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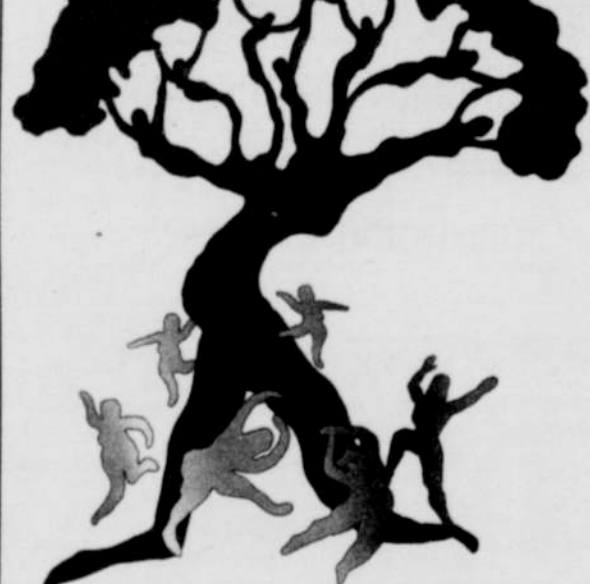


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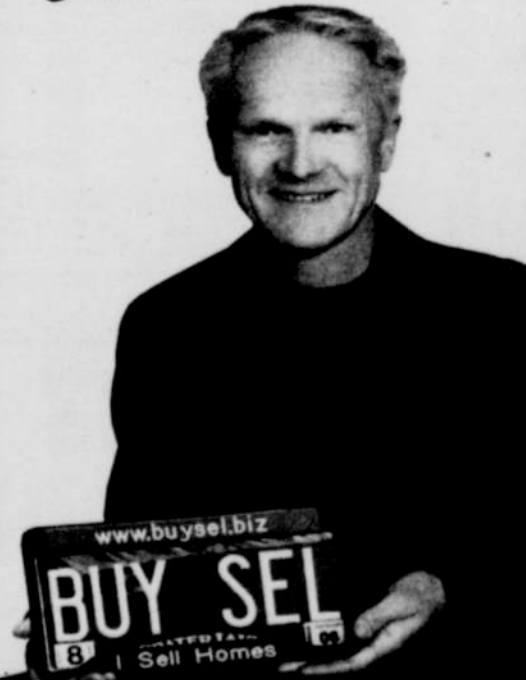
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ures, from the early days of consciousness-raising to the "post-feminist" present. The author of 13 books of fiction, nonfiction and poetry and countless speeches, essays and articles, she was one of feminism's most rigorous minds and fiercest crusaders.

—SD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR BITES FOR RIGHTS

Plan now to dine out for breakfast, lunch and dinner June 21 at some of the best restaurants in the state and help support Basic Rights Oregon. Restaurants around the state will donate 15 percent of proceeds earned that day to BRO.

Check out www.basicrights.org for a list of restaurants.

FREE HIV RAPID TESTING FOR QUEER MEN

Multnomah County Northeast Testing site offers free rapid HIV testing to gay, bi and trans guys every Tuesday starting at 5 p.m. Last rapid test check-in at 7:15. Se habla español.

The site is located at the corner of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Killingsworth Street. Enter through the rear door near Emerson Street; facilities are on the second floor.

For questions, call 503-988-3030.

DOCUMENTARY EXPLORES LIFE OF TRANS SEMINARY STUDENT

The film *Call Me Malcolm* will be screened 2:30 p.m. July 24 at First Congregational Unit-Ed Church of Christ, 1126 S.W. Park Ave.

The documentary is about a 27-year-old transgender seminary student and his struggle with faith, love and gender identity. There will be time for discussion after the film.

Go to www.callmemalcolm.com for details about the film. For more information, contact Joyce Liljeholm at 503-232-4556 or jliljeho@teleport.com.

WHEN BARRIERS BREAK

A variety of classes—from yoga and sexuality to acupuncture and nutrition—have been added to the services offered at the Arquette Cancer Center of Project Quest.

The new Healing and Empowerment Program for Women with Breast Cancer was recently funded by a Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation grant. HEP creates a safe place for women of all economic means to learn practical skills for actually "living" with breast cancer. In addition to an ongoing mental and physical health clinic, HEP offers a broad array of groups and classes that focus on the unique needs of participants and provide a space for women to meet with others on a similar path to breast cancer treatment, recovery and survival.

Leaders at HEP have personal experiences with the disease that have helped them identify the needs women have when faced with breast cancer.

"When I was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago, all of a sudden I was caught in a whirlwind of doctor's appointments, treatment decisions and surgery schedules," said Jo Brody, manager of HEP. "Piecing together a wellness program for myself that included diet, exercise and counseling was overwhelming and difficult. Plus, there wasn't a centralized place to go to meet with other women dealing with breast cancer in a holistic way. Now at Project Quest, we can provide all of these services."

Lesbians tend to experience significant barriers to health care, according to a recent survey conducted by Harris Interactive and the Mautner Project, a lesbian health advocacy organization. Lesbians identified some factors keeping them from obtaining health care as discrimination, misinformation, exclusion, fear and negative past experiences.

Mautner executive director Kathleen DeBold said: "Barriers to accessing health care, whether they are financial, institutional or cultural, can be devastating for lesbians with chronic or life-threatening illnesses. Stigma and the potential for discrimination has, for years, been a major obstacle for lesbians and gays seeking appropriate health care."

For program details, call 503-238-5203 or visit www.projectquest.org.

—JRC

AUTHOR INGA MUSCIO TO READ AT THE GOODFOOT

Inga Muscio, the best-selling author of *Cunt: A Declaration of Independence*, will read 8 p.m. July 5 at the Goodfoot, 2845 S.E. Stark St.

Admission is \$1-\$50 sliding scale. The event is a benefit for In Other Words Women's Books and Resources.

Come listen to the musical stylings of DJ Yaga and hear Muscio read from *Autobiography of a Blue-Eyed Devil: My Life and Times in a Racist, Imperialist Society*. The book deals with real-time issues of gender, race, class and other social concerns while keeping the reader captivated with down-to-earth humor and witty intelligence.

"The so-called history we learn in school is no more than a brand," says Muscio, "developed by white men who, often unjustly, won the right to spin their stories as hard facts."

With *Autobiography*, it's Muscio's turn to hip the masses to the truth about the U.S. history they think they know. Whose country is it? Has democracy ever really existed? Why does our culture celebrate certain figures and ignore others? Do schools teach kids to perpetuate white



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