out about town

members are always welcome to help in the struggle to defeat organized statewide political efforts which limit or deny the civil rights of any resident of Washington. *(1701 Broadway, Suite 138, Vancouver, WA 98663. 360-695-1002.)* (7/97)

CRISIS

The **Alcohol and Drug HelpLine** *(232-8083 in Portland)* and **YouthLine** *(233-1113 in Portland)* give free, unbiased and confidential assistance. Call 1-800-621-1646 from elsewhere in Oregon. A service of the Oregon Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction. (7/97)

The **Anti-Violence Line, 796-1703**, helps compile statistics on hate crimes and gives victims a chance to talk to someone sympathetic. Outside Portland call **1-800-796-1703**. A service of the Lesbian Community Project. (7/97)

Battered Lesbian Outreach and Community Support offers a confidential weekly support group in Washington County, as well as one-on-one support, referrals and advocacy. Open to women escaping domestic violence by a woman partner. Lesbian facilitator. Child care provided. *(Jane 948-7579.)* (10/96)

Battered Lesbian Support Group is a confidential group for lesbians and bisexual women who have been physically, sexually or emotionally battered in their relationships with women. *(Womenspace, Eugene. Carrie 541-485-6513.)* (7/97)

Bradley-Angle House provides a weekly, confidential battered lesbian support group. Confidential intakes. Groups facilitated by lesbians. Child care provided; donations accepted. *(Erika 232-7812.)* (5/97)

Call the **Bias Crime Unit** of the Portland Police, **823-0434**, if you feel you have been a victim of any type of bias crime in Portland. Jim Bellah is the bias crime detective. If you are in immediate danger, call 911. (10/96)

Clackamas Women's Services and the **Portland Women's Crisis Line** offer a free, confidential domestic violence support group for lesbians. *(Joyce Baxter at PWCL 232-9751, Toni Hughes at CWS 722-2366.)* (3/97)

The **Domestic Violence Resource Center** provides a 24-hour crisis line as well as shelter at a confidential location for all women and children escaping domestic violence. *(640-1171.)* (10/96)

Lesbians deserve lives free of violence. Battered lesbian support groups facilitated by lesbians. Confidential intakes. Child care provided; donations accepted. *(Sandi 289-6869.)* (10/96)

MUSIC

Bridges, Portland's gay, lesbian and bisexual vocal ensemble, accepts new members in the fall. The group rehearses Wednesday evenings. Administrative support persons are always needed. *(Call to schedule an audition or book a performance: 242-1675.)* (7/97)

Portland Gay Men's Chorus meets most Monday evenings. Singing membership is open to all qualified singers, but nonsinging members are also needed to help with production. *(6:30-9:30 pm. MCC Portland, 2400 NE Broadway. Call for audition or membership information: 617-7462, 699-8586.)* (4/97)

The **Portland Lesbian Choir** accepts singing members in September and January. Rehearsals are held on Sunday evenings. Supportive members and volunteers are welcome anytime. *(PO Box 8212, Portland, OR 97207. 241-8994.)* (7/97)

Rose City Gay Freedom Band is a concert band open to lesbians, gay men and supportive friends. Bring your instrument and a music stand. Don't play an instrument or sing, but still want to join in the fun? Become a Band Aid or a member of the **performance flag corps**. *(Band rehearsal: 6-8 pm Sunday. Piedmont Presbyterian Church, 5760 NE Cleveland Ave. PO Box 1082, Portland, OR 97207. 790-2170.)* (4/97)

RECOVERY

Gay, Lesbian and Bi Rainbow Group of Vancouver holds nonsmoking AA meetings every Monday. *(8 pm. Personalities, 115 E Seventh St. 360-694-5068.)* (12/96)

Live and Let Live Club offers lesbian and gay 12-step programs. Call for calendar and meeting times. *(2940-A SE Belmont St. 460-9404.)* (7/97)

Rainbow Al-Anon meets on Saturdays at the Alano Club Boardroom. *(5:30-6:45 pm. 909 NW 24th Ave. 222-5756.)* (7/97)

Rational Recovery meets two times a week at the Center for Rational Thought. RR does not mystify addiction and recovery; its approach to chemical dependency is as a technical problem with a technical solution. *(7 pm Monday, 6 pm Friday. 415 SW 13th Ave. Cliff Walker 239-5359.)* (4/97)

Triangle Project at ASAP Treatment Services provides gay-specific alcohol and drug counseling. Fees adjusted or waived. Call the intake coordinator Monday through Friday and ask for a Triangle Project appointment. *(2130 SW Fifth Ave. 224-0075.)* (12/96)

SOCIAL

Ample Opportunities organizes many activities for large women. *(245-1524.)* (7/97)

Bad Girls, Portland's women's S/M educational group, is open to all women interested in exploring the deeper part of their psyches. All levels of experience welcome. Bad Girls sponsors one workshop, one discussion group and one social event each month. *(PO Box 17254, Portland, OR 97217-0254.)* (7/97)

Bisexual Community Forum is celebrating 16 years of service to Portland's bisexual, bi-friendly and bi-curious women, men and couples. Socials held on second and fourth Wednesdays. *(7:30 pm. Utopia Coffeehouse, 3320 SE Belmont St. Laury 285-4848.)* (3/97)

BLASTT, Bisexuals, Lesbians, and Straights Talking Together, is a discussion group for all women. Meets on Wednesday evenings. *(Catherine 233-1979, K'Ronda 282-8586.)* (7/97)

Cascade Bears is a group of like-minded men who support and further the Bear Movement for bears and their admirers in the Northwest. *(625 SW 10th Ave., Suite 125, Portland, OR 97205-2788. $15 per year membership dues.)* (7/97)

Chaps is an organization dedicated to teaching men the tenets of safe, sane and consensual S/M. Learn the ropes from the more experienced players. *(321-5139.)* (7/97)

Funny Ladies Tea and Posey Society meets on the first Saturday evening of the month for a potluck. Lesbians 35 and older; singles, couples and campers welcome. Some outdoor activities. Monthly newsletter $9 per year. *(234-1383.)* (7/97)

Gentle Giants of Oregon is a social group for chubby men and their admirers. *(PO Box 1844, Portland, OR 97207. Chub Line 241-4535.)* (7/97)

K-9 Club is a group of kindred folks and their dogs who meet to hike and talk in Portland parks. *(285-2986.)* (7/97)

Lesbian Garden Club is a social network for lesbians interested in gardening. Newsletters, plant exchanges and social outings. *(Nicki 287-6120.)* (11/96)

line, East and West Coast swings, nightclub two-step, tango, waltz and more. Classes start at the beginning of each month and last for one month. *(7-8:30 pm Fridays. Above Choices Pub, 2845 SE Stark St. $7 per person. 236-5129.)* (7/4)

Rose City Discussion Club is open to all orientations, fetishes and lifestyles that are safe, sane and consensual. Monthly meetings and newsletter. All are welcome. *(PO Box 1370, Clackamas, OR 97015. 650-7052.)* (3/97)

Rosetown Ramblers, Portland's gay and lesbian square dance club, dances at mainstream, plus and advanced levels. *(7-9:45 pm Wednesday. Trinity United Methodist Church lower level, 3915 SE Steele St. PO Box 5352, Portland, OR 97228. 234-9944, http://www.rdrop.com/users/ramblers.)* (3/97)

Queer Night at LaLuna is an all-ages event. The fabulous dance room features a different mix of music each week, sometimes with live bands! *(9 pm Monday. 215 SE Ninth Ave. $3, $4 under 21. 241-LUNA.)* (2/97)

The Real Connection is a social gathering for gay men who are artists, writers, musicians and creative in all the disciplines. Informal potluck gatherings on the second Friday of every month. *(Call for meeting details: Todd 288-4736, Mike 282-0107.)* (7/97)

SW Washington Gay and Lesbian Socialites is a group of people getting together outside the bar scene for hikes, trips, cruises, camping, potlucks and game nights. *(Mike 360-735-1901, 360-992-1032.)* (7/97)

Travel Lambda Connections Club offers gay men over 40 the opportunity to travel with low-cost accommodations. Members stay in private homes of other gay men. Be a hosting or nonhosting member and have a "home-away-from-home" experience. *(598-3442.)* (7/97)

SPIRITUALITY

Affirmation-Portland Chapter welcomes gay and lesbian Mormons, their families and friends for social, fun and support activities. *(6 pm third Sunday of the month. Metropolitan Community Church Portland, 2400 NE Broadway. 612-0477.)* (5/97)

Atheist Community Center of Oregon welcomes people of all sexual orientations and offers realistic alternatives to supernatural beliefs. *(7:30 pm Tuesday. 415 SW 13th Ave. 241-9268.)* (3/97)

Congregation Neveh Shalom (conservative) sponsors gay and lesbian outreach. Meetings, services and other events are held monthly.

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Internationally acclaimed percussion group STOMP performs at the Portland Civic Auditorium, Feb. 25 through March 2

Lesbian support group for women 50 and over meets on the third Saturday of every month. *(7-10 pm. 281-4424, 331-0415.)* (7/97)

Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences is a field trip-oriented group for lesbians who enjoy the natural sciences, e.g., geology, botany, birdwatching and astronomy. *(Noon-2 pm third Sunday potluck and planning meeting. 280-0168.)* (1/97)

LesbOS (Lesbians of Size) is a social and support group for size-accepting lesbians of any size. *(7-9 pm third Thursday. 246-4382.)* (5/97)

Metro Club is a social group for gay men 40 and over and those who appreciate them. Potlucks monthly on the fourth Sunday. *(598-3442.)* (7/97)

Out Dancing teaches partner dancing for **same-sex couples**. Learn to dance the rumba, cha-cha, mambo, country partner, country

All interested people are invited to attend. *(Sheri Cordova 246-8831.)* (7/97)

The Downtown Chapel, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic parish, welcomes everyone. Monthly Mass offered for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Catholics and their friends and supporters. *(601 W Burnside St. Roger 223-5907, ext. 130.)* (2/97)

Dignity-Portland, the national organization of lesbian, gay and bisexual Catholics, their families, friends and lovers, welcomes all to weekly Mass. *(7:30 pm Saturday. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1432 SW 13th Ave. PC Box 6708, Portland, OR 97228. 295-4868.)* (7/97)

East Vancouver United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation that welcomes all. *(10 am Sunday. 5701 MacArthur Blvd. 360-693-4761.)* (8/97)

First Congregational Church, an Open and Affirming Congregation, extends a warm welcome to gay men, lesbians and bisexuals. Wheelchair accessible; free parking. *(10:30 am Sunday. 1126 SW Park Ave. 228-7219.)* (10/96)

First Unitarian Church of Portland welcomes lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. *(8:30, 10 and 11:30 am Sunday. 1011 SW 12th Ave. 228-6389, Bill 236-2830.)* (7/97)

Food for the Soul is a monthly discussion group that explores different spiritual paths that are welcoming to gay men, lesbians bisexuals and people with HIV. Sponsored by Project Quest. *(7:30-9 pm second Wednesday. First Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1816 NW Irving St. Nelly Kaufer 239-3915.)* (8/97)

Full Circle Temple is a "universe-ity," sanctuary and place of worship for women of all ages offering workshops, song and drum circles, meditation rooms, altars of celebration and what you bring to share. Classes on a donation basis. Temple priestesses and drop-in women visitors welcome. *(10 am-10 pm daily. 3125 E Burnside St. 238-0675.)* (5/97)

The God Connection-New Thought Community Church, with Revs. Berdell Moffett and Casey Chaney, celebrates liberal, practical Christianity. *(10 am Sunday. 12385 SW Allen Blvd., Beaverton. 643-7591.)* (12/96)

Journey Catholic Community conducts Mass at 6 pm on Sunday. All are welcome at the table. *(St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1432 SW 13th Ave. 323-2406.)* (12/96)

Lake Oswego United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming Congregation that welcomes people of all sexual orientations. *(10:30 am Sunday. 1111 SW Country Club Road. 635-4348, http://www.teleport.com/~repmail/loucc.html.)* (7/97)

Lesbian and Gay Meditation Group meets for meditation in the Buddhist Vipasana tradition; discussion follows. *(7:30 pm Thursday. 2538 NE Broadway. Greg 727-3575.)* (3/97)

Metanoia Peace Community is a Reconciling Congregation of the United Methodist Church that welcomes lesbians and gay men in its life and ministry. *(John Schwiebert 281-3697.)* (3/97)

Metropolitan Community Church Portland is a community coming together to proclaim through words and action the message of God's loving presence in all creation. The Rev. Roy A. Cole, pastor. *(Services: 10 am Sunday, 7 pm Wednesday. Office hours: 9 am-5 pm Monday-Friday. 2400 NE Broadway. 281-8868.)* (7/97)

Metropolitan Community Church of the Gentle Shepherd is a Christian congregation that celebrates God's love for everyone. Services are open to all. Rev. Teresa L. Nunn, pastor. *(6 pm Sunday. 4505 E 18th St., Vancouver, Wash. PO Box 5094, Vancouver, WA 98668. 360-695-1480.)* (10/96)

Peace Church of the Brethren celebrates and affirms the image of God in persons of every age, gender, race and sexual orientation. *(11 am Sunday. 12727 SE Market St. 254-6380.)* (12/96)

Portland Faith Community is a nondenominational church that expects and enjoys diversity. Services led by the Rev. Georgia Ellis. *(Sunday: 10 am meditation, 10:30 am coffee, 11 am service. 8678 NE Sumner St. 287-3518.)* (4/97)

Potter's House is an evangelical and charismatic Christian church open to everyone, with special emphasis on meeting the needs of the community. Bill Roberts, pastor. *(Sunday: 9:30 am Bible study, 10:30 am worship. Wednesday: 7 pm worship and Bible study. 3830 SE 62nd Ave. 775-5024.)* (11/96)

Radical Faeries co-creates spirituality with nature, subverts uniformity and practices the politics of play. *(235-0826.)* (7/97)

St. James Lutheran Church, a Reconciled Congregation, welcomes all. *(9 and 11 am Sunday. 1315 SW Park Ave. 227-2439.)* (7/97)

St. Philip Neri's Paulist Center sponsors Catholic gay and lesbian outreach with Mass, followed by socializing. *(7:30 pm Friday. 2408 SE 16th Ave. 231-4955.)* (7/97)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation. Rector, the Rev. Constance A. Hammond. *(Wednesday: 12:10 pm Eucharist and healing service. Sunday: 7:45 am Eucharist, 10 am Eucharist with choir, Sunday school and nursery. 1432 SW 13th Ave. 223-6424.)* (7/97)

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church has reorganized and become an independent, nondenominational Sabbatarian church. Offering sabbath services, Bible study, counseling, social activities and a newsletter. The Rev. Paul Verhaeren, pastor. *(1911 NE Shannon Dr., Hillsboro, OR 97124. 693-0963.)* (8/97)

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International offers spiritual, emotional and social support to present or former SDAs who are gay or lesbian. A not-for-profit organization. Monthly activities and a newsletter are offered in the Portland area. *(Local office: PO Box 33104, Portland, OR 97233. 244-0286. National office: PO Box 7320, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. 714-248-1299.)* (7/97)

Shalom Ministries is open to all gay- and lesbian-friendly people. Spiritual fellowship on Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Coming out, grief, and reconciling religion and homosexuality counseling and groups

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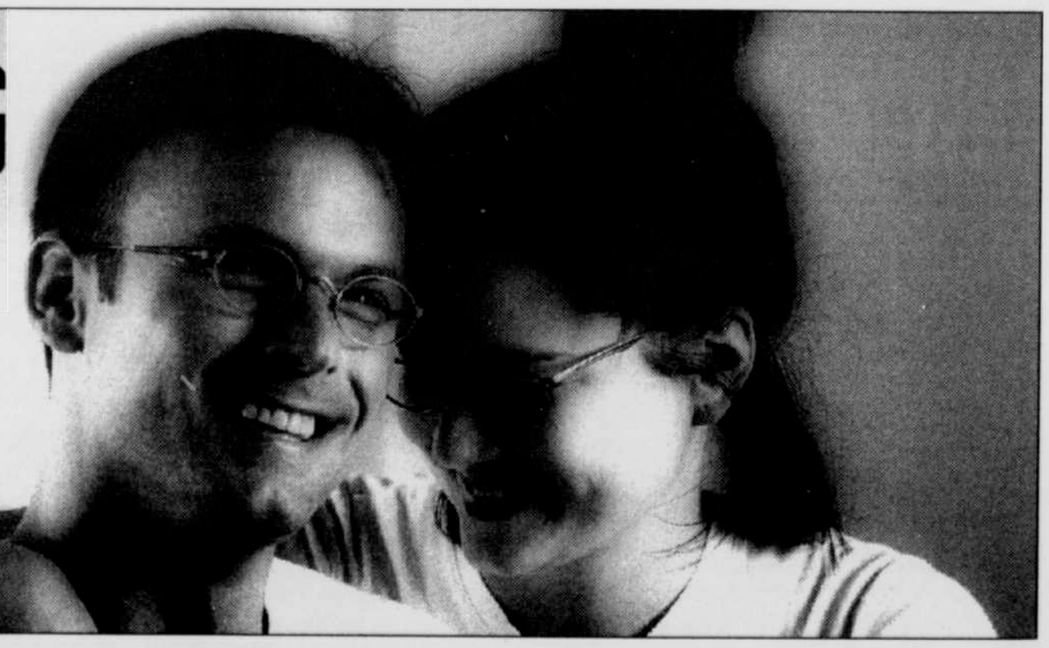
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