

out & about

FRI • DEC 2

Out Dancing's **beginning swing** class starts tonight and continues every Friday in December at Ankeny Street Studio. **Intermediate salsa** follows. (7-8 pm swing [\$20 for month], 8-9 pm salsa [\$24 for month]. 975 SE Sandy Blvd. 503-236-5129. out_dancing@yahoo.com.)

Queer/feminist bands **Avenue of the Strongest** (featuring Lauren K. Newman of LKN on drums), **Swan Island** (dark melodies, killer riffs and danceable rhythms), **Take the Blame** (loud, lyric-driven rock) and **Plasmic Stallion** (formed at the Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls) perform at Food Hole. (8 pm. 20 NW Third Ave. \$5.)

Ashleigh Flynn celebrates the release of *Live at Mississippi Studios* with **Sneakin' Out** and special guest **Government Issue Orchestra** at White Eagle Saloon. (9 pm. 836 N Russell St. \$5.)

Alex Hollywood hosts a CD release party for **Mariah Carey's The Emancipation of Mimi: Ultra Platinum Edition** at C.C. Slaughters. (11 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

SAT • DEC 3

Lesbian counselor Laney Kibel invites interfaith/interracial couples to the free workshop **Healing the Holiday Divide** at Jackman Joe Coffee. She will focus on creating new and meaningful rituals as well as ideas for self-care during the season. (9-11 am. 1111 NW 16th Ave. 503-781-3900.)

More than 140 regional artists sell wood, metal, glass, jewelry, wearable art, pottery, photography, mixed media, fiber arts and basketry during the **Best of the Northwest** show through Dec. 4 at the Oregon Convention Center. Proceeds support art projects for Portland schoolchildren. (10 am-6 pm. 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. \$6. www.nwcraftsalliance.com.)

Girls on Gay presents **Winter White Benefit**, an evening of quality dining and coming together of "family" and friends, at Starky's. Proceeds benefit Basic Rights Oregon. (6 pm. 2913 SE Stark St. \$30 from www.girlsongay.com.)

Support the empowerment of Oregon's renters and do some holiday shopping during the **Cheap Art Party** featuring live music, food, wine and beer at Milk and Honey Studio. Free admission after the first hour. Proceeds benefit Community Alliance of Tenants. (6-9:30 pm. 2512 SE Gladstone St. \$5-\$10 sliding scale.)

Marionberry Salon meets for a potluck discussion of Randy Shilts' *Conduct Unbecoming: Gays and Lesbians in the U.S. Military* in Salem. (6:30 pm. Cary 503-363-6036. marionberrysalon@aol.com.)

The **Men's Spirit Pajama Party** uses contact improv, authentic movement, guided meditation and other practices to melt the barriers between men. This month's theme is "Interactive Mindfulness to Discover and Express Your Authentic Feelings and Needs." Presented by Q-LAND and LoveTribes. (7 pm-midnight. 503-223-8822, ext. 2. pajama-party@qland.org. RSVP to www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

Come dressed in your best '30s attire (or be undercover) during the **Prohibition Party** at the Eagle. (9 pm. 1300 W Burnside St.)

Urban cowboys and girls are in abundance during DJ Crystal's **country western dance** at the Portland Metro Club (PPAA). (9 pm-1 am. 618 SE Alder St. \$5.)

Lights go out and glow sticks come on during **Blackout at Steam**, Portland's newest bathhouse, with a midnight show featuring porn star Kevin Brown. (10 pm. 2885 NE Sandy Blvd.)

SUN • DEC 4

Thirteen women artists sell unique handmade gifts during the fourth **Riches at Rimsky's Annual Holiday Sale** at Rimsky-Korsakoff House. (10 am-6 pm. 707 SE 12th Ave. www.richesatrimskys.com.)

Eugene's **Family Values**—which provides a social support network for queer youth, families and allies—hosts a first Sunday potluck lunch. (1-3 pm. family_values_pride@hotmail.com.)

Crafters sell calendars, candy, cards, clothing, ceramics, soaps, stationery, zines, wallets, jewelry and more during the **Handmade Bazaar** featuring food, a raffle and music by dizzystarhouse and DJs Kelly Simons and Beyonda at Studio 1050. (1-7 pm. 50 SE Yamhill St. www.handmadebazaar.org.)

GO OUT The Portland State University Women's Studies Department presents a reading and release party in the Multicultural Center at Smith Memorial Center to celebrate *This Is the Welcome*, the first spoken word CD of poetry and prose by **29th Street Writers**, a group that has been meeting on Saturday mornings for two decades. Lesbian authors include Amy Schutler, Kathleen Saadat and Cherry Hartman. (3-5 pm. 1825 SW Broadway.)

Get lucky during the Fox & Hounds' **Monthly Charity Bingo**. (3:30 pm. 217 SW Second Ave.)

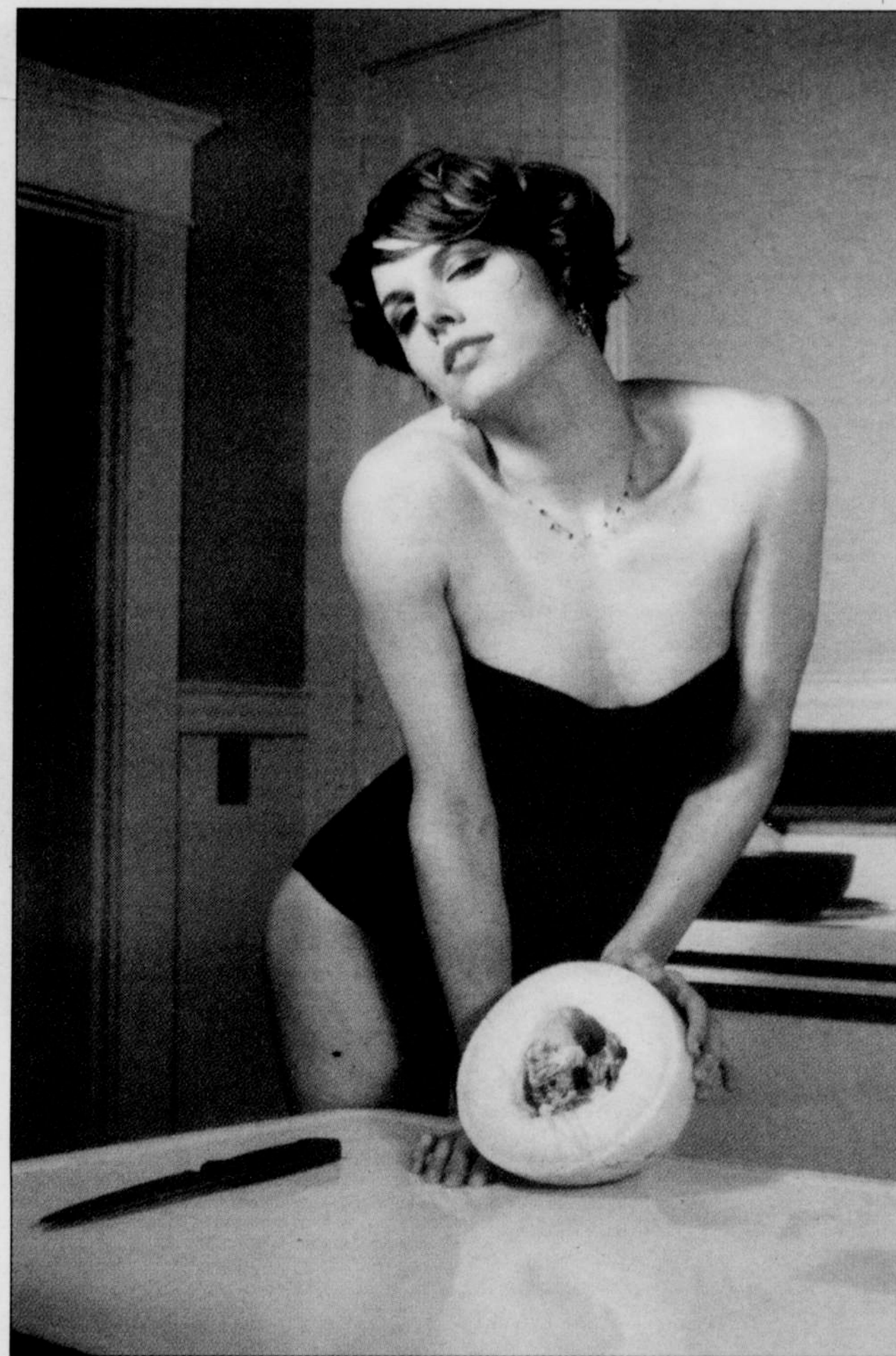
The Egyptian Club gives away a digital camcorder during its monthly **Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Championship**. (4 pm. 3701 SE Division St.)

The **Gay Pinochle Group** meets every Sunday at Hobo's. Come play cards and meet the gang. (6 pm. 120 NW Third Ave. Mike 503-641-7224.)

MON • DEC 5

Bill Schonely of the Portland Trail Blazers hosts the eighth annual **Seasonal Celebration** concert featuring Patrick Lamb, Aaron Meyer, Michael Allen Harrison and Julianne R. Johnson at the Tiffany Center. Proceeds benefit Transitional Youth, a housing, support and outreach program for homeless and abandoned youth. (7 pm. 1410 SW Morrison St. \$15.)

Andy Moore opens for **Eric Himan** at Mississippi Pizza Pub. (7 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave. \$5.)



Ogle queer photographer Marne Lucas' *Velour Girls Pin Up Lounge* through Jan. 31 at Homestar.

LoveTribes and Q-LAND host a support group to help men respond creatively to **holiday stress**. (7-9:30 pm. \$20-\$35 suggested donation. RSVP to www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

The **Bisexual Community Forum** hosts a casual discussion group every first Monday at 3 Friends Coffeehouse. (7:30 pm. 201 SE 12th Ave. 503-285-4848.)

It's **Movie Night Monday** at lesbian-owned Middle Eastern bar Zaytoon. Tonight's films are Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11* and the Coen brothers' *Raising Arizona*. (8:30 pm. 2236 NE Alberta St.)

Slabtown presents **queer service industry night** with DJ and dancing every Monday. (9 pm. 1033 NW 16th Ave.)

GO OUT appears next to events especially recommended by the Just Out arts staff.

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