

spiritual perspective in monthly meetings. (231-5755.) (5/99)

Neighborhood MenTalks brings gay and bisexual men together to socialize and discuss topics of mutual interest. Monthly gatherings are facilitated and hosted by volunteers. (Geoffrey 223-5907, ext. 145, feschge-off@aol.com.) (5/99)

Northwest Gender Alliance is a transgender social and support group welcoming all those dealing with gender identity issues, including transsexuals, cross-dressers and intersexed, regardless of sexual orientation. Social activities, monthly meetings and newsletters. (646-2802, PO Box 4928, Portland, OR 97208-4928, nwga@teleport.com, www.teleport.com/~nwga.) (5/99)

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides support, education and advocacy. (7-9:30 pm second Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St. Mailing address: PO Box 8944, Portland, OR 97207. 232-7676, www.teleport.com/nonprofit/pflag.) (11/99)

Single Parents by Choice, a group for men and women, meets on the third Saturday of every month for a potluck social. Child-friendly space. (5-7 pm at Friends Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark St. Karen 240-8762, David 284-4153.) (5/99)

Sisterhands Lesbian Health Support Project provides educational, emotional and economic support to help and encourage lesbians over 40 to have regular screenings for breast and cervical cancer. Free services available for women with inadequate health insurance. (Man 294-7413.) (5/99)

Straight Spouse Support Group provides support and information for men and women formerly or currently partnered with gay, lesbian, bisexual or trans mates. (7 pm Wednesday, Mark 283-7606.) (5/99)

Trans-Port is a support group for all transgender individuals in the greater Portland area. Regular board and peer support meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month. Post-operative only support group is also offered. (PO Box 66913, Portland, OR 97290-6913, 774-8463, 493-1774, tport483@aol.com.) (5/99)

Central Oregon: Community

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—Bend meets on the third Monday of the month. The group's threefold mission is support, education and advocacy. (6 pm coffee, 6:30 pm meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, 230 NE Ninth St. (541) 317-2334.) (5/99)

Coastal Oregon: Community

North Coast Pride Network serves the lesbian, gay, bi, trans communities in the Columbia Pacific region. Maintains a resource center which hosts board meetings at 7 pm the second Wednesday of the month. Publishes a quarterly newsletter, sponsors "Gertrude's Wilde Social Mixer" in Astoria on the third Monday of each month, hosts "Helen Pierson Chowder and Marching Societies" mixer in Longbeach on the first Sunday of each month. (Mailing address: PO Box 1317, Astoria, OR 97103. Resource center: 3-5:30 pm Tuesday and Thursday, Suite 209, 10 Sixth St., Astoria. Monday social: 6-10 pm at Cafe Uniontown, 231 W Marine Drive, Astoria. Sunday social: 6 pm-close at Max's Bar and Grill, 111 S. Pacific Hwy, Longbeach, Wash. 338-0161.) (5/99)

Southern Oregon: Community

Abdill-Ellis Lambda Community Center offers support groups and resources for the sexual minority community and its friends. Comprehensive monthly newsletter, Prizm, details local groups and events. (Mailing address: PO Box 927 Ashland, OR 97520. Location: 56 Third St., Ashland, OR 97520. (541) 488-6990, lambdacntr@aol.com, www.aelcca.org/index.html.) (5/99)

Klamath Area Lambda Association (KALA) is dedicated to promoting the awareness, health, understanding and acceptance of gay lesbian, bisexual and transgender people through education and social activities. \$20 donation for newsletter, no one denied because of inability to pay. (PO Box 43, Klamath Falls, OR 97601, kalainfo@aol.com, http://members.xoom.com/kala99/kalabdgjn.HTM.) (11/99)

Willamette Valley: Community

AFTER 8 works for political change and provides information and referral for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals in Benton and Linn counties and sponsors an annual Harvey Milk Awards Dinner in November. (7 pm second Tuesday, 101 NW 23rd St., Corvallis, PO Box 1828, Corvallis, OR 97339. (541) 752-8157.) (5/99)

Ladies Home Companion is a calendar and newsletter for the Corvallis-area lesbian community. Published six times a year for \$8. (LHC, PO Box 1828, Corvallis, OR 97339.) (5/99)

Washington: Community

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—Vancouver/Clark County Chapter. (360) 695-2200.) (5/99)

HEALTH

Metro: Anti-violence

Bradley-Angle House provides emergency shelter for female-identified domestic violence survivors and a support group for women battered by women. (232-7805, 289-6869 ext. 11.) (11/99)

Family Center Outreach Office, a program of Volunteers of America located in Southeast Portland, offers support groups and drop-in services to women and children who are survivors of domestic violence. (Natalie 771-5503.) (11/99)

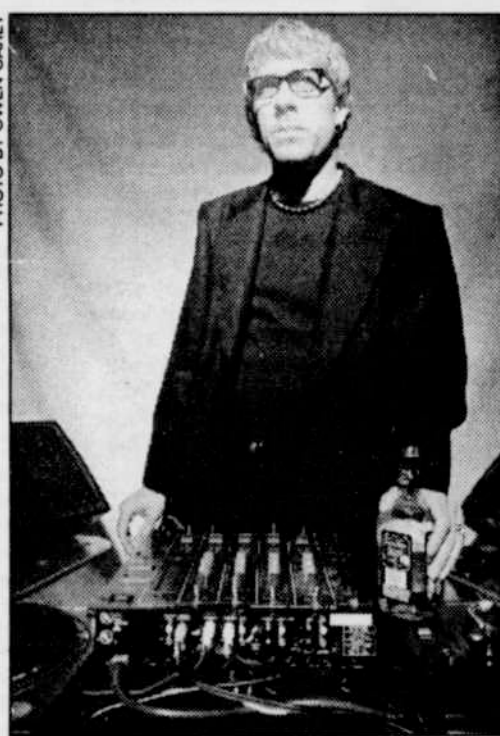
Portland Women's Crisis Line announces a new, confidential support group for gay and bi men who have been or who are being abused by their male partners. (For more information, leave a message for Craig at 232-5103.) (11/99)

Portland Women's Crisis Line operates 24 hours a day. Interpretation services are available for women who speak limited or no English. (235-5333, 1-888-235-5333.) (11/99)

Roots and Branches and Bradley Angle House sponsor a support group for queer youth who have experienced emotional, physical or sexual abuse in an intimate relationship. Free, confidential and safe. (238-0780.) (11/99)

Survivor Project offers support for trans and intersex survivors of domestic violence. (288-3191.) (11/99)

Women's Abuse Intervention is a therapy group, facilitated by Julie O'Donnell, MSW, and Sharon Bowland, LCSW, for lesbian and bisexual women who have been abusive toward their girlfriends or partners. Focus is on stopping abuse and developing healthy, loving relationships. (\$15-\$20, Julie 241-7002.) (11/99)



David Ivers as Alceste stars in Artist Repertory Theatre's production of *The Misanthrope* through June 27

Metro: Mental Health

The **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Multnomah County** provides a support group for the families of people who are severely mentally ill. Meets first and third Mondays. (7-9 pm at Room HCC6, Providence Medical Center, 4805 NE Gilsan St. 775-5400.) (5/99)

Phoenix Rising Foundation Inc. is a nonprofit organization offering mental health services, based on a sliding fee scale, to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and transsexual communities. (525 NE Oregon St., Suite 118, Portland, OR 97232. 223-8299.) (11/99)

Metro: Recovery

Live and Let Live Club holds 12 step meetings and social activities for the lesbian and gay recovery community. Call for current meeting times and activities. (2940-A SE Belmont St. 238-6091.) (5/99)

Lunch Bunch - AA meetings specifically for gays and lesbians and open to everyone. Meetings daily at noon, Sundays at 1 pm. (MCC Portland, 2400 NE Broadway. Use the stairs on the north side of the building to enter.) (5/99)

Positive and in Recovery meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. This group is modeled after the 12 step traditions of AA and NA. (Upstairs conference room, 5305 E 18th St., Vancouver, Wash. (360) 735-9170.) (5/99)

SOCIAL

Metro: Arts & Music

Gay Men's Poetry Group meets the second Tuesday of every month. (255-6814, 232-1163.) (5/99)

Lesbian writing group: journaling, poetry, fiction, beginner to published. (Judith 245-3391, jchason@teleport.com.) (5/99)

Portland Gay Men's Chorus, membership open to all qualified singers, but non-singing members are also needed to help with production. (460-3689.) (5/99)

The **Portland Lesbian Choir** welcomes supportive members and volunteers are welcome anytime. (241-8994, www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/5912.) (5/99)

The Real Connection is a social gathering for gay men who are artists, writers, musicians and creative in all the disciplines. Monthly potlucks on the second Friday. (Todd 236-5763.) (5/99)

Rose City Gay Freedom Band is a concert band open to lesbians, gay men and supportive friends. (PO Box 1082, Portland, OR 97207. 790-2170.) (11/99)

Metro: General

Asian and Pacific Islander Lesbians and Gays is a social and educational group. Activities include social outings, potlucks, cultural events and rap groups. (232-6408.) (5/99)

Bisexual Community Forum is an age- and gender-inclusive social, support and education network founded in 1980. Activities include dances, potlucks, field trips and a polyamory interest group. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays. (7:30 pm at Utopia Cafe, 3320 SE Belmont St. Laury 285-4848.) (5/99)

Brainy Artsy Gals Social (BAGS) is a social group for creative, educated women ages 20-30 who are interested in meeting women outside the bar scene. Meets 1-4 pm on the fourth Sunday of the month. (232-4143.) (5/99)

Brother to Brother is a family of African-American gay and bisexual men dedicated to the empowerment of, and improvement in the quality of life within our community. Activities include FRIENDS, a weekly support and discussion group that meets Wednesdays 5-7 pm. Board meetings every third Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. (Brian, PO Box 3182, Portland, OR 97208. 417-7991.) (5/99)

Dipstick Lesbians and Dykes with Hot Rods invite women with cool cars to go cruising' with them. (Rachel 735-1184, Devioune 289-3104.) (11/99)

Hoodland/Mount Hood womyn are building a personal and professional community. Alcohol and drug-free social activities and networking. (Kim 701-8302.) (5/99)

Imperial Sovereign Rose Court of Oregon is a nonprofit social organization dedicated to raising money for charities within the gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans community. ISRC Event Hotline lists upcoming events. (306-0700, ISRC@aol.com, www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/7887.) (5/99)

Jewish Gay Men's Group meets the first Sunday of each month. (4 pm at Hobo's, 120 SW Third Ave. 246-5939, efrimlevi@aol.com.) (5/99)

An informal and unsponsored **Leather Night and Red Hanky Social** are held the first and third Friday of each month. (9-11 pm at the Dirty Duck Tavern, 439 NW Third Ave. 224-8446, PDXSaltyDg@aol.com.) (11/99)

Late Awakenings, a rap group for women who came out later in life, meets alternate Tuesday evenings at Sacred Grounds Coffee House. (280-8080.) (11/99)

Leatherwomen's Supper Club and S/M discussion group. (PO Box 14931, Portland, OR 97293.) (5/99)

Lesbian Book Club meets monthly at 7:30 pm on Thursdays at Sacred Grounds Coffee House. (280-8080.) (11/99)

Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences is a field trip-oriented group for lesbians who enjoy the natural sciences, e.g., geology, botany, birdwatching and astronomy. (11 am-1 pm first Sunday potluck and planning meeting. 280-0168.) (5/99)

Lesbian Garden Club is a social group that tackles major gardening projects in members' gardens, holds social events and visits various gardens and nurseries throughout the year. (Nicki, 287-6120.) (5/99)

Lesbian social takes place alternate Thursday evenings at Sacred Grounds Coffee House. (Preregister: 280-8080.) (11/99)

Lulu's Pervy Playhouse is a B/D/S/M group for self-identifying women. Informal socializing and play. (tankgirl@jps.net, www.jps.net/wynter/luluspage.htm, 231-3992.) (11/99)

Northwest Gender Alliance is a social and support organization for cross-dressers and transsexuals. Monthly open meetings and socials. (PO Box 4928, Portland, OR 97208. 646-2802, www.teleport.com/~nwga.) (5/99)

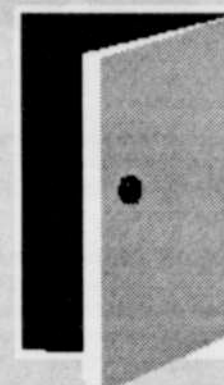
Oregon Bears is a social group for bears and their admirers. Newsletter, activities and monthly social gatherings. (240-2813, www.oregonbears.org.) (5/99)

ORGAN (Oregon Regional Gay and Naked) is a social club for nude men who enjoy being gay.

Community Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Letterman's dental feature
- 4 Capital of Turkey
- 10 Bad place for splints
- 14 "___ Be Seeing You" (56-Across's theme song)
- 15 Tenant, e.g.
- 16 Chanel of fragrances
- 17 Like 56-Across
- 19 Boys for Pele singer Tori
- 20 Friend of Dorothy
- 21 Kind of suit filed against 56-Across by his former lover
- 23 Jeffrey actor Patrick
- 27 Yves Saint Laurent's sign
- 28 Remove the skin from
- 30 Reacted to *Longtime Companion*, maybe
- 35 56-Across's autobiography
- 39 Bring up the rear?
- 40 *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* neckwear
- 41 Alternative to "psst"
- 42 1955 film starring 56-Across
- 47 Place for an ace
- 48 Long, long time
- 49 Overhead railways
- 51 Cock
- 56 Theme of this puzzle
- 61 Like a virgin
- 62 Steve's partner?
- 63 56-Across's piano piece
- 67 Heterosexuality, statistically
- 68 TV's "Mistress of the Dark"
- 69 Cyndi Lauper's "She-___"
- 70 Napoleon's isle of exile
- 71 Furniture one can either sit or sleep on
- 72 Decade divs.

DOWN

- 1 They may come out of the closet on birthdays
- 2 Divide up
- 3 Thing to lick
- 4 Province west of Sask.

- 5 Prefix with romantic or liberal
- 6 Writer Boyle or singer Starr
- 7 "Prontol"
- 8 Kidney-related
- 9 Innocent
- 10 Confidence game
- 11 Gay-basher's shout
- 12 Elizabeth Taylor, to gay men
- 13 Like a buttnisky
- 18 Straddle one's Toro, perhaps
- 22 *Arabian Nights* number
- 24 ___ Pupil (Ian McKellen movie)
- 25 Shout to the tight end
- 26 Cherokee, Chickasaw, or Choctaw
- 29 1940's "Gay" in the military
- 31 Color of the sky, in Stuttgart
- 32 Nobel-winning physicist Niels
- 33 Preholiday nights
- 34 Barney Frank's pol. party
- 35 Work up a sweat
- 36 Use a whetstone
- 37 Suffix with differ or insist
- 38 More than a Kinsey 5
- 39 Orig. texts
- 43 "...happily ___ after"
- 44 Tied up again
- 45 "___-hoo!"
- 46 *Double Fantasy* musician
- 50 La ___ (Milan opera house)
- 52 Steam bath site
- 53 Like Tinky Winky
- 54 Boner
- 55 Picks up fruits
- 56 *The Birdcage* actor Nathan
- 57 Ryan of gay porn
- 58 Fishhook feature
- 59 Thompson who once played a lesbian on *Ellen*
- 60 Penis ___
- 64 Fish with bobbing bait
- 65 "___ he drove out of sight..."
- 66 Young man

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