

**ADVICE**

**Politics**

Whether social or personal, get over it or move on



**Ms. Behavior**  
by Meryl Cohn

DEAR MS BEHAVIOR:

I'm dating a new woman, Jane, who seems dogmatic. A lefty organizer, she believes politics and peace are her religion. That's fine with me. I've certainly put in my years of working for the movement.

On our fourth date we had a pretty unpleasant argument about idealism and war, in which I found her to be incredibly rigid. We haven't kissed yet or even held hands.

I like her, but I probably don't like her overly radical politics enough to get very serious. Nonetheless, I feel vaguely compelled to call her and talk about what our political differences mean; in other words, we've yet to really have a conversation about us. Should I not call her if I'm not serious?

We might be able to pull our relationship back into a positive spin if she has a sense that she's completely off-putting in these "light" political debates. Once Jane told me she felt like her politics kept her from getting involved with people. Maybe she'll be insightful, and we can have a fifth date.

What do you think? Should I give her a second chance?

—Jo-Jo

action (boffing like bunnies for sport, for example), you might have a good time. In fact, if you could disentangle yourself from further romantic involvement after, say, the eighth date, it might be fun to have sex with a Marxist.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

My ex-lover, Jake-the-bisexual, is now married. His wife, Miranda, is a controlling bitch who is always trying to ruin our friendship and interfere with the business Jake and I run together. (We own an antique store, which I run; Jake is a silent partner.)

I'm forced to deal with Miranda's mettlesome, undermining behavior. Half the time Jake and I get along fine because we agree that she's horrible, but sometimes he acts like he's in love with her, and I can't bear it.

Jake acts like a pussy-whipped jerk, always concerned about pleasing Miranda. He tells me that I'm a misogynist and that I should shut my mouth. Don't I have a right to ask that the bitch doesn't come shopping for antiques in our store? I don't think I should have to put up with her. We've decided to let you decide.

—Sick of It

DEAR SICK OF IT:

You do sound like a misogynist—and a bitter one at that.

No one says you have to welcome Miranda, but calling her "the bitch" will not help improve this cozy little triangle. If your attachment to Jake is contingent on your agreement that his wife is horrible, you're not much of a friend, either.

Miranda should shop for antiques on your day off (or on eBay). And you should think about buying Jake out of the business (or vice versa) to preserve what's left of your friendship.

If you find this suggestion to be immediately objectionable, it's probably because you're invested in continuing the drama as a way of staying connected to Jake. ☐

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**YOUTH**

**Metro: Youth**

**Flavors**, a program of MultiQueer and Brother to Brother, is a social support group for sexual minority youth of color 24 and younger. Meets every other Sunday for food and socializing. Regular events and activities. (Des 503-228-3892 or [des@lmfamily.org](mailto:des@lmfamily.org). Stephan 503-417-7991 or [hey\\_stephan@hotmail.com](mailto:hey_stephan@hotmail.com).) (7/03)

The **Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)** fights to end anti-gay bias in K-12 schools. (12700 SW North Dakota St., Suite 180, #129, Tigard, OR 97223. 503-525-1177. [glsen@glsenoregon.org](mailto:glsen@glsenoregon.org). [www.glsenoregon.org](http://www.glsenoregon.org).) (7/03)

**MultiQueer**, a program of Love Makes a Family, provides advocacy to sexual minority youth. Offers resources and support in the community and the school systems, with a focus on support for youth of color. (Des 503-228-3892. [des@lmfamily.org](mailto:des@lmfamily.org).) (7/03)

**Outside In** operates a clinic for anyone who can't qualify for the Oregon Health Plan as well as needle exchange services that include those who inject hormones. Can provide transitional housing for youth 20 and younger as well as for those HIV+ and younger than 23. Also plays host to VOICES (Voices of Individual and Community Empowerment from the Streets), a self-support group for queer youth. Needs volunteers of all ages. (10 am-6 pm Monday-Friday, 1132 SW 13th Ave. 503-535-3800. [www.outsidein.org](http://www.outsidein.org).) (7/03)

**Vanguard Youth Services**, a program of Cascadia Behavioral HealthCare, offers support and recreation to gay, lesbian, bi and trans kids 23 and younger. Programs include: **Clackamas County Sexual Minority Youth Connection (COSMYC)** provides opportunities for queer and questioning kids to get together for free, fun and supportive social activities. Also one-on-one support and referrals to Clackamas County service providers. (503-969-0060. [cosmycyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:cosmycyouth@yahoo.com).) **Expression** is a free art/expression support group in Gresham for queer youth. Hang out and have fun every Friday! (Jonathan 503-872-9664, ext. 28.) (7/03)

**Pride Project** brings together Washington County queer and questioning youth to plan and attend monthly social events. Also information, referral and advocacy services in Washington County. (Molly 503-260-5792. [molly@prideproject.org](mailto:molly@prideproject.org).) (7/03)

**Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center (SMYRC)** offers drop-in computer access, pool tables and an informal place to hang out. Weekly youth support groups includes 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. TTY 503-231-9286. [www.smyrc.org](http://www.smyrc.org).) (7/03)

**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.) (7/03)

**Washington: Youth**

**Triple Point** offers education, support and advocacy to gay, lesbian, bi, 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.) (7/03)

**Willamette Valley: Youth**

**Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Transgender and Questioning Youth Group** for ages 13 to 18 offers support, information and fun in Eugene. Free, confidential, adult-facilitated. (Drop in 4-6 pm Friday, Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St. 541-684-3466.) (7/03)

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Youth Group** for ages 25 and younger meets every Monday in Eugene. (5 pm. Koionona Center, 1414 Kincaid St. 541-346-1134.) (7/03)

**SPIRITUALITY**

**Metro: Spirituality**

**Ainsworth United Church of Christ** is a multi-racial, multicultural, open and affirming church. Sunday worship is at 10 am; church school for children runs concurrently. (2941 NE Ainsworth St. 503-284-8767. [aucc@teleport.com](mailto:aucc@teleport.com).) (7/03)

**Anawim Community** of gay men meets weekly for Christian meditation and prayer. (7:30 pm Thursday. 503-281-0722.) (7/03)

**Atkinson Memorial Church** is a Unitarian Universalist welcoming congregation in Oregon City. (710 Sixth St. 503-656-7296. [www.atkinsonchurch.com](http://www.atkinsonchurch.com).) (7/03)

**Bridgeport United Church of Christ** is a community of progressive, political people exploring and celebrating the Christian faith. We are sexual minority and straight, multicultural and multi-racial, and our children are valued members. (10:30 am Sunday, 621 NE 76th Ave. 503-258-0992. [www.bridgeportucc.org](http://www.bridgeportucc.org).) (7/03)

**Compassionate Heart Sangha** plays host to weekly sittings in the Vipassana Meditation Tradition at Flanders House. (7:30-9 pm Wednesday, 2926 NE Flanders St. Jon 503-239-5539.) (7/03)

**Congregation Neveh Shalom**, an open and progressive Conservative Jewish synagogue, extends a warm welcome to all sexual minorities. Shabbat services 8:15 pm Friday and 9 am Saturday. (2900 SW Peaceful Lane. 503-246-8831.) (7/03)

**Congregation P'nai Or** (Faces of Light) is a vibrant, egalitarian, Jewish Renewal congregation in Portland. Meets several times a month in various locations. (PO Box 42187, Portland, OR 97242-0187. 503-248-4500. [www.pnaiorpd.org](http://www.pnaiorpd.org).) (7/03)

**Dignity Portland** meets for Mass on Sundays. (503-262-6947.) (7/03)

**Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist**, a welcoming congregation, offers Sunday service and children's religious education. (10:30 am. 1133 NE 181st Ave., Gresham. 503-665-2628. [eastrose@teleport.com](mailto:eastrose@teleport.com).) (7/03)

**Faith United Methodist Church** is a welcoming community of Christians in Troutdale that values and encourages all people in finding a place of belonging in the family of God. Sunday worship at 10:15 am; Adult Education at 9 am; children and youth at 10:30 am. Wednesday Prayers 6-6:30 pm. (27400 SE Stark St. 503-661-4520.) (7/03)

**First Unitarian Church** of Portland is an open and affirming liberal religious community offering a wide range of programs to nurture spiritual growth, community and social justice. Sunday service 9 and 11 am. (1011 SW 12th Ave. 503-228-6389. [www.firstunitarianportland.org](http://www.firstunitarianportland.org).) (7/03)

**First United Methodist Church** of Portland, a welcoming and reconciling congregation, believes no one is left out in God's family. Sexual minority potlucks held monthly. (10:30 am Sunday, 1838 SW Jefferson St. 503-228-3195. [www.fumcpdx.org](http://www.fumcpdx.org).) (7/03)

**Integrity** is a group of sexual minority Episcopalians and friends. Various locations throughout Oregon. (Bruce Mason 503-286-9111. [brucepdxor@attbi.com](mailto:brucepdxor@attbi.com). [www.integrityusa.org](http://www.integrityusa.org).) (7/03)

**Interfaith Spiritual Center** houses spiritual directors from various world religious traditions, who are available for guidance, classes and retreats. (Second Floor, 3910 SE 11th Ave. 503-233-2026, ext. 3. [www.interfaithspiritualcenter.com](http://www.interfaithspiritualcenter.com).) (7/03)

**Keshet Portland** is a group for Jewish members of the sexual minorities community and their partners, spouses and supporters. Monthly social, religious and cultural events. (David or Laney 503-226-7079, ext. 14.) (7/03)

**Metanoia Peace Community United Methodist Church** is a "house church" that brings gay and straight together. (Daily prayer 7:20 am, Sunday gathering 5 pm, 2116 NE 18th Ave. 503-281-3697. [www.tearsoup.com/metanoia](http://www.tearsoup.com/metanoia).) (7/03)

**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@mccportland.com](mailto:info@mccportland.com).) (7/03)

**Portland Center for Spiritual Growth** is a New Thought, uplifting, refreshing and exciting place of worship. Become a minister in our ministerial program. (10 am Sunday. Call for location. 503-777-0727.) (7/03)

**Portland Church of Religious Science** is a liberal, open, progressive New Thought community welcoming everyone to discover the spirit within. Change your thinking, change your life! (10 am Sunday meditation, 10:30 am service and junior church, 6:30 pm Wednesday prayer circle. 3983 NE 112th Ave. 503-261-0677.) (7/03)

**Portland Radical Faeries** meet twice a month with potlucks and circles at the full moon and the new moon. Open to all men seeking alternative spiritual growth and community. Coffee hours start 9:30 am Saturdays at 3 Friends Coffeehouse, 201 SE 12th Ave. (503-235-0826. [otter@pccz.com](mailto:otter@pccz.com).) (7/03)

**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](mailto:sistersp@teleport.com).) (7/03)

**Spirit Circle** is for lesbian, bi or trans women seeking a welcoming community in the Catholic church. Meets every third Thursday in the St. Andrew Nativity

School. (7 pm. 806 NE Alberta St. [lbtspirtcircle@yahoo.com](mailto:lbtspirtcircle@yahoo.com).) (7/03)

**Southminster Presbyterian Church** is a challenging, supportive community that welcomes all people. It is the first More Light Presbyterian Church in Oregon. Sunday school and nursery care. (10 am Sunday, 12250 SW Denney Road, Beaverton. 503-644-2073. [staff@southmin.com](mailto:staff@southmin.com).) (7/03)

**St. Andrew Catholic Church** invites all to join a diverse faith community for prayer and fellowship. (9:30 am Sunday, 806 NE Alberta St. 503-281-4429.) (7/03)

**St. James Lutheran Church**, a Reconciled in Christ congregation, welcomes all people for traditional, liturgical worship where we experience God's reconciling love that sets all people free. (9 and 11 am Sunday, 1315 SW Park Ave. 503-227-2439.) (7/03)

**Gay and Lesbian Outreach (GALO)** of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church celebrates an affirming Mass followed by a social. (7:30 pm Friday, Paulist Center, 2408 SE 16th Ave. 503-231-4955.) (7/03)

**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. Southwest 13th Avenue at Clay Street. 503-223-6424.) (7/03)

**Waverly Heights Church (UCC)** is open and affirming with worship, children's school and child care. (10 am Sunday, 3300 SE Woodward St. 503-238-1337. [www.waverlyucc.org](http://www.waverlyucc.org).) (7/03)

**Wyeast Unitarian Universalist Congregation** is an open and liberal religious community offering intergenerational services and religious education for children. It welcomes gay, lesbian, bi and trans members. Nurtures spiritual growth and promotes living by Unitarian Universalist principles. (4 pm Sunday, 3915 SE Steele St. 503-777-3704. [www.wyeast.pnwd.uua.org](http://www.wyeast.pnwd.uua.org).) (7/03)

**Zion United Church of Christ**, an open and affirming congregation, is open to gay, lesbian, bi, trans 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.) (7/03)

**Washington: Spirituality**

**Abundant Life Center** is A New Thought Community for spiritual awakening and transforming lives through love. A safe place where children learn to embody spiritual principles. (10 am Sunday, 10006 NE Ninth Ave., Vancouver. 360-573-2626.) (7/03)

**East Vancouver United Methodist Church** is reconciling and welcoming. (10 am Sunday, 5701 MacArthur Blvd. 360-693-4761. [ourclarkcounty.columbian.com/273/](http://ourclarkcounty.columbian.com/273/).) (7/03)

**First Congregational Church**, United Church of Christ, holds two Sunday services, traditional and "less traditional" in an open and affirming congregation. (1220 NE 68th St., Vancouver. 360-693-1476. [vanucc@aol.com](mailto:vanucc@aol.com).) (7/03)

**God's Holy Territory** is a charismatic, joy-filled worship experience in Vancouver where everyone is welcome: gay, lesbian, bi, trans and straight. (11 am Sunday service. Bible study 7 pm most Thursdays. 1500 NE 49th St. 360-885-9461. [pastor@godsholyterritory.com](mailto:pastor@godsholyterritory.com).) (7/03)

**Michael Servetus Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**, a Welcoming Congregation, provides a home for the liberal religious spirit. (9:15 and 11 am Sunday, 4505 E 18th St., Vancouver. 360-695-1891.) (7/03)

**Willamette Valley: Spirituality**

**First Congregational Church**, United Church of Christ is an open and affirming congregation offering worship and church school. Child care provided and wheelchair accessible. (9 am Sunday learning hour, 10 am worship, 700 Marion St. NE, Salem. 503-363-3660.) (7/03)

**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.) (7/03)

**Sacred Souls** honors all sacred paths, promotes peace and strives to create an environment that supports and promotes interfaith dialogue. Meets at the Oregon School of Massage. (6:30-8 pm Sunday, 440 Ferry St. SE, Salem. [wholth@aol.com](mailto:wholth@aol.com). [www.sacred-souls.org](http://www.sacred-souls.org).) (7/03)



**Orlando Eats Children with Wine** (and, apparently, salt) through March 15 at Theater! Theater!