

22 • FRIDAY

"Choose to dance" with the Blues Sisters at the Pine Street Theater, 211 SE 9th St., tonight, 9 p.m.-midnight. All ages are welcome; the \$5 admission benefits Oregon NARAL PAC. The dance is in celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision.

28 • THURSDAY

A community dinner tonight will benefit Loud Hawk et al., the Offense/Defense Committee, Northwest Big Mountain Support and the Columbia River Defense Committee. Following dinner, drum and speakers in support of the indigenous peoples of North America hope to raise money and mobilize to ward off government prejudice and genocide of Indian peoples. Cost is \$3 at the door; additional donations will be accepted. The fundraiser takes place at the PACT Senior Center, 4707 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Susie at 246-1822, or Lesley at 236-6154.

29 • FRIDAY

The Cascade AIDS Project, in association with Michael Davidson, presents "An Evening with Marcel Marceau, the World's Greatest Pantomimist." A benefit for AIDS care and education, this one-night performance is tonight at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Ticket prices are \$12.50, \$19.50 and \$50. The \$50 ticket includes a catered party for M. Marceau with a no-host bar at the Heathman after the performance; only a limited number are available. Tickets are available from the Portland Center for the Performing Arts box office, or can be ordered until Jan. 22 by mail from CAP. For more information, call 223-5907.

30 • SATURDAY

Today is a day to play in the snow for children of all ages and for women who have or who would like to be with children. If you're interested in becoming a "big sister" to a child, here's a chance to get your feet wet! Call 282-1529 by Thursday, Jan. 28 for carpooling information and location of cabin, or if you're interested in becoming a "big sister" and cannot make the snow trip.

31 • SUNDAY

Irvington, Alameda and other north-northeast women are invited to meet your lesbian neighbors at a monthly potluck brunch at 11 a.m., at 44 NE Mickle (east of 39th Avenue off Burnside Street). For more information, call 287-3442.

• THEATER

Artists Repertory Theatre presents *The Country Girl*, by Clifford Odets, opening Friday, Jan. 8, and continuing Thursdays-Sundays, through Saturday, Feb. 13. *The Country Girl* is an insightful drama that explores the complex relationship between a practicing alcoholic actor and his wife.

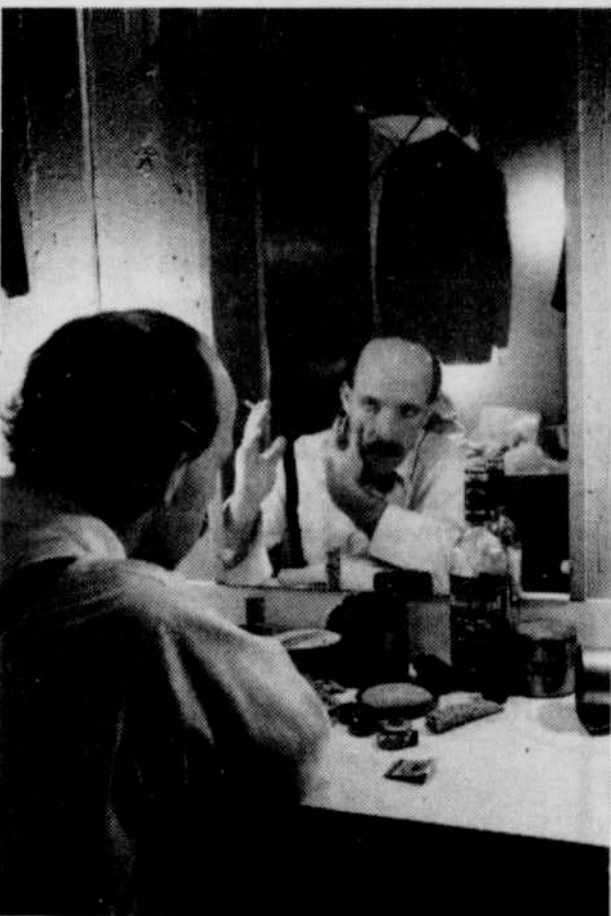
ART will host two symposiums entitled "A Mad Ghost at Midnight: Addiction and Creativity, a Literary and Personal Reflection" following the Sunday matinees on Jan. 31 and Feb. 7. The panels will explore the topics of creativity and addiction as well as the role of the alcoholic and his/her relationship in society as it is reflected in literature and drama. For ticket information, call 242-2400.

Columbia Theater Company presents *The Miracle Worker*, by William Gibson, opening Friday, Jan. 22, and continuing Thursdays-Sundays, through Saturday, Feb. 27.



Portland's own Blues Sisters perform in a benefit for Oregon NARAL, January 22, at the Pine Street Theater.

The Miracle Worker is the moving story of the young deaf and blind Helen Keller and her teacher and friend Ann Sullivan. The play will be signed for the hearing impaired on Jan. 22 (opening night), Feb. 13 (the actors' benefit performance), and the Feb. 21 matinee. For reservations, call 232-7005.



Ted Roisum in *The Country Girl*, at Artists Repertory Theatre.

• SPIRITUALITY

Sisterspirit activities

January 6: Ritual planning meeting, 2804 NE 42nd Ave., 7:30 p.m.; all women welcome.

January 7: Six-week Ritual Dance class series taught by Vilek Raphaalla, 7:30 p.m., Echo Theatre, 1515 SE 37th Ave., 282-8615. Westside Discussion Group (shamanism, new age, etc.), 7430 SW 172nd Ave., Aloha, 591-7008.

January 10: Wiccan Group, 5:30 p.m. Women of the craft welcome. Call 234-3599 for location.

January 17: "Breaking Chains: The Fires of Freedom" is a ritual circle for women sharing spirituality. Children welcome, including boys under age 11, 6 p.m., Echo Theatre, 1515 SE 37th Ave., 282-8615.

January 21: Westside Discussion Group. See January 7 listing for details.

Other offerings include Christian communion (Frodo, 282-8615) and a Jewish women's group (Shulamit, 232-8237).

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.

• PUBLIC INTE

Forest Group events

Forest Group events are open to all women interested in hiking, bicycling, skiing and other outdoor activities.

January 1: Second annual New Year's ski trip to the Mt. Hood area. All ability levels are welcome. Call Shari, 238-2759, or Catherine, 231-5775.

January 8: Monthly potluck and planning meeting for February events. Potluck at 6:30 p.m.; meeting at 7:30. Call Susan, 235-3765.

January 16: Saddle-up! Horseback riding at a local stable. All ability levels are welcome. Call Michelle, 281-4171.

January 17: Intermediate ski trip to the Mt. Hood area. Call Donna, 288-9510.

January 22: Night ski trip to a Mt. Hood area resort. All telemarkers and downhill skiers are invited. Call Sylvia, 654-9156.

January 23: Intermediate ski trip to Bennett Pass. Call Susan, 235-3765.

January 28: Forest Group goes bowling! Call Sara, 282-6391.

January 30: 25- to 35-mile bike trip. Call Susan, 235-3765, or Catherine, 231-5775.

February 5: Monthly planning meeting and potluck. Call Catherine, 231-5775.

February 8: Instruction in ice axe techniques for aspiring or experienced mountaineers. Call Sylvia, 654-9156.

Westside Organization of Women

(WOW) is a social group for westside women who identify as gay and lesbian. To receive a seasonal newsletter announcing the group's events, send \$5 to WOW, 4770 SW 165th, Beaverton, Ore. 97007. For more information, call 643-9345.

Volunteers needed

The Portland Women's Crisis Line (PWCL) has announced openings for its winter volunteer direct service worker training. The PWCL is a feminist organization which serves communities throughout Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties and is committed to ending violence against women and children. Volunteer positions are available in all aspects of crisis line work. No experience is necessary, but only a limited number of spaces are available. Practicum students are also welcome to apply; credit is available for this work. Training classes will begin Jan. 4. The PWCL is an equal opportunity employer. Survivors of violence and women of color are particularly encouraged to apply. Interested women should call 232-9751 during business hours in order to receive a job description and interview appointment.

The Portland Police Bureau's Sexual Assault Prevention Program is accepting applications from persons interested in teaching "Women-Strength" self-defense and in providing public education on the prevention of sexual assault.

Applicants must be sensitive, articulate, willing to learn, and committed to helping others prevent sexual violence in their lives. Volunteers who are accepted into the training

program are required to commit themselves to a minimum of six months and are asked to work an average of 10 to 12 hours per month. Attendance at a monthly staff meeting/in-service is part of this commitment. All positions are non-paid.

This once-a-year training will be held in March. For applications and more information, call 796-3139.

January 29 will be a day off for students in Portland Public Schools. The Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation has planned some entertaining options. Many of the community centers around the city will have activities ranging from "Play Days" (ages 6-12 and 5-9), ski trips for ages 8 and older and a museum trip for ages 6-10. The fees vary. Call 796-6973 or 796-5121 to register.

And for adults this month, there are classes on snow camping and cross-country skiing. Don't be left out in the cold! For more information, call 796-5132.

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.

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.

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 Kaastad, 238-8819, or Debi McFeron, 249-2825.

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.

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 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.