

# OUT

## Oregon Democratic Party Chair joins gay caucus

Dick Celsi, Chairperson of the Democratic Party of Oregon, is one of only two state Democratic chairpersons who joined the Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the Democratic National Committee. The Caucus was formed February 4, 1983 and Celsi along with Minnesota Democratic Party Chair Mary Manahan joined at their first opportunity. Celsi also attended the Caucus' first meeting held July 15 in Detroit.

The Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the

Democratic National Committee was formed to enhance the role of lesbians and gay men inside the Party and to help articulate the Democratic Party's goals and commitments to the state and local level. Formation of the Caucus was co-ordinated by the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Democratic Clubs.

Tom Chorlton, Executive Director of the Association, commenting on Celsi's support for lesbian and gay civil rights said, "Dick Celsi is an example of the new progressive and dynamic leadership of the Party nationwide that many other state chairs are beginning to emulate."

Jerry Weller, Deputy Director of Gay Rights National Lobby and a former Oregonian who, while serving as Secretary of the Multnomah County Democratic Party, worked closely with Celsi stated, "Dick always sup-

ported and spoke out strongly on issues important to the Oregon lesbian and gay community. I'm pleased and I congratulate him for continuing to do so on the national level. I hope that the Oregon lesbian and gay community will continue to work closely with Dick and the Democratic Party."

"Dick attended both the first and second annual Lucille Hart Dinners and we've worked together at Democratic Party conventions for passage of lesbian and gay civil rights resolutions," commented Oregon's Right to Privacy PAC Treasurer, Keeston Lowery. "We've also worked together on many political campaigns."

"Lesbian and gay Oregonians should be proud of Dick Celsi for his strong commitment to civil rights and for his support of our organizations such as Right to Privacy PAC and Gay Rights National Lobby," Weller said.

## Book in works

A researcher writing a resource and support book for gay fathers, lesbian mothers, their lovers and children seeks members of gay/lesbian families to interview. Identities of participants will be kept strictly confidential. Write: Joy A. Schulenberg, Parenting Project, 806 Haight St., San Francisco, CA 94117.

Lights

## A room full of lesbians

by Willow Pond

I enjoy being in a room full of lesbians. Among lasting memories of my emergence as a lesbian include my first visit to a lesbian bar in New York City (all I did was smile and stare in wide-eyed wonder) and my first women's music concert with Meg Christian (can you think of a better first concert experience?).

A similar kind of stimulating energy happens once each month here in Portland. It's

called the Portland Lesbian Forum.

An average of 120 lesbians and gay-positive women gather monthly to explore topics relevant to our community and individual identity.

The Lesbian Forum began on May 18, 1981, with the topic "Lesbians and Work: Which Collar Are You?" In the thirty one months following, the Forum has explored diverse discussions on relationships, music, poetry, racism, class issues, sexuality, bars, age consciousness and financial planning.

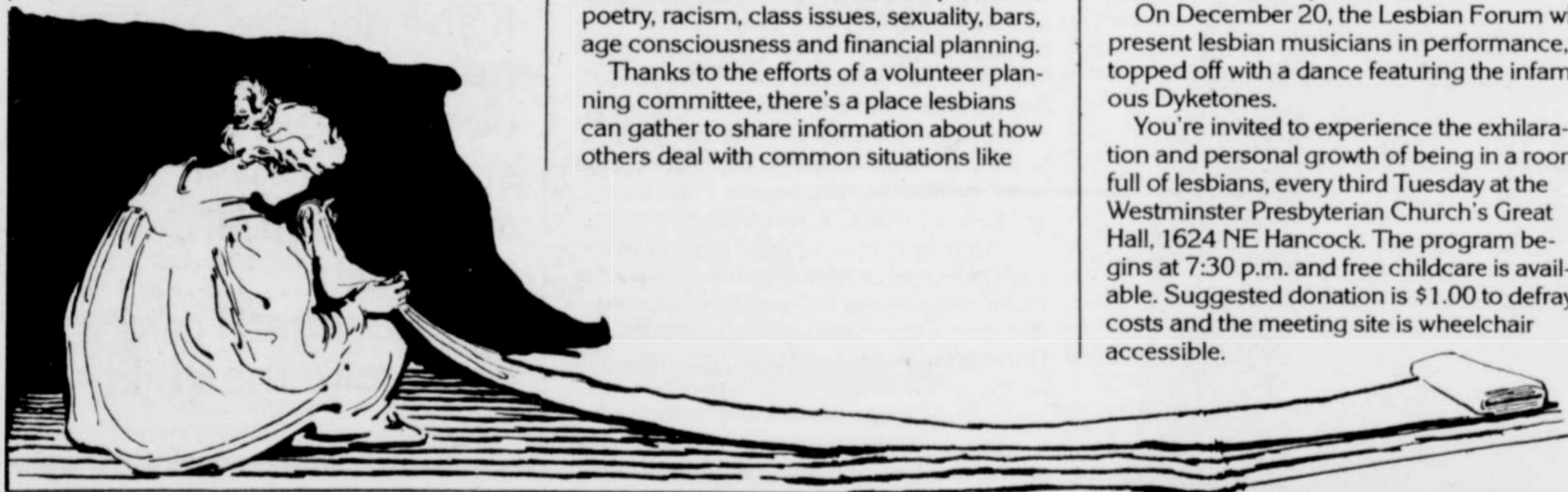
Thanks to the efforts of a volunteer planning committee, there's a place lesbians can gather to share information about how others deal with common situations like

coming out, forming families, parenting, unlearning racism and understanding homophobia.

Lesbians from throughout the metropolitan Portland area have graciously given their time, energy and talents to Forum programs. They've participated in panel discussions, question/answer periods, skits, a talent show benefit, art displays and music and drama performances.

On December 20, the Lesbian Forum will present lesbian musicians in performance, topped off with a dance featuring the infamous Dyketones.

You're invited to experience the exhilaration and personal growth of being in a room full of lesbians, every third Tuesday at the Westminster Presbyterian Church's Great Hall, 1624 NE Hancock. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and free childcare is available. Suggested donation is \$1.00 to defray costs and the meeting site is wheelchair accessible.



## Portland Town Council announces

### A Grand Sale

White metal kitchen cabinet \$30.00. Brown metal cabinet with sliding doors, \$50.00. 3 wooden book shelves, \$15.00. Wooden coat stand \$10. 2 metal office (4 drawers) desks \$85.00 ea. Wall clock \$4.00. Various chairs \$5.00 ea. Sofa \$30. 2 swivel chairs \$20 ea. 2 filing cabinets \$85 ea. Long work table \$40. Misc. office supplies, pens, paper, etc.

Interested? Call Chuck 232-0669 anytime.

## Perfume Oils Bubble Baths Moisture Lotions



essential  
lotions & oils

**GREAT GIFT IDEAS!**

**Unique Astrological  
Lithographs**

Stunning line art prints in striking duotone black & white with original artist's signature

Perfect Gifts for Special People

Now available in this area exclusively at:

**A WOMAN'S PLACE**  
2349 SE ANKENY

Regular hours 12-6 pm Mon-Sat. Open Sundays 12-4 pm Thu-Dec. 18

Formerly 14 Grains Bakery



## THE UNSWEET BAKERY

whole grain  
Bread & Muffins

Soup  
of the day  
\$1.00 a bowl

also  
Cookies & Pastries

Open M-F 7:15 am-5:45 pm  
Sat. 10:00 am-4:00 pm

1001 SW tenth

coupon  
Two muffins of  
your choice  
and coffee  
\$1.00  
WITH THIS COUPON  
exp. 12/15/83  
1 per customer  
per day, please