

● PUBLIC INTEREST

Help Prevent Child Abuse

Parents Anonymous, a child abuse prevention program of Waverly Children's Home, is accepting applications for volunteer parent specialists.

Training will be provided at no cost to qualified applicants who wish to share their parenting experience and problem solving skills on the 24 hour parent Helpline or as Child Care Specialists for one of Parents Anonymous weekly parent support groups.

If you would like to take this opportunity to share the skills and experience you have with other families, either on the Helpline or with the children call Sue Kaasted or Debi McFeron at 238-8819.

MCC Roseburg and **GALA** have opened a community center that will house newsletters, flyers and announcements as well as AIDS information. It is also being used as a meeting place. If you would like to keep informed of the work of GALA, subscribe to the monthly newsletter, **Gay Ol' Times**. **GALA, PO Box 813, Roseburg, OR 97470.**

Gay Men Together meets Wednesdays, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., at Smith Center, room 230, Portland State University, on SW Broadway.

PFLAG is a social group for parents and friends of lesbians and gays. Write POB 8944, Portland, OR 97207 for information about meetings.

WOMENSTRENGTH

WomenStrength, a self-defense program designed to help equip teenage and adult women with survival level fighting skills. The program believes that fighting can be an effective response to the threat of sexual assault.

Although fighting has been effective for many people, it is not always the safest response. Many people have effectively used other options such as negotiating, submitting, running and yelling. **WomenStrength** emphasizes that each threat must be assessed quickly, and that both the circumstances and individuals involved must be considered when choosing a response. To increase the likelihood of escape, women are encouraged to develop personal skills which will help them to overcome fear and respond confidently in emergency situations.

WomenStrength is free and held every month in different locations around the city. Registration for the next month's classes always begins on the third Tuesday of the previous month. Call 796-3139 to register.

A Woman's Place Bookstore, 1431 NE Broadway, announces its Fall Author series. The following authors will be appearing at the store.

Bobbie Hasselbring, The Medical Self Care Book of Women's Health, Friday, November 6, 1-3 p.m. Oregon author, Andrea Carlisle, **River House Stories**, Friday, November 27, 5-7 p.m.

A support group for **Abused Lesbians** of Bradley-Angle House, 232-7805. It is facilitated by lesbians, is confidential, child care is provided. Donations are accepted.

A **Single Parent Support Group** is held every Thursday, 7-9 p.m. Group discussions will include parenting information, referrals and resources, discipline techniques and finding adequate day care. For more information, contact Sue Kaasted, 238-8819 or Debi McFeron, 249-2825.

Windfire is a gay, lesbian and bisexual youth group. It is one of the most exciting things in Portland if you're 20 years old or younger. Growing up gay in a heterosexual environment is very difficult. **Windfire** provide peer support in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Besides peer support, if you're looking for fun, **Windfire** is most definitely for you. **Windfire** sponsors picnics, parties, pot lucks, special events and weekend camping trips.

Meetings are held on Thursday evenings at Outside In, 1236 SW Salmon, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday at Old Wives Tales restaurant,



Dr. Frank N. Furter (Shawn Rogers) admires his new creation, Rocky (Daryl North) in "Rocky Horror Show." Presented by Storefront Theatre through December 5.

1300 E. Burnside, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information call 244-3225, Ann Shepherd.

Portland Leathermen, a five-month-old informal social group that gathers regularly to wear and enjoy beautiful black leather, meets at the Dirty Duck tavern, 439 NW Third, on Fridays after 10 p.m.

A **Support Group for Transsexuals**, male to female, female to male, androgynous persons, crossdressers, transvestites and persons supportive. Call 777-7777 for location.

The Gay Bridge Club, a rap and social group for young adults 21 and up, meets every Wednesday, at the First Congregational Church on SW Madison and Park at 7:30 p.m. Use side entrance on Madison. Call 244-3225 for more information.

GSSO, Gay and Lesbian Support of Southern Oregon, is a support group in Klamath Falls. GSSO offers support and information for gays and lesbians. For further information write: GSSO, PO Box 43, Klamath Falls, OR 97601.

PPOW — Portland Professional Organization of Women — a group to provide gay women an opportunity to meet others. We sponsor socials and special events throughout the year. For information write: PPOW, PO Box 22821, Milwaukie, OR 97222.

Mass in Time of AIDS. A support faith community, for those touched by this crisis. Mondays, 6 p.m., corner of SW Broadway & Montgomery, PSU Campus Ministry, 226-7807.

Cascade Guild — Health Care Chapter, a networking group — medical, social and mental health care workers meet monthly. For information call Hazel, 636-0509 or Chris, 297-4314.

Join the **Portland Lesbian Choir**! We are a performance group seeking singing and non-singing support members. If you sing, compose

music, play an instrument or would like to support a Portland women's choir, we need you. We meet every Sunday at 6:00. Please call Cathryn Heron for rehearsal location and information. Call 239-7716.

The Bisexual Community Forum meets the second and fourth Monday of each month, at Old Wives Tales at 8 p.m. in The Banquet Room. Exploration, rap, and social group open to women and men.

Sisterspirit Activities

November 8 — Wiccan Group get acquainted potluck; 3:30 p.m.; 3737 S.E. Salmon; call 234-3599 for info.

November 11 — Planning meeting for November Ritual Gathering; 7:30 p.m.; 2804 N.E. 42nd; all women welcome.

November 14 — **Medicine Shield-making Workshop** led by Elaine Bagley; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Westminster Presbyterian Church; 1624 N.E. Hancock; \$20.00 (includes materials & instruction); please pre-register, limited space available. Checks payable to "Sisterspirit"; P.O. Box 9246, Portland 97207.

November 15 & 22 — **Womantribe: Ritual & Trance Dance**; led by Vilik Raphaella; two workshops on matriarchal movement; 2 to 5 p.m.; Echo Theater, 1515 S.E. 37th Ave., call 282-8615 for information.

November 22 — A ritual for women sharing spirituality; 6 p.m.; Echo Theater, 1515 S.E. 37th Ave., Portland.

Small groups forming: Jewish Women; Wiccan Circle; Christian Communion; Westside Discussion Circle (metaphysical studies; shamanic teachings). For information about all groups, call 282-8615.)

Sisterspirit is a women-only circle. However, male children up through the age of 10 are welcome to our monthly ritual circle and otherwise as stated.

Lesbian Meditation Group, meets every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. Call to confirm meeting place and for more information, J. Pearl, 233-2468.

● THEATRE

Portland State University's **New Plays in Progress Series** presents **Coming About** by Carolyn Gage, November 17 through 21. Call 464-4440 for tickets, \$4 general, \$3 students. 8 p.m., 115 Lincoln Hall.

Top Girls by Caryl Churchill continues November 5, 6 and 7 at Fir Acres Theatre, Lewis and Clark College.

The play begins with a hilarious meeting between some of history's exceptional women who have arrived from the past to celebrate Marlene's ascendancy to the position of managing director of the Top Girls Employment Agency. With an abrupt switch, the play explores the painful conflict between Marlene, who has escaped a brutal family history of poverty and alcoholism, and Joyce, Marlene's working-class sister, who cannot accept the terms of Marlene's way out. **Top Girls** raises difficult questions about the relationship of women to traditional economic and social institutions and about the world we are making for our children.

For further information contact Laine Hilling at 293-2745.

Artists Repertory Theatre's Children's Series presents the season premiere of **Cinderella Wore Combat Boots** by Jerry Chase. Directed by Brian Haliski, this modern version of the traditional story has the ugly step-sisters looking like Madonna and Cyndi Lauper while their mother is more dizzy than mean. The prince is a dragon-hunting preppie whose father, the King, is a bit like a happy used car salesman. Cinderella is funny, free and she DOES wear combat boots.

Cinderella Wore Combat Boots performs Saturdays through November 14 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Wilson Center for the Performing Arts in the YWCA building downtown Portland. For reservations call the ART box office: 242-2400.

Back by popular demand, **Portland Civic Theatre** presents **Little Shop of Horrors**, the smash off-Broadway musical.

The show will run Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m. and Sundays, 7 p.m. till November 2. For ticket reservations, call 226-3048.

In the **Portland Civic Theatre's Blue Room**, catch the raunchy comedy, **Requiem For A King** by Ira David Wood III. Thursdays through Sundays through November 15. The news of Elvis Presley's death acts as an amusing catalyst on the reunited lives of five women.

● GALLERIES

In Her Image, A Gallery of Women's Art announces the opening of a new exhibit titled **Re-visioning The Dark**. The show will feature local and nationally recognized artists such as Asungi (pastels), Jane Sipe (jewelry), Cris Chapman (leather masks), Suzan Luna Braun (handpainted silk), Sudie Rakusin (pen and ink), and Mary Holladay (ceramic sculptures). The exhibit lasts through December 31, 1987.

An opening celebration will be held Friday, November 6, 7-10 p.m. at the gallery, 333 NE 28th, Portland.

Blue Sky Gallery, 1231 N.W. Hoyt, will present a three person exhibition of photographs by **Marion Faller, Karen Smiley and Laura Wittles** from November 5 through November 29. There will be an opening reception November 5, 6-9 p.m. The opening and exhibition are free of charge. **Blue Sky** is opened Wednesday through Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Admission is free. For further information, call 225-0210.

Carter Arcand Gallery: A show of functional/sculptural works in clay by J. Keiko Nakadate, complemented by a variety of prints by gallery artists from Japan, opens Thursday evening, November 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m., with a reception for the artists. Keiko Nakadate lived and studied in Mashiko, Japan (a town devoted solely to pottery), where she worked with the first apprentice to Shoji Hamada, a National Living Treasure