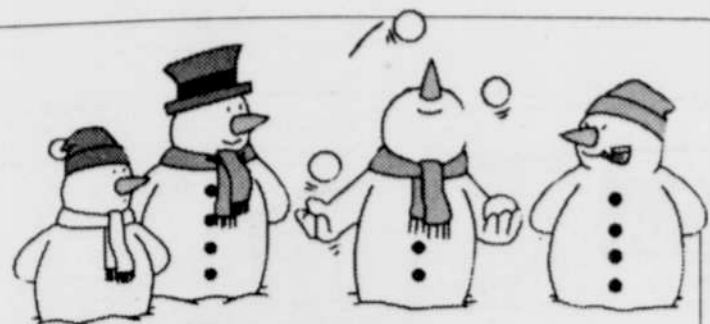


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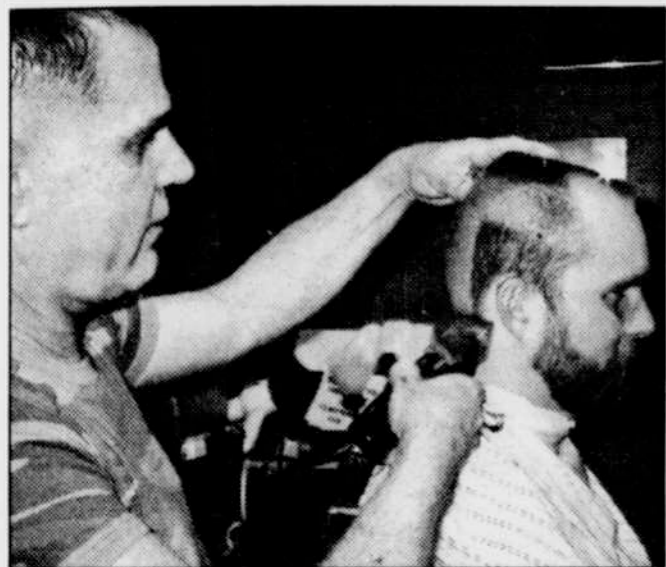


Get in the mood

Jump-start the season by attending a Festive Holiday Singles Party sponsored by *Just Out* on Dec. 10 at the incredibly comfy, cozy Cotton Cloud Futons, 1916 N.E. Broadway. Come mingle between 5 and 8 p.m. and share good cheer with friends old and new. Enjoy music by Lynn Frances Anderson, dine on free hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and write a free voice personal ad. Please bring a food or sundry donation for Esther's Pantry. Need more information? Chat us up at 503-236-1252.

The art connection

Berdell Moffett-Chaney, perhaps better known for her ministerial work in Portland, is also a painter. Check out her show of recent watercolors through Dec. 31 at Art Home, 121 N.W. Second Ave.



Roll call!

Cops, soldiers and firefighters should be at attention Dec. 2 for the last Uniform Party of the year. Host Andy Mangels is sponsoring the ultra-popular party, complete with Seattle's famous butch barber Patrick Bear doing flat-top and high-n-tight haircuts in the back room. Come in uniform or leather, have a great time, and help Mangels celebrate his 34th birthday. The fun begins 9 p.m. at the Eagle PDX, 1300 W. Burnside St. Special uniform videos will be playing, and all proceeds from the evening will benefit the Leather Archives and Museum in Chicago. Send your questions to UniformMag@aol.com.

A day of remembrance

In honor of World AIDS Day, a portion of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and again from 9 to 11 p.m. Dec. 1 at All Saints School, 3847 N.E.

Glisan St. Additionally, at the same address, the sixth annual Healing Liturgy will be celebrated at All Saints Catholic Church. For more information call 503-963-8102, and for related events see the calendar on Page 28.

Strike up the band

Join the Rose City Gay Freedom Band for its concert "Tis the Season for Music" 7 p.m. Dec. 10 at Whitaker Middle School, 5700 N.E. 39th Ave. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$5 for seniors and students; children younger than 12 are free. Call 503-790-2170 or visit www.rainbeaux.net/rcgfb for all the swingin' details.

Probably coming soon to a theater near you

A hit at the recent queer film fest, *Urbania* is slated for theatrical release this month. It stars Dan Futterman (the son in *The Birdcage* and the tortured writer on television's *Judging Amy*) and the delightful Alan Cumming (the hotel clerk who flirted with Tom Cruise in an unforgettable scene during *Eyes Wide Shut* and a Tony Award winner for *Cabaret*) in an insightful look at one man's homosexuality. Futterman plays a New Yorker whose day-to-day life constantly is interrupted by strangers who just have experienced some bizarre urban legend. In addition, he's newly single, but it's a big mystery how that came to pass. He finds himself searching for an elusive macho man while fending off the advances of his friend, played by Cumming. The answered questions will shock you, and the unanswered questions will haunt you.

Definitely coming soon to a lounge near you

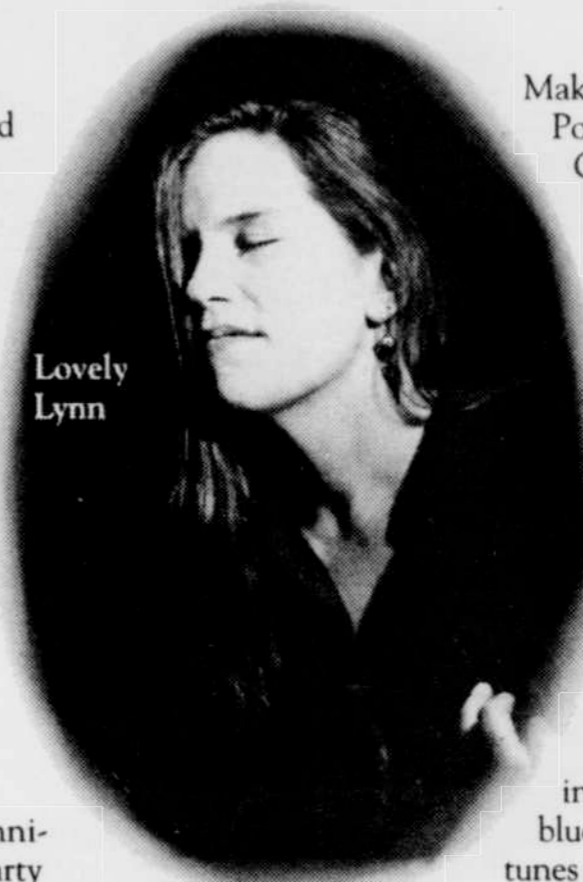
If you missed sultry lesbian jazz diva Patricia Barber at this year's Mount Hood Jazz Festival, you're in luck. On Dec. 6 she sings and plays piano with her trio in a venue better suited to her, Lola's Lounge at the Crystal Ballroom, an intimate nightclub setting. Even if you've never been a jazz fan, you owe it to yourself to check her out—she is poised for big-time fame to hit any minute! Doors open 6:30 p.m., and the tunes start flowing 7 p.m. at 1332 W. Burnside St. Tickets will set you back \$20, but she's worth it. Call 503-225-0047 or mouse over to www.mcmenamins.com. If you can't make the gig, check out her outstanding CDs from Blue Note/Premonition Records, including her latest, *Nightclub*.

Girls got game

Calling all Scrabble savants and Pictionary powerhouses to a game night with the new Lesbian Social Group at 7 p.m. Dec. 12. They're gathering at 3 Friends Coffee House, 201 S.E. 12th Ave., for tasty treats, making new friends and scoring points—in the game of your choice. Bring your faves, and share some holiday warm fuzzies with a fun group of women.

Plan A

Purists will celebrate this New Year's Eve as the real beginning of the new millennium. Whatever puts you in the party mood, it's not too soon to plan your evening. Get out your party clothes—"black tie and boa optional"—as the Lesbian Community Project presents "2001 A Lesbian Odyssey," a dinner dance extravaganza at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel. Pan Dulce will provide live music during dinner, and dancing will be inspired by the spins of DJ Lauren. Also, look for astrologers and fortune tellers to predict your new year! The venue is wheelchair accessible, has free parking, is located near MAX and will be American Sign Language interpreted—what more can you ask for? The event will benefit Love



Lovely Lynn

Makes a Family, the Portland Lesbian Choir and LCP. Tickets are \$35-\$50 from LCP, It's My Pleasure and In Other Words.

Plan B

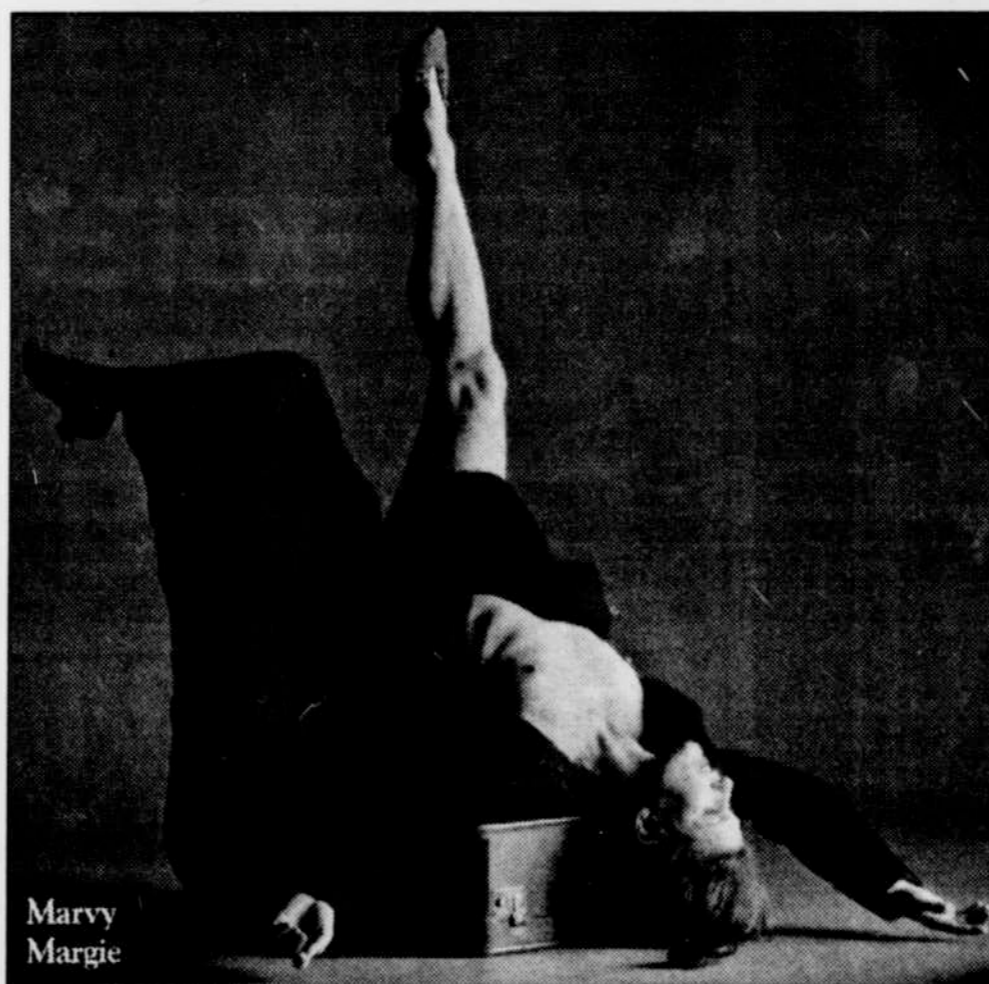
Another New Year's Eve option is the Gay and Lesbian Dance Party featuring Lynn Frances Anderson and her band playing a wide range of blues and danceable tunes at the beautifully renovated ballroom at

Amegards, 1510 S.E. Ninth Ave. This is a smoke-free venue, and you can expect party favors, door prizes, complimentary snacks and soft drinks plus a no-host bar. Tickets for this over-21 party are \$30 at the door or \$25 in advance from Touchstone Coffee House, In Other Words, It's My Pleasure or Fastixx. Or hey, like some party animals we know, go to both! For details call 503-735-3992 or visit lynnfrancesanderson.com.

She wants to dance for you

See what it takes to earn the title Living Legend when White Bird presents acclaimed solo Canadian dance artist Margie Gillis at 8 p.m. Dec. 14 through 16 in the intimate setting of Portland State University's Lincoln Hall, 1620 S.W. Park Ave. During her two-decade career she has earned rave reviews for her personal and dramatic portrayals of the gamut of emotions. As she says, "I dance from the inside out." She'll perform to music by Bach and Gershwin, among others. Tickets are \$12-\$24 from Fastixx, the Portland Center for the Performing Arts box office or www.whitebird.org.

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