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Eat, drink and be read to

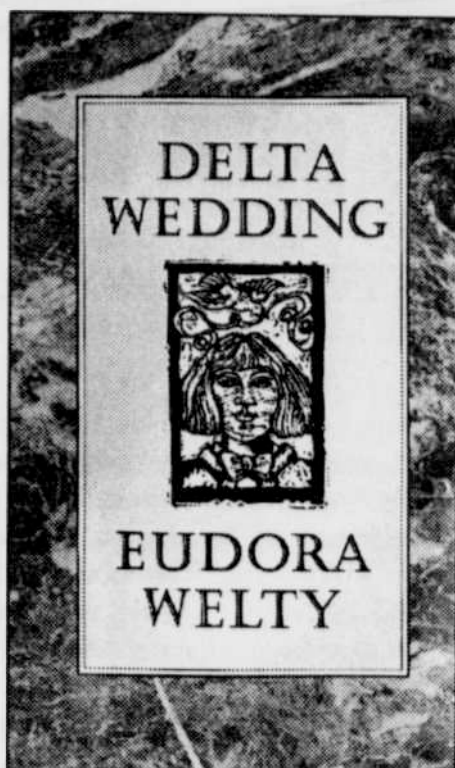
Bring your appetite and best Southern drawl to A Literary Feast, a benefit for In Other Words Women's Books and Resources.

A scrumptious four-course Southern dinner with a Caribbean flair will be served Feb. 18 at the Northstar Ballroom in North Portland. Afterward, guest authors and actors will read from favorite Southern writers, including Alice Walker, Eudora Welty, Dorothy Allison and Zora Neale Hurston.

A reception gets things rolling at 6 p.m., and the feast begins at 7 p.m. The Northstar is located at 635 Killingsworth Court; call (503) 232-6003 for information. Y'all come on down and support this important community resource.

Get gaudy for good causes

Put on your loudest shirt and get ready to daub for dough at Pink Flamingo Bingo, which is more fun than should be legally allowed in one evening. Back by popular demand from Seattle is your mistress of merriment, Ms. Chocha Fresca, Salsa Queen of the Universe, who promises outrageous drag,



campy comedy and plenty of surf music to put you in the mood for the loud shirt contest.

The doors open at 6:15 p.m. on Feb. 25, and the games begin at 7 p.m. This event, which is put on by a dedicated group of volunteers, benefits different community groups each time; the lucky beneficiaries this go-around are the Portland Lesbian Choir and Our House of Portland.

The festivities take place at the Scottish Rite Center, 1512 S.W. Morrison St. in Portland.

Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$16 at the door; a table for 8 is \$100. For more information call the PinkLine at (503) 233-5484.

Get moving with your heart's desire

Don't let the fact that Valentine's Day falls on a Monday deter you from taking your main squeeze out dancing—perhaps you can make it a three-day weekend love fest!

A good place to sway to slow songs with your gal is the free Valentine's Dance at the Egyptian Club, 3701 S.E. Division St. in Portland. The fun starts at 8 p.m. and continues until midnight. Prizes will be awarded for all kinds of coupling records, so even the dancing-impaired are sure to have a good time.

To learn more, call (503) 236-8689.

Polish up your medals

It won't be difficult to get arrested Feb. 11 to 13, when Uniform Weekend VIII transforms Portland into a hotbed of men—and women—in stripes, gold braid and fun hats with attitude.

Billed as one of the three largest events of its kind in the world, the weekend draws dashing faux firemen and sailors from the seven seas.

Activities, which are centered in Portland, include parties galore, a real submarine tour and boot blacking. For more information, call Andy Mangels at (503) 228-6935.



From left: Thom Butts, Blake Walters and Paul Tucker suit up for fun on Uniform Weekend

Point, click and listen to Grethe Cammermeyer



PHOTO BY JIMMY MALECKI

Do ask, she'll tell

Serving in silence no longer, lesbian activist Grethe Cammermeyer now hosts a weekly talk show Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon on the GAYBC Radio Network.

Cammermeyer, who was the highest ranking U.S. military official to be discharged after identifying openly as a lesbian, went on to successfully challenge her dismissal in court.

Webcast using RealAudio, the show features discussions on health care, education, politics and queer family values. To participate, simply point your browser to www.gaybc.com and hear what the world is wondering about on any given Saturday.

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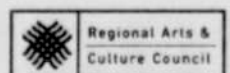
The World Premiere of **Millennium Mosaic**! Based upon the life stories of Oregon's gay and lesbian youth, our newly commissioned song-cycle gives voice to their hopes, fears and dreams. Plus an encore presentation of the dramatic and impassioned **NakedMan**.

Sat., April 15, 2000 • 8:00 p.m.

Sun., April 16, 2000 • 7:00 p.m.

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