

## DIVERSIONS

### A midsummer night's dance

**O**ut Dancing is throwing its second annual fancy-dance shindig July 13, this year titled *A Midsummer's Ball*. The evening will begin with some quick lessons in the fox trot and swing, then the group will spin a mix of additional music styles, including the waltz, cha-cha, salsa, country, rumba and tango.

Instructor Daniel Hutchison and his partner started the ball last year to give all those Out Dancing students a place to strut their stuff. "In our community we have places to go where you can smoke and drink and get crazy with freestyle dancing," he says, "but when it comes to a smoke-free environment with music where you can dance the tango close with your sweetie, well, you see, we just had to do something about that!"

Couples dancing has become so popular that Out Dancing has begun to hold monthly dance socials as well. "People always tell me they are surprised how much dancing adds to and enriches their lives," Hutchison offers. "Through the language of dance we learn to communicate better with one another and perhaps even learn a little more patience and acceptance. It also deepens your connection with another person."

The ball, though, is a little more of a special affair. "Let's see," Hutchison murmurs, "sparkling mirror ball, check. Floating candles, check. White linens, check. Asiatic lilies for the centerpieces, check." The Midsummer's Ball theme, he admits, makes him "think of a magical, shimmering, full-moon summer's night."

You, too, can be magical and shimmery 8 p.m. to midnight July 13 at Portland Metro Club, 618 S.E. Alder St. It's \$10 at the door or at Out Dancing classes. Call 503-236-5129 for more information.

### Shout!

**R**emember that kick-ass toga party in *National Lampoon's Animal House*? Yes, now you can relive those times at the **Alberta Arts Pavilion's Toga Party on July 20**.

This queer-owned gallery promises a night of hot DJ dance music, door prizes, a



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Same-sex couples can move their feet during Out Dancing's second annual ball July 13

costume contest and other assorted debauchery. There's a no-host bar, and you get \$1 off the \$10 admission for every can of food you bring (up to five cans).

If you've got somewhere else to be, don't sweat missing out—the party goes from 9:30 p.m. until 4 a.m. The gallery is at 2315 N.E. Alberta St., and you can give the Greeks a ring at 503-282-7700.

### Attention golfers and the people who love them

**D**iva Tours and Griffon Financial Group present the second annual Charity Golf Tournament on July 19 at Colwood National Golf Course, 7313 N.E. Columbia Blvd.

Although it's too late to register for a team, you can still show up with \$100 to cheer on participants and engage in the after-golf soiree, complete with award presentations, food and entertainment. All proceeds go to Basic Rights Oregon and Vanguard Youth Services.

It all begins with the tee-off shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 503-528-2800 or e-mail [al@griffonfinancial.com](mailto:al@griffonfinancial.com).

### Eat for charity

**T**he owners of Dingo's will donate 15 percent of sales July 11 to **Honor the Earth**, the favorite non-profit organization of their friends, the Indigo Girls.

The charity evening coincides with both the lesbian duo's concert in Portland and the restaurant's weekly Girls Night Out.

"Amy and Emily were one of the first to donate to the Q-Ball, our recent fund-raiser for Basic Rights Oregon," says Dingo's owner Tiffany Miller. "I felt like it was important to return the support for such an important cause."

Honor the Earth provides funding and support for Native American environmental initiatives. It has been a longtime project for the singers, who are the only non-Native Americans to sit on the board.

The Indigo Girls and their band play the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 S.W. Broadway, 8 p.m. July 11 in support of their latest release, *Become You*. Vonda Shepherd opens the show; tickets are \$31-\$41.50 from Ticketmaster.

### Bowie with Moby

**G**lam rock queer boy David Bowie joins the ambiguous-about-my-sexuality



New Wavers David Bowie and Moby rock the Gorge Amphitheatre on Aug. 16

the detectives and the dealers when the first five episodes air back to back starting at 9 p.m. July 6.

Moby for a day of sounds and song Aug. 16 at the Gorge Amphitheatre in George, Wash. Joining the gents are Busta Rhymes, Blue Man Group and Ash. See it all for a \$63 ticket from Ticketmaster. You can camp there, too, for \$30 if you make reservations in advance. Visit [www.hob.com](http://www.hob.com) for more info.

### New cable queer

**I**n June HBO premiered *The Wire*, a 13-episode drama that continues through the summer, so there's still time to tune in to see hunky Sonja Sohn play tough Baltimore narcotics detective Shakima Greggs. She's smart, hot and, according to the network, "just happens to be gay."

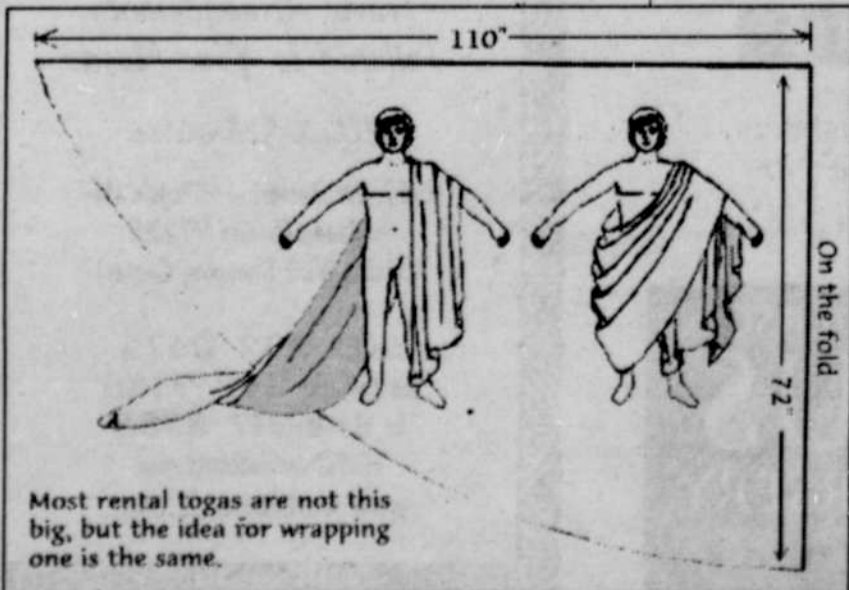
The program, which has Greggs teaming up with West Baltimore's Homicide Department to bring down the city's major drug ringleader and his crew, airs at 10 p.m. Sundays. If you've missed the first few, don't fret: You can get caught up with



Cute Sonja Sohn plays tough dyke detective in *The Wire*

The film is set for release in the summer of 2003. Pixar's *Monsters, Inc.* recently crossed the \$500 million mark in the global box office, making it the second-highest grossing animated film of all time behind *The Lion King*. (How frightening.) [ ]

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Most rental togas are not this big, but the idea for wrapping one is the same.

Golf and party for queer charities July 19

