

Out & about

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3 FRIDAY

Portland Bisexual Alliance meets to discuss bisexuality, sexism and feminism. (7 pm at *Laughing Horse Books*, 3652 SE Division St. 775-9717.)

Lavender Lounge: MenTalks Weekend Alternative, a coffee social for gay and bisexual men of all ages, meets every Friday evening. (7 pm at *Zing's Coffee Lounge*, 3588 SE Division St. Geoffrey 223-5907, ext. 145.)

Concord Community of Choirs presents **Celebration!** The evening comprises a choral festival featuring all of CCC's choirs and a silent auction of more than 250 items. (7-10 pm at the *Grand Ballroom, Portland Art Museum*, 1219 SW Park Ave. \$50-\$10, \$5 ages 7-15, free for children under 6. 721-0262.)

4 SATURDAY

Join SOLV (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism) at any of 40 meeting sites for the 14th annual **Great Oregon Spring Beach Cleanup**. (10 am-1 pm. 1-800-322-3326.)

The **Portland Rainbow Coalition** hosts the ninth annual **Inner City Blues Festival**. This year's event, "Music is Unity," is held in remembrance of Paulette Davis. Must be 21 or older. (6:30 pm-12:30 am at the *Crystal Ballroom*, 1332 W Burnside St. \$10 [Music Millennium, Geneva's *Shear Perfection*, House of Sound, *Reflections Bookstore*, *Crystal Ballroom*, *Rainbow Coalition* members], \$12 at the door. 232-7206.)

Manning Marable, professor of history and director of the Institute for Research in African American Studies at Columbia University, will lecture and sign his new book **Black Liberation in Conservative America**. (4:30 pm at the *Kaul Auditorium, Reed College*, 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd. \$3 at the door. 777-7755.)

Rosetown Ramblers presents a **country and western dance** with DJ Crystal. (10 pm-1:30 am at the *PPAA Building*, 618 SE Alder St. \$5. 234-9944.)

Somos Orgullo Latino heats up with their fund-raising soiree **Noche Caliente**. (9 pm at *Extasis*, upstairs, 2845 SE Stark St. \$10. 223-9670.)

Meet **Tierra Desmond** in the first of this month's four weekend drag shows by local performers. (10 pm doors, midnight show *Friday and Saturday at The Rage*, 333 SW Park Ave. \$6 *Friday*, \$7 *Saturday*. 242-2899.)



When they're not drinking in L.A., Montreal's smooth alterna-hip-hop **Bran Van 3000** finds time to play Portland. (9:30 pm at *LaLuna*, 215 SE Ninth Ave. \$5. 241-LUNA.)

5 SUNDAY

Join the congregation at Metropolitan Community Church of Portland for a **Palm Sunday celebration**. (10:30 am, 2400 NE Broadway. 281-8868.)

Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences goes birding on a wildflower hike at Katherine Creek. (Beth 226-7919.)

All babies and toddlers with **lesbian moms and gay dads** are invited to a potluck, sponsored by the **Lesbian Community Project**. (11 am. 232-3394.)

6 MONDAY

It's **Queer Night** at LaLuna! Every Monday. Tonight's event with DJs Alex, Robert and KC will **benefit Right to Pride's** "Take Back the State in '98" campaign. (Sliding scale \$3-\$10, \$5-\$10 under 21. 215 SE Ninth Ave. 241-LUNA.)

Forest Grove GLUE meets to discuss spiritual and religious alternatives and beliefs. (7:30 pm. 516-GLUE.)

Speak to Your Brothers offers drop-in, needle-free **HIV testing** every Monday evening for gay and bisexual men in Washington County. (7-9 pm at 1001 SW Baseline St., Hillsboro. David 223-5907 ext. 170.)

7 TUESDAY

Carol Steinel emcees the **First Tuesday Coffeehouse**. Performances by Gwen Thomas, Terry Graham, Nan Collie and Angie

◀ **Joules Graves** walks softly but carries a big guitar **Friday, April 10**, at **Artichoke Music Backgate Stage**

Williamson. (7:30 pm at *Cup and Saucer*, 3566 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 236-6001.)

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8 WEDNESDAY

Bisexual Community Forum hosts a casual discussion group on threesomes. (7:30 pm at *Utopia*, 3320 SE Belmont St. Laury 285-4848.)

Speak to Your Brothers hosts **Young Men's CoffeeTalk** for gay and bisexual guys aged 18 to 26 every Wednesday. (7 pm at *Utopia Coffee House*, 3320 SE Belmont St. Geoffrey 223-5907, ext. 145.)

Cascadia Commons Co-Housing invites you to learn about a lifestyle housing option popular in Europe and coming to Portland in a video screening of **Co-Housing: Neighborhoods for People**. (7:30 pm at 2901 SE Steele St. 650-7169.)

Gays and Lesbians in Planning (**GALIP**) meets. (7 pm. 697-4165.)

9 THURSDAY

Dance like an Egyptian at a **Spring Dance** and Easter Egg hunt. (9 pm at the *Egyptian Club*, 3701 SE Division St. \$2. 236-8689.)

Bid for Elton John's 1998 *Elton's Angel* and other items at a **Benefit Auction** for *Cascade AIDS Project*. Wine and hors d'oeuvres served. (6-8 pm at *Carl Greve*, 731 SW Morrison St. \$40. 223-5907, ext. 197.)

10 FRIDAY

JOQ's plays host to the Wild Boys at their **Wet and Wild Anniversary** party. (10 pm. 2512 NE Broadway. 287-4210.) Metropolitan Community Church of Portland invites you to join their **Good Friday Reflection**. (7 pm. 2400 NE Broadway. 281-8868.)

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All faiths welcome at the Mittelman Jewish Community Center's **First Night Passover Seder**, led by KBOO Yiddish Hour host Amy Shapiro and catered by Gelfand's. (6 pm at

6651 SW Capitol Highway. Pre-paid reservations required by April 7. \$28. \$18 for children under 12. 244-0111.)

Come out for **Joules Graves**, her guitar and her djembe drum as they conjure a queer brand of acoustic sound. (8 pm at *Artichoke Music Backgate Stage*, 3130-A SE Hawthorne Blvd. \$8 [FasTix], \$10 at the door. 235-3071.)

11 SATURDAY

It's Shoalwater Bay's eighth annual **Sobriety Pow-Wow**. Prayers, drums, dance, and a special presentation by Shoalwater Bay tribal youth. Drug- and alcohol-free event. (1 pm-midnight at *Ocosta Gym*, 2580 Montesano St. South, Westport, Wash. Free. [360] 267-6766.)

Could a comprehensive program of acupuncture and herbology help your complaints? Find out in this **Menopause Clinic**. (11 am-2 pm at *Belmont Street Holistic Health Center*, 3401 SE Belmont St. Free. 234-4550.)



Bite into Barbie's foray into alternative film, starring as **Karen Carpenter Monday, April 13**, at **Queer Night at LaLuna**

Bring a bandanna and a towel for **Men Dancing Naked: A Fabulous Faerie Extravaganza of Brotherly Love**. Substance-free event. (Doors: 7:30-8 pm; event: 7:30-midnight at 532 SE Ankeny St. \$5-\$15 sliding scale to benefit the *Radical Faeries*. Registration: 234-4690, 285-8325.)

Grab your cowboy/girl hat and boots for **Crystal's Country Jam**. Smoke-free. (8 pm lessons, 9 pm-1 am dancing at the *PPAA Building*, 618 SE Alder St. \$8 with lessons, \$5 dance only. 236-6834.)

Chata Addy & Susuma are billed as Portland's "hottest West African highlife band." You be the judge! (9:30 pm at *Seges*, 818 First Ave. \$4. 279-0250.)

All gay and bi men are welcome at the **MenTalk monthly potluck**. (6 pm. Geoffrey 223-5907 ext. 145.)

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