Ordinance," saying it violated the First Amendment right to free speech. While the tribunal's ruling overturns the Twin City's ban on displaying a symbol that one knows or has reason to know "arouses anger, alarm or resentment in others on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, or gender," the decision may not ban hate crime legislation altogether.

Justice Antonin Scalia's opinion "is a very confusing one," charged Deanna DUBY, a key attorney with People for the American Way. "It gives no guidance to city officials or state legislators who want to fashion hate crimes legislation that will be constitutional."

Gay groups such as the Human Rights Campaign Fund say they support free speech, even for anti-gay bigots, but fear the tribunal's ruling may threaten hate crimes laws.

"This decision reminds all gays and lesbian Americans that we need a president appointing judges to the Supreme Court who is sympathetic to the needs of minorities, and understands the discrimination that many Americans still face," said Gregory King, Communications director for the HRCF.

The following is a statement by Martin Hiraga, grassroots organizer at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute in Washington D.C.:

"The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute is concerned that state and local lawmakers may view [the ruling] against the St. Paul hate crime law as something it is not—a ban on hate crime legislation altogether. In a time when the number of hate crimes perpetrated against lesbians, gay men, women and people of color is increasing at a shocking rate, we are alarmed that this ruling will have a chilling effect on the passage of new legislation that protects these citizens from hate attacks.

"Although the court's 9-0 decision to overturn the St. Paul City statute was unanimous, there clearly is a sharp division among the justices on the justification for the ruling. The hate crime legislation uses derogatory speech to assess motivation for the actual crime—a beating, attack, vandalism or murder—and does not criminalize speech per se. We fear lawmakers will hide behind

confusion sparked by the ruling to avoid acting on legislation that penalizes crimes motivated by hate.

"In its ruling the Supreme Court claims to protect free speech. Ironically, hate crimes have squelched the free speech and free assembly rights of lesbians and gay men. Many gay people and other victims of bias crime are afraid to meet, organize or speak openly about their lives because of fear of hate-motivated attacks.

"Regarding the St. Paul statute itself, NGLTF believed the law was overbroad and that it would, in fact, undermine freedom of speech. As a people who enjoy few guaranteed rights, including freedom of speech and assembly (although even those rights can and have been denied gays), we are committed to protecting the First Amendment. However, it is our view that the vast majority of hate crime laws do not infringe upon freedom of speech and are an essential tool in the fight against bias violence. We remain resolute in our determination to pursue carefully crafted hate crime legislation at the local, state and federal levels.

"The court's ruling does not affect the Federal Hate Crime Statistics Act or other local or state data collection laws. NGLTF and its allies will continue to press for vigorous implementation of the federal hate crime law.

"Justice Scalia, writing for the majority, claimed the St. Paul law was too narrow in scope because it failed to include 'political affiliation, union membership and homosexuality.' Lesbians and gay men should not be lulled into thinking the present court has their interests at heart in this ruling. After all, it was a Reagan-appointed conservative Supreme Court that ruled lesbians and gay men have no right to privacy in *Bowers vs. Hardwick* in 1986.

"We call on every local, state and federal official to confront and condemn hate speech and to enforce hate crime laws in every instance where they are in place. And we call on legislators to enact hate crime laws to penalize crimes that target lesbians, gay men, people of color and people with disabilities because of who they are."

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The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute and Sage Publications, Inc.

announce the publication of *Hate Crimes: Confronting Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men*, an anthology co-edited by Gregory Herek, Ph.D. and Kevin Berrill, former director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project and currently organizational and training consultant with NGLTF.

Building on years of research and activism by the two editors and numerous contributors, the 18-chapter volume explores the nature, scope, causes and consequences of the destructive and much-overlooked problem of anti-gay violence. Beginning with an overview of the problem, the book examines the social context of anti-gay hate crimes, the psychology of bigotry and bashing, treatment and service interventions, violence against lesbian and gay youth, kids who attack gays, mental health consequences of anti-gay violence, and public-policy recommendations for action.

Juxtaposed with the findings of academics, researchers and practitioners are devastating survivor stories, including Claudia Brenner's terrifying account, "Eight Bullets," which describes the murderous attack which claimed the life of her lover, Rebecca Wight, and left Brenner severely wounded.

Hate Crimes portrays the trauma, viciousness and profound societal impact of anti-gay violence. In the book, Rep. John Conyers, who was the lead sponsor of the Federal Hate Crime Statistics Act in the House, describes *Hate Crimes* as "a most thorough and thoughtful book, one that should be read by all Americans.... This ground-breaking book sounds an alarm and provides tools for understanding the dimensions of hate violence."

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Community News

RU-486 Battle Continues

STATEWIDE—Leaders in law, medicine, science and women's rights have been meeting to develop the Oregon strategy on the ongoing state-by-state effort to make the French drug RU-486 available for research, safety testing and clinical use in the U.S.

Recently, a Food and Drug Administration import alert on RU-486 was challenged by a pregnant woman attempting to bring one dose of the physician prescribed medication into the U.S. The Oregon RU-486 Task Force was consulted in advance of this action by Dr. Larry Lader, a national organizer and reproductive rights activist.

The Oregon RU-486 Task Force, based in Eugene, is working to increase public awareness of the potential of RU-486 as a safe, non-surgical means to end an early pregnancy and as a treatment for breast cancer, endometriosis, meningioma and Cushing's Syndrome; to gain Investigative New Drug Permits for clinical testing in Oregon; and to

join the forward-thinking states whose legislatures have taken leadership to remove the politically motivated barriers to importation and use of this promising option for women. California, Maine, New Hampshire and Hawaii have passed resolutions requesting removal of the import alert and expressing willingness to begin testing in their states. Similar legislation has been introduced in Alaska, Illinois, Minnesota and New York.

The Supreme Court decision of the Pennsylvania case and the November presidential election are intensifying the urgency for movement on this issue.

Religious Coalition Forms

PORTLAND—People of Faith Against Bigotry announced July 3 that it has formed to stop the OCA in its attempt to endanger civil rights. PFAB is an interfaith coalition of Christians, Jews and other people of faith concerned about the gathering cloud of hate, discrimination and fear brought by the OCA.

Dan Stutesman of the American Friends Service Committee and PFAB member stated that, "People of Faith Against Bigotry will not sit by quietly while the OCA claims to speak in the name of God and morality. The OCA wants to make their particular religious views the law for all people in Oregon. The OCA wants to destroy the religious freedom which Oregonians now enjoy."

Cecil Prescod, PFAB member and United Church of Christ minister, stated, "A fundamental principle of our society is religious freedom. Religious liberty depends upon the state remaining neutral on matters of faith. My religious freedom is only guaranteed when everyone's religious freedom is respected."

"It is vital for the faith community to speak out about human rights," said DeEtte Wald Beghtol, PFAB member and chair of the Peacemaking Unit of the Presbytery of the Cascades. "The OCA has led people to believe that their bigoted views are shared by all Christians. It just is not so. We want people to know that we see our faith as a call to love, not hate; a call to be inclusive, not narrow-minded. We are offended that the OCA presumes to speak for all Christians, while at the same time they don't follow Jesus' commandment 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' PFAB wants to remind people of faith that love is our highest calling."

PFAB believes that no minority group will be safe if the OCA is successful in its initiative. The OCA is doing just what the Nazis did, targeting one minority at a time. Their next target could be Jews, Catholics, racial minorities, immigrants or women. All of these groups have been the target of hate groups here in Oregon.

People of Faith Against Bigotry is pleased that the bishops and executives of the 17 denominations of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon have unanimously spoken out against the OCA initiative. PFAB is a grassroots organization working within congregations, parishes and synagogues to give voice to the call against bigotry and in supporting diversity and mutual acceptance in our society.

The grassroots networking among the religious community is an essential component of this work for human rights and justice. PFAB plans many activities including workshops, speakers, prayer services and candlelight vigils throughout Oregon. A media campaign entitled "No Bigotry in My Name" is being planned. The idea is to get hundreds of names of people from every denomination and religion throughout Oregon to publicly state that the OCA does not speak for them.

PFAB is a grassroots organization designed to help organize events in their local community. People of Faith Against Bigotry can be reached at: 2249 E. Burnside St., Portland, OR 97214, or by calling Dan Stutesman at (503) 230-9427.

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Community News

Red Wing Chosen for Fellowship

PORTLAND—Donna Russell Red Wing, executive director of the Lesbian Community Project, has been accepted as a member of the first class of Advocacy Institute Fellows. She will join 11 other fellows, selected from across the country, for a 10-day fellowship program at the Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C. this September.

Fellows represent a diversity of progressive issues and activism from immigration to violence against women and children, from health care legislation to lesbian and gay rights. The other Advocacy Fellows for 1992 are: the Rev. Zachary Bruce, Sr., Seattle, Wash.; Amelia Castillo, El Paso, Texas; Tamara Dahn, Vallejo, Calif.; Maria Escobar, San Francisco, Calif.; Susan Glaser, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Lehua Lopez, Albuquerque, N.M.; Valencia Fay Mays, Washington, D.C.; Candice Quinn, Waldorf, Md.; Linda Sanschagrin, San Antonio, Texas; David Smith, New York, N.Y.; and Dennis Specht, Homer, Alaska.

does collect the required signatures.

CHFO Mid-Willamette Chapter holds general meetings on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, 7 p.m., Upper Deck. The next meeting dates are Aug. 9 and Aug. 23. The new Bigot Buster line is operating. Anyone who sees the OCA collecting signatures can call 373-4173.

Packwood Urged to Speak Out

STATEWIDE—Democratic senatorial nominee Les AuCoin called on Senator Bob Packwood to publicly repudiate the Oregon Citizens Alliance and the state Republican Party's anti-choice delegation to the Republican National Convention "for their opposition to a woman's right to choose."

AuCoin, who is an organizer and one of the co-chairs of the House Pro-Choice Task Force, said that "Packwood should publicly announce that he opposes the OCA and their campaign of hate, and he should publicly disavow the state Republican Party delegate's anti-choice stance."

This is not the time, AuCoin said, "for elected officials to remain silent in the face of the Supreme Court's undermining of *Roe v. Wade*. Rather, it is time for elected officials who embrace a woman's right to choose to speak out and to help lead the fight against those who want to impose their own personal and restrictive views on American women."

Newspaper reports said that Marylinn Shannon, a Republican national committeewoman, recently met with leaders of the OCA and Oregon Right to Life to help organize the election of anti-abortion activists to the Oregon Delegation to the Republican national convention. Shannon is a member of the Republican National Coalition for Life, a group formed by conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly to support the Republican party's platform call for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion.

Tia Plympton, state president of Oregon NOW, said that Packwood "must make it clear to every woman in the state that he opposes the OCA and the state Republican delegation's anti-choice views. With an anti-choice president and an anti-choice Supreme Court, the stakes are too high here in Oregon for Packwood to remain silent in the face of this growing anti-choice threat."

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Progress Made in Salem

SALEM—The City of Salem and surrounding areas are encountering successes in their fight against the OCA. From February to April the OCA was allowed to gather petition signatures at Lancaster Mall. The local community applied pressure on Lancaster Mall managers by writing over 200 letters, phoning their disapproval, protesting in the mall and involving lawyers—all of which forced a decision that neither the OCA nor gay rights activists would be allowed in the mall.

Most recently, the Salem City Council adopted the Human Rights Commission's resolution opposing the OCA initiative. This made headlines in the *Statesman-Journal* on June 8. This date also marked the first airing of "Nightscene." The gay-positive show now has a regular viewing time of Tuesday evenings at 10 p.m., Channel 34. Hopefully the airing time will expand to twice a week starting in July. See section 2C of each Monday edition of the *Statesman-Journal* for show topics.


Committee members are currently working to develop and present a civil rights ordinance to the City of Salem and to the Marion and Polk County Commissions, should the OCA not receive the required signatures for their "No Special Rights" ballot initiative. Action will be postponed until the fall outcome if the OCA

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Mary Nolan, past president of Oregon NARAL, said that Packwood "should be helping to lead the fight against these OCA-inspired threats, rather than remaining silent." She said that Packwood "should publicly state his opposition to the OCA."

Recovery Retreat Planned

LINCOLN CITY—"Courage to Change" is the theme of the Fourth Annual Lavender Waves Retreat, which will be Oct. 8-11. This drug- and alcohol-free retreat is for lesbians in recovery, and will follow an open 12-step format. Participants come to share recovery, growth, love and caring. The goal of the retreat is to be a safe place to heal and have fun.

The retreat will be at Camp West Wind, just north of Lincoln City on the Central Oregon Coast. Surrounded by the ocean, the Salmon River and 500 acres of rain forest, Camp West Wind is a beautiful and peaceful place to find freedom, happiness and joy. New cabins have been built for greater comfort.

The program will offer workshops on empowerment, healthy relationships, and working through childhood abuse issues. Workshop leaders will return and expand upon last year's workshops. Meetings will be held for sharing and learning. A talent show and dance are planned. Healthy, delicious food is a priority and received rave reviews last year.

If you are interested in joining the activities and festivities for three or four days, leading a meeting, volunteering or want more information or registration forms or flyers write or call Lavender Waves, PO Box 662, Waldport, OR 97394, (503) 563-3569. There is a discount for early registration.

Wiccan Group Welcomes Gays

PORTLAND—CedarStar, a Wiccan Household in the Portland area, is holding Waxing and Waning Moon Circles. WitchCraft, also known as the Craft of the Wise, is an old religion. It is based on remnants of pagan worship still to be found in country

activities and hints found from archaeological excavations. It is a religion based on the cycle of the seasons, known as the Wheel of the Year, and myths of the Goddess and her consort, the Lord of the Dance.

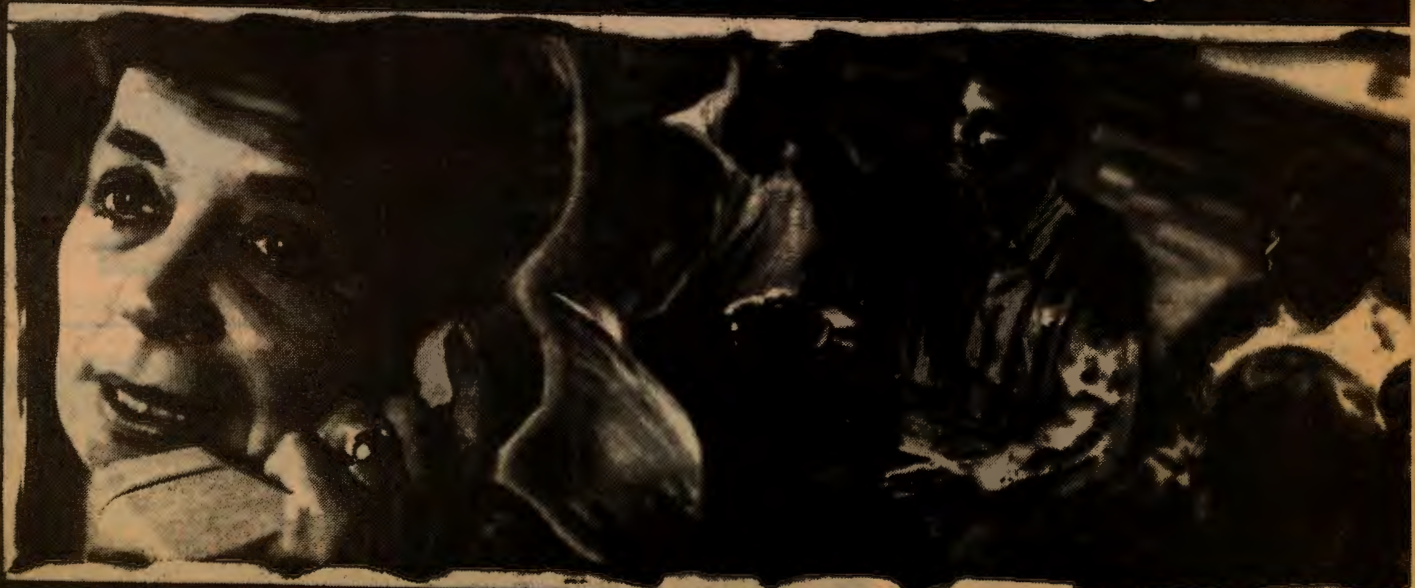
In general witches circle in groups composed of men and women and children. The sex and sexuality of the participants is important only in as much as it is important to that member. For more information, call 284-4455.

Winter Sports Festival Planned

STATEWIDE—Gay and lesbian sports aren't limited to summer any more. March 1993 will see the first Slide for Pride, Team Seattle's Winter Sports Festival. The festival, a world-first, is scheduled for March 12-14, 1993. It features Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, figure skating, ice hockey, innertube party, open ice skating for everyone as well as hockey and ski racing clinics.

The Alpine skiing events will be held at Crystal Mountain, perhaps Washington's finest ski area. There will be two races, a slalom and

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giant slalom. The courses are set to accommodate all skiing levels. In fact, there are categories for telemarkers, snowboarders and the physically challenged skiers as well. There will be racing clinics prior to the races.

Figure skating categories include singles and pairs competitions (perhaps "similar pairs?"). Ice dancing will feature a variety of dancing styles. Skating events are scheduled for the Highlands Ice Arena and the Seattle Center Arena.

Slide for Pride is pleased to include a 4-on-4 round robin hockey tournament. Even if you have never played hockey, you are invited to give it a try. We'll be offering a hockey instruction clinic as part of the festival.

Who says it can't be done? The Slide for Pride will include the Northwest's first innertube races at the Snoqualmie Tubing and Snowplay area. There's even a rope tow so you don't have to struggle back up the hill.

The Nordic skiing events will be held at Snoqualmie Pass. There will be two races, 5K and 10K. Each race is designed to accommodate all levels of cross country skiers. Clinics will be conducted prior to all races.

For information, call Team Seattle at (206) 634-1843, John Sutherland at (206) 329-3130 or Dennis Bailey in Eugene at 343-1628.

Soromundi Opens to New Members

EUGENE—Soromundi: Lesbian Chorus of Eugene will open for new members this fall. During the 1992 performance season there were 47 active members in the chorus, 42 singers, 3 music and 2 production staff members.

Soromundi membership is open to all women. There are no requirements or auditions. Soromundi invites and encourages participation from women of color in the community. They are seeking diversity: women of ethnic, racial, socioeconomic and differently abled backgrounds. Soromundi seeks to foster awareness of, and appreciation for, diversity and accessibility within our own lesbian and gay community as well as the greater Eugene/Springfield community.

Soromundi is committed to lesbian visibility and pride. All members can share in this commitment by participating in several performances in a variety of settings, attending weekly rehearsals, focusing during rehearsals

and performances, participating (on some level) in chorus business and having fun singing together.

The first meeting of the season will be held on Sept. 1. Women who are interested in joining Soromundi are asked to call Pamela at 683-8626 or write to us at Soromundi, P.O. Box 11045, Eugene, OR, 97404 as soon as possible.

Shirts Raise Funds for AIDS Research

PORTLAND—Like the red ribbons pinned to thousands of lapels, shirts and awards-show gowns, Red Ribbon T-shirts promote AIDS awareness. They also contribute directly to fighting the disease. One-quarter of the sales price of Red Ribbon T-shirts will benefit the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Designed and manufactured by the Bruno Company with trompe l'oeil red ribbons silk screened on white 100 percent cotton shirts, Red Ribbon T-shirts retail for \$20 and are sold nationally and through mail order. A label affixed to each shirt explains that \$5 from the

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everyone can do something."

Volunteering on a hotline is just one way to get involved in the effort to fight HIV and AIDS.

Doing outreach in a bar, participating in a walk-a-thon or working in a care facility are other ways. Everyone

can become involved—gay or straight, male or female, young or old, black or white. If you're HIV positive, you can surround yourself with the support you need to live a long and healthy life. To find out more about what you can do,

call CAP's Hotline at 223-2437 V/TDD.

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purchase will be donated to AmFAR and includes an 800 number for more information about the organization.

AmFAR is committed to mobilizing the good will and generosity of all caring people to end the AIDS epidemic. Since 1985, with support contributed entirely by the private sector, AmFAR has provided over \$44 million in funding to 680 AIDS-related projects.

The T-shirt is available in the Portland area at the Jelly Bean, 721 S.W. 10th St.

Shibley Named As Delegate

PORTLAND—State Rep. Gail Shibley represented Portland and Oregon as a delegate to this summer's Democratic National Convention.

The official decision came at the Oregon State Democratic Party convention in Portland. Shibley cast her vote for Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton. Convention delegates forged the party's platform and decided who will receive the Democratic nomination for president. The convention filled New York City's Madison Square Garden July 13-16.

"I'm very pleased to have the opportunity to participate in the convention," Shibley said. "It's an honor to be selected."

The Oregon delegation comprises 57 members, including seven elected state officials. The other state officials are Sen. Bill Bradbury, Sen. Shirley Gold, Sen. Jim Hill, Rep. Heidi Reijken, Sen. Frank Roberts and Labor Commissioner Mary Wendy Roberts.

Hill, Reijken and Mary Wendy Roberts join Shibley in supporting the Clinton nomination, according to Paddy McGuire, Oregon State Director of the Clinton for President campaign. The 57 Oregonians joined delegations throughout the United States for a total of 4,289 delegates at the convention.

This was not Shibley's first taste of Democratic politics on the national level. For six years she was a senior aide to former U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver of Oregon.

While she works to help earn Clinton the presidential nomination, Shibley has other goals as well. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to meet committed Democrat activists from all over the country. The convention is a terrific forum; it lets us say, 'Here's who we are and here's what's important to us,'" she stated.

"I believe we'll be able to forge a unanimous and broad-based coalition for victory in November," she says, "because Oregon and the Northwest can't afford another four years of George Bush."

New Atheist Center Opens Doors

PORTLAND—The U.S. Census Bureau in its *Statistical Abstract of the United States 1986-1991* estimates that persons with "none" or "no religion" comprise nine percent of the population. This significant percentage has had no place to escape the religious beliefs that permeate American society. That is, until a group of Portland atheists formed the Center for Rational Thought and set about opening an Atheist Community Center.

The center, the first of its kind in the United States, is located at 415 S.W. 13th Ave and held its grand opening on Sunday, June 28. Dedicated to providing an island of refuge for atheists in an ocean of religious turmoil, the Atheist Community Center will house a library, bookstore, counseling center and meeting room.

Activists Hit with 'SLAPP Suit'

PORTLAND—An Oregon group with the goal of forcing lesbians and gays back into the closet has broadened its attack by launching a class action suit against 21 Portland opponents.

On May 12, Paul C. DeParrie, an OCA activist and self-described "world-wide leader" of the anti-abortion movement, filed suit against a number of prominent Northwest gay rights leaders, lesbian/gay, feminist and civil liberties organizations' the Fred Meyer Corporation; municipal officials and the city government of Portland as a whole. He is demanding over \$14 million in damages.

DeParrie charges that Radical Women, Bigot Busters, Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon, Lesbian Community Project and Queer Nation, along with several individuals including Radical Women organizer Adrienne Weller and Police Chief Tom Potter, conspired to deprive OCA petitioners of their right to gather signatures on local and statewide initiatives.

Weller sees deParrie's legal attack as a SLAPP suit (a Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) and a test of right wing strength that will have national repercussions. "This lawsuit makes meeting and discussing strategy to stop the neo-Nazis and the far right into a conspiracy if later a confrontation between the homophobes and the pro-civil rights forces occurs," she said. "A victory for deParrie would be as devastating to the rights of free speech, assembly and association as night riders in

KKK hoods."

Using both federal civil rights laws and Oregon's anti-racketeering act, deParrie makes sweeping charges that the defendants colluded to deprive him and other OCA petitioners of their First Amendment rights. He claims they plotted to commit acts of burglary, assault, fraud, intimidation, destruction of property and inciting riot at the Fred Meyer stores in Portland where, until Fred Meyer obtained a court order banning free speech activities on its property, the OCA regularly set up tables to petition voters. DeParrie is asking the court for an injunction ordering gay rights activists to stay at least 25 feet away from petitioners.

DeParrie has already filed a discovery motion demanding the defendants' internal meeting minutes and correspondence, contributors' names and tax records. "Luckily," says Weller, "we have a very strong precedent to help fight this fishing expedition. The freeway hall case victory in Seattle, Washington, two months ago confirmed constitutional privacy protections for the internal records of activist groups."

The deadline for responses or motions for dismissal is Aug. 1. For more information, call Radical Women at (503) 289-7082.

No on Hate Needs Volunteers

EUGENE—No On Hate-Lane Co. is looking for volunteers to help staff booths at the Lane County Fair and the Eugene Celebration. The group hopes to find between 40 and 100 people to help out at the fair on Aug. 17 through 23.

For more information on the fair booth, call Katie at 485-5363. Training will be provided.

In addition to the booth at Eugene Celebration, No On Hate-Lane Co. will also be in the parade. Creative people are needed to help plan, construct and organize the group's entry. They are also looking for a convertible car and/or a flatbed truck. And, of course, they'd like to have people on the float. Call 688-1601 for information on getting involved in the Eugene Celebration.

No On Hate-Lane Co. always needs more volunteers and funds for their on-going anti-OCA work. They especially need people to put on house parties. House parties are an opportunity to inform friends and neighbors about the OCA, sign up new volunteers and raise funds. For more information about house parties, call Jean at 746-6148. To see how you can help, call 688-1601 and watch for updates in future issues of *The Lavender Network*. If you have already signed up as a volunteer and haven't been called, don't despair. The most intensive part of the campaign is the two or three months before the election. ▼

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory:
 David E. Montgomery
 April 20, 1954-
 June 17, 1992

David E. Montgomery died June 17 at Roosevelt Hospital in New York City of complications from AIDS. He was 38.

David was the brother of former *Lavender Network* editor Martha Burdick, who now lives in Tucson, Ariz. He was born in Marblehead, Mass., April 20, 1954, and grew up in New Hampshire. He lived in Boston, Denver and for 15 years in New York City before he died. His many jobs included work as a waiter in Greenwich Village's famous gay restaurant, Trilogy, and for Colony Records in Manhattan.

David was devoted to theater, movies, pop music, women's rights, animal rights, and his cats, Carlisle, Susan and Maureen. He was a recovering alcoholic who proudly celebrated his second anniversary of sobriety four months before he died. He was at peace and was not afraid of death.

In addition to his immediate family, David leaves his closest friends, Susan Harlan of San Francisco and Dennis Gates of New York City.

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Saturday 1

Eugene • Dena Taylor, co-editor *Sexual Harassment*. Free. WCA, ASL. 8pm. Mother Kall's, 2001 Franklin Blvd. FFI: 343-4864.
Eugene • *Women's Struggles*, *Women's Visions* show opens. See pg. 51.
Eugene • MPowerment Movie Night, *My Best Friend is a Vampire*, 8pm. 679 Lincoln. FFI: 683-4303.
Portland • SisterSpirit Lammas Celebration. WCA, all women welcome. FFI: 294-0645.
Salem • *All Our Lives* written & directed by Erik J. Henderson. w/ *On Tidy Endings*. See pg. 52.

Sunday 2

Eugene • Peter Wilde & Laura Kemp. WOW Hall. 7:30pm. \$3-5. FFI: 687-2746.
Eugene • 6th Anniv. Worship. MCC. 4pm. First Congregational Condon Chapel. FFI: 345-5963.
Eugene • MPowerment Bisexual Rap Group, discussion open to both sexes. 6pm. 679 Lincoln. FFI: 683-4303.
Eugene • Introducing Emperor & Empress Candidates Show. See pg. 44.
Portland • The Roches. Roseland Theater. \$15 adv. \$17.50 door. FFI: (206) 323-4130.

Monday 3

Eugene • MPowerment Rap Group for gay men. 8:30pm. 679 Lincoln. FFI: 683-4303.
Portland • AIDS Forum - *Being Alive Medical Update*. 7pm. channel 11 (PHD), 33 (Ore. City), 38 (Vanc), 43/47 (Milw).
Portland • Chat Club for gays, lesbians, bisexuals who like to talk. All ages. \$1. 7:30pm. NW Services Center. FFI: 321-5079.

Tuesday 4

Portland • Nightscene TV - 1992 Gay & Lesbian Pride Celebration. see Comm. Resources for time & channels.

Wednesday 5

Eugene • MPowerment Core Group. Meeting of the decision-making body. All welcome. 6pm. 679 Lincoln. FFI: 683-4303.
Eugene • Men's Rap Group. Coming out: past, present, future. 7:30pm. Kolonia Center, 1414 Kincaid.

Thursday 6

Eugene • MPowerment Project M Group. Young gay & bisexual men discuss relationships in the 90s. 5:30 refreshments, 6pm begin. 679 Lincoln. FFI: 683-4303.

Friday 7

Eugene • MPowerment Project Open House. 4-10pm. 679 Lincoln. FFI: 683-4303.
Portland • B.J. Castleman. Donation. 5-7pm. It's My Pleasure, 4526 SE Hawthorne. FFI: 236-0505.
Portland • Potluck & meeting. Forest Group. 6:30 & 7:30. FFI: 452-9820.
Portland • *Lust & Pity* opens. See pg. 50.
Salem • *On Tidy Endings* & *All Our Lives*. See 8/1.

Saturday 8

Eugene • Women's 2-step dance. WCA. \$3-5. 7-11 pm. Lessons 7-8:30 pm. Condon School. FFI: 746-4106.

Eugene • MPowerment Project Club *M. Dr. Seuss's Party on Planet M*. 9:30pm-1am. FFI: 683-4303.

Portland • *Lust & Pity*, see 8/7.
Portland • Mt. Washington Climb. Forest Group. FFI: 288-2893.

Portland • Radical Women's Holiday Bazaar. 10am. 7038 N. Fairport Pl. FFI: 289-7082.

Portland • Safer Sex Lecture. Free. All women welcome. 7pm. It's My Pleasure, 4526 SE Hawthorne. Reservations & FFI: 236-0505.

Roseburg • Dance benefit for MCC. \$3 sliding scale. 9pm. Eagles' Nest. FFI: 679-9144.

Salem • Annual Western Show. Imperial Court of the Willamette Empire. FFI: PO Box 263, Salem 97308.

Salem • *All Our Lives* & *On Tidy Endings*, see 8/1

Sunday 9

Eugene • MPowerment Bike Trip. 7pm. 679 Lincoln. FFI: 683-4303.

Eugene • MPowerment Bisexual Rap Group. see 8/2.

Portland • Radical Women's Bazaar. Noon. see 8/8.

Salem • Annual Picnic. Imperial Court of the Willamette Empire. FFI: PO Box 263, Salem 97308.

Salem • *All Our Lives* & *On Tidy Endings*. see 8/1.

Monday 10

Eugene • MPowerment Rap Group, see 8/3.
Portland • SisterSpirit Healing Circle. All women welcome. 7:30pm. FFI: 294-0645.
Portland • AIDS Forum - *Being Alive Medical Update*, see 8/3 for time & channels.

Tuesday 11

Eugene • MPowerment Project M Group. see 8/6.

Michigan • Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. FFI: WWTMC, Dept. W, Box 22, Waihalia, HI 49458. (616) 757-4766.

Portland • Man-to-Man Safer Sex Workshop. Cascade AIDS Project. Free. 6:30-9:30pm. 3835 SW Kelly. FFI: 223-5907.

Portland • Bread & Roses - Herstory of Lesbian Music. 9-10pm. KBOO 90.7fm.

Portland • Nightscene TV - Peacock in the Park. see Comm. Resources for time & channels.

Portland • *Write from the Heart: Lesbians Healing from Heartache*. editor Anita Pace et. al. Free. 7pm. Sun's Cafe 1001 SW 10th. FFI: 241-7726.

Wednesday 12

Eugene • MPowerment Core Group, see 8/5.

Eugene • MPowerment Pizza Party. 7:30pm. 679 Lincoln. FFI: 683-4303.

Eugene • Men's Rap Group. Topic: Gay rights. 7:30pm. Kolonia Center, 1414 Kincaid.

Portland • SisterSpirit Celebration Planning Mtg. All women welcome. WCA. 7:30pm. 408 SW 2nd, Suite 426. FFI: 294-0645.

Thursday 13

Eugene • MPowerment Wave Pool Party. 5pm. 679 Lincoln. FFI: 683-4303.

Eugene • Meeting for area athletes interested in NW Gay and Lesbian Wm.

Games. FFI: Dennis 343-1628

Mendocino Woodlands • 5th Annual Elderflower Womenspirit Festival. \$50-75/ women, \$35-40 girls 11 & up. FFI: PO 31627, San Francisco, CA 94131, (415) 285-5669 or (916) 447-1728.

Portland • *Lust & Pity*, see 8/7.

Friday 14

Eugene • MPowerment Project House Party. 8pm-12am. 679 Lincoln. FFI: 683-4303.

Portland • Shabbat service. Neveh Shalom gay/lesbian outreach. All welcome. 8:15 pm. Zidell chapel. FFI: Sheri 246-8831.

Portland • *Lust & Pity*, see 8/7.

Portland • Super-Jacks, men-only safe sex club. \$5 donation. 8:30-10:30pm. FFI: 796-1934.

Salem • *All Our Lives* & *On Tidy Endings*. see 8/1.

Saturday 15

Eugene • MPowerment Movie Night, *Grease*, see 8/1.

Eugene • MPowerment M of Color Group. 5pm. 679 Lincoln. FFI: 683-4303.

Portland • Maureen Kelly & Nan Collie. See pg. 51.

Portland • LCP 7th Annual Softball Tournament. FFI: 281-7340.

Portland • *Lust & Pity*, see 8/7.

Portland • 6th Annual Ms. Leather & Ms. Lace Pageant for lesbian teens. 11pm. City Nightclub, 13 NW 13th. FFI: 224-CITY.

Roseburg • Umpqua River Float & Picnic. 1pm. FFI: 679-9144.

Salem • *All Our Lives* & *On Tidy Endings*, see 8/1.

Sunday 16

Eugene • Edward II. WOW Hall. 8pm. \$7/8. FFI: 687-2746.

Eugene • MPowerment Madonna 8-day Party. 1-4:30pm. 679 Lincoln. FFI: 683-4303.

Portland • Perfectly Positive Picnic in the Park. CAPHIV Wellness Program. For people with HIV, friends & family. 1-4pm. Laurelhurst Park. FFI: 223-5907.

Portland • SisterSpirit Celebration. 6pm. Forest Park. FFI: 294-0645.

Portland • Oregon State Leatherman & Leatherwoman Contest. See pg. 25.

Monday 17

Eugene • MPowerment Rap Group, see 8/3.

Eugene • Close Relationships - Ending Isolation men's workshop. 7-9:30pm. FFI: Chris Powers 683-1744.

Portland • AIDS Forum - *Dental Issues & HIV*, see 8/3 for time & channels.

Tuesday 18

Portland • Nightscene TV - Bill Clinton & Gay Rights. see Comm. Resources for time & channels.

Salem • Prince & Princess Show. Imperial Court of the Willamette Empire. FFI: PO Box 263, Salem 97308.

Wednesday 19

Eugene • MPowerment Core Group, see 8/5.

Eugene • Men's Rap Group. Topic: Oppression. 7:30pm. Kolonia Center, 1414 Kincaid.

Portland • SisterSpirit Wiccan Discussion Group. All women welcome. WCA. 7pm. 408 SW 2nd, Suite 426. FFI: 294-0645.

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Portland • Organizing Mtg. Nevada Test Ban & Indigenous People's Rights. Portland Chap. Healing Global Wounds. 7:30pm. Liberty Tree Coffeehouse 344 NE 28th. FFI: 229-3969.

Thursday 20

Eugene • MPowerment Project M Group, see 8/6.
Portland • *Lust & Pity*, see 8/7.

Friday 21

Corvallis • Our Night Out camping trip. 9am. Meet at Hollywood Video, 4th & Harrison. FFI: 758-6712 or 758-3141.
Eugene • MPowerment Open House, see 8/7.
Portland • Plus Club Social Hour. CAP HIV Wellness Prog. 5-8 pm. Balcony, Hobo's Lounge, 120 NW 3rd. FFI: 223-5907.
Portland • *Lust & Pity*, see 8/7.
Portland • Portland Gay Men's Chorus auditions. No experience needed. For location and appointment: 284-5386.
Roseburg • MCC Dessert Social & Game Night. Bring a friend & a dessert to share. FFI: 679-9144.

Saturday 22

Eugene • MPowerment Movie Night, *Frankenhooker*, see 8/1.
Eugene • Voting for Emperor & Empress. See pg 44.
Portland • Videos About & By Women. Free. 12-5pm. It's My Pleasure, 4526 SE Hawthorne. FFI: 236-0505.
Portland • BPA Lesbian, Gay & BI Employees potluck. All Fed. employees welcome. FFI: 631-7767.
Portland • *Lust & Pity*, see 8/7.
Portland • Portland Gay Men's Chorus auditions. No experience needed. For location and appointment: 284-5386.
Roseburg • Mixed Music Dance. \$3 sliding scale. 9pm. Eagles' Nest. FFI: 679-9144.

Sunday 23

Eugene • MPowerment Bike Trip, see 8/9.
Eugene • MPowerment BI Rap Group, see 8/2.
Portland • Women's Rights Day w/ Radical Women, speakers, skits, poetry. \$3 donation, \$7 buffet at noon. 1:30pm. Musicians Union Hall, 325 NE 20th. Childcare. FFI: 289-7082.
Roseburg • Anti-Homophobic Violence Workshop w/ Kevin Verill of NGLTF. 1-4:30pm. GALA Community Ctr. FFI: 679-9144.

Monday 24

Eugene • MPowerment Rap Group, see 8/3.
Portland • AIDS Forum - *More on Chinese Herbs & HIV*, see 8/3 for time & channels.

Tuesday 25

Eugene • MPowerment Project M Group, see 8/6.
Portland • SisterSpirit Feminist Christian Communion. WCA. 7:30pm. Queen of Heaven Gnostic Chapel, 2229 SE Market. FFI: 294-0645.
Portland • Nightscene TV - Exploring Sexual Diversity in Different Cultures. see Comm. Resources for time & channels.

Wednesday 26

Eugene • MPowerment Core Group, see 8/5.
Eugene • Men's Rap Group. Relationships

& change. 7:30pm. Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid.

Thursday 27

Eugene • MPowerment Ice Skating Party, 5pm. 679 Lincoln. FFI: 683-4303.
Eugene • *In Town Show*. See pg 44.
Eugene • Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Still Catholic support group. Newman Center, 1250 Emerald. FFI: Jose 346-4468.
Portland • *Women Workers: Sparkplugs of Labor* video/Radical Women. Supper \$4. 6:30pm. Standard Plaza, 1100 SW 6, 3rd fl. conf. rm. A. FFI: 289-7082.
Portland • Kids & women lake trip. Thru Sun. Forest Group. FFI: 235-4667.
Portland • *Lust & Pity*, see 8/7.

Friday 28

Eugene • NAACP meeting. FFI: 485-4767.
Eugene • MPowerment Proj. House Party, see 8/14.
Eugene • *Out of Town Show*. See pg 44.
Portland • Sex Toys 101. Free. All women welcome. It's My Pleasure, 4526 SE Hawthorne. FFI: 236-0505.
Portland • *Lust & Pity*, see 8/7.
Portland • Super-Jacks, men-only safe sex club. \$5 donation. 8:30-10:30pm. FFI: 796-1934.

Saturday 29

Eugene • MPowerment Movie Night, *Mommy Dearest*, see 8/1.
Eugene • MPowerment M of Color Group, see 8/15.
Eugene • Coronation Ball, see pg 44.
Portland • B.J. Castelman. Donation. It's My Pleasure, 4526 SE Hawthorne. FFI: 236-0505.
Portland • Lesbian Self Defense. LCP. \$5-15 w/lunch. 9 am-5 pm. Reg. by 8/10. FFI: 223-0071.
Portland • Zoa Smith performance. Free. 9pm. Cafe Lena, 2239 SE Hawthorne. FFI: 238-7087.
Portland • *Lust & Pity*, see 8/7.

Sunday 30

Eugene • MPowerment BI Rap Group, see 8/2.
Eugene • Victory Brunch. See pg 44.
Eugene • Loretta Neet's birthday celebration. Location TBA. OUTPac & Queer Nation. 1-4pm. FFI: 683-4812.

Monday 31

Eugene • MPowerment Rap Group, see 8/3.

September 1

Eugene • Scromundi mtg. See pg.33

September 4-7

Myrtle Creek • Personal Theater Workshop for Women w/Bethroot Gwynn & Hawk Madrone. Sliding scale \$100-150. Reg. by 8/28. FFI: Fly Away Home, Box 593, Myrtle Creek, OR 97457.
Seattle • P-FLAG Annual International Convention.

September 5

Portland • Pride of Portland Golf Tournament. FFI: 243-1366.

September 5-6

Montreal • Montreal Cup of Gays & Lesbians Master Swimmers. FFI: (514) 843-1075.
Portland • Portland Lesbian & Gay Sports Festival. FFI: 243-1366.

September 9-10

Portland • *Bent* opens. See pg. 52.

September 11-13

Gresham • Northwest Women's Music Celebration. \$120. Registration forms available at Mother Kall's, Ladd's Editions, It's My Pleasure, Artichoke Music.
Harbin Hot Springs, CA • PEP 6th Annual Conference. \$150. FFI: PEP, PO-6306, Captain Cook, HI 96704-6306.

September 12

Portland • Women's Conga Drum Workshop. \$50 by 9/1. FFI: 284-1851.

September 18-20

Eugene • Eugene Celebration. Volunteer for Queer Nation booth. FFI: 683-4812.
Roseburg • Lavender Life Support Conference. Reg. by 9/1. \$15-20. FFI: LLS/Womansource, PO Box 335, Ashland 97520.

September 25-27

Willamette Nat. Forest • Lesbos at Long Bow. Womyn only campout. WCA. Drug & alcohol free. \$15-20 sliding scale. FFI: 563-5827 or 265-9354.

September 25-29

Breitenbush • Breakthrough 92: Men & Economic Class advanced workshop by Charlie Kreiner. WCA, ASL, childcare available. \$380-\$670 sliding scale. FFI: (206) 933-0151.

October 2-4

Eugene • The Lesbian Connection trip to Reno. FFI: 342-4989 or 683-2249.

October 8-11

Lincoln City • Lavender Waves' Courage to Change Retreat. see pg.32.

October 9-11

Chicago • Living in Leather. Early reg. by 9/1. To register: (312) 528-0041.
Washington, DC • International Display of NAMES Project Memorial Quilt

October 23-25

Chicago • Lavender Law III. National Lesbian & Gay Law Assoc. conference. FFI: (503) 222-9830
Eugene • Conference. NW Coalition Against Malicious Harassment. U of O. FFI: 687-4488

November 11-15

Los Angeles • 5th Annual Conference for Gay & Lesbian Organizing. NGLTF. Early registration by 9/11. LA Airport Hilton. FFI: (202) 332-6483.

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Weekly Events

SUNDAY:

Metropolitan Community Churches
—Ashland/Medford/Grants Pass 10am 123 1/2 W Main St. Medford
—Eugene-4pm, 23rd & Harris
—Portland-10:30am, Bible Study 9:15-10am, 1644 NE 24th
—Roseburg-11am, 3856 Carnes Rd.
—Salem-11am, 1410 12th SE.
—Vancouver-4:30pm 4504 E 18th St.
Eugene Androgyny Pedalers, 10am Rose Garden (Tues. 6pm) 343-2240, 741-3020
Eugene Gay Men's AA, 1236 Kincaid, 5-6pm. FFI: Hank 484-6259
Eugene Lesbian AA Unity Church 39th & Hilyard 5-6pm
Grants Pass Christ Country Church, 10 am FFI: 476-3175
Portland Adventure Group at Lloyd Ctr Cinema 234-2941
Portland G&L 12-Step Meetings, Live & Let Live Club, 525 SE Pine. Meetings everyday for HIV and others. Hotline: 231-3760
Portland Lesbian Choir-Practices 6pm.
Portland Living Communion Church-Services 10am & 6pm 3830 SE 62nd
Portland Rose City Gay Freedom Band 5-7pm 24th & NE Broadway
Portland Woman's Meditation 8 pm, 1405 NE Broadway
Vancouver Gay/Lesbian AA Meeting 6:30pm Personalities

MONDAY:

Corvallis OSU GALA 7pm in Women's Center (Benton Annex).
Eugene DAFT Bowling League 8:30-10:30pm Fairfield Lanes, 1170 Hwy 99N
Eugene Lesbian and Gay Youth Group (21 & Under) 6-7:30pm 1414 Kincaid
Eugene Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Support Group (20-29) 6-7:30pm 1414 Kincaid
Medford Gay Men's AA, MCC, 123 1/2 Main St 7pm
Portland Gay Men's Chorus 453 Cramer Hall PSU 6:30-9:30pm 233-0650
Portland Mass in Time of AIDS-6pm HIV Day Center
Portland Overeaters Anonymous 5:30pm (M, T, & Sat at 10:45am, Live & Let Live Club, 525 SE Pine FFI: Hotline 231-3760
Roseburg HIV Support Group at St Joseph's School, 800 W Stanton 7:30pm
Salem "Shoulders" support group 7pm 1410 12th St. SE 363-4963
Salem Willamette Univ. GALA 7pm Womyn's Ctr in Putnam Center 370-6265
Vancouver Gay/Lesbian Rap Group 6:30pm 214 E 16th St. Rudy 737-6012
Women's Music 9:30-11pm KLCC 89.7 FM

TUESDAY:

Eugene Women in Recovery 7:30pm Central Presbyterian Church 14th & Ferry
Eugene Club Arena-Country 2 Step Dancing 8pm 959 Pearl Downstairs
Klamath Falls Gay AA 7pm Klamath Falls Resource Ctr 1035 Main St
Medford Lesbian Support Group 7pm 734-7635 Erni
Monmouth WOSC GALA 7:30pm in Wallowa Room, upstairs Werner College Center
Portland Comm Bowling Assoc. Prime Time League 6pm PRO 300, 3031 SE Powell

Portland Frontrunners Weekly Run 6:30pm chinning bars, Duniway park
Portland Park Ave. Social Club 7:30pm 1st Cong. Church (SW Madison & Park)
Roseburg Gay/Lesbian Discussion Group 7:30pm First United Methodist
Vancouver Gay/Lesbian AA Meeting 6:30pm Personalities

WEDNESDAY:

Ashland Woman Source organizing mtg 7pm SOS's Women's Ctr
Coos Bay/N. Bend Alcoholics Anon Group 8-9:30 269-4183, Lee or Bruce
Corvallis Lesbian Student Group 5:30pm Women's Ctr OSU Campus
Eugene Lesbian Support Group 7-9pm Mother kali's Bookstore
Eugene Men's Network Rap Group 7:30pm 1414 Kincaid FFI: 342-2713
Eugene Gay/Lesbian AA, Knights of Columbus, 1144 Chamelton, 7-8pm
Eugene "Invisible Lunch" UO lesbians bring lunch to PLC courtyard 12:30
Eugene Long-Haired Lesbian Supporters Group 7:30pm 1414 Kincaid 485-3579
Eugene Women Adult Children Alcoh. 7:30pm Whiteaker Sch 345-5362
Medford Gay Men's Rap group 7:30pm at MCC
Portland Reed College Lesbian/Gay Student Union 7pm Women's Ctr
Salem Chemeketa Com College LGBSA 2:30-4:30pm Bldg 5 Rm 257 371-0548

THURSDAY:

Corvallis Men's Group at Nearly Normals (upstairs) 109 NW 15th
Eugene Acom Club Meetings 12:30-4pm, 1st United Methodist Rm16, 1376 Olive
Eugene Queer Nation 7:30pm Grower's Market (454 Willamette), 344-8167 (Brian)
Grants Pass/Rogue Valley G&L N.A. Meeting 7-8:30pm Josephine County Prof. Bldg Rm#10 66th & C St.
Medford HIV Support Group 5-6:30pm 772-1777
Portland GALA PCC 12-1pm Pine Rm PCC-Sylvainia
Portland HIV/AIDS Drop-In Group. 6-9pm, 3835 SW Kelly. Fred 223-5907 V/TDD
Portland Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA) 6-7:30 pm NW Service Center 1819 NW Everett, lower level conference room
Portland Rose City Gender Center Support group 7:30pm
Portland Windfire Youth Group 21 & under, gay, lesbian, bi, undecided 223-8299
Portland MCC Worship, 7pm, 1644 NE 24th
Salem "Open Door" support group 7pm 1410 12th St SE 363-4963

FRIDAY:

Eugene Women's Sexual Identity Group 12-1pm, UO EMU Cedar RM D
Medford Gay Men's AA 7pm MCC 123 1/2 Main St
Portland Leathermen 10pm Dirty Duck Tavern 439 NW 3rd
Salem This Moment HIV Support Group 7pm 1410 12th St SE 363-6618

SATURDAY:

Bend The Other Side Parties 9pm-1am 338-2395
Eugene Frontrunners/Walkers-10am, 24th & Amazon at chinning bars
Portland Frontrunners Weekly Run 8:30, varying locations FFI: 235-8747
Salem Gay AA 7:30pm SOS Club 399-0599

See Community Resources For Further Information

R.A.T.S.

Radical Activists Truth Squad

Oregon has been identified by ACT UP New York as one of the 10 worst states in the country in dealing with AIDS. The major reason involves the Oregon Medicaid reform plan and its impact on people with AIDS. Oregon's delegates to the Democratic National Convention will be visited by members of ACT UP New York as they endeavor to convince party regulars that they should oppose implementation of this plan. We hope that ACT UP New York has more success convincing our state's political machine of the inherent dangers of this plan than we have had here in Oregon. The Medicaid reform proposal is still on hold in the federal approval process, but everyone expects the plan to receive the necessary federal waivers for implementation in the near future.

United for AIDS Action

On Tuesday, July 14, RATS co-sponsored the United For AIDS Action rally in Portland along with a dozen other AIDS education, prevention, service, care and activist organizations. RATS financed the rally in Pioneer Courthouse Square, which was coordinated with similar events in other cities around the nation. The action in New York City, where participants marched to the site of the Democratic National Convention, was the largest AIDS-specific political march in history.

The purpose of the United for AIDS Action was to demand that the next president of the United States endorse the following five-point platform. (1) Leadership: The next president must lead the nation by saying five words—"America declares war on AIDS"—and stand by that declaration in word and deed. (2) AIDS

Care: The next president must come forward with a single-payer universal health care plan that covers everything, including prescriptions and preventive care. As AIDS cases increase, so must funding for AIDS services, including funds for housing, drug treatment, and community-based organizations. (3) Research: The next president must fight AIDS the way America fought polio or ran the space race—with intensive research. He must commit funds to finding a cure for HIV and the immune damage it causes, drugs to prevent and treat AIDS-related infections, and a vaccine to protect the uninfected. (4) Education: The next president must deliver AIDS education that works. He must support honest, targeted HIV prevention campaigns for all communities. He must expand HIV treatment education for both patients and providers. (5) Discrimination: The next president must show that mandatory testing and HIV-related discrimination are un-American and unacceptable. He must fully implement and enforce the Americans with Disabilities Act and speak out against policies that bar people with HIV from insurance coverage, employment, housing, federal benefits and entrance into the country.

All of these things have been recommended by the National Commission on AIDS. The organizations and individuals involved in the rally both in Portland and other cities represented a wide variety of ethnic, political and religious backgrounds. Each organization involved has a different mission in fighting AIDS. Sometimes we may disagree about tactics or specific issues. (Nearly every other organization sponsoring the rally in Portland, for example, supports the Oregon Medicaid reform because it improves access to health

care for thousands of Oregonians and provides for a number of preventive care services unavailable under the current Medicaid system.)

Yet each agreed with these fundamental principles, and especially about the importance of presidential leadership in solving the AIDS crisis. Listen closely to what the candidates have to say about AIDS in particular and health care issues in general. If we are to end the suffering of individuals and the devastating loss of human potential for our national community brought on by AIDS, the nation's highest elected official must make this issue a personal priority. And each one of us must vote as if our lives depend on it.

Acting Up at the Republican National Convention

RATS will be participating in the ACT UP Network demonstrations at the Republican National Convention in Houston. It's time to bring an end to 12 years of murderous Republican apathy and discrimination directed towards people living with HIV. When George Bush says he's doing everything he can about the AIDS crisis remember that he actively campaigned for Senator Jesse Helms the same weekend the Names Project quilt was displayed on the Capitol mall, that he has failed to make good on his promise to remove immigration restrictions that bar HIV positive individuals from entering the country, that he has reduced the AIDS prevention budget of the Center for Disease Control at a time when HIV infections are spreading rapidly among adolescents and the inner city poor. So "Vote Republican: Kill Another Person with AIDS" is the central message of ACT-UP in Houston this month. ▼



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National News

Religion

The Episcopal Diocese of Newark last week became the first diocese of any mainstream religious group to extend dental plan coverage to the domestic partners of lesbian and gay male clergy and employees, according to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The Rev. Karen Murphy, a lesbian priest in the Newark Diocese, prompted the church group to investigate extending coverage when she attempted to enroll her domestic partner in the Diocese's health insurance plan. Murphy was turned down by the insurance company because she and her partner are not legally married. The Episcopal church has a national policy of nondiscrimination based on sexual orientation.

"The Diocese's decision marks the first time a mainstream church denomination has provided financial benefits in addition to policy support for its lesbian and gay clergy and employees," said Suzanne Goldberg, a Lambda staff attorney. "The decision is also important because it represents an addition to the rapidly growing number of employers which recognize that a policy of nondiscrimination means providing actual benefits as well as protection against being harassed or fired," Goldberg added.

The Presbyterian Church U.S.A. voted down a resolution urging congregations to ban the Boy Scouts from using their facilities if they exclude gay scout leaders, the *Washington Post* reported on June 10. At a national meeting in Milwaukee last week, delegates also rejected, 368 to 165, a resolution that would have put the 2.8-million member denomination on record to do everything in its power to prevent society from discrimination against gays.

The Presbyterian church bans gay clergy, reported the *Post*, and maintains that homosexuality is wrong.

The Southern Baptist convention ousted two churches from the organization for accepting open gays in their congregations, the *New York Times* reported on June 11.

The predominantly white religious organization of 15.2 million members also voted to change the organization's bylaws to exclude any churches which accept open gays in the future.

The convention expelled two North Carolina churches—one for blessing a gay male union and the other for ordaining a gay minister. The convention said that the stances of the churches on gays were "contrary to the teachings of the Bible on human sexuality and the sanctity of

the family and are offensive to Southern Baptists."

The action of the Southern Baptists is a departure from the organization's long tradition of permitting individual churches autonomy.

"I hate to see Baptists make essential to cooperation and membership any of our positions on social issues," said the Rev. Mahan Siler, pastor of one of the churches. "It is dangerous. It does violate our kind of freedom."

"It is a blessed separation," said W.F. Highfill, a member of one of the churches and retired North Carolina State professor of religion and philosophy. Highfill said he is happy to see the church and the convention go their separate ways.

Politics

Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay organization, issued the following statement on the selection of Senator Al Gore as Democratic candidate for Vice President of the United States:

"We strongly endorse Governor Clinton's selection of Senator Gore to be his running mate. Senator Gore has a strong Senate record on issues of concern to lesbian and gay Americans. His voting record demonstrates a commitment to the traditional American values of equality, tolerance and respect for privacy and individual rights.

"Senator Gore has voted for increased funding for AIDS research, prevention and care; for civil rights protections for people with AIDS; and for a greater federal role in combating hate crimes against lesbian and gay Americans. He has opposed efforts by Senator Jesse Helms to undermine the efforts of lesbian and gay Americans to live as equal members of our society. We look forward to building strong support in the lesbian and gay community for the Clinton-Gore ticket."

Three senior members of Congress released a major new study which disclosed that the Pentagon wastes tens of millions of tax dollars annually implementing an anti-gay discrimination policy that lacks any scientific justification.

The General Accounting Office, an independent watchdog arm of the Congress, undertook the comprehensive two-year review of the Department of Defense policy on homosexuality following a request by gay Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA), together with Congressmen Ted Weiss (D-NY), and John Conyers (D-MI).

"The Pentagon's anti-gay policy has destroyed distinguished careers, turned well-

qualified Americans away from military service, and shattered lives of patriotic gays and lesbians who wish to serve their country," said Rep. Studds. "Now we know the financial expense of this inexcusable policy is as staggering as its human cost."

Examining Defense Department data from 1980 through 1990, the GAO report found the various service branches discharged an average of 1,500 gays and lesbians each year. The Pentagon failed to respond to GAO questions about how much the Defense Department spends to remove them, but GAO calculated the cost to the government of recruiting and training replacements for the lesbians and gay men discharged at \$27 million. Because 1990 was the year with the fewest discharges of any studied, costs for other years were presumably higher.

Rep. Studds concluded: "We always knew the anti-gay policy was wrong. Now we also know what we had suspected: that it is also a colossal waste of our money."

Although the Pentagon spends millions to enforce its anti-gay discrimination policy, the policy was suspended during the Persian Gulf War.

Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, produced a memo which listed homosexuality as one of thirty-five "criteria which may require personnel actions during the mobilization process." The memo states that gay and lesbian personnel should be discharged only if the discharged was authorized and requested prior to the notification that the military unit had been placed on alert.

The Pentagon's decision not to discharge lesbian and gay service personnel during the Gulf Conflict was reported in various media, including *The Wall Street Journal*, which entitled a Jan. 24, 1991, article "Gay GIs Told Serve Now, Face Discharge Later."

A Jan. 11, 1991 *San Francisco Chronicle* article on the change in policy quoted Pentagon spokesperson Lt. Cmdr. Ken Satterfield stating that "Just because a person says they're gay, that doesn't mean they can stop packing their bags." The *Chronicle* story, written by National Correspondent Randy Shilts, noted the paper learned that "when several gay reserve personnel told commanders that they are gay, the commanders have responded that they must first be sent to Saudi Arabia, although they may be discharged when they return home."

In Washington D.C., arts professionals charged June 18 that the National Endowment for the Arts will consider political factors in awarding grants despite a recent court ruling that the NEA's approach violates the U.S. Constitution.

NEA Deputy Chair for Programs Randall

National News

McAusland told a 12-member peer review panel that acting NEA chair Anne-Imelda Radice will consider political issues when evaluating grant applications.

An NEA spokesperson claims McAusland's remarks were misinterpreted and taken out of context. "Artistic merit is the criterion by which grant decisions are made," the spokesperson affirmed.

Radice, outed by Capitol Coverage news service and Queer Nation as a closeted lesbian, cancelled funding for exhibits with sexual content at two university galleries. She has refused to comment on her decision, or the outing.

Gay and lesbian activists defended their outing of the new NEA chair as an NEA grant panel took an unprecedented step May 15 to protest her vetoing grants for two applicants. The panel cut off deliberations to protest Radice's overruling.

Radice's vetoes were cheered by Sen. Helms (R-NC) and other conservatives. "Now we have a lady who has the good sense and guts to match. My hat's off to her."

Radice told a Congressional subcommittee May 5 that concerns of taxpayers and congress should "have as much weight" as artistic merit. She said she will veto funding for erotic art and other proposals that include "difficult subject matter." "Tools are in place" to cut off grants for offensive works, she promised.

Groups

The influential, award-winning magazine, *The New Republic*, ran a full-page pro-gay and lesbian ad in its July 13 issue. The ad, prepared by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, urges readers to join the work of the Campaign Fund by fighting anti-lesbian and gay bigotry.

Directly countering the anti-gay rhetoric of Vice President Dan Quayle, the ad is headlined, "Tolerance is a traditional value."

"We wanted to make sure that the readers of a widely read journal of political opinion know that lesbian and gay Americans are not going to remain silent in the face of attacks from Dan Quayle, Lou Sheldon and others on the far right," noted Tim McFeely, executive director of the Campaign Fund.

The New Republic was awarded the prestigious National Magazine Award for General Excellence earlier this year. It is edited by gay journalist Andrew Sullivan. Copies of the ad are available from the Campaign Fund by writing to Communications Department, HRCF, 1012 14th Street NW, Suite 607, Washington, D.C., 20005

On Aug. 17, AIDS activists from across the United State will converge on Houston, Texas, in a direct challenge to George Bush and the entire Republican Party.

Members of ACT UP and other AIDS activist organizations will meet in Houston during the Republican National Convention to carry out an entire week of protests designed to expose the complete inadequacy of the past three Republican administrations in dealing with the AIDS crisis.

"We have no intention of going to Houston to talk to the Republicans about AIDS," said

"We always knew the (Defense Department's) anti-gay policy was wrong. Now we also know what we had suspected: that it is also a colossal waste of our money."

Jim Hull, one of the national organizers. "The time for talk is over. The Republicans have been told numerous times over the past 11 years how to begin solving the crisis, and they have refused to do anything."

The goal of this week of protest and demonstration will be to let the nation know there has been no effective leadership from the Republicans in trying to deal with this disease. Several hundred activists are expected to come to Houston, and a feeling among many is that the convention provides an opportunity for more creative and aggressive forms of civil disobedience than has been seen in other protests.

"Many people are just fed up with the total lack of concern and even open hatred for people living with HIV disease shown by Republican Party officials over the past 11 years," said march organizer Phil Dunn. "It's impossible to predict what forms of protest that level of frustration will foster against the Republicans."

Phil Dunn is a member of the Portland organization Radical Activists Truth Squad. For more information call RATS at 240-0377.

The company that makes 501 jeans, Levi Strauss & Company, is under attack by Christian fundamentalists because the company has decided that Boy Scouts of America will no longer be a beneficiary of charitable funding, due to BSA's policy to exclude gay boys from joining the organization.

Levi Strauss' toll free number is being flooded by "hateful, angry" callers from all over the country who have vowed to boycott the company.

The attack of Levi Strauss is being led by the Rev. Donald Wildmon, a Methodist minister in Tupelo, Miss. who heads the American Family Association, a "traditional family values" organization.

Levi Strauss has sent out a call for help in a memo reading "The people answering the phones are going through a tremendous amount of stress listening to these people insult and

demoralize what they hold dear, without being able to disagree (or) educate them about the policy or decision."

In May, the executive board of Levi Strauss decided to bar contributions to BSA, saying the exclusion of gays was at odds with the company's "core values." The BSA has an official policy that gay boys may not join the organization, and gay men may not join the organization as scoutmasters or leaders. The formal grant-making policy of Levi Strauss says the company will not provide support to non-profit organizations that discriminate on

the basis of age, political affiliation, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religious belief. Boy Scouts take an oath "to do my duty to God and my country.... To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

Call Levi Strauss and express our approval of their principled stand on this issue; 1-800-USA-LEVI.

Compiled from the *Seattle Gay News*

According to a story in the June 9 *Washington Post*, "the Human Rights Campaign Fund, which lobbies for gay rights, more than doubled its giving to candidates from two years ago." The Campaign Fund's political action committee contributed \$307,941 to candidates for federal office by the end of March of this year, a 136 percent increase from the same period two years ago. On average, contributions from other political action committees increased a mere 3 percent. The figures were compiled by the Federal Elections Commission and released in June.

"The Campaign Fund's political action committee intends to contribute as much as one million to candidates who support our community in the current election cycle," notes Political Director Eric Rosenthal. "This is a particularly important year for our community as more than 150 new members of Congress are expected to be elected."

The Campaign Fund made significant contributions to women, people of color and non-incumbent candidates, going against the trend of most political action committees. The Campaign Fund contributed 33 percent of its funds to non-incumbents. According to the Federal Elections Commission study, only 3 percent of PAC money distributed from all federal PACs in this election cycle went to non-incumbents. "If we want lesbian and gay civil rights to pass, we must be at the forefront of changes in Congress," notes Cathy Nelson, the Campaign Fund's National field director.

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Ask Big Sister

Reader Sets the Record Straight

Dear Big Sister,

I'm writing to you in the hope that you will help me correct a historical inaccuracy.

It has to do with the Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration that took place in Eugene on June 28. I attended that event, and it was truly wonderful. But I heard several announcements from the stage that this was the first time that local queers had celebrated Stonewall Day. Big Sister, that just isn't true.

It just so happens that one of my bizarre personal habits is that I'm a compulsive reader. Among my favorite things to read are back issues of the local feminist newspaper.

Recently I was looking through the summer 1979 issue of *Women's Press* (now known as *Womyn's Press*,) and on page two there is an article about a Eugene Stonewall Day Celebration that took place in late June that year.

The political situation in the summer of 1979 will sound familiar to your readers. In May of 1978 Eugene citizens had voted by a margin of two-to-one to repeal the city's gay rights law. Then, as now, local lesbians and gay men joined together to demonstrate their ability to survive and resist repression.

The 60 participants in the parade and picnic heard a speech by activist Carol Queen and were led in song by Susan Arrow and Hayfield. (You remember Hayfield don't you?)

I don't mean to take anything away from the organizers of this year's event. Their hard work deserves the gratitude of every lesbian and gay man in the area. But I also think it's important to remember the work of those who have gone before. While we're at it, let's

honor the activists of the U of O's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance, who sponsor Pride Week every April.

What do you think about all this?
Just the Facts, Ma'am

Dear Just,

Thank you for your archival expertise. The community needs our visionaries to help us know where we're going, our organizers to help us know where we are, and our historians (herstorians?) to help us know where we've been.

Knowing that this was not the *first ever* local Stonewall Day event, we can reflect on the richness of our community's past and appreciate the previous work done. Looking toward the future, we can all enjoy knowing June 28, 1992 was the *First Annual* Eugene-Springfield Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration. See you next year! And the next and the next...

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Dear Big Sister,
Help!

It's Sunday 2:11 a.m. I'm sitting here in the darkness crying. I never cry. A few months ago I was in the toughest area in San Francisco living on the streets. It was only for a few weeks and I met many gays and lesbians. I realized within the last few weeks that I am a lesbian. Those people helped me acknowledge this about my deep feelings and sexuality towards females. I'm not sure if I'm bi-, though. I don't have any money, no license, no car, no friends. So how am I, now living in

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Corvallis, supposed to get around to all these lesbian events? I've never been with either male or female. I've never even kissed or held hands. I fear they'll laugh at me because I still have no breasts at all. I'm finding it hard to like me. I need to meet others (preferably somewhat good-looking females) who can guide me (without laughing). All of these personal ads and find-a-friend things cost money and you have to be 18. (I'm freshly 17.) I've just realized I'm lesbian and I'm very vulnerable. I come from a rebellious, tightass, very mean family and that's why my secrecy. I'm tall, blonde, rebellious, honest, etc. and yet no women will even talk to me. Why? What's wrong with me, Big Sis? Am I a freak or something because I'm breastless and a loner?

Me

Dear Me,

I'm so glad you found *The Lavender Network* and this column, reaching out is a big step toward getting connected. Being new to town and newly out would be difficult and scary for anyone, so please don't blame yourself or your body!

You have plenty of time to explore your sexuality, try not to worry about it. Before you can get intimate with anyone you have to get out of isolation and meet people. Corvallis has some good groups to help you get acquainted with open-minded people who will accept you exactly as you are:

The Lesbian Brunch group has a potluck social on the second Sunday of every month at 11:30 a.m. Call 752-0155 for the meeting location.

The Lesbian Students group is open to

community members as well as students; they meet Wednesdays at the Women's Center on the OSU campus at 5:30 p.m. for group discussions, movies and workshops.

Our Night Out is a group for gay men and women and their gay-supportive friends to meet other people and have fun in a relaxed, accepting atmosphere. Their monthly activities include beach trips, camping, dancing, movie nights, etc.. Call Brian at 757-0785 or Lynne at 758-3141 to find out about their next event.

Community Outreach, Inc. provides a lesbian and gay information and referral phone line weekdays 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. and 24 hours on weekends and holidays. Give them a call at 758-3000 and tell them your situation. I'm sure they can help you make some new friends.▼

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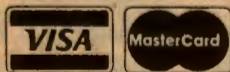
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Court Report

by Auntie Milo

It is with sadness that, as President of Privy Council, I announce the resignation of Albert Pena as this reign's Emperor. He has been in Las Vegas for the last few months and when I spoke with him by phone (this 4th of July weekend) he told me he was remaining there permanently. He regretfully gave me his resignation and sent his love to Eugene and was sorry that he would be unable to finish out his year, but there are professional opportunities available in Las Vegas he could not pass up. Good luck, Albert, we will miss you!

Our reigning Crown Princess (and Miss Gay Oregon 19) Erika was in attendance at the annual Gay Oregon pageant held in Portland on June 27. The new Mr. Gay Oregon is Chris, Ms. Gay Oregon is Nancy and Miss Gay Oregon is Amanda Carrington, all of Portland.

I had dinner with former Emperor Daryl Balini. He and his partner, Sparky, are living in Portland and doing well. Daryl sends his love and will see us in August for Coronation. Former Crown Princess Victoria is alive and well in Seattle. She is already an assistant manager at a well-know fast food eatery and is hostess at a popular night spot. Good work girl!

Now on to Coronation 1992. First a calendar of events. Aug. 2 (Sunday) Introduction to Emperor and Empress candidates and open show. Club Arena, hosted by Mr, Ms, and Miss Gay Eugene. Door is at 8:30 p.m. and the show starts at 10 p.m. Your M.C.s will be Crown Prince Byron and Crown Princess Erika. August 22, voting for Emperor and Empress, MPowerment Project at 679 Lincoln St., Eugene, noot midnight. Aug. 27, "In Town Show" at Club Arena, Aug. 28, "Out of Town Show" at Club Arena, Aug. 29, Coronation Ball at Valley River Inn. Aug. 30; Victory Brunch at Valley River Inn.

We would like to invite everyone to join us in our yearly celebration. It is a great time to renew old friendships and make new ones. This year we have some great and exciting things in store for you. Please come and help us honor Empress Sable for the great job she did in our community and representing our city on the circuit. We all thank you Sable for the year!

Investiture for the new Emperor and Empress and their court will be in September, we'll have the date next issue. And don't forget Closet Ball in the fall. Hope to see you at Coronation, and 'til next time play safe! ▼

FEATURE

About the Court System

The Court System is a social, community-service organization. When it originated in San Francisco around 1965, it was strictly for "camp" fun. From that beginning we derive our camp titles, *Emperor & Empress* (those who serve as presidents of our organization), and *Coronation* (a gala function held yearly at which time we elect our new officers), etc.

As elected officers and representatives of our communities, our primary goals are to further relationships with businesses and organizations within our community, to hold functions and fund raisers for the enjoyment of the community and to help those in the community who are in need of our assistance. Each year our organization contributes hundreds of dollars to the gay community.

The Imperial Sovereign Court of The Emerald Empire (Eugene) has been in existence since 1974. Most of the major cities in the western United States have a court system in their community. In Oregon we have three courts: Portland, Salem and ours in Eugene. In essence, we are a chapter in an international organization. Our members attend Coronations throughout the United States and Canada—representing the city of Eugene and furthering relations. No one associated with our organization personally receives any monetary gain from money raised at our functions. The money goes directly back into the community.

Throughout the years the court system has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars collectively to channel back into charitable, social and political causes. We are at the forefront of raising and donating money to the fight against AIDS and to assist those persons living with AIDS.

You are probably wondering "Why aren't they better known?" We now realize that it is necessary to publicize our positive contributions so the community is made aware of the history, actions and credibility of our organization. Perhaps the best aspect of our organization is that it is open to everyone! There is absolutely *no* discrimination—our members represent every aspect of society, both gay and straight. A person's gender, lifestyle or mode of dress has no bearing whatsoever on acceptance into our group. Everyone is welcome!

(Gratefully adapted from the original written by Empress Kathy Apple of The Imperial Court of The San Fernando Valley.) ▼

COLUMN

Roseburg Report

Ruby House Grows in Roseburg

by Mark Miller

Many things grow naturally in Douglas County. Evergreen forest and blackberries sink stubborn roots into its clay like soil and thrive in its swirling mists of fog, the damp and drizzling winters. This is a land for the tough and the hardy.

The people native to this place also sink tenacious roots into this soil and become fiercely defensive, viewing "outsiders" with just a bit of wariness and authorities with downright suspicion. It is not surprising that a Herschel Taylor with his bib overalls and scrappy determination would launch a recall-the-governor drive from this area. It's also not surprising that the Oregon Citizens Alliance would find this place quite responsive to a campaign against anyone having "special rights."

This surely is the land of the entrenched, and certainly the last place where you would expect an AIDS care-center to take root and be accepted. News accounts of such establishments being hassled and even being destroyed in more cosmopolitan places are not uncommon even today.

But this area, besides being a land of the tough, is also a land with surprising examples of tolerance. In the mid-80s, two school districts within a "stones throw" of each other had diametrically opposite reactions to a couple of HIV-positive gradeschoolers...one forbidding,

the other accepting. Intolerance, though common in this area, cannot be considered pandemic.

In May 1988, when Billy Russo founded Ruby House in Winston, south of Roseburg, he certainly could not have known what kind of reception he would get from his neighbors and local authorities. Given these generalized social/political realities, it would have been normal to expect the worse and develop a defensive posture.

Fortunately for this community, Billy did not. Instead of wasting time trying to anticipate reactions, he just set himself to the task at hand with an attitude that might be characterized as "que sera, sera."

The fact that Ruby House experienced very little resistance is, I believe, due not only to Billy's positive, non-defensive approach, but also to that curious quality of our "natives" with their live-and-let-live attitudes coexisting with their wait-and-see distrust of new things.

Right from the beginning, Billy saw the need to build a total-community base of support. He was very careful not to let Ruby House become exclusively identified with the gay community; it had to be a total-community response to total-community need. Long before the first client arrived, he had a number of functions to which he invited recognized leaders of the larger community and made

important connections.

Since its founding in 1988, much has happened. Ruby House has ministered to the needs of 120 people, with a committed staff and a dedicated core of volunteers.

It has also developed a multi-county networking system, working closely with Steve Hensen in Coos Bay and with people in Curry County, helping them in their initial starting-up organizational work.

Because of the increased demand for services and the need for a wider response to the AIDS crisis, a newly opened boarding facility, Michael House, has been opened to take care of clients not needing specialized care.

Ruby House itself is currently in a process of transition, looking for a larger facility and is being assisted by the local hospitals. It has been given the use of a new office at Mercy Hospital, from which these new developments will be directed.

Ruby House can well serve as a model of how a community should respond to the needs of its people. Though its existence can properly be credited initially and primarily to Billy Russo and Doug Beal, his partner-in-life, it can also properly be credited to a responding general community which can not, in the last analysis, be so easily "typed"...a community, in the last analysis, where caring for people is more important than anything else. ▼

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Blue Heaven

A Novel by Joey Keenan

Reviewed by Ron Abraytles

Blue Heaven by Joey Keenan

Penguin Books

Paperback,

279 pages, \$9

Philip hears that his best friend, Gilbert, is getting married—to a *female!* And not just any female, but the mercenary, cold-blooded, pretentious Moira. When Philip confronts him, Gilbert says Moira has converted him to heterosexuality and he is now deeply in love with her. Philip forces the truth from him.

So begins the wildest, wittiest, most unpredictable screwball comedy I've read in decades. *Blue Heaven* grows continually more outrageous, more convoluted and more hysterical with each page, sweeping the reader along to its devastatingly funny climax.

I won't reveal too much of the plot, but Moira and Gilbert both come from wealthy families who have cut them off without a penny. At a wedding of Gilbert's step-cousin, Moira and Gilbert are astonished by the magnificent gifts of cash, jewelry and electronic equipment given to the happy couple. They immediately hatch the scheme to marry each other just for the presents their families will shower upon them.

Philip gets suckered in by an offer of part of the loot. When he meets Gilbert's step-family, he is horrified to realize they comprise three of the most notorious clans of the New York Mafia. He wants to pull out, but circumstances

swiftly and inexorably straightjacket him. His only chance of living through the wedding is to continue playing his role to the bitter end—and even then, odds are he'll wind up at the bottom of the Hudson River in a concrete trenchcoat.

Philip and Gilbert are forced to walk a tightrope between lovesick Uncle Freddy (nicknamed "Freddy the Pooch" for his penchant towards—literally—grinding his enemies into dog food at his meat packing plant), the brilliantly scheming Moira (who they know would betray them in an instant if she could profit from it), a vindictive Nazi hairdresser ex-lover, an anonymous blackmailer with a very incriminating photo and a high-strung transvestite chemist working on a formula for a new type of deodorant in pill form which changes the smell of your sweat from within.

The wit in this book is irresistible. I'll give you some samples:

"She exuded equal measures of strength and femininity, like a Valkyrie just back from the hairdresser's."

Gilbert on his transformation to heterosexual: "Women nurture you, Philip. Not like men. Men are selfish. They're always undermining you, resenting your success, bitching at you for wearing their sweaters."

"There remained, however, a pterodactyl in the ointment."

"She dragged me swiftly across the street amidst a volley of shrill horn blasts, screeching tire and taxi drivers accusing us of Oedipal tendencies."

"Really?" said Aldo, fixing me with a hungry, expectant look, like a vampire watching a hemophiliac shave."

"He was planning to hide outside the building and follow her. This struck me as a childish, melodramatic way to deal with the situation and I hoped he'd let me tag along."

"Not at all!" she said, smiling toxically."

Moira explains her whirlwind courtship with Gilbert by saying that Gilbert has been chasing her for years and finally caught her. "'He finally caught me!' she repeated, and it occurred to me that if a venereal disease could gloat, this was just what it would sound like."

The amazing thing about this book is that, as bizarre and unpredictable as the plot twists are, after they happen they seem completely logical, even inevitable.

It's like reading Sherlock Holmes: once you finish it, you kick yourself for being so dense, but while it's happening, you're dazzled.

This book is...well, to quote Moira's mother, the Dutchess: "It's the most fun a woman my age can have with her eyes open."▼

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Cold Iron

Prisoners' Journal Seeking Submissions

Cold Iron, an anthology of writing and art by and about lesbian, gay and queer prisoners is seeking submissions for publication. Any work that reflects the experiences and concerns of gay, lesbian and queer prisoners, their lovers, families or friends will be considered. A focus of the anthology will be on building bridges in an attempt to create and maintain positive relationships across "the walls." Articles that are the result of collaboration between prisoners and non-prisoners are especially sought.

Cold Iron will reflect the diversity of the lesbian, gay and queer communities, including works by women and men of all ages, races, national origins and political, religious and economic perspectives. The following types and experiences of incarceration are especially appropriate for *Cold Iron*: juvenile detention centers and reform schools, the problems facing transsexuals in prison, queerphobia in the "system," prison lovers, the treatment of lesbians, gays and queers in foreign prisons; mental patients and involuntary confinement; confinement of the elderly; racism; the problems facing ex-cons and the sexual abuse of lesbian, gay and queer prisoners. These topics are suggestions and do not limit the kinds of subjects that will be considered.

Cold Iron will include fiction, non-fiction and letters. Submissions should be 3,000 words or less. Manuscripts should be typed or legibly handwritten, contain the author's name and complete address and include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please avoid sending your only copy if possible.

Artwork should be black and white drawings or photos that can be reproduced in black and white. Drawings may include drafts or sketches of tattoos.

Each submission should be accompanied by a short biography of the author or artist, including how long and where you have been or are incarcerated, or the nature of your experience with lesbian, gay and queer prisoners.

Deadline for all submissions is Dec. 31. Please send all submissions to *Cold Iron*, c/o John Fall, 1457B 22nd Ave., Seattle, Wash. 98122. ▼

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Bookshelf

Adrenaline

A Book by James Dillinger
Reviewed by Ron AbraytIs

Adrenaline by James Dillinger
Plume Fiction,
302 pages, \$8.95

Good lord, where do I begin? *Adrenaline* is a panting, orgasmic, emotionally wringing thriller which culminates in a fiery apocalypse of mayhem and retribution—an apocalypse which will satisfy even the most blood-thirsty scenarios of vengeance that all of us queers nurse for the outrages perpetuated against us.

If you've ever been ridiculed as a "fairy;" if you've even been attacked for being gay; if you've ever seen a friend die of AIDS while society looked the other way, *Adrenaline* will evoke, fuel and ultimately glut the rage within you.

It begins with a look at the trashy, decadent lives of Jeff and Nick. Just as they discover their love for each other, they fall victim to the brutality of two sadistic, homophobic Los Angeles policeman. When one of the cops is accidentally killed, Nick and Jeff are targeted by cop killers and chased all over California by the obsessed Chief of Police Brundl.

Nick and Jeff keep barely one step ahead of the law, encountering sympathizers and informants, friends and foes, crazies and heroes—but none for very long before there's a pounding on the door or a siren in the distance, and they have to flee.

Adrenaline also is a political commentary

on the Los Angeles police. Written in 1985, it's as recent and timely as today's headlines. Its villains are real people, alive and plotting right now as you read this review. The outrage of the gay characters in this book has been manifested in the Rodney King riots.

The most horrifying chapters of *Adrenaline* take place in the infamous Atascadero State Hospital. If you aren't familiar with that name, you should be. Atascadero is notorious for its "cures" of homosexual "sex offenders" (which, in real life, have included a man convicted of kissing his boyfriend in public and a boy caught masturbating).

The techniques performed at Atascadero include electric shock, personality-altering drugs which cause psychosis and brain damage, panic-inducing drugs, lobotomy and experimental neurosurgery. I wish I could dismiss this part of the book as some far-fetched Nazi nightmare, but I've been aware of Atascadero for many years. If anything, author Dillinger underplays the atrocities committed there.

The climax more than expiated all the tension of 300 pages. It gave new meaning to the term "catharsis." Imagine an inferno of celluloid napalm, a maniacal Mickey Mouse armed with a 357 magnum; imagine your friend who died of AIDS.

The denouement is bittersweet: satisfying without being sentimental, terrifying while strangely triumphant. I'm sorry, I just can't describe it. ▼

BLACKfire

Blk Launches
Erotic Magazine

The premiere of *BLACKfire*, an erotic magazine featuring the images and experiences of black men, was released by the Blk Publishing Company to national distribution recently. The 52-page bimonthly includes photography, short stories, poetry, drawings and a centerfold.

BLACKfire joins *Black Lace* as the company's second erotic title. *Black Lace*, which focuses on the adventurous activities of African-American lesbians, made its debut last year. The Blk Publishing Company also publishes *Kuumba*, a poetry journal for black lesbian and gay men and *BLK*, the company's flagship black lesbian and gay news-magazine.

Included in the first issue of *BLACKfire* is a photo/interview with Chicago erotic dancer Bo Darris; three short stories, "A Pleasant Lunch," "Noonday Soiree" and "Nocturnal Admissions;" three poems; several drawings; 30 photographs and Gene LeMar featured in the centerfold. Co-editor and art director for the new magazine is Ralf-E, a graphic designer whose previous work has ranged from corporate annual reports to CD album covers.

Co-editor and publisher of *BLACKfire* is Alan Bell, who is also editor and publisher of *BLK*. *BLACKfire* also features the work of Jamal, Charles Jr., Mellow-D, Jarvis D. Moore, Bruce Hunt, David Weems, Dee Jay, Adam Starchild, Tom Paris and Dan DuVurny.

The introduction of *BLACKfire* completes the quartet of publications that was the company's origin master plan. Keith Bass, who wrote under the name Revon Kyle Bameker, conceived the magazine and was to be its initial editor. He died from complications due to AIDS before the first issue was completed.

Single copies of *BLACKfire* are available by mail for \$5.95 plus \$1.05 postage and handling. Subscriptions are \$30 for one year or \$54 for two years. Outside the continental U.S., add \$24 per year, payable in United States funds.

BLACKfire magazine can be reached at Box 83912, Los Angeles, Calif. 90083-0912. Telephone (310) 410 0808, fax (310) 410-9250. ▼



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ABOUT THE ARTIST

Michael Goepferd is a German-born artist who studied at the Kunstfachschnle (School for Art and Art-Trade) and at the Schau und Aktionsraum Unart in Germany. Goepferd won the Gold medal of the Bavarian Ministry of Culture in 1978 and has been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions in the United States and Germany since 1984. In Eugene, his work has been shown at the Alder Gallery and most recently at the Maude Kerns Art Center. The artist currently lives in San Francisco.



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Arts & Entertainment

Repertory Combines Lust & Pity Portland Play Enjoys a Second Run

Hilary Sloin's irreverent and not-so-average tale of four women in love, or maybe in ... *Lust and Pity*, is scheduled to open in a reprise run on Aug. 7 at the YWCA in Portland.

The show enjoyed a successful first run last fall as the opening production for The Portland Women's Theatre Company's 11th season. The Artists Repertory Theatre in cooperation with the Portland Women's Theatre Company is presenting this production.

Lust & Pity is the story of: Ruth (Lynn Marie Sager), a strong, icy psychoanalyst with a wild fantasy life; her girlfriend Elaine (Nannette Gatchel) of the artistic bent; Ruth's patient, Jessica, (Stephanie Torres) with whom she's becoming infatuated and who's trying to seduce Ruth; plus Amy (Quigley Provost-Landrum) the car mechanic who's

smitten with Elaine and sets out to defend her honor.

there for fun, in a threatening kind of a way.)

All four actresses have impressive backgrounds in the theater, all of them professionals. The director, Gail Hebert, is a professional actress who starred in the country-western revue *Let's Do Something Cheap and Superficial* at Theatre Paris last year. She also directed the original production of *Lust & Pity* last fall.

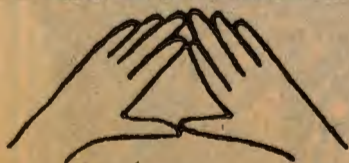
Photo by Owen Carey



The cast of *Lust & Pity*

The whole handcuff-and-humor tale has been likened to eyebrow raisers like the movies *Shampoo* and *Georgy Girl*. (The cuffs are

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Collie is a member of Motherload and a local favorite, while Kelly is also a singer-songwriter. Kelly grew up in Wyoming, but now lives in Portland.

Their topic is the struggles of our times and their passionate music expresses the good and bad of life in the 20th century.

Tickets are available on a sliding scale at the door, \$6-\$8. The hall is wheelchair accessible. ▼

Women on Display Show Opens at Maude Kerns Art Center

"Women's Struggles, Women's Visions," an all-woman-artist show at Maude Kerns Art Center in Eugene, opens Aug. 1 and runs through Sept. 30.

Part of the celebration of the founder's birthday, the art is from across the country and in various media.

Also discussions, presentations by the artists, group forums on current issues facing women artists and, of course, a birthday party are planned in conjunction with the show.

A retrospective of Maude Kerns' artwork will be part of the exhibit. The formidable woman art pioneer died in 1965.

The opening reception is Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. and includes a slide presentation and birthday cake. A \$2 donation is requested.

Some of the topics included are: "Women, Art and Money," "Quilting as a Collaborative Process," "Nap Art: The Dilemma of a Mother's 45-minute Creative Stint," "Feminist Art Criticism," "Moon Rituals," "Poetry" and "What's Next: Men and Women Artists Working Together."

A complete schedule of events is available at the center, 1910 E. 15th Ave., Eugene, 345-1571. The center is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ▼

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Arts & Entertainment

Theatre Group Tells AIDS Stories Play Premieres in Salem

Harvey Fierstein's *On Tidy Endings* and Oregon playwright Erik J. Hendrickson's *All Our Lives* open together July 31 at the historic Grand Theater in downtown Salem. The plays are being presented by the Salem Theater of Performing Arts.

All Our Lives will premiere with Hendrickson as director. It is the story of a group of friends clinging together as an unconventional family — Billy and Jeff, who meet and become lovers, and their friend, Chareese. The characters remember the "old days" in Portland where the action is staged, telling the story of their meeting and becoming friends—and their dealing with one of their company having AIDS.

Broadway baby Fierstein's *On Tidy Endings* picks up where the other play leaves off. Here Collin has died of AIDS, leaving his lover, Arthur, and an ex-wife and son behind. The

two "grieving widows" come together to sign paperwork and the sniping and remembering begins.

Of the plays Hendrickson says, "We wanted to present gay people as real life people and not the people the OCA would like you to perceive. The things that happen in 'All Our Lives' are very real, they are things that have happened to me in my life." Hendrickson acknowledges that the plays are provocative in the way they deal with AIDS and homosexual love. But he explains "[Controversy] was not my intent but if it happens fine then we are doing our job."

Tickets for the performances—July 31, Aug. 1, 7-9, 14-15—are available at the box office at 191 High Street NE or by calling the Mid-Valley Arts Council, 370-7469. They cost \$7, or \$6 for students, seniors and Salem Theater members. ▼

A Triangular Season Is at Hand

Triangle Productions in Portland has announced it's 1992-93 season of theater. The bill will include six avant garde plays at the Theatre Paris, Third and Ankeny streets, Portland.

Bent is by Martin Sherman and is first up, premiering Sept. 9 and 10 and opening Sept. 11. It deals with the imprisonment of Jews and homosexuals during World War II by the Nazis.

A revival of *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*, which no doubt will bring the wrath of Fastixx carriers because of its rowdy title again this season, is next in October and November. Most of the original Portland cast this play about a down-and-out vampiress looking for lesbians in Sodom should return.

Next on the schedule is Ric Young's *Children of Good Will* about a woman who is replaced by automation at her job, forcing change for her family. At the moment, this

play's schedule is up in the air. It may be replaced by two short plays, including one by Gus Van Sant.

Beirut is a tough neighborhood, but not for audiences. It's back as well in February and April. (This play does contain some nudity and explicit situations.)

Breaching opens on Earth Day, April 25. The ecologically minded won't want to miss local playwright Jan Baross' comedy about a serious subject.

Finally, *Blue Plate Special*, the group's first full-fledged musical, a soap opera spoof, ends the season in June.

Changes still can be made in the scheduling, but that's the latest scoop from Triangle Central.

Tickets are \$10 to all shows and available at Fastixx outlets and the Jelly Bean card shop in downtown Portland, as well as at the Theatre Paris box office. ▼

No More Ms. Nice Girls Band Breaks Up by Edith Decker

The popular group 2 Nice Girls, actually made up of four nice women, has announced the break-up of the band — on friendly terms.

"Going in different directions" are two of the founders, Kathy Korniloff and Gretchen Phillips, together for six years, plus Meg Hentges and Pam Barger, who joined up three



2 Nice Girls

years ago. A third founder, Laurie Freelove left the group after the release of their first album.

Their final tour done in May, the group still has a live recording scheduled for release in September and a documentary film in the offing.

The film, *Out on the Road With 2 Nice Girls*, is to be released in 1993. It chronicles the final tour — which included stops in Oregon — and is being made by Francine Rzeznik and Zinka Benton.

Based in Austin, Texas, the group played songs in the folk to country/rock continuum, touching on disco, bluegrass and heavy metal along the way and never eschewing humor to make a point.

The 2 Nice Girls' albums including *Two Nice Girls*, *Like A version*, and *Chloe Liked Olivia*, are available on the Rough Trade label. ▼

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Women's Music Beat

Pacific Northwest Women's Music Festival Highlights

by Enid Lefton

If you were lucky, you were at the Lane County Fairgrounds last March celebrating International Women's Day and rocking out to the outrageous music of Venus Envy. These four Seattle women were the sweethearts of the Pacific Northwest Women's Music and Cultural Jamboree in Bellingham this year. They appeared on the stage daily in many different combinations and incarnations.

The band, consisting of Linda Severt, Linda Schierman, Lisa Koch and Laura Love, does original music and covers of old favorites, often with the lyrics slightly twisted. Their music is loud, brassy and funny. You may find yourself simultaneously clapping, laughing hysterically, dancing and singing along.

Their rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus, "What's It To You" from their holiday album, *I'll Be a Homo for Christmas*, is an outrageous choral explanation to parents pointing out why the singer is not coming home for the holidays this year. Venus Envy has to be experienced.

Also taking the stage at Bellingham was the Laura Love Band featuring Laura on bass and vocals and Linda Severt on guitar. Linda, who often comes across to me as quiet and subdued, is unstoppable belting out the blues. I really enjoy her style. Laura Love has an indescribable voice that and takes "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" into new territories. She is also an incredibly talented electric bass player. But I would be satisfied spending an entire evening just watching her dancing to the beat of her funkabilly music.

Lisa Koch, as well as being a part of Venus Envy, emceed one evening's concert at the Jamboree. In an attempt to make the urban, indoor festival feel more like the usual camping experience of most womyn's festivals, she roasted a marshmallow over a Bic lighter. The marshmallow became the theme of the weekend, with Lisa being pelted with marshmallows from the audience every time she stepped on stage.

Many of the funniest moments of the Jamboree came when Lisa Koch was joined on stage by Peggy Platt, as the comedy duo Dos Fallopia. These two women were also outrageous. They satirize sacred cows such as goddess worshipping women's music performers, a country music mother and daughter act, and recovery programs. Fran

and Annie's Round the Corner-Wee Tot-Inner Child-12-step Day Care, where you send your child to "start them on the road to recovery before they know they have a problem," had me rolling. And the Surly Bitches doing *My Breasts Are Out of Control* had the audience out of control too.

The duo Dos Fallopia have a cassette out called *My Breasts Are Out of Control*. And a T-shirt. I've had a lot of fun wearing my T-shirt around town. Venus Envy have two tapes: *Unarmed and Dangerous* and *I'll Be a Homo for Christmas*. Lisa Koch has a CD available called *Colorblind Blues*. Linda Schierman has a tape from a duo she used to be a part of called Raw Sugar. Laura Love has a CD called *Z Therapy* and will be releasing a second release, *Pangaea*, in October.

If you get a chance, pick up some, or all, of these albums. But to really experience the women of Venus Envy, you have to catch them live.

The Wild Hearts did a show at the WOW Hall on their way to Bellingham. I have been a fan of Wild Hearts guitarist Nancy Vogl since I started listening to the Berkeley Women's Music Collective in the mid 1970s. I asked Nancy what happened to the rest of the collective. Debbie Lemke is in Boston running a record store. Bonnie Lockheart and Nancy Henderson are both still in the Bay Area teaching music. Suzanne Shanbaum is off following a guru named Ramma. And we know where Nancy Vogl is. She's playing progressive folk bluegrass with Robin Flower and Libby McClaren. ▼

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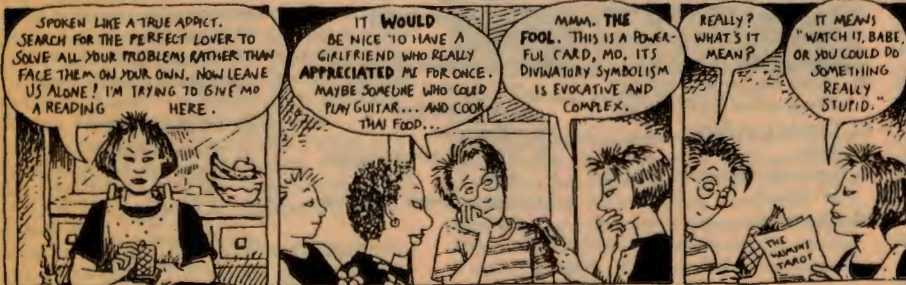
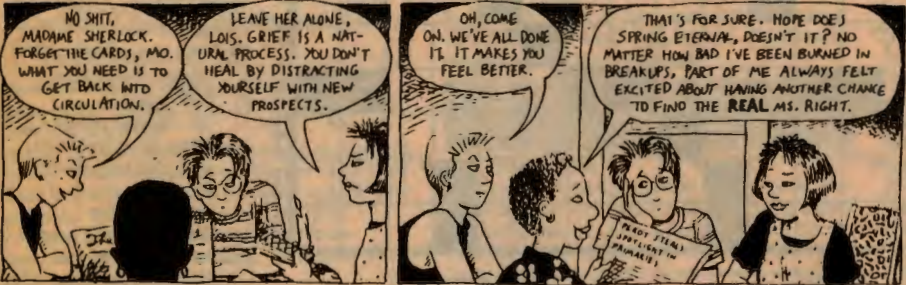
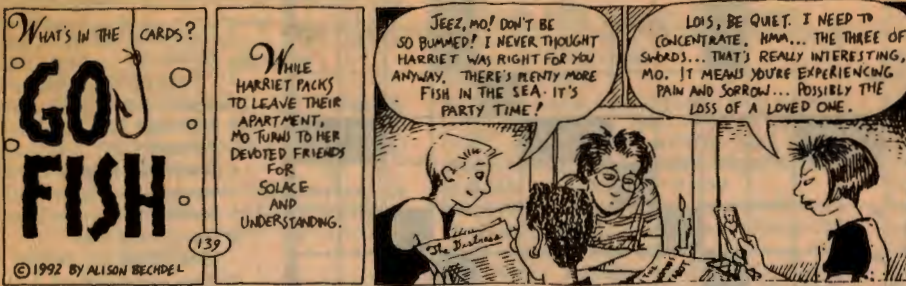
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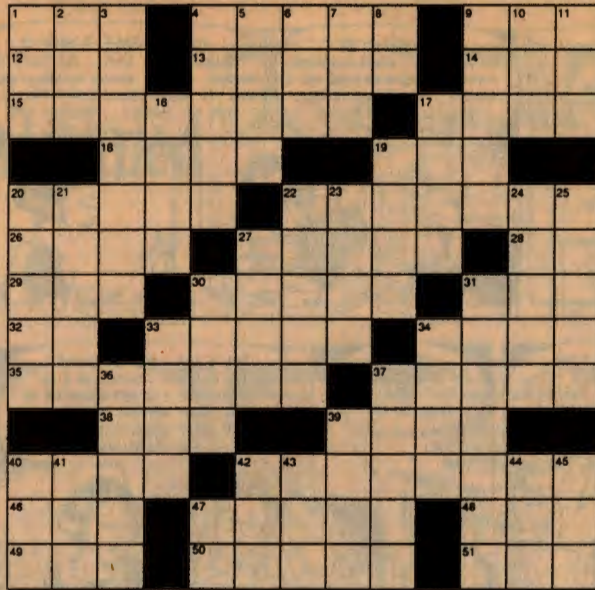
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1. Centers for Disease Control
2. "To An Athlete Dying Young" poet's initials
3. Legendary female warriors
4. Get in one's sights (2 words)
5. Russian river
6. Harvey Milk's murderer, White
7. Extra-terrestrials
8. Nebraska on envelopes
9. *The Celluloid Closet* author, Vito
10. What homophobes don't consider Mappelthorpe's work to be
11. Gay Activist's Alliance
16. Dancer who played title role in *Nijinsky*, George de la _____
17. Silent screen star Nazimova
20. Pat Califia work, *Doc and _____*
21. Jamaican hairstyle
22. Fertile spot in the desert
23. Acts or processes (suffix)
24. Sheeplike
25. Billie Jean and family
27. Encore
30. Proper to the point of affection
31. Out, in baseball (2 words)
33. Where gay Parisians enplane
34. Fine-grained mineral
36. Poetic feet
37. Vacuum tube with two electrodes
39. Roman poet
40. Imagist poet Lowell
41. Sally Field film, *Norma _____*
42. Available (abbr)
43. Dead On Arrival
44. Catch some rays on Fire Island
45. Future rooster
47. Author of *Beebo Brinker*, initially

ACROSS

1. Civil Aeronautics Authority
4. "Lay Your Sleeping Head, My Love" poet, Wylan Hugh
9. Feminist periodical *Big Mama _____*
12. Member of Gertrude Stein or Harvey Milk political clubs (abbr)
13. Angry
14. Urban Renewal Administration
15. Singer Tracy and Monty Pythoner Graham
17. The Thin Man's dog
18. Fervor
19. Objects of a big bailout (with &)
20. Gay athletic club, The _____ Runners
22. Quarterly gay periodical
26. Movie star Turner (mother of *Delour* author Cheryl Crane)
27. German poet Rainer _____ Rilke
28. Nickname for authors Trefusis or LeDuc?
29. Ship initials

ACROSS (Cont'd)

30. Someone who vogues
31. Diarist Anais
32. Full time
33. Iris
34. Chinese secret society
35. Flora, Fauna, and Merriweather, e.g.
37. Sweet, oblong edible fruit
38. Almond (abbr)
39. Sandalwood and olive, e.g.
40. Military branch that discharged Miriam Ben-Shalom for being gay
42. Biweekly gay periodical (with "The")
46. Queen of the fairies
47. Shun
48. British public school boy who acts as a servant to an older schoolmate
49. Affirmative
50. D.C.'s gay newspaper, for short
51. Chang's brother is strict in Germany



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Gay AA (Medford)
Meets twice weekly at MCC, 123 1/2, Main St, Monday/Friday 7pm. PO Box 1313, Medford, OR 97501, 770-796 or 535-3315 (after 6pm)
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Information & referral on local resources (health, counseling, organizations), events, AIDS information & support listening. Hotline runs from 7-11pm.

Lesbian Support Group (Medford)
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New Voices

Gay community journal for adult classifieds, local resources and services. Single issue \$1/ea. PO Box 635, Talent, OR 97540
OnTrack's Alan Collins AIDS Project
HIV support, counseling, foster care facility, advocacy, educational outreach and case management in Jackson County. HIV support meetings Thursdays, 5-6:30pm. 772-1777 in Medford
Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-Flag)
Organization of parents, relatives & friends dedicated to helping gays, lesbians & their families. Support group meets 3rd Tuesday 7:30pm, upper room, 1st United Methodist Church (165 N Main, Ashland). 5th Sat.-Something Special. Candace or Chuck 482-4017 /Cherie or Jerry 488-3436
Rogue AIDS Awareness Network
Dedicated to halting spread of HIV disease. HIV/AIDS information, referral services, workshops, Speakers Bureau. Hotline 1-5pm Mon-Fri. 1215 G Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526 or 471-0979
S.N.A.P.

"Singles Network of Activities Publication" - introduces gay men & women in Southern Oregon to singles only groups & activities. Mail SASE to New Voices, PO Box 635, Talent 97540
Woman Source

Feminist organization that sponsors women's cultural & social events, including annual weekend gathering of women in the mountains. Organizing committee meets specified Wednesdays, 7pm at SOSOC's Women's Center. PO Box 335, Ashland, OR 97520 or Lou/Joan 482-2026, Sue 488-1616

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Astoria

Clatsop County AIDS Coalition
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**Baker/La Grande
Ontario**

Eaglecap AIDS Support Team (EAST)
Organization providing education, outreach and support. FFI: 962-7048

GALA of EOOSC
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Lambda Eastern Oregon Association
Networking service association for Baker City/Eastern Oregon area. Monthly meetings, time/place vary. Publishes newsletter for Eastern Oregon gay community. PO Box 382, Baker City, OR 97814

Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P/Flag)
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Bend

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Central Coast

Coastal AIDS Network (CAN)
Anonymous group of HIV+ and HIV- people that meets twice a month to support life in the community. We'll meet weekly when needed. Tillamook City, 392-3518 or Lincoln City, 994-4694
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Community Outreach, Inc.
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Corvallis Men's Group
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Gay and Lesbian Association
GALA meets Mondays 7pm in the Women's Center on OSU campus, see the Barometer for topics. Office is 249 Snell, MU east, 737-6363
HIV+ Support Group

Counseling support group for HIV+ people. New members welcome. FFI: Jon 758-1404
Human Rights Coalition Political Action Committee (HRC-PAC)
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Ladies Home Companion
Newsletter & calendar for Corvallis-area lesbian community PO Box 1828, Corvallis OR 97339

Lesbian Brunch
Potluck social brunch on second Sunday of month at 11:30am. Location varies. FFI: 757-0155

Lesbian Student Group
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Part of a worldwide women's resource network for lesbians who are new in town or need information or access to food, housing, clothing, shelter, social events, counseling services, information about the area, directions & support. Paula Guthrie 484-6010, Pati Rodgers 484-9474

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Family/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (F/FLAG)

Organization of parents, relatives & friends of gay people dedicated to helping gays, lesbians & their families. Support group meets 3rd Monday at 1st Congregational Church, 1050 E 23rd. Kids welcome. Joyce 689-1630, Marcia 343-8701, Alea 687-2799 or PO Box 11137, Eugene 97440

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Lane County AIDS Hospice Service, Inc.

Non-profit with goal of establishing a specialized living facility in Lane County for persons with AIDS. Currently raising funds through grant applications & appeal to community. Tom Redfield, MD 484-1034 /Janet Sonduck 686-6965 or PO Box 5360, Eugene, OR 97405

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Men's Network Rap Group

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MPOWERMENT Project

A social and outreach network for young gay and bisexual men. We hold special events as well as weekly small group rap sessions, coffee hours and movie nights. 679 Lincoln or call 683-4303
National Organizations of Woman (NOW)
Meet 3rd Thursday at Mother Kali's, 2001 Franklin Blvd, 7:30pm. Committees which are currently active include Racism, Rights of Older Women, Lesbian Rights/Homophobia, Education Discrimination, Economic Rights & Violence against women. 345-6235 for meeting information

No On Hate - Lane County

Group of concerned people fighting the OCA ballot measure. Call for meeting info 688-1601

One Common Thread

Non-profit membership organization promoting women's culture & diversity through arts & entertainment. Sponsors smoke/alcohol free Women's Coffee Hour 3rd Sat., featuring local women artists & performers. 1430 Willamette #330, Eugene, OR 97401. FFI: Lisa 461-3462

Oregon AIDS Hotline

Joint project of the Oregon Health Division and

The Lavender Network

Cascade AIDS Project. Monday-Friday, 10am-9pm & Sat-Sun. 12-6pm. Sponsored by Cascade AIDS Project, 1-800-777-AIDS

Oregon H₂O Dogs

Gay/lesbian swimming/diving team. Three workouts scheduled weekly. Participate in Gay Games, IGLA & gay/lesbian sports festivals. Registration information on west coast, national & international gay athletic events, 343-6745

Outdoor Activities Group

Adventure group for gay men, lesbians & their friends, featuring hiking, skiing, cycling & other activities of interest to the group. Box 5505, Eugene, OR 97405-0505, 484-2147

The Over 50 Women's Group

Social group for older women for fun, friendship, food and discussions. Welcomes new participants. Meets 3rd Friday for 6pm potluck, 7pm program. René 344-4348

Queer Nation - Eugene

Queers committed to eradicating heterosexism and homophobia through direct-action and grassroots support. Meetings are every Thursday, 7:30pm at Grower's Market (454 Willamette). FFI: Queer Nation-Eugene, PO Box 984, Eugene, OR 97401-0984 or Morgan 683-4812

Reach Out!

Support group for ex-Mormons & ex-Jehovah's Witnesses, committed to physical, spiritual & mental well-being for gay men & lesbians. FFI: 1430 Willamette, Box 565, Eugene, OR 97401

Reiki Outreach

Offering free weekly Reiki treatments to those diagnosed with life threatening illnesses or chronic conditions. Sessions available to family members and care givers. Mark 344-7003. More Reiki volunteers welcome. Call Mari 741-2337

Religious Response Network

Interfaith Coalition opposed to the OCA. FFI: 485-1755

Salmacis Social Society

Open meeting for anyone interested in drag, cross-dressing, gender-role reversal, TV, TS or personality projection. Meets 3rd Monday, 8pm Street level bar, Perry's, Pearl St., 688-4282

SDA Kinship

Support & fellowship group for gay & lesbian Seventh Day Adventists. Monthly 345-3872

Shanti in Oregon, Inc.

Volunteer-based agency providing emotional & non-medical practical support services to persons living with HIV & their family, friends & loved ones. Services are also provided to those grieving someone who has HIV Disease. 3477 E. Amazon Parkway or Shanti, PO Box 5513, Eugene OR 97405-0513, 342-5088

Soromundi: Lesbian Chorus of Eugene

For booking & FFI: Myeba 461-0779

The Tennis Group

Needs players at all levels for singles or doubles. Call John at 343-2240

White Bird Medical Clinic

Full service medical clinic, open Monday-Friday 1-5pm, 509 E. 13th Ave. First office visit: \$20-25; later visits: \$13-18 + lab or prescriptions at cost. Anonymous AIDS testing available, Hotline: 342-8255 Business: 484-4800

Willamette AIDS Council (WAC)

Men & women working to stop the spread of HIV. Provides resources for Lane County about AIDS/HIV referral & education. Office at 3477 E. Amazon Dr. is open M-F 1-5pm or PO Box 5513, Eugene, OR 97405-0513, 342-5088

Women's Adult Children of Alcoholics

Meets Wednesdays 7:30pm at Whiteaker School Staff Lounge. Call for fall schedule, 345-5362

Womyn's Press

Eugene feminist newspaper since 1970. Available at Mother Kali's & elsewhere. Welcomes contributions & volunteers. Write to PO Box 562, Eugene, OR 97440 or 485-2076

Women of Size (see Full Sun Institute)

Hood River

Columbia AIDS Resources

Serving the mid-Columbia area in Oregon and

Washington. Provides support groups, advocacy, information, referral & education. FFI: 386-3381 or 296-3700

Klamath Falls

Klamath Area Lambda Association (KALA)

Gay and lesbian support, social activities. All newcomers welcome, newsletter. PO Box 43, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 883-2437

Gay AA

Newly formed. Meets Tuesdays 7 pm at Klamath Falls Resource Center, 1035 Main St, 883-2437

HIV+ Support Group

Bi-weekly meetings. FFI: HIV/AIDS Council 1035 Main St, 883-AIDS

HIV/AIDS Support & Education Council

Klamath County Education, information, anonymous test referral, support groups for HIV+ individuals, family & friends every other Thursday, Gay AA every Tuesday 7pm. PO Box 7418, Klamath Falls, 97602, 883-AIDS

Monmouth

Gay & Lesbian Alliance

GALA of Western Oregon State College meets Tuesday, 7:30pm Wallowa room, Werner College Center. We welcome all WOSC students, faculty and staff, and surrounding community. FFI: Counseling Center (WOSC switchboard)

McMinnville

Lesbian and Gay Support Group

Christian support group for lesbians, gay men and their family and friends. Meets 4th Monday of month 7:30pm, Fireplace Room of First Baptist Church, corner of First and Cowle. Bernie or Mary Beth (pastors) 472-7941

Portland

ACT UP/Portland, Inc.

AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7pm at MCC, 24th & Broadway NE, 284-0262 (Please see R.A.T.S. listing also)

Adventure Group

Meets in front of Lloyd Center Cinemas Sundays 8am for hiking, skiing, bicycling, etc. Recorded message begins 8am Friday-Sunday, 234-2941

Affirmation/United Methodists for

Gay & Lesbian Concerns

Fellowship group & Oregon-Idaho network, including straight friends & families, working for accepting attitudes in local churches. Meets 3rd Friday for a potluck & discussion or program. PO Box 12673, Portland, OR 97212 or 692-9019

Alcoholics Anonymous

Live & Let Live Club at 527 SE Pine has meetings every day. Groups include AA, Alanon, OA, NA, SAA & ACOA, Gay hotline 231-3760

American Friends Service Committee

Works with organizations & individuals to build support for & empowerment of lesbians & gay men, especially within religious communities. FFI: AFSC Gay/Lesbian Program, 2249 E. Burnside Portland OR 97214, 230-9427

Asian/Pacific Islander Lesbians & Gays

Local social support group for Asian/Islander community. FFI: 232-6408 or write PO Box 1615, Portland OR 97207

Bisexual Community Forum

Celebrating 10 years of service to bisexuals, friends, lovers & those in transition. Social network, occasional newsletter & social/discussion group-meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:30pm, Valentino's, 2651 E Burnside. All women & men welcome. FFI: Laury 285-4848

Bisexual Women's Group

Meets first Thursday and 2nd & 4th Monday. Marky 287-8737 or Jill 227-5440

BPA Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Employees

Group for mutual support & to address diversity

& employment issues at BPA. Other federal employees welcome. FFI: Rick 223-2419 or Karen 631-7767

Bradley-Angle House, Inc.

Support group for battered lesbians. Meets regularly, facilitated by lesbians & confidential. Donations accepted, 232-1528. Emergency shelter available 281-2442

Cascade AIDS Project (CAP)

Support services for those with AIDS/HIV, their friends & loved ones. Risk reduction education for gay/bi men, educational materials, Speakers Bureau, sponsors statewide AIDS Hotline. 408 SW 2nd #412, Portland, OR 97204, 223-5907

CedarStar Household

Wiccan Circles on the Waxing and Waning Moon. For more information on Witchcraft, Salmon or SunBear 284-4455

Dignity/Portland

Dignity is a support group for lesbian and gay Roman Catholic & their friends. FFI: Write PO Box 6708, Portland, OR 97228-6708 or 295-4868 for time/place of worship services

Downtown Dykes

Womyn meet for lunch 2nd Tuesday of month, no dues/cost other than lunch, 775-9234

Equity Foundation

An Oregon-based non-profit, public foundation, existing to assure the prosperity of gay & lesbian health, cultural & service organizations and to promote a positive image of lesbian & gay people by making visible our contributions to society. PO Box 5696, Portland, OR 97228 220-0628

Equus: Gay Men's Equestrian Group

For those who have horses, enjoy riding or both. Meet 3rd Sunday of month. 289-1323

Esther's Pantry

Provides emergency food baskets for persons disabled with AIDS. Located at 314 NW Glisan, Portland 97209. Open Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3-7pm. Call 236-4475

Evangelicals Concerned of Portland

A place of acceptance for gays and lesbians. Meets every other Friday for support, study and socials. Jan 654-4597 or Eric 228-8128

Frontrunners

Runners & walkers of all levels (women & men) are invited to join our run/walks on Tues evenings at 6:30 and Sat mornings at 8:30. Group stresses healthy, fun exercise, with monthly social/business meetings to augment the weekly physical get-togethers. FFI: John 235-8747

GALA PCC

Meets Thursdays, 12-1pm in the CC-Pine Rm at PCC-Sylvania. 244-6111 ext 4361, tv message

Gay Men's Chorus

Group meets Mondays, 6:30-9:30pm, Rm 453 Cramer Hall, Portland State Univ. 233-0650

Gay Men's Non Smoking AA

Emphasis on recovery. Meets Sundays, 10 am, Conference Rm A, 3rd floor, Good Sam Hospital

Gentle Giants of Oregon

Social club for fat gay men and their admirers. Get together for potluck & other social activities during the month. FFI or newsletter: Jim c/o Gentle Giants of Oregon, PO Box 412, Wilsonville, OR 97070, 981-4281

HIV Day Center

Provides assurance & assistance to lessen loneliness & isolation. The center is a non-sectarian facility open to persons in all stages of HIV disease. We offer medical support, a daily lunch and snacks & planned activities. No one is turned away for lack of funds. Open 8am-6pm, Monday-Friday, 3835 SW Kelly St, 223-3444

House of Light

Hospice for HIV+ infants and adults located at 597 N Dekum, Portland, OR 97217. Food bank every other Wednesday. 289-3370

Journey Catholic Community

Hospitality for all, Mass, 6pm, SW 13th & Clay. Father McInnis, 245-0339

K-9 Club

Join kindred folks and their dogs. Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays to walk, talk and enjoy each other's company in Portland area parks, 285-2986

Knights of Malta

A leather/levi gay & lesbian service organization

dedicated to the support of charities operating in & for the benefit of the gay & lesbian community. Meets 1st Sunday 2:30pm, The Embers, 110 NW Broadway. FFI: PO Box 8375, Portland OR 97207

Krazy Dykes

Support group for wimmin with mental health issues. Meets 2nd/4th Tuesdays, Laughing Horse Books, 1322NW 23rd, 7:30 pm. Kim 227-1541

Lesbian & Gay Pride, Inc.

LGP, Inc. meets bi-monthly January-June to plan Portland's Lesbian/Gay Pride March & Rally in June. PO Box 6611, Portland, 97228, 223-1656

Lesbian Art Movement Show

Annual art shows of works by lesbian artists. Shows in June. Contact Producer: Dianna Long. Year long networking opportunities. PO Box 12061, Portland, OR 97212, 281-5386

Lesbian Boarding House

Temporary housing in a lesbian environment for lesbians in need of accommodations while traveling through or visiting the Portland area. FFI: Reservations, Ginger 281-5386

Lesbian Community Project (LCP)

Committed to the social & political well-being of the lesbian community. A variety of activities & volunteer opportunities are available. PO Box 5931, Portland, OR 97228 or 223-0071

Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences (LES)

Field trip oriented group for lesbians interested in the natural & physical sciences, 238-4343

Lesbian Garden Club

We meet several times a month for garden tours, work parties & plant exchanges. FFI: Connie 777-5167 or Susan 287-9697

Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club

Democratic Party activists meets 1st Monday, 7pm, MCC, 1644 NE 24th, Portland, OR. FFI: Dick 281-9507

Lesbian Mothers and Children

Social networking group for lesbians who have or want to have children in their lives as mothers, mother's partners, etc. 1st Sunday of month, PO Box 2152, Portland, OR 97208, 245-3280

Living Communion Church

Spiritual sharing & caring charismatic-Interdenominational evangelical. Stressing the whosoever of John 3:16 includes Gays & Lesbians. Sunday Service 10am & 6pm, 3830 SE 62nd Portland, OR 97206, 777-8577

Log Cabin Oregon

Republicans for individual rights. 4th Monday, 6:30pm, Dakota Cafe. FFI: Eric 228-8128

Mothers Against Misuse & Abuse (MAMA)

Rational approach to the multi-faceted issues of drug misuse & abuse. FFI: Sandee 298-1031

Mass in Time of AIDS

A Sign of Love, Mondays 6pm 3835 SW Kelly

HIV Day Center, 223-3444

McKenzie River Gathering Foundation

(See MRG listing under Eugene), 3558 S.E. Hawthorne, Portland OR 97214, 233-0271

Metro Club

Social group for gay men 40 & over and those who appreciate mature men. Monthly potlucks on the 4th Sunday of each month in private homes. FFI: 223-8299 for meeting place

Metropolitan Community Church (mcc)

An ecumenical Christian congregation with outreach to lesbian/gay community. Worship Sundays 10:30am-12:30pm, Thursdays 7pm. Bible Study/Christian education, Sundays 9:15-10am. 1644 NE 24th, Portland, OR 97232, 281-8868

Multnomah County Gay/Lesbian Employees

Monthly meeting of Multnomah County gay/lesbian employees. Meets 4th Monday, 5:30pm. Chris 248-3030, Kathy 248-3308

NAMES Project

Oregon Chapter of the NAMES Project sponsors a Sewing Room, a workshop on making panels for the NAMES Quilt, 249-0662

National Leather Association (NLA)

FFI: National Leather Association, Portland Chapter, PO Box 5161, Portland, OR 97208

NightScene

Gay TV for everyone. Features interviews, entertainment & video dating game. Portland-Channel 11 (Vancouver-Ch 38) Tuesday 11:30 pm; Multnomah Cty-Channel 33, Sunday 6:30 pm.

Check calendar for show topics, 224-2489

No on Hate

Grass-roots working to defeat OCA's proposed constitutional amendment. Meets first and third Wednesdays 6:30 pm, PSU-Smith Center, Rm 296. Volunteers needed! FFI: 222-9885

Northwest Dive Club

Special interest group of gay/lesbian scuba divers. PO Box 512, Tualatin, OR 97062 for a copy of our monthly newsletter & events

Northwest Gender Alliance

Organization for people who have a strong desire to express another gender (transvestite/cross dresser). Meets monthly, PO Box 4928, Portland 97208, 774-8463

Northwest Scenic Cruisers

Gay & lesbian car enthusiasts dedicated to traveling the by-gone highways of yesteryear. All those with a fondness for 'fins and flash' are invited to call for info on our next meeting or event. Glenn 656-0423 Barb 281-7340. All club events non-alcoholic.

OHSU/VAMC

All Hill Lesbian & Gay Council. Monthly potluck & meeting. Call 238-2489 or 234-5563

Oregon AIDS Hotline

Joint project of the Oregon Health Division & Cascade AIDS Project. Mon-Fri 10-9pm & Sat & Sun, 12-6pm Sponsored by Cascade AIDS Project, 223-AIDS

Oregon Gay & Lesbian Law Association (OGALLA)

Statewide professional organization of gays, lesbians & bisexuals in the field of law. As a community resource, our purpose includes professional development, education, visibility, political/legal advocacy & social opportunities. All welcome to join. PO Box 876, Portland, OR 97207

Oregon Guild Activists of S/M (ORGASM)

For people of all sexual orientations. Activities include dungeon parties, educational workshops, demonstrations, & fantasy & erotic shows. FFI: Oregon Guild, PO Box 5702, Portland, OR 97208 or 281-0408

Oregon Mountain Man Society

Come join gay and bi-sexual men in the celebration and reclamation of our lost wilderness heritage. FFI: PO Box 86042, Portland OR 97286.

Oregon Professionals & Entrepreneurs Network (OPEN)

Provides networking referrals and support for professional & entrepreneurs. Meeting for setting agendas, goals & general concerns, Thurs., August 20. Call Shelby for location 465-1301

Our House of Portland

Home for people living with AIDS. 2727 SE Alder St, Portland, OR 97214, 234-0175

Overeaters Anonymous

Meets at Live & Let Live Club, 2403 SE Ankeny, 231-3760

The Pacific Party

Encourages all Oregon residents to become involved and work together for a society that stands for peace, social justice, freedom and a healthy environment. PO Box 9272, University Station, Portland 97207 or 241-7468

Parents-Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P/FLAG)

Confidential support group for lesbians & gay men & their parents, relatives & friends in which experiences can be shared & misinformation can be replaced by facts. Meets 7-10pm the 4th Wed of each month (call for special schedule Nov & Dec meetings) Augustana Lutheran Church NE 15th & Knott, 232-7676

Park Avenue Social Club

Social & support group for gay men 18-29 years old. Club conducts meetings every Tuesday night 7:30pm in the basement of First Congregational Church downtown at corner of SW Madison & Park. Group not church affiliated. 7:30pm in basement. Enter through the side door on Madison, ring bell to enter. PO Box 2294, Portland, OR 97208, 244-3225

People of Faith Against Bigotry (PFAB)

Grassroots organization designed to help people organize events in their community. 2249 E. Burnside, Portland, OR 97214 or Dan Stutesman 230-9427

Phoenix Rising Foundation

Lesbian & gay service center promoting wellness through professional counseling, information & referral, education, leisure & social activities. Insurance accepted. 620 S.W. 5th Suite #710, Portland, OR 97204. 223-8299

Portland Awakenings Youth Group (PAYG)

For lesbians, gays and bi-sexuals under 21. Thursdays at 3:30pm, 6036 SE Foster. Sponsored by Outer East Youth Center. Myndi 294-3322

Portland Community Bowling Assoc.

Original league with 280 for gay & lesbian members, Sunday 11am bowling for dollars, Tuesday 6pm Prime Time League. Fun events & Int'l Rose Bowl tournament. Bowling at PRO 300, 3031 SE Powell. Tom 293-0438 or PCBA, PO Box 851, Portland 97207

Portland Gay Men's Chorus

Meets Mondays Sept-June. Membership open to men and women, singers and non-singers. PGMCC, PO Box 3223, Portland, OR 97208 or 284-5386

Portlandia's Pride

Monthly social group gay/lesbian employees of city of Portland & Multnomah Cty. 245-2634

Portland Leathermen

Informal social group that gathers weekly to wear & enjoy beautiful black leather. Fridays, 10pm, The Dirty Duck Tavern, 439 NW Third

Portland Lesbian Choir

Receives new singing members at beginning of season. Friends of PLC always needed to assist with production. Practice Sundays 6 pm. Ann 274-9591 or PO Box 8212, Portland OR 97207

Portland Power & Trust

S/M social group for women only. Meets 2nd Saturday. FFI: PO Box 3781 Portland, OR 97208

Positive Link

If you've tested positive for HIV & would like to talk to an HIV+ volunteer who's been there, call Oregon AIDS Hotline & ask for Positive Link, 223-2437 (Portland Area), 1-800-777-2437

Pride of Portland Association

Meets 3rd Thursday to promote athletics and sports activities for lesbians and gay men in all sports. 243-1366

Project Cope

Provides education and support in a caring, safe atmosphere to people with HIV/AIDS, their partners, friends and family. 225-8750

Queer Nation/Portland

Multi-cultural, polygender group dedicated to fighting homophobia & heterosexism through queer visibility & direct action. Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays 6:30pm, The City Nightclub, 13 NW 13th. 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd, Box 158, Portland, OR 97202 or the Queer Line 229-3839

Queers United Against Closets (QUAC)

Citizens action committee dedicated to the eradication of homophobia. QUAC is open to all gays and lesbians, 816 NE Broadway, Portland OR 97232, 287-7624

Radical Activists Truth Squad (RATS)

Committed to direct action to end the political & social causes of the AIDS crisis: homophobia, sexism, racism, classism & the failing US health care system. Call 240-0377 for meeting times and location. (RATS is a member of the nationwide ACT UP network.)

Radical Faeries

Recorded news & information line called Fey Dirt, 235-0826

Radical Women

Socialist-feminist organization dedicated to achieving the full equality of women. We believe this requires making radical changes in the economic, social & political structure, 289-7082

Reach Out!

Gay & lesbian ex-Jehovah's Witnesses & Mormons, PO Box 1173, Clackamas, OR 97015 or 657-0620 (See Eugene)

Real Connection

Social gathering for gay men who are artistically and musically inclined. Open and informal events allow artists to connect with one another. Meets 2nd Friday. Call 282-2158 for time/place

Reed College Lesbian/Gay Student Union

Weekly meetings for discussion, support & planning, Wed., 7pm, Women's Center, 775-1020

The Lavender Network

Right to Privacy-Political Action Committee
Raises money & endorses candidates that are supportive of lesbian/gay rights. 921 SW Morrison St. 518, Portland, 97205 or 228-5825

Rights for Domestic Partners

Coalition of public and private employees working for equal benefits for our domestic partners. Meets 1st Thursday, 7-9pm. 238-2489

Rose Court

Social, charitable & community-service organization. Its primary goals are to raise needed monies for charitable organizations & worthwhile causes within the gay/lesbian community. PO Box 23, Portland OR 97207, 287-7058

Rose City Gay Freedom Band

Open to gays, lesbians & their supportive friends. Band is a member of LGBA. Rehearsals: Sunday, 5-7pm at MCC-Portland, 24th & NE Broadway. Bring instrument & music stand if you have one. 620 SW 5th Ave, Ste. 710, 223-8299

Rose City Gender Center

Transsexuals—peer-support group for the Pre-op, Post-op, F-M, M-F & X-dresser. Referrals to caregivers. Weekly meetings in secure place. PO Box 12714 Portland, OR 97212, 230-1036

SisterSpirit

Woman Sharing Spirituality creates space where women of all spiritual traditions can share & celebrate the common bond. Rituals, workshops & other activities, learn to manifest dreams into a shared, peaceful, loving reality. PO Box 9246, Portland, OR 97207, 294-0645

Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. Call Suzanne 245-6175

Special Righteousness Committee

Political action committee sponsored by the Family Alliance of God (FAG). Concerned with including all laws of Leviticus in OCA's proposed amendment. M. Dennis Moore, noon-midnight only 287-9684

Stopping Violence Against Women

Feminist direct action group seeks to raise awareness of the harm of pornography & prostitution through picketing & education. Does workshops on pornography for groups. Jane 777-2796

Super Jacks

Men's only safe-sex jack-off club. All men welcome but must be over 21 to enter. Attendees must agree to posted rules and regulations. Every other Friday, 8:30-10:30pm. \$5. 796-1934

Teen Portland Ice Hockey Club

Organization for gay men and lesbians who want to be involved in ice skating. All levels welcome. 234-4456

Tod's Corner

Providing free clothing for persons with AIDS, HIV Day Center, 3835 SW Kelly, Portland. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9-4pm. Corey Baker, 245-7428

Triangle Productions

Production company located at Theatre Paris, produces avant-garde live theatre leaning toward gay/lesbian fare. 6SW Third Ave, Portland 97204. 241-3857

United Front Against the Oregon Citizen's Alliance (UFAOCA)

Network of organizations & individuals working to stop the OCA. All sharing this goal are welcome. Emphasis on action and grassroots, including rallies, marches and counter-demonstrations. PO Box 13, Sandy, OR 97055, 727-2615

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbians & Gay Concerns (UULGC)

Meets for worship & meetings throughout month at First Unitarian Church, 1011 SW 12th, Portland. Come where you are appreciated for being you and where you can add your own spiritual chapter to our growing volume. FFI: 228-6389

Vanguard

AIDS/HIV Disease Patient Advocacy Group, PO Box 231261, Portland, OR 97223, 245-6799

Westside Organization of Women

Social group for west-side women who identify as gay and lesbian. Newsletter announces events (\$6 subs.) PO Box 5584, Aloha, OR 97007

Windfire

Social & support group in a supportive/non-

confrontational atmosphere for people under 21 who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or unsure. Meetings are small & informal. Location & Time: Phoenix Rising 223-8299
Women's Rights Coalition
 Coalition who believe equality of rights under the law shall not be abridged by the US or any state on account of sex & freedom of choice in reproductive matters is a woman's constitutional right. PO Box 3025, Portland, OR 97208 or 645-9107
Wrestling Club of Portland
 Our group provides a means to contact other wrestlers. For membership info write to: PO Box 40066, Portland, OR 97240-0066

Roseburg

Douglas County AIDS Council (DCAC)
 Meets 2nd Wednesday, call for time & location. Operates AIDS-line, works with other agencies, provides a speakers' bureau, education and prevention resources. PO Box 1273, Roseburg, OR 97470 or Jim Hopper, Co-Recorder, 679-9913
Douglas County Gay Archives
 Repository for materials relevant to the rural homophile community. Meets quarterly. PO Box 182, Dillard, OR 97432, 672-9913
Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA)
 Meets 2nd Thursdays (except July & Dec.) 7:30pm at GLCC. Meetings usually followed by a presentation. Funds & staffs GLCC, Gayline, Gay Ol' Times, GALA library, Lesbian Outreach, Comm. Education & AIDS Task Force. GALA, PO Box 813, Roseburg, OR 97470-0166, 672-4126
Gay & Lesbian Community Center (GLCC)
 Center has current notices & info for gay/lesbian community & the GALA library. Open from Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm & 7-9pm & Sat 7-9pm. 3856 Carnes Rd. in Green District, 672-4126
Gay & Lesbian Discussion Group
 Meets Tuesdays 7:30pm at First United Methodist Church, 1771 West Harvard Blvd. in the High School Room (east side of the church). Unstructured discussion, often a relevant video, always someone there, 672-4126

Gayline
 672-4126
 24-hour switchboard/helpline at which trained peer counselors provide non-judgemental crisis intervention & referrals.

Gay Ol' Times
 Free monthly (no July or Dec. issue) newsletter of Roseburg gay & lesbian community. 1000+ copies distributed. Deadline: 2nd Thursday of month. PO Box 813, Roseburg OR 97470, 672-4126
HIV Support Group
 Groups offered for all affected by HIV/AIDS. Meets Mondays 7:30pm at St. Joseph's School on 800 West Stanton (off Harvard Blvd). Separate groups for men and women. 672-4126
MCC-Roseburg
 Safe place of worship for gays, lesbians, their friends & families. Sunday services, 11am at GLCC. MCCR, PO Box 2125, Roseburg, OR 97470, 672-4126 (message)
OWL Trust
 Oregon Woman's Land Trust is a non-profit tax-exempt corp. founded in 1975 by NW Radical Feminists seeking safe wilderness land for use by wimmin and children who may not otherwise have access. PO Box 133, Day Creek, OR 97429
Ruby House
 HIV patient hospice. PO Box 182, Dillard, OR, 97432, 679-9913

Salem

Campaign for a Hate-Free Oregon
 Mid-Willamette chapter of statewide organization formed in opposition to OCA's proposed initiative. Members needed for bigot busting, speaking, flyer folding, telephone work. General meetings every other Sunday, 7pm at the Upper Deck. Anne 399-7025 or Phil 363-7367

The Capitol Forum
 Gay/lesbian social service organization which sponsors social activities, lesbian/gay fundraisers. 3rd Wednesday, 7pm, 1410 12th St SE. Renté 585-7630, PO Box 406, Salem, OR 97308
Chemeketa Comm. College Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance (LGBSA)
 Provides academic growth, leadership, community involvement. Students & Willamette Valley community encouraged to participate. Wednesdays 2:30-4:30 pm, Bldg #5 Rm 257. CCC, Student Activities Office, PO Box 14007, Salem 97309 Attn: LGBSA or Bill 371-0548
Community News
 Monthly gay/lesbian newspaper. PO Box 663, Salem, OR 97308, 363-0006
Dignity-Willamette Valley
 Gay & lesbian Catholics & friends hold services at St. Vincent's on 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 7pm. PO Box 532, Salem, OR 97308, 363-0006
Health Care Workers Group
 Open to gay men and lesbians who work in any healthcare related field. Meets monthly for potlucks, socializing & networking. Meeting times on request. PO Box 17313, Salem, OR 97308
Imperial Court of the Willamette Empire
 Non-political gay/lesbian social service organization. Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm, 1410 12th St S.E. PO Box 263, Salem, OR 97308
Metropolitan Community Church
 Sweet Spirit MCC is a Christian church open to all who wish to worship & feel themselves to be part of a family. Services Sundays 11 am at 1410 12th SE, 363-6618 or 585-9295
Mid-Oregon Aids/Health/Educational Support Services, Inc.
 Dedicated to providing support services for people with life-threatening or life-changing illnesses. Has P.A.L.-trained volunteers, educational information, referrals, safe-sex rap groups and a crisis hotline. MASS Inc., PO Box 12547, Salem, OR 97309, Hotline: 363-4963
Open Door Support Group
 For persons living with HIV-AIDS. Meets Thursdays 7pm, 1410 SE 12th St. 363-4963
Oregon Public Employees Union (OPEU)
 Formed as a gay, lesbian bisexual caucus of the Civil and Human Rights Committee and open to all OPEU members. Primary goal is educating OPEU members about OCA threat. 362-8157
Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)
 Confidential support group for lesbians & gays, their parents, relatives & friends in which experiences can be shared and misinformation replaced with facts. 585-8119
Prime of Life Club
 Social organization for gays/lesbians and their friends. Special emphasis on those 30 and above but everyone welcome. PO Box 663, Salem, OR 97308, 363-0 006
Shoulders Support Group
 For family, friends and caregivers of persons living with HIV-AIDS. Meets Mondays 7pm, 1410 SE 12th St. 363-4963
This Moment
 Circle of friends living with HIV sharing concerns and hopes, providing mutual support. 7pm, Fridays, 1410 12th St SE. Jonathan 363-6618
Willamette Univ. Gay/Lesbian Alliance (GALA)
 Meets weekly for discussion, support, and planning of events and awareness programs. Mondays 7pm, Putnam Womyn's Center, 370-6265
Women's Potluck
 Meet Salem's best. Bring food or just yourself. 2nd Wednesday, 7pm, 1410 12th St SE. Annie 399-7025
Womyn's Wisdom
 Newsletter with articles, reviews and events of interest to Salem area women. Send SASE for a free issue. PO Box 1024, Salem, OR 97308

Statewide

Gay & Lesbian Helpline
 See Eugene Listing, 503-683-CHAT
Mid-Columbia Social
 For men and women who live in the greater Mid-

Columbia area. Weekly meetings, once a month bash, other outings. Get to know your neighbors. Write to MCS, 408 Lincoln St, Ft. Dalles, OR 97058. Jon 296-5700
Oregon AIDS Hotline
 Joint project of Oregon Health Division & Cascade AIDS Project. Monday-Friday 10am-9pm, Saturday-Sunday, 12-6pm. Sponsored by CAP. Portland 233-AIDS, 1-800-777-AIDS
Positive Link
 If you have tested positive for HIV and would like to talk to an HIV+ volunteer who's been there, call the Oregon AIDS Hotline & ask for Positive Link, 1-800-777-2437, 223-2437 (Portland)
Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns
 Meets 1st Friday of month. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 NE Hamcock, PO Box 3391, Eugene, OR 97403. 346-2778, 285-5458

Out of State

Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network (BASMYN)
 "By and For Youth" organization for bisexual, lesbian, gay, transgender and questioning youth. Newsletter, information, referrals. Concerns, ideas and inquiries welcome. BASMYN, PO Box 460268, San Francisco, CA 94146
NW Coalition Against Malignous Harrassment
 PO Box 16776, Seattle, WA 98116, (206) 233-9136 (phone), 233-0611 (fax)
Pacific NW Veterans Association
 Serving gay, lesbian & bisexual veteran and active service members. Moral support, discharge upgrades, legal advice/referrals, information about political activities to repeal DoD's policy of discrimination. J.R. Stone, PNVA, 1202 E Pike, #850, Seattle WA 98122 or 206/524-0667
PRIDE Institute
 The only exclusively lesbian & gay alcohol & drug treatment program in the U.S. PRIDE will pay air fare, 1-800-54PRIDE (24 hours)
Spokane Cty Health Dist. AIDS Program
 Services include anonymous counseling & testing, education, video/book library, outreach, support groups, client advocacy & case management. Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, 1101 W. College Ave Rm 370, Spokane 99201, (509) 324-1542

Vancouver, WA

Affirmation/Gay and Lesbian Mormons
 Nationwide organization for lesbian/gay Mormons, their families & friends. 206/696-9396
Gay & Lesbian Rap Group
 Open discussions on lifestyle, community concerns and social activities. Meets every Monday 6:30pm, 214 E 16th St in downtown Vancouver. Rudy (206) 737-6012
Lavender Winds Kite Club (LWKC)
 Group of gay and lesbian kitefliers. LWKC is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. FFI: Mark or Brian at (206) 896-6190 or PO Box 5396, Vancouver, WA 98668
MCC of the Gentle Shepherd
 Christian congregation with positive/supportive outreach to lesbian/gay community. Services open to all, Sundays, 4:30 pm, 4505 E 18th St. PO Box 5094, Vancouver, 98668, (206) 253-8401
Personalities
 We are a drug (and alcohol) free social club primarily for people recovering from addictions & alcoholism but also for anyone drug free. Located off of I-5 in Vancouver's City Center, 115 E 7th St. (206) 694-5068
Southwest Washington Health District HIV/AIDS Program
 Services for Clark, Skamania & Klickitat counties. Anonymous testing; client advocacy; outreach; community education & support groups. Monday-Gay/Lesbian, Tuesday-Family/Friends, Wed.-Volunteer, Thurs.-HIV/AIDS. 737-6012
Vancouver Connections
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Classifieds

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GWM 40 yo. seeking housemate + possible companion between 20-35 yrs. Rent \$150.00 + 1/2 utilities. Call 757-1335 for more info. (Corvallis)

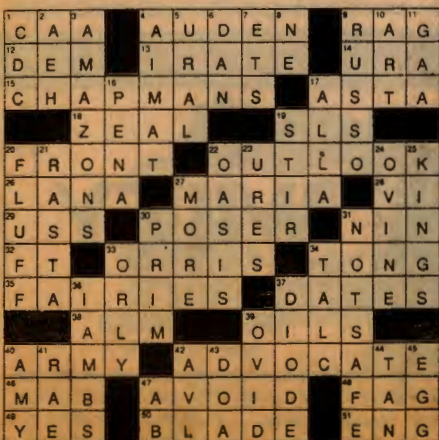
Room Available, private bath, mobile, Male 40-60, car, 70 miles N. of Portland. 3 miles off I-5. \$150.00. Utilities included. 1-206-864-4217. (Toledo, WA)

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(Answers from Page 56)



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Lesbian Roommate Wanted to share large, beautiful, South Eugene home. Graduate student or professional preferred. Quiet, mature, responsible, non-smoking. No pets. No children. \$300/mo. + 1/2 utilities. 345-1897

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NOTICES

Deadlines Are Changing!

The deadline for submissions to The Lavender Network's *Classified* and *Calendar* departments has changed. All items for these departments now must be received in our office by 5 pm on the 19th of each month.

Anev BBS and Carl J. Rodakowski are no longer affiliated with The Lavender Network, Inc. Effective May 27, 1992.

ORGANIZATIONS

Original Art Wanted for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance 92/93 poster. Contact Sarah at 346-3360 for submission info.

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Pet Lover's Abode! a very unique! (mildly put!) opportunity for a live-in house boy (18 plus with a very warm personality and a non-smoker) and masseur! I am both the Resident Owner and Resident Manager of a really great sixteen (16) apartment complex that caters to the gay community (ask some tenants)! There are many! possibilities for earning money by doing various services for not only me and the other tenants, but also! for their guests! I will be happy to answer any! questions you might have! Cordially! Ron at 774-2429. (Portland)

More Classifieds on page 66

PERSONALS

GWM, 45, Successful
Secure, wants to settle down. Loves gardening, entertaining, cooking, hikes, art, quiet/romantic evenings at home. Looking for partner 30-50, non smoker-no drugs. Write to: 1430 Willamette #101 Eugene, OR 97401

Handsome GM couple in Portland seeks cute boyish guys (18-23 or so). We've been together for over 11 years and want to share our stability and affection. Our interests include hanging out at home, BBQs, sports, alternative music, camping, road motorcycles and more. Call 240-1846 and leave a message. New to this? That's okay, we're down-to-earth and discrete.

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λ You must be 18 years of age or older to place or respond to a Talking Personal ad. Your Talking Personal ad of 25 words or less will appear in TLN at no charge. You will be sent complete instructions on how to record your Talking Personal message, and on how to retrieve your voice mail responses. There is no charge for recording, replaying, or re-recording your Talking Personal. The charge to retrieve your responses is 95¢ per minute and will appear on your phone bill. Do not include your last name, address or phone number in your Talking Personal ad, but be sure to supply that information indicated on the form below.

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Classified Ad Rates

Talking Personal ads are free for the first 25 words. Each additional word is 25¢. Talking Personals are for Personal/Person-to-Person ads only. The λ symbol at the end of an ad means it is a Talking Personal.

All regular classified ads for private individuals are \$3.50 for the first 15 words. Each additional word is 25¢.

Ads for businesses or professional services are 35¢ per word or \$17.50 per column inch.

Centered **BOLD** headlines of up to 20 characters are available for \$2.

Payment must accompany ad orders. Send check or money order to TLN (address below).

Blind Boxes

Confidential box numbers are available for \$3 per insertion. Be sure to end your ad "Reply to TLN box # ____". (We will fill in the number.)

TO REPLY TO A BLIND BOX

Insert your reply in a sealed, *stamped*, blank envelope, then insert that envelope into another envelope addressed to TLN (address is listed below). Don't forget to list what box number your reply is for and affix a stamp to the blank envelope. Replies that have no stamp or are incorrectly addressed will be returned to sender or held until the end of the month, when they will be sent out to the box holder.

Deadlines

The Classified Deadline is 5 p.m. on the 19th of each month.

Ads are NOT accepted over the phone.

TLN reserves the right to reject or edit entries it deems unsuitable for publication.

Address all Blind Box responses & Orders to:

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Classifieds

GWF, emotionally/financially secure, exclusively lesbian. Various hobbies, true Pisces, professional with no children/drugs/smoking/drinking. Seeking Salem, Ptlid, Eugene area, similar woman late 30s—early 50s to share deck on the river, send yellow roses, and enjoy espresso. Reply to TLN Box #368.

Meet Russian Friends by advertising in TEMA, Russia's gay and lesbian newspaper. You can meet Russian men and women who are interested in being your pen pal, a friend whom you can visit, or more. \$20 for 25 words + \$1/each additional 5 words, payable to Roman Kalinin. Write to TEMA, 3535 24th St., San Francisco, CA 94110. (Write for info on display advertising.) We'll be very grateful for any of your financial assistance to support gay publishing in new Russia. We hope that our paper will live with your help!

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Attractive, bearded, decent man, 30, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165 lbs., hairy, nonsmoking, rural Hillsboro homeowner, healthy, responsible, stable, friendly, thoughtful, clean. Enjoy gardening, nature, movies, music, jeans, quiet casual homelife. Not into drugs, bars or gay mainstream. Desire potential relationship with similar masculine man. Sincere reply to TLN Box #364.

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GWF - 34 yo 5'6" 127 lbs., butch looking for lady. Prefer 5'3"-5'5", slim but looks not really important. Isolated due to my job until winter, lonely, would appreciate penpal and some friendship. Open to relationship with right woman. No games, headtrips, emotional rollercoasters. Been there, done that, don't need to repeat the experience. Is there anybody out there? Reply to TLN Box # 367.

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37 yo. 6'4" - 325#. Good looking masculine. Enjoy, coast, travel, music, opera, dining out. I am caring, giving person looking for a younger chaser call Doug. TP #19018λ

My name is Larry, I'm 43, 5'8" 170#, employed white male looking for GWM under 45 in the Salem area for friendship and fun. Discrete. TP #19016λ

Young, SGWM seeks friendship/fun with others (17-25). New to Eugene area. Fit, active, different. To Jim from Bandon, please reply, I lost your number. TP #19020λ

GWF, 22, 5'3" 127#, very cute, feminine. Into body-building and sports. Great smile and tan to match. Seeking healthy, feminine, sincere woman under 30 with similar interests. TP #19022λ

Wanted Top Man. Me: Good-looking GWM, 27, 5'9", 163#, good bottom. You: Under 37, good-looking man, knows how to top someone. Sometimes toys are fun. TP#19021λ

GWM, 29, 5'7", 170#. Professional, good looking. Enjoys camping, fishing, fireplaces, romance. Seeks (25-45 yrs) dating, clean, safe good times. HIV-Discrete. Smokers OK. Salem area. TP #19023λ

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When you retrieve your Talking Personal responses, make sure you have a paper and pencil ready: *once you pick up a response it is erased to make room for new messages.* You must use a touch-tone telephone to record your greeting and to listen to responses. The cost is \$1.49 per minute and will appear on your phone bill.

To respond to a Talking Personal ad

At the end of a Talking Personal ad, you'll see a λ symbol. This symbol means you may respond to these ads over the telephone by using our voice mail system. To respond, call 1-900-454-4242 (access code 19) and follow the instructions for leaving a message. The cost for this service is \$1.49 per minute and will appear on your phone bill. You may respond to an ad from any phone (except a pay phone). If you have a touch-tone phone, simply dial in the access code (19) when asked. You may also "browse" through all ads on the system by following the instructions. If you have a rotary phone, you must wait when the system asks for your access code until it asks you to verbally give the number for the box you wish to respond to.

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▽ For dinner														
▽ Non-alcoholic drinks														
▽ Alcohol														
▽ For music														
▽ For dancing														
▽ For pool/video games														

- What kinds of music do you like?
- ▽ Soft Rock ▽ Folk ▽ Acoustic ▽ Rock ▽ Electric
 - ▽ Blues ▽ Modern Pop ▽ Heavy Metal ▽ Country ▽ Acid House
 - ▽ Jazz ▽ Classic Rock ▽ 50s Rock
 - ▽ Other _____

- Are you: ▽ Vegan? ▽ Vegetarian? ▽ Meat-eater?
- What kinds of foods would you most like to have available?
- ▽ Snacks ▽ Popcorn... ▽ w/ salt ▽ w/ butter
 - ▽ Veggies & dip ▽ Pretzels ▽ Potato chips ▽ w/ dip
 - ▽ Tortilla chips... ▽ Guacamole ▽ Salsa ▽ Hummus
 - ▽ Garlic bread ▽ Nachos ▽ Other _____

What Musical Groups would you most want to hear?
Recorded music (list groups) _____

Live Music (list groups) _____

What other types of entertainment would you like to see? (List) _____

- Do you play pool? ▽ Yes ▽ No
Pinball? ▽ Yes ▽ No
Video Games? ▽ Yes ▽ No
List favorite games _____

- Do you drink alcohol? ▽ Yes ▽ No
- ▽ Beer... ▽ Weinharts ▽ Coors ▽ Anheiser-Bush
 - ▽ Microbrews (list) _____
 - ▽ Other (list) _____

- ▽ Wine... ▽ Red ▽ White ▽ Blush
- ▽ Organic ▽ No sulfites ▽ Oregon
 - ▽ California ▽ Imported (from?) _____
 - ▽ Other (specify) _____

▽ Liquor (what kind?) _____

Do you smoke tobacco? ▽ Yes ▽ No

- Which of the following smoking policies would you prefer?
- ▽ Non-smoking inside, smoking outside (under a covered area).
 - ▽ Separate smoking & non-smoking areas, both inside.
 - ▽ Unrestricted smoking inside

- ▽ More substantial food
- ▽ Stir fry ▽ Hamburgers ▽ Veggie burgers
- ▽ Sandwiches (what kind?) _____
- ▽ Pizza (favorite toppings) _____
- ▽ Soup (what kind?) _____
- ▽ Pasta w/ _____
- ▽ Mexican food (what's your favorite?) _____
- ▽ Omelettes (favorite ingredients) _____
- ▽ Stuffed potatoes
- ▽ Other _____

Do you have any concerns about accessibility for disabled womyn beyond the ADA requirements? If so, please list them.

- Where do you live?
- ▽ Eugene ▽ Downtown/campus area ▽ West Eugene
 - ▽ South Hills ▽ River Rd./Santa Clara ▽ North Eugene
 - ▽ Springfield
 - ▽ Other (specify) _____

How would you most often travel to Phoebe's Paradise?
▽ Bike ▽ Bus ▽ Drive

Where would you like Phoebe's to be located? ▽ Downtown

- ▽ Campus area ▽ West Eugene ▽ River Rd. ▽ Other?

Would you like the bar area to be separated from the cafe area & music/dance area so that womyn under 21 can be admitted? ▽ Yes ▽ No

What is your birthdate? _____/_____/_____ (Mo/Da/Yr)

If you want to be entered in the drawing, you need to fill in your name, phone, and/or address below. Thanks for your input! Potential business partners, financial backers, consultants, employees, etc., please contact us at:

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