

# out about town

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**Out About Town** is provided as a free community service by **Just out**. Listings of events, announcements and groups that are specifically relevant to gay men, lesbians and bisexuals of every color in Oregon are provided free of charge.

**Just out** prints a full groups listing in the second issue of the month; the deadline for that issue is the Thursday before the first Friday. In the first issue that comes out each month, **Just out** will list only immediate care organizations.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Jewish and new in town?** The Jewish Federation has just published *Shalom Portland: A Newcomer's Guide to Portland Oregon's Jewish Past and Present*. (Free, 245-6219.) (2/3)

The **Greater Northwest International Rodeo 1994**, held in Seattle, Wash., will include bull and bronco riding, team roping, calf roping, barrel racing, and chute dogging. It's traditional rodeo with a queer twist! (Friday-Sunday, Sept. 9-11, King County Fairgrounds, \$25 advance for a three-day ticket (check or money order to: Northwest Gay Rodeo Assoc., 1202 E Pike St., Suite 759, Seattle, WA 98122); \$12 single-day ticket, 206-233-8931.)

**Bridges Vocal Ensemble** is looking for tenors and basses for the '94-'95 season. The group rehearses Wednesday evenings. (Schedule audition: 242-1675.) (10/21)

**Lesbianas Latinas de Tucson** presents "Adelante con Nuestra Vision," the first national leadership and self-empowerment conference for Latina lesbians. The conference, co-sponsored by the National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization, seeks to foster leadership and give a national voice to Latina lesbian communities. (Friday-Sunday, Sept. 16-18, contact Aileen Jacinta McMurrer 602-884-7810 or Carmen Chavez 202-544-0092.)

**Strike Back! The Course with the Padded Attacker** is a dynamic self-defense course for women, presented by One With Heart. Two upcoming sessions are offered (in September: 6 pm Friday, and 1-6 pm Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-18; in October: 6 pm Friday, and 1-6 pm Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7-9). One With Heart also offers **Strike Back! The Basics**, teaching awareness and assessment skills in a six-week course (7:30 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, starting Sept. 12) or a 12-week course (7:30 pm Tuesdays, starting Sept. 27). A class for large women meets Thursday nights (7:30 pm, starting Sept. 15). All classes are being offered free of charge for the week Sept. 12-17. (4231 SE Hawthorne Blvd., 231-1999.)

The **Third Annual National Conference of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association** takes place Sept. 22-25 in Minneapolis. (Write to NLGJA, 8528 Bradford Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901, or call George Woolley 301-584-5545.)

Hear Melissa Assilem discuss "Womanspirit, Homeopathy and The Goddess." Assilem is one of England's foremost practitioners specializing in the homeopathic treatment of women. (7:30 pm, Friend's Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark St., 7 door, 228-6851.)

"**Breathing: The Key to Your Well-Being**," is a workshop to help you to deal with tension in a positive, constructive way through the healing power of your own breath. Taught by Bob Pistone. Free introductory talk (7-9 pm Thursday, Sept. 15) (1-4 pm Saturday, Sept. 24-Dec. 3, The Center for Natural Medicine, 1330 SE 39th Ave., \$325, 233-9136.)

"**Spiritual Renewal for Women**" is an autumn equinox retreat based on the newly published *A Woman's Guide to Spiritual Renewal*. The retreat will be led by authors Nelly Kaufer and Carol Osmer-Newhouse. Activities will include meditation, interactive dialogue and exercises for guided introspection. (6 pm Friday, to noon Sunday, Sept. 23-25, Womanshare, Grants Pass, Ore., \$75-\$125, two scholarships available, 503-862-2807 or 510-547-0855.)

"**Women Ripening Through the Menopause**," a workshop with Melissa Assilem. This one-day seminar is for practitioners of homeopathy and those wanting to learn about more natural approaches to women's health care. (2-7 pm Sunday, Sept. 25, Friend's Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark St., \$65 public and professionals, \$55 with preregistration by Sept. 14, \$50 seniors and students, \$40 with preregistration by Sept. 14, 228-6851.)

Organizers are **seeking survivors and supporters for a second production of "The Way Back."** Artists, singers, storytellers, actors, musicians, financial contributors, coordinators, technicians, workshop leaders, therapist support staff, and more are needed. Attend an organizing meeting and get involved. (11 am Saturday, Oct. 8, St. Francis Dining Hall, 330 SE 11th Ave., Naomi Morena 735-1476, or leave message 236-0855.)

The theme for this year's **Lavender Waves recovery retreat** is "Turning It Over." Recovery-related workshops, open 12-step meetings, speakers, a dance, and a talent show are all part of the festivities. (Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 6-9, Camp Westwind, north of Lincoln City, Ore., four days \$120, three days \$100, discount for early registration, contact: Lavender Waves, PO Box 44, Seal Rock, OR 97136, 563-3643.)

Bike-racer Cindy Whitehead will be the featured instructor at the **Women-Only Fat Tire Camp**, to be held in Bend, Ore. The three-day camp will provide a nonthreatening learning environment. (Friday-Sunday, Oct. 14-16, \$375, includes camp, lodging and meals, 286-0233 or 1-800-300-1565.)

The **National Gay and Lesbian Task Force** will hold its annual **skills-building conference**, this year called "Creating Change," in Dallas, Texas. Featured speakers will include Mel White, Letitia Gomez, Glen Maxey and Phill Wilson. (Nov. 9-13, Ivy Young 202-332-6483, ext. 3304, TTY 202-332-6219.)

**Oral Care Project:** Dr. David Rosenstein of Russell St. Clinic is conducting a study of the effects of regular dental care on the health of people with HIV. All participants in this study will receive a teeth and

gum exam three times per year. At each exam they will be paid \$15. There will be a bonus of \$25 at the final exam. Participants will also receive dental cleanings every two months and a special mouth rinse to use daily. To be eligible you must be HIV positive, have a CD4 count of 100-500, be 20-45 years of age, and have at least 20 teeth. (Melody Scheer 494-6824.) (12/16)

The Multnomah County Health Department is currently conducting paid, confidential **Interviews of African American gay and bisexual men**. The surveys are informal and address frequency of condom use, level of communication with sexual partners and methods of obtaining information. Participants will receive a \$15 gift certificate to Fred Meyer. (Jonathan 248-3030.) (2/17)

The **Lesbian Community Project's Speaker's Bureau** seeks interested lesbians wishing to enhance their public speaking skills. Topics cover a variety of issues. LCP will provide training. (Tina 282-2988, or LCP office 223-0071.) (12/2)

**Singers and instrumentalists** are invited to sing and/or accompany a vocal ensemble sponsored by Shalom Ministries. Music will

the four weekends of November. (Write: LAP, PO Box 5908, Eugene, OR 97405, or contact Luna Ray 334-3215, after Aug. 25.) (11/30)

The **Journal of Australian Lesbian Feminist Studies** is a forum for lesbian research and radical feminist ideas. (JALFS, PO Box 364, Glebe 2037, Australia.) (12/16)

**The Gay and Lesbian Quarterly** is a newsletter containing highlights of recent psychological and medical research on sexual minorities. (For a free sample contact Christopher J. Alexander, Ph.D., 459 Boulevard Way, Oakland, CA 94610, 510-869-4544.) (12/16)

Larry Dane Brimmer is seeking contributions from **lesbian and gay teens** for a book to be published by Franklin Watts, Inc., a publisher that markets books to school libraries. *Being Different* will collect first-person essays describing what it is like to be young and lesbian, gay or bisexual. Deadline is Sept. 30. (Contact Brimmer: 3175 Lincoln Ave., San Diego, CA 92104-3032, phone and fax 619-283-8412.) (9/30)



Paul Bonin-Rodriguez performs his one-man show *Talk of the Town* in Portland on Sept. 9 and 10.

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include a variety of styles, religious and social comment, in support of civil rights for all. (760-4215.) (2/17)

**Volunteers, English/Spanish translators, and ASL interpreters** are needed for Cascade AIDS Project client service programs to provide practical support and advocacy. Volunteers are asked to make a commitment to the program and will receive training. (Melissa 223-5907, ext. 115.) (12/2)

**Cascade AIDS Project needs long-term volunteers to be Pals** for people living with symptomatic HIV disease and AIDS. Caring people are needed who are committed to help in a nonjudgmental, empathic way. Pals talk with clients about their feelings and provide practical support such as light housekeeping, food preparation, transportation and/or respite care. Volunteers are asked to commit to one year in the program. CAP provides 32 hours of training (held over two weekends) and access to ongoing in-services and support groups for updated information. The next training will be held the last two weekends in September, so call soon. (Linda 223-5907, ext. 115.) (10/7)

The St. Johns YWCA is part of a homelessness prevention program that is currently producing a **Tenant's Handbook**. A committee is **seeking cartoonists, photographers and illustrators** interested in submitting artwork for this book or in working with the project. (Joanne Oleksiak 283-3775, voice: \*3233; or 223-6281, ext. 3063.) (11/3)

The **University of Oregon Queer Film Festival** is now accepting submissions for a **juried screening of queer films and videos** to be included in the festival. Categories include narrative/drama, documentary and experimental. Prizes range from \$50 to \$200. Works must be 45 minutes or less and submitted on 1/2" video for judging. Deadline is Nov. 1. (For entry forms: Student Activities Resource Office, EMU Suite 2, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403, or call Debby Martin 346-4375, or fax 346-4400.) (11/1)

The Cultural Forum at the University of Oregon is **seeking art for a November-December exhibition in honor of World AIDS Week**. Artists involved in the AIDS community, or those seeking to help put a face and a feeling on this disease and to educate through art, are encouraged to submit work. Deadline is Oct. 7, early responses given priority. (Inquiries, slides, statements and SASE to: Visual Arts Coordinator, EMU/Cultural Forum, Eugene, OR 97403-1228, 346-4376.) (11/7)

**Artwork sought: by women, about women and cancer.** Little Apple Productions of Eugene is mounting an art show focusing on women and cancer, to run in conjunction with its production of Jane Chambers' play *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*. The works will be hung in the lobby of the Lord Leebrick Theatre and will be on display through

**GreenHeart Partners is seeking performers and acts** for its "New Works and Jazz Nights" show, taking place Thursdays and Sundays at Theatre on the Park. Self-contained pieces, with no more than five cast and staff members, of at least 1 hour 20 minutes in length, and with simple production requirements, will be considered regardless of prior experience. Groups, singers and musicians, as well as improv and comedy groups will be auditioned. (Send press information, synopsis, and audio or video tape to Leigh Clark, PO Box 40044, Portland, OR 97240.) (12/2)

**Submissions sought for an anthology of gay "first time" stories.** Author Jack Hart is seeking true, first-person stories by men describing their first consensual same-sex experience for his book *My First Time*, to be published in 1995 by Alyson Publications. Deadline is Sept. 30. (For guidelines, send SASE to: My First Time Guidelines, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118.)

**Lesbians Off the Rag! A Menopausal Anthology** is seeking personal narratives from women, including experiences of real or fictional lesbians who found the menopausal experience to be positive, who found ways to alleviate unwanted symptoms, and/or who never had children. Subjects of particular interest are the effects of the process on relationships and sexuality, menopause as a fact (not a problem), and butch/femme experiences with menopause. (Send submissions to Lee Lynch and Akia Woods, c/o New Victoria Publishers, Box 27, Norwich, VT 05055.) (12/2)

Have you experienced **violence in the workplace** because of sexual orientation, race or gender? OSHA, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, is considering creating a new standard that deals with violence in the workplace. It must be educated to include a provision regarding hate crimes. Information is needed about physical attacks, harassment, etc., no matter when it happened or whether it was done by an employer, co-worker or outsider. (Contact Doug Young, 131 Hartford St., Suite C, San Francisco, CA 94114, 415-626-3137.) (12/16)

A local freelance photographer is interested in shooting **photos for a book about drag queens, cross-dressers and transsexuals**. Ten percent of the profits from the sale of the finished work will go to AIDS research. (Michelle 253-5860 before 9 pm; or pager 321-4736, leave your number after the tone.) (12/16)

The Gay and Lesbian Task Force of the American Library Association has issued a **call for nominations** for its **1994 Gay and Lesbian Book Awards**. Books nominated must have been published in 1994. (Contact Ellen Greenblatt, Central Technical Services, Lockwood Library Building, Box 602200, State University of New York, Buffalo, NY 14260-2200, fax 716-645-5955.) (12/16)

**Get a peek behind the Arquake curtain:** volunteers are being sought for Portland's popular arts festival. Volunteers work two- or

three-hour shifts and get Arquake T-shirts. A variety of jobs are available. (Polly Waller 227-5719.)

## AIDS & HIV

**AIDS Hotline.** (1-800-777-AIDS.) (11/4)

The **Aries Project** offers free group counseling by phone for men concerned about AIDS and unprotected sex. Confidential, anonymous groups of men share their experiences. (1-800-999-7511.) (11/4)

**Benefits Advocacy Clinic** is held every Monday to assist HIV-positive people with governmental benefits and housing forms. Sponsored by the Cascade AIDS Project and Multnomah County HIV Clinic. (10:30 am-noon, Cascade AIDS Project, Suite 300, 620 SW Fifth Ave.) Client service advocates can also assist HIV-positive people by appointment (223-5907.) (11/4)

The **Buddy Network** is a nonprofit personal ad service for HIV-positive people only. (Send a SASE to PO Box 23251, San Diego, CA 92193.) (11/4)

**Cascade AIDS Project** provides counseling, support groups, advocacy, activities and information for people with AIDS/HIV and friends and family. The **Plus Club Social Hour** provides a relaxing space for people with HIV/AIDS to meet in a social setting. It is held the first and third Fridays of the month. On the first Friday the Plus Club will meet at Hobo's Lounge (5-8 pm, 120 NW Third Ave.) On the third Friday, the group will meet at Espresso It coffee house (5-8 pm, Second floor, 1026 SW Stark). The safer sex workshop **Speaking of Sex...** is offered the first and third Thursdays of every month. Open to all gay and bisexual men, the free workshop focuses on negotiating skills and eroticizing safer sex (6-9:30 pm, offices). CAP continues its **Drop-In HIV Testing Program** for gay and bisexual men which offers confidential and anonymous testing (6-8 pm, every Tuesday, offices). (CAP offices, Suite 300, 620 SW Fifth Ave., 223-5907.) (11/4)

**CAP Support Group Program** hosts a Tuesday afternoon and Monday evening Family and Friends group; and Friday afternoon and evening Gay and Bisexual Men's Symptomatic and Asymptomatic groups. New groups are continually forming, based on interest. Potential topics include: Women's Symptomatic and Asymptomatic groups, HIV-Positive Caregivers group, and a Heterosexual Couples group. If you are interested in joining a support group or have an idea for a group you'd like started, call client services (223-5907). The following are ongoing groups: a **free grief support group** for people who have experienced any type of loss due to HIV/AIDS is being offered weekly (7-9 pm, Thursdays, offices). A drop-in group for **HIV-negative gay and bisexual men** offers support and provides a safe place for HIV-negative men to communicate their needs around such issues as dating and intimacy, safe sex, and feelings of survivor's guilt. Meets every other Monday. (7-9 pm, offices, call Graham for details). (CAP offices, Suite 300, 620 SW Fifth Ave., 223-5907.) (11/4)

**Clackamas AIDS Relief Effort** is a community-based organization in Clackamas County. Programs include HIV prevention education and support services for people with HIV/AIDS. Currently, volunteers are being recruited to provide clients with emotional support, transportation and assistance with light housekeeping. (Call Dawn Martinez, 655-8471, ext. 7946.) (11/4)

**Club BBS** is a computer bulletin board with AIDS/HIV information, CDC Daily Summaries, AIDS newsletters from around the world, and support for AIDS/HIV affected individuals. Huge file base, and online text file information. Support for clinicians and lay people. This is a free bulletin board system. (24-hours a day, seven days a week, The Club BBS, PO Box 25954, Eugene, OR, 503-345-7988.) (3/3)

**Computerized AIDS Ministries Network** is a computer network designed to provide a medium through which people may obtain current information and resources to assist in ministering to persons impacted by HIV disease. A project of the Health and Welfare Ministries Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. A modem is required to access this service. (212-870-3953 or 1-800-542-5921.) (11/4)

**Communitywide consumer group forming:** all people with HIV/AIDS in the metropolitan area, including those in Clark County, are encouraged to attend. (5-7 pm, fourth Friday of the month, Room 120, State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St., 232-1710 or 284-6807.) (11/4)

**Ether's Pantry** is a food bank for persons disabled due to AIDS. (5-7 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays; office hours, 12-3 pm, Mondays and Fridays; 12-5 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Suite 123, 1101 NW Hoyt St., 274-0711.) (11/4)

**For the Women** is an education project offered by Cascade AIDS Project. This program is aimed directly at women and people that work with and for women. The program will provide home parties and staff education focusing on: women's issues, transmission risks, prevention, testing information, and local HIV and AIDS resources. (Ask for someone in the CAP speakers bureau, 223-5907.) (11/4)

**Friends of People with AIDS Foundation** is a nonprofit organization offering assistance to people with AIDS. (245-7428.) (11/4)

**HIV Day Center** offers unique hospitality, information and a variety of services to all persons with HIV/AIDS to help them cope intellectually, emotionally, spiritually and socially with the virus. Dinner is offered on Monday; lunches Tuesday through Friday. Specialized services include: Daily Bread Express for the homebound; Monday evening support group/relaxation techniques; Monday evening "Mass in the Time of AIDS" with the Rev. Gary McInnis; Tuesday morning spiritual issues discussion/support group; Wednesday afternoon AA meeting; Thursday morning stress management/support group. Additionally, the Day Center offers "Friday Flicks," Tuesday YMCA health/fitness classes, and seasonal parties and field trips. Nursing is available. The Day Center is interfaith sponsored. (2-8:30 pm Monday; 9 am-4 pm Tuesday through Friday, 3835 SW Kelly St., 223-3444.) (11/4)

**HIV 12-step meetings** apply the 12-step principles to coping with the epidemic. For persons with HIV or AIDS, support persons, friends, partners and caregivers. (7 pm Thursdays, 2005 SE 11th Ave., 230-9270.) (11/4)

**Living with HIV** is a safe place to share and gain support. Weekly meetings sponsored by Phoenix Rising. (223-8299.) (11/4)

**Ministry to People Living with HIV/AIDS** seeks to provide for the spiritual needs of families and individuals affected by the epidemic through prayer, worship and educational experiences. (Milwaukie Church of Christ, 4790 SE Logus Road, call M. Lee Burleson, 654-6770.) (11/4)