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performances by Vanessa Veselka (Bell/The Pinkos) and Marisa Anderson (The Dolly Ranchers).

This fund-raiser is an opportunity to show support for the crisis line, demonstrate a commitment to ending domestic and sexual violence, bid on tempting auction items and have a great time with like-minded individuals.

Tickets cost \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. All proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction, as well as a portion of the proceeds from wine sales, benefit the crisis line.

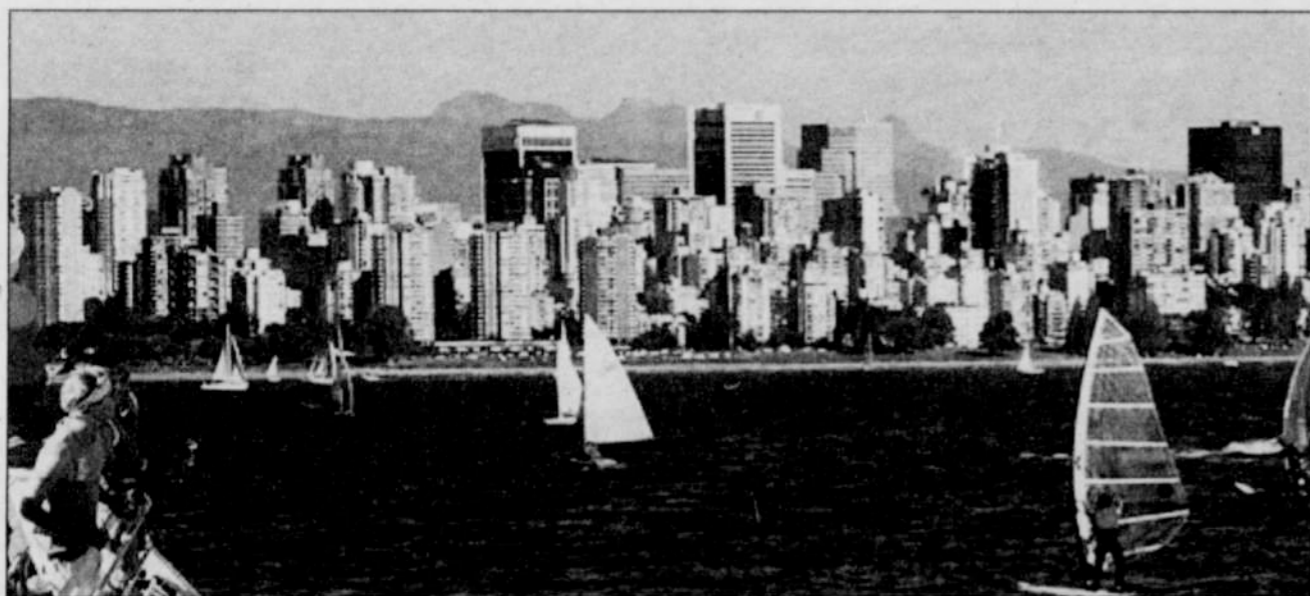
For more information or to purchase tickets, call 503-232-9751 or visit www.pwcl.org. In addition, tickets may be purchased at several locations throughout metro Portland, including: Annie Bloom's Books, 7834 S.W. Capitol Highway; Broadway Books, 1714 N.E. Broadway; In Other Words, 3734 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.; and Zeldaloo, 7853 S.E. 13th Ave.

POSI-CORE/POSITIVE FORCE ANNOUNCES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

HIV+ Empowerment refers to the process HIV-positive people develop to address and deal with the negative effects of society and media. The Posi-Core/Positive Force believes this is achieved primarily through healthy social interaction and the bonds that such interaction creates.



A perennial favorite, Cris Williamson will be on hand to entertain the crowd.



Gay-friendly Vancouver is the site for the first gathering for lesbians older than 50.

The first organizational meeting will determine the specifics of how the HIV+ Empowerment group will operate, such as how meetings will be conducted, what types of agreements (such as confidentiality) should be in place, what types of activities to be involved in and how money will be raised. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the group (i.e., HIV-positive people of all genders and sexualities) are encouraged to attend.

The meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 10 in the Outside In East Conference Room, 1132 S.W. 13th Ave.

CALLING OLD DYKES! GATHERING IN VANCOUVER, B.C.!

Pat Hogan, founder and proprietress of Sounds and Furies in Vancouver, British Columbia, is organizing the first-ever West Coast Canadian Gathering & Conference for and by lesbians 50 and older.

The event will be held Sept. 8 to 11 in Vancouver, and younger lesbians are also welcome. The conference will be based at the Coast Plaza Hotel, located in the heart of Vancouver's gay district, known as the West End.

In their free time, conference participants can enjoy walks on the nearby seawall, people-watch in the many restaurants and sidewalk cafes and shop in the eclectic and gay-owned stores surrounding the hotel. For outdoorsy types, there are hiking and kayaking opportunities. For the culturally inclined, there are numerous art galleries, theaters and museums.

This event was inspired by both the annual

Golden Threads Gathering in Provincetown, Mass., and the Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE) Conference, which took place in June 2004 in New York City. Hogan returned home from these events knowing she wanted to hold something similar, yet uniquely West Coast.

The conference boasts a variety of entertainers and speakers. On the first day of the conference, Ellen Woodsworth, out Vancouver city councilor and coordinator of Women Elders in Action (WE*ACT), will speak. In addition, Lucy Blue Tremblay and Rae Armour will perform, as will legendary women's music artist Cris Williamson. Participants will also be entertained by comedian Jackie Haywood.

The conference also offers seminars on "The Art and Politics of Women's Music" and "Love and Inspiration: Lesbian Communities Then and Now."

For more information, feel free to contact Hogan at path@lynx.net. In addition, Portlander Basja Samuelson has encouraged people interested in attending to arrange carpools by contacting her at 503-335-0536.

To register for the conference, which you must do by Aug. 15, visit www.soundsandfuries.com/firstwestcoastgathering.

SAM ADAMS BECOMES CITY'S ARTS AND CULTURE LIAISON

Portland Mayor Tom Potter announced new

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