

ADVICE

Cruising for a musing

It's not the size of the ship,
it's the motion of the ocean

The **Lesbian Sewing and Project Group**, a fun social organization, meets in Corvallis. (Joan 541-928-5745.) (11/01)

The **Lesbian Social Group** meets in Eugene to eat, talk, laugh and work on projects ranging from sewing to artwork to photo albums. (541-513-2754.) (11/01)

SPIRITUALITY

Metro: Spirituality

Ainsworth United Church of Christ is a multi-racial, multicultural, open and affirming church. Sunday worship is at 10 am, and church school for children runs concurrently. (2941 NE Ainsworth St. 503-264-8767. aucc@teleport.com.) (11/01)

Anawim Community of gay men meets weekly for Christian meditation and prayer. (7:30 pm Thursday. 503-281-0722.) (11/01)

Bridgeport Community Church (UCC) is a growing community of progressive, political people exploring and celebrating the Christian faith. We are multicultural, lesbian, gay, bi and straight, and our children are valued members. (10:30 am Sunday. 621 NE 76th Ave. 503-258-0992.) (11/01)

Community of St. Andrew invites all to join a diverse Catholic faith community for prayer and fellowship. (9:30 am Sunday. 806 NE Alberta St. 503-281-4429.) (11/01)

Dignity Portland meets for Mass on Sundays. (503-262-6947.) (11/01)

Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist, a welcoming congregation, offers Sunday service and children's religious education at 10:30 am. (1133 NE 181st Ave., Gresham. 503-665-2628. eastrose@teleport.com.) (11/01)

Estacada United Methodist Church Reconciling Congregation, where we really mean everyone is welcome. Sunday worship at 10:30 am. (204 SE Main St., Estacada. 503-349-4245.) (11/01)

First Congregational United Church of Christ is an open and affirming congregation in the liberal Christian tradition. Sunday worship is at 10:25 am, and church school for children runs concurrently. (1126 SW Park Ave. 503-228-7219.) (11/01)

First United Methodist Church of Portland, a welcoming and reconciling congregation, believes no one is left out in God's family. GLBT potlucks are held monthly. (10:30 am Sunday. 1838 SW Jefferson St. 503-228-3195. www.fumcpdx.org.) (11/01)

Full Circle Temple is a place of worship for women of all ages offering workshops, song and drum circles, meditation rooms and altars of celebration, incorporating what you bring to share. (10 am-10 pm Tuesday-Sunday. 3125 E Burnside St. 503-238-0675.) (11/01)

The God Connection Center for Worship, Growth and Leadership invites you to celebrate your spirituality with the Revs. Casey and Berdell Moffett Chaney. Liberal, practical, all are welcome. (10 am Sunday. 4828 NE 33rd Ave. 503-481-7591.) (11/01)

Grace Space, a multidimensional spiritual center led by the Rev. Stephanie Torres, holds Sunday evening celebrations. (5 pm. *Friends of Multnomah*, 4312 SE Stark St. 503-287-3216.) (11/01)

Integrity, the gay and lesbian ministry of the Episcopal Church, meets on the second Friday of each month in the Morrison Room at Trinity Cathedral. Eucharist is celebrated at 6:45 pm followed by a potluck and fellowship. (147 NW 19th Ave. 503-286-9111. www.integrityusa.org.) (11/01)

Interfaith Spiritual Center, spiritual directors from various world religious traditions are available for guidance, classes and retreats. (Second Floor, 3910 SE 11th Ave. 503-233-2026, ext. 3. www.spintone.com/~isc.) (11/01)

Compassionate Heart Sangha, a lesbian and gay meditation group, meets in the Buddhist Vipassana tradition. (7:30-9 pm Wednesday. *Flanders House*, 2926 NE Flanders St. Jon 503-239-5539.) (11/01)

Lincoln Street United Methodist Church is an open and accepting congregation of progressive Christians. (9 am Sunday. 5145 SE Lincoln St. 503-231-1930.) (11/01)

Metanoia Peace Community (United Methodist) is a "house church," bringing gay and straight together. (Daily prayer 7:20 am, Sunday gathering 6 pm. 2116 NE 18th Ave. 503-281-3697. www.tearsoup.com/metanoia.) (11/01)

Metropolitan Community Church of Portland holds ecumenical Sunday morning worship services at 9 and 11 am. Sunday school for children is held during the 11 am worship service. (2400 NE Broadway. 503-281-8868. info@mcportland.com.) (11/01)

Potter's House Ministries Life Center, Evangelical and charismatic Christian. (3830 SE 62nd Ave. 503-775-5024.) (11/01)

SisterSpirit offers women's spirituality celebrations, discussion groups, a drumming circle, workshops and classes. Schedule of events available. All women are welcome. (Suite 102, 3430 SE Belmont St. Mailing address: PO Box 9246, Portland, OR 97207. 503-736-3297. sistersp@teleport.com.) (11/01)

Southminster Presbyterian Church is a challenging, supportive community that welcomes all people. It is the first More Light Presbyterian Church in Oregon. (10 am Sunday summer, 9:30 and 11 am Sunday winter. 12250 SW Denney Road, Beaverton. 503-644-2073.) (11/01)

St. James Lutheran Church, a reconciled in Christ congregation, welcomes all people for traditional liturgical worship. (9 and 11 am Sunday. 1315 SW Park Ave. 503-227-2439.) (11/01)

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church offers a gay-positive community for Catholics and their friends. Mass at 7:30 pm Fridays followed by a social. (Paulist Center, 2408 SE 16th Ave. 503-231-4955.) (11/01)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has been welcoming all people since 1863. (12:10 pm Wednesday and 7:45 and 10 am Sunday. Sunday school and child care at 10 am. SW 13th Avenue at Clay Street. 503-223-6424.) (11/01)

Unity Church of Portland is an all-inclusive community following Christ's teachings and celebrating diversity and truth without trappings for 75 years. Sunday school and child care available. Potluck first Sundays. (10 am Sunday. 4525 SE Stark St. 503-234-7441. unityprthd@wdwb.org.) (11/01)



Singer Izetta Smith and musician Barbara Bernstein present a CD release concert Sept. 28 and 29 at the Artichoke Backgate Theater

University Park United Methodist Church is a member of the network of reconciling congregations and meets for worship at 10 am Sundays. (4775 N Lombard St. 503-289-7843.) (11/01)

Wyeast Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a new, open and liberal religious community on the inner east side of Portland offering intergenerational services and religious education for children. It welcomes members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Wyeast nurtures spiritual growth and promotes living by Unitarian Universalist principles. (4 pm Sunday. 3915 SE Steele St. 503-777-3704. www.wyeastpnwd.uua.org.) (11/01)

Zion United Church of Christ, an open and affirming congregation, is open to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual people who wish to worship in a Christ-centered, warm, caring, multiage/race/cultural faith community. (11 am Sunday. 2025 NE 23rd Ave., Gresham. 503-665-8741.) (11/01)

Washington: Spirituality

East Vancouver United Methodist Church, Reconciling, welcoming. (10 am Sunday. 5701 MacArthur Blvd. 360-693-4761. ourclarkcounty.columbian.com/273/.) (11/01)

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Two Sunday services, traditional and "less traditional" in an open and affirming congregation. (1220 NE 68th St., Vancouver. 360-693-1476.) (11/01)

Metropolitan Community Church of the Gentle Shepherd, (10 am every Sunday; 6:30 pm second and last Sunday. Suite E/F, 2200 Broadway. Vancouver. 360-695-1480. Mccgs@aol.com www.mccgs.org.) (11/01)

Michael Servetus Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, a home for the liberal religious spirit. (10 am Sunday. 4505 E. 18th St., Vancouver. 360-695-1891.) (11/01)

Willamette Valley: Spirituality

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is an open and affirming congregation offering worship and church school. Child care provided. Wheelchair accessible. (10 am Sunday. 700 Marion St. NE, Salem. 503-363-3660.) (11/01)

First Congregational United Church of Christ is an inclusive Christian community, an open and affirming church. (9:30 am Sunday summer, 10:30 am Sunday winter. 4515 SW West Hills Road, Corvallis. 541-757-8122.) (5/02)

Gay-Straight Alliance of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem meets for a potluck on the third Sunday of each month. (6 pm. 5090 Center St. NE. 503-363-8716.) (11/01)

Interfaith Spiritual Community meets for inspirational messages, children's celebrations and joy every Sunday at the Heart Center. We honor and celebrate all sacred paths, recognizing each person's divine gifts and supporting spiritual growth, healing and enlightenment. (6-7:30 pm. 1578 Commercial St. SE, Salem. 503-763-6030.) (11/01)

Morningside United Methodist Church is a reconciling congregation where everyone is welcome to participate in the full life of the congregation. (8:30 and 11 am Sunday. 3674 12th St. SE, Salem. 503-364-5013.) (11/01)

Sweet Spirit Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) holds worship at 11 am Sundays followed by coffee and fellowship as well as potluck lunches every second Sunday. (American Legion Hall, 4774 Lilac Lane NE, Salem. Mailing address: Pastor Ken Kerr, PO Box 12753, Salem, OR 97309. 503-315-7923.) (11/01)

YOUTH

Metro: Youth

Expression is a free art/expression support group for GLBT youth between 13 and 23 in Gresham. Hang out and have fun every Friday! Sponsored by Roots and Branches. (Jonathan 503-872-9664, ext. 28.) (11/01)

Outside In operates a clinic for anyone who can't qualify for the Oregon Health Plan as well as a needle exchange service that includes exchange for those who inject hormones. It also has some transitional housing for youth 20 and younger as well as for youth who are HIV-positive and younger than 23. It also plays host to **VOICES** (Voices of Individual and Community Empowerment from the Streets), a self-support group for queer youth. (10 am-6 pm Monday-Friday. 1236 SW Salmon St. 503-223-4121.) (11/01)

Pride Project brings together Washington County lesbian, gay, bi, trans and questioning youth to plan and attend monthly social events. Also information, referral, support and advocacy services for Washington County. (Molly 503-260-5792 molly@prideproject.org.) (11/01)

Rainbow is a multicultural peer support and activity group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans and questioning youth. (4:30 pm Wednesday. Metropolitan Community Church of Portland, 2400 NE Broadway. 503-281-8868.) (11/01)

Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center (SMYRC) offers drop-in computer access, pool tables and an informal place to hang out and plays host to weekly youth support groups including Windfire, Trans Youth Group and Personal Deity Proxy (a creative group). (4-8 pm Monday and Wednesday, 4 pm-midnight Friday and Saturday, 2100 SE Belmont St. 503-872-9664. www.smyrc.org.) (11/01)

Youth HIV/STD Prevention Project provides fun and educational programs along with counseling and testing to queer youth in a friendly, relaxed environment. (503-872-9664.) (11/01)

YouthNet, a program of Love Makes a Family, offers tutoring and mentoring for lesbian, gay, bi and trans youth as well as for children of LGBT parents. (503-227-1981.) (11/01)

Southern Oregon: Youth

Southern Oregon Youth Outreach (SOYO), a group for gay, lesbian, and bi youth between 14 and 20, meets on the first and Thursdays of the month in Ashland. (541-488-6990.) (11/01)

Washington: Youth

Triple Point offers education, support and advocacy to gay, lesbian, bi and trans and questioning youth in Vancouver, Wash. Meets 6-8 pm Tuesdays in the basement of Youth House, 1112 Columbia St. in Vancouver. (John 360-695-1325.) (5/02)

Willamette Valley: Youth

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth Group for ages 13 to 18 offers support, information and fun. Free, confidential, drop-in. (4-6 pm Friday. Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St., Eugene. 541-684-3466.) (11/01)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Youth Group for ages 25 and younger meets every Monday. (5 pm. Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St., Eugene. 541-346-1134.) (11/01)

Rainbow Youth is a support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth and their friends between 13 and 17 years old in the Salem-Keizer area. (503-581-5535.) (11/01)

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I've heard of gay and straight cruise lines, but are there bi cruise lines?

Also, I'd like to weigh in about men with small penises. I've never let a man enter me anally, but I've inserted a small vibrator and loved it. When I make my maiden voyage into the outback, I would much rather have a small penis in there to open things up gently.

Also, I love to blow small men. I can fit the whole thing in my mouth, sometimes balls and all, and give ecstatic deep throat.

Finally, a nutrition-related question: When I was a meat eater, it seemed like my penis was longer, thicker and stiffer. Are there specific foods or supplements a vegetarian can use to regain this former condition? Love ya, Ms. Behavior!



Ms. Behavior

—Charles

DEAR CHARLES:

Ms. Behavior's expertise does not extend to the queer (or semiqueer) travel industry. Perhaps you've confused her with Julie McCoy from *The Love Boat*, an entirely different perky, helpful woman. Ms. Behavior has a better haircut and an alternative understanding of the word "cruise."

If bi cruises don't exist, it's probably because bisexuality is an imaginary state. It's hard even to understand the appeal of a bi cruise; it sounds like purgatory on choppy waters without the benefit of Dramamine. You're better off setting sail with a particular gender in mind.

Actually, you don't sound very bi. You fantasize about being entered by a man with a Lilliputian penis and seem to savor the size, shape and flavor of balls. But it doesn't sound as if your taste buds extend themselves to equally luscious labia.

Never mind the benefits of low cholesterol; penis size, thickness and stiffness definitely is increased by large portions of red meat. Not from eating it, of course, but from lots of repetitions of lifting it repeatedly with your dick.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

My ex-boyfriend Alan and I are on favorable terms. But when we speak, he puts on this fake voice and says: "I'm great, really great. I'm dating four hunky men. One of them is an underwear model. I'm having so much fun."

He tells me all the amazing things he's done with our house since I moved out, all the expensive items he's bought and all the fancy people he's become close with since the

demise of our relationship. This feels weird to me, especially because I go out of my way to spare him the details of my life.

I have a quietly happy existence. I have a fulfilling new relationship with a man who is very, very right for me and a solid career.

If I discussed the details, even cursorily, about my own sense of contentment lately, I'm pretty sure it would hurt Alan's feelings. He and I had hot sex, but in most ways I was not happy in the relationship.

Alan's comments feel mean-spirited, like he's intentionally trying to hurt me. But if I bring this issue up with him, he'll say I'm just jealous.

I've seriously considered this possibility and truly do not think that's the case. Also, I'm not very interested in a deep relationship with him, just a cordial one. We work in the same industry and see each other

occasionally, so I don't want to get into a huge argument.

I really don't understand why he's acting so weird. Shouldn't he spare me every little detail of his love life? Should I ask him to be more respectful of appropriate topics, as I feel I have been?

Should I tell him to stuff a sock in it? Or should I just suffer the stupidity of his comments silently?

Thanks for your help with this. I read your column avidly.

—Avoiding Alan

DEAR AVOIDING ALAN:

People who are happy don't gloat about their joy.

If they date panty models, they don't have to talk about it, although they might tape a Fruit of the Loom ad to their refrigerator. It's a relief Alan didn't specify that his boyfriend models Calvin Klein panties; you probably couldn't have ignored a lie of that magnitude.

Alan still has feelings for you. Confronting him about his dumb attempts to hurt you won't do any good.

Eventually, his fake attempts to sound upbeat will resound loudly in his own ears, especially if you don't respond. Don't bother trying to retaliate, unless you think you're the reincarnation of Dorothy Parker. Otherwise, your quietly happy existence is more pointed than any smart remark you might come up with. ☐

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

