

NW 16th, 8 p.m. Playing everything from rhythm & blues to funk, this will be a show you won't want to miss. \$2 cover.

25 • FRIDAY

Today is the holiday **Christmas**, celebrating the birth of Christ almost 2000 years ago. Quite the radical, Christ preached his message of God's redeeming love for all people.

Christmas dinner for lesbians who have or who want to have children in their lives. Call 282-1529 for time and location of home. All women and children welcome.

27 • SUNDAY

A Women's Music Festival tonight at Pine Street Theater from 7 p.m. until midnight to benefit Burnside Projects' Women's Shelter.

The Women's Music Festival will feature The Blues Sisters, Loose Wimmie, Jane Howard, Sharon McCann and Nancy King.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at A Woman's Place Bookstore and Artichoke Music or at the door the night of the performance. The Women's Music Festival will assist in raising funding to help sustain the Women's Shelter at Burnside Projects and support expanded women's services.

31 • THURSDAY

Today is the **last day** to do anything in 1987!

The Live and Let Live Club, 2403 SE Ankeny, will ring in the new year clean and sober with a party that starts at 10 p.m. and continues till whenever. There will be a nominal charge at the door.

Art Down the Alley throws itself a Goodbye Party tonight, 3764 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Say goodbye to 1987 and ADTA. The gallery closes January 15, 1988.

Early evening New Year's Party for lesbians who have or who want to have children in their lives at **Old Wives Tales**, 1300 E Burnside, 6-10 p.m., buffet dinner, adults \$5-\$10 sliding scale, children eat free. Dancing for women and children. Quiet room for storytime-pajama party for younger children. 282-1529 for reservations. Restaurant closed to general public.

• PUBLIC INTEREST

If you've imagined an audience for your singing, poetry, drama, whistling or comedy act, we are your audience! **The Lesbian Talent Show** is coming up on December 15 and needs your talent. Experience or no experience is fine. Call 230-2737 by December 8 to register. Slots are limited, so call soon.

Women's Meditation Group meets every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at Crone Magic, 1405 NE Broadway. Call to confirm meeting place and for more information, J. Pearl, 233-2468.

Portland Power And Trust, an informal support group for lesbian women-born-women interested in safe consensual S/M meets monthly. For more information, write PO Box 3781, Portland, OR 97208.

Women in Sexual Transition Support Group: Sexual orientation: heterosexual/homosexual/bisexual? Not sure? There is a support group of peers in progress every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. — Confidentiality set. For location and more information contact Jesse, P.O. Box 22703, Portland, Oregon 97222.



The Nylons, an a cappella men's group from Seattle. In concert December 3.

The Planning Committee for **International Women's Day Celebration** is seeking women poets, dancers, dramatists, and musicians to perform at the event on Saturday, March 5, at PSU. There is no financial reimbursement for appearing. This is a great opportunity to show women's performing and writing skills in an international celebration. Call 464-4452 and ask for the Women's Union extension.

FOREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

December 4: Forest Group Potluck and planning meeting — Help plan trips for 1988. Potluck begins at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30. Call Terry, 245-1196 for location of meeting.

December 12: Enjoy a relaxing soak at Bagby Hot Springs. Call Michelle, 281-4171 for trip information.

December 13: Beginner's cross country ski trip to Mt. Hood area. Arrangements will be made for equipment rental. Call Catherine, 231-5775, or Sherry, 288-9510 for details.

December 19: Telemark skiing at Summit Ski Area. Beginners welcome — some instruction will be provided. Call Ruth, 233-2652 for information.

December 20: Winter rafting on the McKenzie River. Reservations and pre-trip meeting are required. Call Sherry, 288-9510.

December 25: Second Annual Christmas Day Breakfast and Ski Trip. All skiing levels welcome! Potluck breakfast in town then skiing in the Mt. Hood area. Call Catherine, 231-5775 for details.

January 8: Forest Group meeting and potluck. Potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30. Call Susan, 235-3765 for meeting location.

Help Prevent Child Abuse

Parents Anonymous, a child abuse prevention program of Waverly Childrens 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 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, 7-10 p.m., at Smith Center, room 230, Portland State University, on SW Broadway.

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, 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

THEATER

The New Rose Theatre cheerily presents the return of a well-loved classic in just enough time for the holidays. Bring the whole family to Charles Dickens's **Great Expectations** adapted for the stage by Portland actress and theater professional, Lisa Barck. Opening December 2, the show runs Tuesdays through Sundays until December 27. For information and reservations, call 222-2487.

Artists Repertory Theatre's popular musical about pioneer women, **Quilters**, is extended through December 20 at the Schubert Theatre in downtown Beaverton. Also presented by ART this month is **Season's Greetings** by Alan Ayckbourne, Thursdays through Sundays, December 4 through 23. If Santas and sugarplums have got you feeling icky sweet, get over to ART for a look at Belinda and Neville's holiday happenings with the in-laws. A raucous comedy. For reservations and information for either show, call 242-2400.

Alice B. Theatre presents **The Holiday Survival Game Show**, directed by Tammi Doyle, and **One Mormon Show**, written and performed by Emmett Foster, two comic one-acts opening December 10 at Theater Off Jackson (409 7th Ave. S., at Jackson, Seattle) for a two-week run. Shows Thursdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m., through December 20. Tickets are Thursday & Sunday \$7, Friday & Saturday \$8.50. Preview performance December 9 at 8 p.m. is \$5. Group rates available. Call 32-ALICE (322-5423) for reservations. Advance tickets available at Red & Black Books and Bailey/Coy Books.

Working by Studs Terkel continues through December 19 at the **Columbia Theatre Company**, 2021 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Reservations, 232-7005.

Working is the musical voice of the unsung hero. It is a celebration of the working person, giving dignity to the productive energies of Americans. Adapted from the book by Studs Terkel, **Working** is a musical theater production expressing the inspirations and reflections of workers across our country. From executive office to assembly line, Terkel's interviews yield us a sharply etched reflection of the real America.

The Portland Women's Theatre Company's presentation of Sarah Dreher's **8 x 10 Glossy** continues Fridays and Saturdays through December 12. The drama takes place one year after the death of the abusive father in an alcoholic family. The reunion of the two sisters and their mother sets the stage for a moving play. Tickets are available at A Woman's Place Bookstore on a sliding scale, \$5-9, and at the door on performance nights. All performances are at 8 p.m. Interested in ushering? Call 238-3505.