

124 THURSDAY

The **Metropolitan Human Rights Commission** sponsors a **dialogue on race relations** in Portland. Share your views in an open and respectful setting. (6:30-9 pm at the Red Cross Building, 3131 N Vancouver Ave. Call two days in advance for disability accommodations. 823-5284.)

Help kick off the **Oregon Brewers Festival** at the **Cajun Stomp** dinner. Taste and talk beer all evening and listen to Zydeco music. (6-10 pm at Gov. Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Southwest Front Avenue. \$15. 295-1862.)

The **Adventure Group** takes an evening stroll along Alameda Ridge. (6 pm. 452-5680.)

125 FRIDAY

Sounds of Hope, the second annual concert to raise awareness about Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome, features local women musicians. (8-10 pm at The Old Church, 1422 SW 11th Ave. \$10 [Fastixx 224-8499].)

The **Portland International Performance Festival** presents a weekend of performances at various living spaces in the Portland metropolitan area. (Friday-Sunday. \$6, \$4 children and students. Program information and tickets: 725-8500.)

126 SATURDAY

Enjoy a meadow walk at Timothy Lake and Little Crater Lake with **Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences**. (Lori 256-4465.)

Members of the **Adventure Group** choose from hiking on Gnar Ridge, rafting the White Salmon River or overnight camping at Siletz and Salmon rivers. (452-5680.)

127 SUNDAY

Friends of People with AIDS Foundation hosts the fourth annual **Best Friends Walk for Friends** benefit dog walk in Laurelhurst Park. (9 am registration, 10 am walk. Southeast 39th Avenue and Stark Street. 245-7428.)

Walt Curtis reads from and signs copies of his book **Mala Noche and Other "Illegal" Ad-**



The National Leather Association Portland Chapter hosts a contest at the Embers Avenue on Aug. 2 to add new winners to the ranks shown here: (from left) Ms. NLA Portland 1997 Orchid Rose, Ms. NLA Portland 1997 Ms. Crickett, Mr. NLA Portland 1997 Alan McGuire and Mr. NLA Portland 1996 Boy Bill

ventures. (7 pm at Mark Woolley Gallery, Suite 210, 120 NW Ninth Ave. 224-9972.)

Enjoy hiking in Sheep Canyon with the **Adventure Group**. (9 am. 452-5680.)

It's the **Fire Festival** wrap party, with singer **Toni Land**, the people's choice awards, belly dancers and a mystery performer. A catered event. (3-7 pm at the Living Dance Center, 3536 SE 26th Ave. \$15, \$25 for two [Galleria second floor, It's My Pleasure, Rexall Rose, Fastixx 224-8499.] 234-9000.)

128 MONDAY

Dance your pants off at **Queer Night at LaLuna** featuring DJs Ben and Ravi. (9 pm doors. 215 SE Ninth Ave. \$3, \$5 under 21. 241-LUNA.)

130 WEDNESDAY

Pride Northwest holds an open community meeting to review this year's Pride Parade and Festival. (6:30 pm at the Portland Police Bureau Central Precinct, 1111 SW Second Ave. 232-8213.)

The Barnes and Noble **gay and lesbian book group** discusses *The Stone Wall: An Autobiography*

by Mary Casal. New members welcome. (7 pm. 1231 NE Broadway. 335-0201.)

131 THURSDAY

Transsexual author and activist **Kate Bornstein** brings her performance piece, *Cut 'n' Paste*, to the Clinton Street Theatre for one show only. (8 pm. 2522 SE Clinton St. \$12. 284-4724.)

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1 FRIDAY

Julia Ingram presents **How Do Angels Speak to Us?** at New Renaissance Bookshop. Learn how to receive messages from divine sources. (7:30 pm Friday, noon-4 pm Saturday. \$7 Friday, \$33 Saturday. 1338 NW 23rd Ave. 224-4929.)

Portland Leather Pride Week begins tonight with a meet 'n' greet for the Mr. and Ms. NLA contest. Many other events scheduled throughout the week. (8 pm at Eagle PDX, 1300 W Burnside St. NLA Portland hot line 727-3148.)

The **Adventure Group** travels to Vancouver, B.C., for its annual weekend of hiking and social events with Out and About members. (Friday-Monday. 452-5680.)

2 SATURDAY

Laugh, laugh, laugh at the **Gay Comedy Jam** featuring **Bob Smith, Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye**. (8 and 10:30 pm at Dolores Winningstad Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway. \$13 in advance, \$16 day of show [PCPA box office, Fastixx 224-8499].)

National Leather Association contest at the Embers Avenue. A Portland Leather Pride Week event. (6 pm doors. 110 NW Broadway. \$8, \$5 NLA members. 727-3148)

Join the **Rosetown Ramblers** and DJ Crystal for **country western dancing**. (9:30 pm doors, 10 pm-1:30 am dancing at PPAA Building, 618 SE Alder St. \$5. 234-9944.)

Portland Leather Pride Week continues with a uniform party at Eagle PDX. (10 pm. 1300 W Burnside St. No cover. 232-3824.)

See the Theater and Gallery listings in Out About Town.

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

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