

**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. 503-238-6091.) (11/00)

**The Lunch Bunch** hosts AA meetings for gays and lesbians, but is open to everyone. Meetings daily at noon except Sundays at 1 pm. (Metropolitan Community Church of Portland, 2400 NE Broadway, enter on the north side of the building.) (11/00)

**Rainbow Al-Anon** meets Thursdays at 6 pm at the MCC Church, NW 24th Ave. and Broadway. (503-222-5756.) (11/00)

**Willamette Valley: Health**

**Womenspace** provides a 24-hour hot line and shelter for women and children who have been abused physically, sexually, or emotionally. Also hosts a lesbian and bisexual women's support group. (Crisis: 541-485-6513, business: 541-485-8232, lesbian alliance: 541-302-2417.) (11/00)

**Funny Ladies Tea and Posy Society**, is a social group for lesbians 35 and over, singles or couples. They meet for a potluck on the third Saturday of each month and take camping trips during the summer. Monthly newsletter is \$9 per year. (503-232-9714.)

**Gentle Giants of Oregon** is a group dedicated to providing an accepting, social environment for chubby men, and the men who like them that way. (503-241-4535 or www.chubnet.net/gentlegiants.) (11/00)

**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. (503-306-0700, ISRC@aol.com, www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/7887.) (11/00)

**Jewish Gay Men's Group**—call for meeting time and place. (503-246-5939, efrimlevi@aol.com.) (11/00)

Portland **Metro Prime Timers** is a social group for men. (PO Box 5884, Portland, OR 97228. 503-244-7550 or 360-254-1718. pdxprimertimers@yahoo.com.) (11/00)

**PSU Queers and Allies** invites everyone to participate in activities and meetings. Educational and social programming, support and referral services for persons of all orientations and colors. (441A Smith Memorial Center, Portland State University campus. E-mail: queer-sandalies@mail.pdx.edu, www.ess.pdx.edu/sfscg/queersandalies. 503-725-5681.) (11/00)

**Rose City Discussion Club**, the largest open pansexual club in the Northwest, is open to all orientations, fetishes and lifestyles that are safe, sane and consensual. Monthly meetings, workshops, and newsletter. (503-972-1869, rcdc@teleport.com, www.teleport.com/~rcdc.) (11/00)

**Together Works**, a confidential group for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and friends, meets for socials and discussions of topics of mutual interest. Meets second and fourth Mondays. (7:30 pm May-Sept., 7 pm Oct.-April. First Baptist Church, 125 SE Cowles St., McMinnville. Don 503-434-6266.) (11/00)

**Metro: Physical Recreation**

**The Adventure Group**, Portland's gay and lesbian outdoors group, organizes a variety of activities and social events including hiking, skiing, mountain biking, camping and rafting. (503-452-5680, www.adventure-group.org.) (11/00)

**Border Riders Motorcycle Club**, the largest motorcycle club for gay men and friends in Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest, hosts day runs and camping events. (bcbiker@yahoo.com, www.borderriders.org.) (11/00)

**CLIPS-Cycling Lesbians in Portland** meets Mondays at 6 pm for bicycle rides. All riding levels welcome. (503-254-6971.) (11/00)

**FOREST Group** outings are cooperative adventures for women. Participants are responsible for providing their own equipment and choosing outings appropriate for their skill and fitness level. All skill levels welcome. (503-286-5382, www.odin.cc.pdx.edu/~gjm) (11/00)

**Gal Pals** is a new group for single lesbians. (For information visit <http://www.geocities.com/RodeoDrive/B0006204454/3346/GAL-PAL.html>.) (11/00)

**K-9 Club** is a group of kindred folks and their dogs who meet to hike and talk in Portland parks on the second Sunday of each month. (503-285-2986.) (11/00)

**Lesbian Equestrian Group**. Do you have a horse? Looking to get together with womyn and horses for equestrian activities in the Pacific Northwest. Call Denise at (503) 654-3865 or Lynn at (503) 777-2339, or e-mail kelrav@drop.com. (11/00)

**Lesbian Garden Club** is a group of women who love gardens and gardening. They exchange plants, seeds, advice and encouragement while having a good time. Please call or e-mail for a current copy of the newsletter and information about upcoming events. (Kathe, 503-909-2002, e-mail LGC@Oregon@aol.com.) (11/00)

**Out Dancing** teaches partner dancing for same-sex couples at Sally Mack's School of Dance. Classes for different dance styles start the first Friday of each month. (503-236-5129.) (11/00)

**Portland Gay and Lesbian Community Bowling Association** bowls Sundays at 4 pm at Hollywood Lanes, 40th Ave. and Halsey St. (PO Box 80002, Portland, OR 97280-1002. 503-293-0438. BOWLpdx@aol.com, members.aol.com/BOWLpdx/pcba.html.) (11/00)

**Rosetown Ramblers**, Portland's gay and lesbian square dance club, dances at mainstream, plus and advanced levels. (PO Box 5352, Portland, OR 97228-5352. 503-234-9944, www.rdrop.com/users/ramblers.) (11/00)

**Team Portland Tennis Association** plays every Sunday 8 am-noon at the University of Portland. Women and men players of all skill levels are welcome. (Alex Godinez 503-282-7210.) (11/00)

**Team Quest**, the athletic and exercise program of Project Quest, offers individual and group, indoor and outdoor physical recreation opportunities for people living with HIV and AIDS. (503-493-0288.) (11/00)

**Southern Oregon: Social**

**Abdill-Ellis Lambda Community Center** hosts social events and groups. Call for schedule. (Mailing address: PO Box 927 Ashland, OR 97520. Location: 281 Fourth St., Ashland, OR 97520. 541-488-6990, lambdacntr@aol.com, www.aelcca.org.) (11/00)

**Washington: Social**

**MenTalk of Vancouver** holds a social on the first Monday and a discussion group on the third Monday of each month at 7 pm. (Peter 360-576-6595, MenTalkofVancWA@webtv.net.) (11/00)

**SW Washington Gay and Lesbian Socialites** is a Vancouver-based organization whose members get together regularly for social events and activities. The Socialites was organized to build a sense of community among gay men and lesbians in the Portland/Vancouver area. Newsletter available by e-mail or USPS. (360-735-1901, Socialites@aol.com.) (11/00)



Kick up your heels when DJ Crystal spins the country western tunes every Wednesday at C.C. Slaughter's.

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**SOCIAL**

**Metro: Arts & Music**

**First Wednesday Social** is a potluck for HIV+ people and their friends. (Contact Phillip at 503-493-3761.) (11/00)

**Lesbian Art Guild** Help create an art guild just for lesbian visual artists. Call the Lesbian Community Project for the date of the next planning meeting. For more information, call 503-223-0071 or 503-2854339. (7/7)

The **Portland Lesbian Choir** welcomes supportive members and volunteers. (503-241-8994.) (11/00)

**Portland Gay Men's Chorus** is open to singers, support members and volunteers. (503-460-3689, www.pdxgmc.org.) (11/00)

**The Real Connection** is a social gathering for gay men who are artists, writers, musicians or who pursue some creative activity. Monthly potlucks on the second Friday. (Todd 503-236-5763.) (11/00)

**Rose City Gay Freedom Band** is a concert band open to lesbian, gay, transgendered, bi and supportive musicians and friends. (PO Box 1082, Portland, OR 97207. 503-790-2170, <http://community.oregonlive.com/cc/rcgfb/>.) (11/00)

**Metro: General**

**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 first and third Mondays. (7:30 pm at Mojo's Coffee Den, 2853 SE Stark St. Laury 503-285-4848.) (11/00)

**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. Board meetings every third Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. (Brian, PO Box 3182, Portland, OR 97208. 503-417-7991.) (11/00)

**Cocktaure** is a social group for female-born, gender variant people including FTMs, transgays, genderqueers and significant others. We are based in Portland and welcome folks from Oregon and Washington. For more info about our monthly meetings and e-mail network, call (503) 471-1515. (11/00)

**Diptick Lesbians and Dykes with Hot Rods** invite women with cool cars to go cruisin' with them. (503-284-5546.) (11/00)

**FRIENDS** is a weekly support and discussion group for African American gay and bisexual men that meets Wednesdays 5-7 pm. (Brian, 503-287-8651.) (11/00)

An informal **Leather Night** and **Red Hanky Social** are held the first and third Friday of each month. (9 pm-12 am at the Dirty Duck Tavern, 439 NW Third Ave. 503-224-8446, PDXSaltyDg@aol.com.) (11/00)

**Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences** is a fun-loving group of women who enjoy exploring all aspects of the environment. Activities include bird watching, nature walks, archaeology, rock collecting, camping, kayaking, star gazing, an occasional "lecture" and a monthly planning potluck. No experience necessary. (6:45-8:30 pm second Thursday planning meeting, 503-289-3605 or 503-639-8936 or 503-466-0058 or e-mail to lespnw@aol.com.) (11/00)

**Lesbian social group for women 50 and over** meets on the third Saturday of the month. (4-7 pm. 503-281-4424, 503-331-0415.) (11/00)

**Long Yang Club—Portland Chapter**, a social group for Asian gays and lesbians and their friends, meets at 8 pm on the first Wednesday and third Sunday of each month at 3 Friends Coffeehouse. (503-963-1841.) (11/00)

**Lulu's Pervy Playhouse** is a social group for self-identifying women who are into SM. Play parties are held on the second Saturday of the month. (lululist@hotmail.com, www.jps.net/wynter/luluspage.html, 503-231-3992.) (05/00)

**Mount Hood Womyn** networking professionally and socially. (503-701-8302.) (11/00)

**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. 503-646-2802, www.teleport.com/~nwga.) (11/00)

**Oregon Bears** is a social group for bears and their admirers. Newsletter, activities and monthly social gatherings. (503-240-2813, www.oregonbears.org.) (11/00)

**ORGAN (Oregon Regional Gay and Naked)** is a social club for nude men who enjoy being gay. Monthly potlucks and events. Guests are invited to attend two events before deciding on membership. (ORGAN, PO Box 14174, Portland, OR 97293-0174.) (11/00)

**Portland Bisexual Alliance** hosts social and political events for bisexual and bi-friendly people. Organizes Portland Bi Day rally and publishes calendar of bi events. Mixed gender discussion groups are held 7 pm on the first and third Fridays of the month at Laughing Horse Books, 3652 SE Division St. Open to all. (503-775-9717, pba@biportland.org, www.biportland.org.) (11/00)

**Portland Leather Alliance** is a pansexual, not-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering a positive community for safe, sane, and consensual alternative adult sexualities in general and S/M/leather/fetish in particular. (503-727-3148, www.pdxleatheralliance.org.) (11/00)

**DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:**

My girlfriend and I were invited to spend a long weekend with a fairly new gay male friend with whom we've shared a few enjoyable outings. The house we were to visit (his) sounded incredible—a fabulously decorated, beautiful waterfront retreat on a quiet island. We'd been looking forward to the weekend and had planned some day trips and elegant dinners. We had even chosen an appropriate housewarming gift to bring our host in his new home.

But right before leaving, we were shocked to receive a curt e-mail from our host expressing his stress over our arrival and asking us to delay our trip by a day. He went on to say in the e-mail that our "messy" dogs were not welcome (this had previously been discussed and OK'ed by him), and with one day's notice he told us we should leave them at home. He also implied that our visit was too long and that we'd be overstaying, even though he'd initially asked us to lengthen our time with him.

We canceled our weekend, but now we're having second thoughts. As many gay men are known to be obsessive about possessions and frequently unable to express themselves in a logical manner, should we have pretended to ignore these faults in our new friend and gone ahead with the plans? Do you think working through this with him will involve taking on the whole male psyche and is better left to people who get paid for it?

—Weekend Thwarted

**DEAR WEEKEND THWARTED:**

In friendship, as in dating, you often don't see what you're getting until you get up close. Your host exposed his neuroses before you even arrived, which is a bad but helpful sign. So, you and your girlfriend should consider yourselves lucky that your visit was thwarted before you stepped out of your SUV and into Mr. Poofter's Island. Now you can just be irritated in the comfort and convenience of your own home, instead of tortured in the sanctity of his perfectly decorated Museum of the Homosexual Artifact.

Ms. Behavior imagines that Mr. P. had to consult with several members of his Pilates class and his interior designer in order to work up the courage to ask you to leave your "messy" dogs home. If he hadn't, they probably would have shed their luxurious fur (or worse) onto the foofy queen's well-pressed Frette bed linen. The queen would have had a hissy fit. Hair pulling would have ensued. (Helping you visualize



**Ms. Behavior**

this unpleasant scene is meant to affirm that you made the right decision.)

"Working through" something is worthwhile when there's a close, long-standing friendship or at least a comfortable compatibility that suggests that a great friendship is in

the offing. That doesn't seem to be the case here.

Ms. Behavior first thought she was being harsh when she imagined telling you to dump the hyper-elegant homo, but then she reviewed the facts:

1. He basically disinvited you. (There's nothing wrong with inviting friends for a sans-canine visit, but telling a lesbian to leave her dogs home without adequate time to get nurturant doggy care is the same thing as rescinding the invitation.)

2. He did it the cowardly way, via e-mail.

The "whole male psyche" is far too complex a thing to be analyzed by a couple of lesbians with messy dogs. But a therapist is also unlikely to help in this case, since prissy homosexuals are known to only hire professionals who empathize with their aesthetic emphasis.

**DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:**

Three months ago I met my boyfriend at a bar and went home with him. Since then, I've never moved out. My boyfriend is not my type physically, but I love him because he is a sweetheart. Now I am having second thoughts about this, because I am always thinking of other guys—primarily cute, thin guys. I've cheated twice because I get very satisfied looking at a thin nice body and my boyfriend is a little fat. He is also about 12 years older than me. What should I do?

—Frank

**DEAR FRANK:**

You have two choices: Ask your boyfriend for an open relationship (so that having sex with others doesn't involve sneaking around), or let him go.

Living in your boyfriend's house while having sex with "cute, thin guys" behind his back is not a good choice. Pinching the fat around your boyfriend's abdomen to shame him into losing weight or making pig noises when he eats Devil Dogs would also not be helpful.

You say you love him and that he's a sweetheart, so he deserves to be treated with respect. It also sounds like he deserves a boyfriend who isn't a shallow, vapid user, so see what you can arrange.

Write your confused and conflicted heart out to MS. BEHAVIOR at MsBehavior@aol.com.