

include potlucks, recreational outings and cultural events. Friendly environment to meet and connect with other API. (PO Box 12661, Portland, OR 97232. apig_pdx@yahoo.com.)

Bad Girls is a social and educational leather and B/D/S/M club for self-identified women with an emphasis on safety and education. Workshops, discussions, events and parties. Women of all orientations can connect and ask questions during the Kinky Women's Welcoming Munch at 7 pm every second Tuesday. (503-972-2233. www.pdxbadgirls.net.)

Cascade Flyers are gay, lesbian and bi aviators, both private and professional, in Washington, Oregon and southern British Columbia. Dinner meetings in Portland area. (503-701-7922. casflyers@yahoo.com. www.geocities.com/casflyers.)

A Common Bond is a social support network for former or questioning Jehovah's Witnesses who are queer. (acbpportland@webtv.net.)

Cosure is a social group for people who were assigned a female sex at birth but identify otherwise (female-to-male, genderqueer, drag king, etc.). First Sunday meetings are open to partners and families of any configuration. (503-471-1515. groups.yahoo.com/group/cosure.)

50+ lesbian social group for women meets on the third Saturday of the month. (4-7 pm. 503-642-3360 or 503-286-3575.)

Fem2fem social group forming for feminine singles between 30 and 50. (fem2fempdx@yahoo.com.)

FTM Pacific NW OR & WA is a social and discussion group for female-to-male trans men. (groups.yahoo.com/group/FTM_PacificNW.)

Funny Ladies, a social group for nice lesbians 35 and older as well as their friends and loved ones, holds potlucks on the second Saturday of each month. (503-639-7488. flatpats@yahoo.com.)

Genealogy group forming. Gather with other lesbian researchers to trace your family tree and tackle "brickwall" female ancestors. (famhistnw@aol.com.)

Imperial Sovereign Rose Court of Oregon is the oldest gay, lesbian, bi and trans social/fund-raising organization in the state of Oregon. Meetings are the first two Mondays of each month. (www.rosecourt.org.)

Jewish Gay Men's Group—please call for meeting time and place. (503-246-5939. efraimlevi@aol.com.)

Keshet is a social connection group for queer Jews and their spouses, partners, significant others and good friends, whether Jewish or not. It meets monthly for potluck dinners and special events. (David 503-226-7079, ext. 14, or Mike 503-331-1111.)

Night in Black Leather and The Leather Duck Club are the first and third Friday of each month at Gail's Dirty Duck Tavern. (9 pm-midnight. 439 NW Third Ave. 503-224-8446. orleatherfrat@yahoo.com.)

Lesbians Enjoying Nature and Science (LENS) is a fun-loving group of women who enjoy exploring all aspects of the environment. Activities include bird watching, nature walks, archaeology, camping, kayaking, star gazing and an occasional "lecture." No experience necessary. (6:45-8:30 pm second Thursday planning meeting. Laurie 503-977-2903. lensnews@yahoo.com.)

Lesbian Garden Club is a group of women who love gardens and gardening. They exchange plants, seeds, advice and encouragement while having a good time. Call for a copy of the newsletter and information about upcoming events. (Linda 503-909-2002.)

Lesbians with Degrees is a social group for intellectual women and those who want to meet them. (Lani 503-233-3557. Join list-serv at LesbianswDegrees-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.)

Lulu's Pervy Playhouse is a social group for self-identifying women who are into S/M. Play parties are held on the second Saturday of the month. (503-231-3992. dykedadi@comcast.net. www.luluspervyplayhouse.org.)

Men Over 40 is a small, socially supportive group that meets second and fourth Thursdays. (503-777-1376.)

Oregon Men Enjoying Naturism is a social organization for gay male naturists/nudists. Social gathering second Saturday of every month. (omenpdx@omenpdx.org. www.omenpdx.org.)

PDX_FTM is a social group for female-to-male trans men and their significant others, friends, families and allies. (groups.yahoo.com/group/PDX_FTM.)

PDX Lesbo Nerds invite interesting, intelligent women 35 and older to socialize while playing board games like Scrabble and

Spades. (games.groups.yahoo.com/group/PdxLesboNerds.)

The gay **Pinocle Group** meets Sundays at Hobo's. Come play cards and meet the gang. New players always welcome. (6 pm. 120 NW Third Ave. Mike 503-641-7224.)

Poder Latino is a nonprofit social community voice group for gay, lesbian, bi and trans people that reaches out to Latinos and Latinas by organizing events and retreats and advocating HIV prevention. Meets every other Monday at Outside In. (6:30 pm. 1030 SW 13th Ave. Hugo 503-997-8615 or Audencio 503-261-5463.)

Portland Bisexual Women is a discussion, social and support group for bi and questioning women. (503-347-5817. portlandbiwomen@comcast.net. www.portlandbiwomen.freesevers.com.)

Portland Leather Alliance is one of the largest pansexual, nonprofit B/D/S/M, leather and fetish lifestyle organizations in the Northwest. Regular social and educational opportunities, including KinkFest, Leather Ball, kind auctions and Fall Vendors Fair. (www.pdxleatheralliance.org.)

Portland Leather Men meet every second Saturday for potluck and socializing. Meet men into a leather lifestyle and keep abreast of leather happenings. No dues, no formal organization, no officers or board, just leather socialization for the past 21 years. (360-896-6665. pdm@directway.com.)

Portland Metro Prime Timers is a social group for mature gay men and those who appreciate them, coming together for social, educational and cultural purposes. (PO Box 5884, Portland, OR 97228. 503-286-4613 or 360-693-5506. pdxprimetimers@yahoo.com. www.geocities.com/pdxprimetimers.)

Rainriders Motorcycle Club meets weekly at the Roxy. Ride your bike or just come meet the group. Everyone welcome. (10 am Sunday. 1121 SW Stark St. www.pdx-rmc.com.)

Rose City Discussion Club, the largest open pansexual/alternative sexuality club in the Northwest, is open to all orientations, fetishes and lifestyles that are safe, sane and consensual. Monthly meetings, workshops and newsletter. (503-972-1869. rcdc@teleport.com. www.rcdc.org.)

Soyboys Vegetarian Men's Group is a fun, social gathering for gay and bi men who are interested in a healthy vegetarian or vegan lifestyle. A variety of activities and monthly potlucks on the last Saturday. (veggieguys@aol.com.)

Women of the Rivers, the Portland/Vancouver chapter of the **Women on Wheels Motorcycle Club**, meets monthly at Elmer's, sponsors riding clinics and takes day trips. (7:15 pm second Thursday. 9848 N Whitaker Road. www.hevanet.com/chama/wow.)

Physical Recreation

Adventure Group organizes a variety of activities year round, including hiking, walking, cross-country and downhill skiing, rafting and mountain biking. (PO Box 2201, Portland, OR 97208-2201. www.adventuregroup.org.)

Amazon Dragons Paddling Club invites women 16 and older to join Portland's only out lesbian dragon boat team. Be part of the fun and fitness with this dynamic group. (www.amazondragons.org.)

The Forest Group outings are cooperative adventures for women. Participants are responsible for providing their own equipment and choosing outings appropriate for their skill and fitness level. All skill levels welcome. (Dawn and Tami 503-659-2782. ncc1127@yahoo.com. www.geocities.com/ncc1127/forestpdx.)

The **Gay Women's Golf Group** welcomes all levels of players. (www.turfgrlz.com.)

Lesbian Equestrian Group gets together for equestrian activities in the Pacific Northwest. (Denise 503-654-3865. Lynn 503-777-2339. kellav@rdrop.com.)

National Gay Basketball League is forming a chapter in Portland to represent Oregon in the 2006 Gay Games. (www.ngba.us/portland/pdx.htm.)

Out Dancing teaches dancing for same-sex couples at Ankeny Street Studio. Classes for different dance styles start the first Friday of each month: country, swing, tango, cha-cha, etc. Call for schedule. (503-236-5129. out_dancing@yahoo.com. home.att.net/~outdancing.)

OutKayaking, Portland's gay and lesbian sea kayak group, explores the lakes, rivers and bays of Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington. (www.outkayaking.org.)

Pacific Coast Boating Club provides opportunities for gay and lesbian boaters to

come together for fun on local rivers and promotes safe boating. (paccoastboatclub@comcast.net.)

Portland Avalanche rugby team is always seeking new players for practices Mondays and Wednesdays through May 17 at East Delta Park. (6:30-8:30 pm. 10737 N Union Court. 503-715-3122. www.avalancherugby.org.)

Portland Gay & Lesbian Community Bowling Association is in its 28th season! Meets Sundays at Hollywood Bowl. Drop-ins welcome anytime. (3:30 pm. 4030 NE Halsey St. Mailing address: PO Box 42034, Portland, OR 97242. 503-722-0438. pdxbowl@comcast.net. www.pdxbowl.com.)

Whether you're a running novice or a seasoned marathoner, **Portland Frontrunners** welcomes gay, lesbian, bi and trans people of all abilities and interests. (Gary info@portlandfrontrunners.org. www.portlandfrontrunners.org.)

Rosetown Ramblers, Portland's gay and lesbian square dance club, dances at mainstream and plus levels. (PO Box 5352, Portland, OR 97228-5352. www.rosetownramblers.com.)

Ruby Red Flippers, a group of gay and lesbian scuba divers in the Portland area, teaches new recruits and takes dives in Tacoma, Hood Canal and other Pacific Northwest waters. (rubyredflippers@yahoo.com. www.rubyredflippers.org.)

Team Oregon, the umbrella sports group coordinating efforts for Outgames 2006 in Montreal and Gay Games 2006 in Chicago, holds monthly meetings for those wanting to participate. (503-736-3292. www.teamoregon2006.org.)

Team Tennis meets Sundays at University of Portland. All levels of play welcome. First time is free, subsequent times are \$7. Please join us! (8 am-noon. 503-788-8192. teamportlandtennis@yahoo.com.)

YOUTH

Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) is the only international organization specifically supporting young people with sexual minority parents. (colage@lmfamily.org. www.colage.org.)

Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. (12700 SW North Dakota St., Suite 180 #129, Tigard, OR 97223. 503-525-1177. glsen@glsenoregon.org. www.glsenoregon.org.)

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. Provide transitional housing for youth 20 and younger and for those HIV-positive and younger than 23. Need volunteers of all ages. (10 am-6 pm Monday-Friday. 1132 SW 13th Ave. 503-535-3800. www.outsidein.org.)

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. (Austin 503-260-5792. austin@prideproject.org.)

Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center (SMYRC) offers support, recreation, counseling and referral to gay, lesbian, bi and trans kids 23 and younger. Drop-in computer access, pool tables and an informal place to hang out. Weekly trans, leadership and art support group meetings. (4-9 pm Wednesday, 4-11 pm Friday. 2100 SE Belmont St. 503-872-9664. www.smyrc.org.)

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Send listings to Just Out (attn: Calendar), P.O. Box 14400, Portland, OR 97293 0400.

Fax submissions to 503 236 1257 or e-mail justout.com. Submissions cannot be accepted over the phone.

Please type your announcements and include full contact information.

Beyond Reach

Why is Dazed & Confused drawn to unavailable people?

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

What should I do with a confusing streak of good luck? I'm female; five years ago, my boyfriend told me he was 100 percent gay. I swore off all men because I knew I'd never love another one as much.

Shortly thereafter, I met a girl I was crazy about. She, however, was previously involved, and despite a heavy flirtation, nothing ever happened.

Four months later, I met another girl who I was even more crazy about. She was also involved with someone else, and we drifted apart.

After the second rejection, I swore off women. I met another guy, and rather than be alone for the rest of my life, I agreed to marry him. The relationship fell apart, but I have a beautiful son.

Fast-forward to the past month. I've made out with both of the previously unattainable females and slept with the previously unattainable male. I could've slept with the second unattainable female, but I still live with the previously unattainable male and thought it would make things uncomfortable at home.

Now I could have any one of these three people, yet I'm not really sure which one I want! A psychic told me when I was 25 (which I am now) I would have the career, family and child I've always wanted. I have the career and the child...but how is a girl to choose her family when three variations are suddenly placed on her doorstep?

—Dazed & Confused

DEAR DAZED & CONFUSED:

Some people spend more time and thought choosing a sofa than others spend choosing a life partner. It's true that it's wise to choose carefully; sofas are cumbersome. You might get stuck with an undesirable one for years because the thought of moving it makes you tired. However, even a two-ton floral corduroy couch comes with a certain sweet simplicity often not found in people, who are usually complex and messier to dispose of.

Never mind the sofa analogy. There's something deeply wrong with this picture. Can you really be confused about three prospects? Do you feel equally drawn to vacationing in Greece and India and New Jersey? Have you noticed that there is no song called "Torn Between Three Lovers"? Are you merely excited by the chemicals your body produces when you're attracted to someone who doesn't want you?

Why are you drawn to unavailable people? This would be a good topic to discuss with a psychotherapist, not a psychic. It doesn't matter which of the three prospects you choose: The fact that you sought relationships with each when they were not free doesn't bode well for your being able to have successful relationships with them now.

Meanwhile, you imply that the previously unavailable "100 percent gay" boyfriend is now ready for you. Does that mean he's sworn off dick? Ms. Behavior doubts this is a good foundation for "the family you always wanted."

Let go of the fantasy of having your life neatly in place by age 25. There's no finish line to rush toward. Take some time to figure out how to be more discerning about what you want and need and how not to be afraid of what you can actually have.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

My new boyfriend, Eric, is hairy all over and likes it. I prefer a smooth look. If he'd submit to all-body waxing just once, I know he'd understand the appeal. I can't talk him into it, though I've tried.

Would it be unethical to give him a mild sedative or several drinks so I could wax him? He won't budge, so I'm contemplating taking him by storm to prove my point. What do you think?

—Smoother Is Better

DEAR SMOOTHER IS BETTER:

Wax Rape is a great idea! Why don't you slip Eric a mickey, and when he becomes too doozy to care, pour hot wax on him and tear his hair off. He probably won't even feel it! When he awakens all smooth and soft, he won't notice the itchy red spots. He'll be swept up in the erotic thrill he gets from his own silky bare body. He'll realize that you were right and that he's much happier with smooth, preadolescent skin, and he'll apologize for having doubted you.

Maybe you'll even realize that the Wax Incident is a model for everything and that life works out best when you're in charge. You'll make it your habit to drug people whenever you don't get your way, which your friends and lovers will just accept as a funny little quirk in your otherwise agreeable personality. Life will be oh-so-smooth and silky.

(In other words, under no circumstance should you drug and wax your boyfriend against his will.) ☺

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