

DIVERSIONS

Let's get personal

Attention all single women looking to meet someone new to go kayaking with or searching for that special gal for those infamous beach walks at sunset. Or hey, perhaps you just need a pal to walk dogs with—or even a pal for your dog! Yes, Virginia, it is possible to find love in the classifieds—but only if you participate. Here's a ripe opportunity: Come to Single Girls Night Out on May 24 at Dingos, the new lesbian-owned restaurant and bar. Join us for drink specials, free *Just Out* Voice Personal Ads, free chips and salsa, free fun, free friends and free women. (It could happen.) Show up 7 p.m. at 4612 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.

He knows what cool is

Thomas Lauderdale has convinced some of his groovier New York pals to trek all the way to provincial Portland with their infamous acts. Jackie 60 was begun in 1990 by New York night life luminaries Chi Chi Valenti, Johnny Dynell, dancer/choreographer Richard Move and London fashion designer Kitty Boots. Disillusioned with the stale, commercialized state of the New York night, the four set out to create the Jackie 60 formula, with its weekly themes and a club environment that was performance-oriented and distinctly underground in tone. Now, Jackie 60 is on the road spreading All Things Jackie on June 4 and 5 at Dante's, 1 S.W. Third Ave. The Jackie Family has put together two special themes for its adventure into the heart of the Pacific Northwest:

First up is *The Jackie Rodeo: My Pretty Pony*,



Thomas Lauderdale and pals

and on the second night it's *Lumberjackie!* Rather than waste space trying to explain the unexplainable, just go see for yourself! For openers, don't miss New York legend Joey Arias channeling Billie Holiday on both nights with his show *Strange Fruit*. And for the ultimate sideman, expect Lauderdale himself to perform a few pieces with Arias. Be there or definitely be square! Tickets are \$10 each for Arias and Jackie 60 or \$15 for the combo from Fastixx.



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There's no monotony in botany

Two great groups combine for one great outing June 2. Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences join forces with the Lesbian Garden Club as Nina leads a wildflower hike in the Washington wilderness. The gals will carpool to the Grassy Knoll Natural Area just outside Stevenson.

Expect a gentle four-mile hike and bounteous wildflowers. Bring field guides, binoculars and a lunch. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the Glisan Fred Meyer, 6615 N.E. Glisan St. Get the nitty-gritty at 503-283-3404.

Pop quiz

Raise your hand if you know what a theramin is. I didn't think so. Devotees of the musically weird will know it's one of the earliest electronic musical instruments. (You've heard it on the Beach Boys' "Good Vibrations.") It's unique in that it's played without being touched. Performers situate their hands near two antennae emitting electromagnetic fields, then move them to

produce pitch and volume effects. It's the ultimate instrument for the unrepentantly limp-wristed, and just such a performer is coming to Portland. Boston-based gay thereminist James Coleman is touring the Northwest with a trio. An active performer in the New England experimental music community, he specializes in low-volume, low-velocity, chamber-style experimental music. He plays the Tug Boat Brewing Co., 711 S.W. Ankeny St., at 9 p.m. May 24.

What's the score?

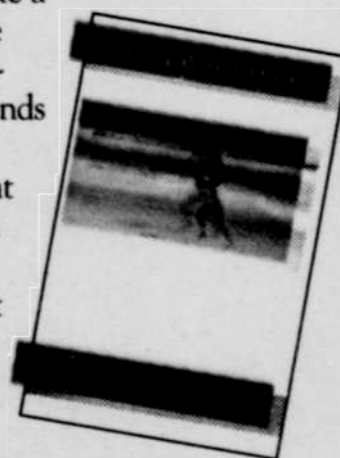
Weather permitting, come out and support the Rose City Softball Association, playing Sundays at the new Hillsboro Stadium Complex, Northwest Evergreen Parkway at 229th Avenue. Games start between 4:30 and 7:45 p.m. Interested fans can check current standings and schedules at the Internet site www.portlandgaysoftball.com. You also will find out where the all-important postgame social is being held each week.

Show some team spirit

The C.C. Slaughter's softball team is having a garage sale fund-raiser from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 19 at the home of team manager Steve Williams. You'll find lots of great items including couches, dressers, a weight set, a bicycle, clothing and appliances. Go to 10510 N.E. 47th St. in Vancouver, Wash. (The nearest major intersection is State Route 500 and 112th Avenue.) Look for the colorful signs or call 360-944-0556 for directions.

Her mother the dyke

Eugene writer Melissa Hart Romero's first book, *Long Way Home*, just has been published. The semiautobiographical novel tells the story of a woman who loses her children in a custody battle when she comes out as a lesbian. Romero will make a presentation when the Eugene chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 7 p.m. May 21 at 1050 E. 23rd St. Then she'll read from her book 6 p.m. May 23 at Rosebud and Fish Bookstore, 524 State St. in Salem.



She loves a parade

So you always wanted to be in the pride parade but didn't have a good excuse? Now you do. The lesbo-rific Touchstone Coffee House, 7631 N.E. Glisan St., is creating a float this year, and owner Becky Bilyeu needs help. She has secured a 24-foot flatbed truck, has all kinds of fun things planned and is holding various work parties to create the magic. Show up from 6 to 9 p.m. May 25 or give her a call at 503-262-7613 for other opportunities.

Making sense of the senseless

A&E premieres *American Justice: The Matthew Shepard Story* at 9 p.m. May 23. This documentary features interviews with Judy Shepard and some of the criminal investigators who now say their lives and opinions were changed by the experience.




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She's not box office Poison

The Musical Theatre Company presents *La Cage Aux Folles* featuring Poison Waters in her theatrical debut as houseboy Jacob through June 3 at the Eastside Performance Center, 531 S.E. 14th Ave. This is the original Jerry Herman play that Hollywood transformed into *The Birdcage*. Tickets are \$30-\$35 from 503-916-6592 or Fastixx.

Hollywood happenings

R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe is pushing his new album, *Reveal*, and taking this opportunity to be even more forthright about his queerness. (He's reportedly in a long-term plan with a fella.) Check out his interview at PlanetOut.com for some insights into the man. A few highlights: If you were to star in a same-sex love story, who would you visualize as your romantic co-star? "A digitally reanimated, superidealized Warhol." Describe your ideal mate. "Has a life. Ambitious. Not afraid to be vulnerable." Aww. 

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IT'S RENEWAL TIME AGAIN

All groups and organizations with a free listing in the OutReach section of the paper (Pages 32-35) must renew it by June 1 or it will be deleted. If your listing ends with (5/01) you need to renew it; if it ends with (11/01) it has been renewed. **All renewals must be done in writing!** E-mail it to oriana@justout.com, fax it to 503-236-1257, or mail it to P.O. Box 14400, Portland, OR 97293-0400.

