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Activities 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.)

Border Riders Motorcycle Club provides social opportunities for gay men interested in recreational motorcycle touring and promotes education on safe and legal machinery. (503-281-4488. brmcprez@yahoo.com.)

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.)

Coasure 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/coasure.)

Dungeon Men PDX hosts a men's S/M party every other month in a Portland dungeon. Masters and novices always welcome. (503-281-2076. bighnboy@aracnet.com.)

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

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. ltaiaaps@yahoo.com.)

Gay Men's Garden Club meets at a different garden every month to enjoy the diversity of plant materials that Portland offers the avid gardener. Meet others, share ideas, trade plants, show off your garden, and have some fun outdoors! (11 am-1 pm first Sunday. 503-347-5477. rogermoss@comcast.net.)

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. eframilevi@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.)

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. (Vicki 971-998-6040. 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_listserv@LesbianswithDegrees-subscribe@yahoo.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.)

Monamorous bi group forming for women in their

40s who are single and professionally employed. (monogirls06@yahoo.com.)

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.)

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 **Pinocchio 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 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 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. plm@directway.com.)

Portland Lesbian Book Club gathers monthly to chat about a chosen book or to attend selected events. (6:30 pm third Tuesday. groups.yahoo.com/group/portlandlesbianbookclub.)

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. pdxprimertimers@yahoo.com. www.geocities.com/pdxprimertimers.)

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-rrmc.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 newsletters. (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. (veggieguy@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/vow.)

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. (503-772-1860. imnoregon@comcast.net. www.geocities.com/ncc1127/forestpdx.)

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

Lesbian Equestrian Group gets together for

equestrian activities in the Pacific Northwest. (Denise 503-654-3865. Lynn 503-777-2339. kelrav@rdrop.com.)

National Gay Basketball League practices at Chief Joseph Elementary School in preparation to represent Oregon in the 2006 Gay Games. (7:15-9:30 pm Monday. 2409 N Saratoga St. edmundgaines@msn.com. www.ngba.us.)

Net Rippers is a gay men's indoor soccer team that's just starting up in Portland. (bandoverbeckham@gmail.com. www.myspace.com/netrippers.)

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.)

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. pdxbowling@comcast.net. www.pdxbowling.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. (Gay 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. (rubyyredflippers@yahoo.com. www.rubyyredflippers.org.)

Soccer players capable of participating in 2006 Gay Games July 15-22 in Chicago sought for adult league in Portland. (Carlos 503-282-4907. gaygames_soccer@myway.com.)

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@imfamily.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.)

House of MOCHA (Men of Color Healthy & Aware) is a group of gay/bi/same-gender-loving men of color between 16 and 25 who want to engage in activities, socials and community events among their peers. (Kourtini 503-417-7991. www.brotobrodpdx.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.)

Buyer Beware

My friend is bossy, opinionated and judgmental. Can you help her find a girlfriend?

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

My friend Nancy wants a girlfriend very badly. She's 35, smart, cute, active and fun. However, she's also bossy, opinionated, judgmental and never interested in anyone who is interested in her.

Operating on the "there's a lid for every pot" theory, how can we help Nancy find that lid? I'm not sure that sharing my perceptions about her pickiness would be helpful or welcome. She reads your column, though, and would welcome any advice you could share. Thanks.

—Wanting My Friend to Be Happy



Ms. Behavior
BY MERYL COHN

DEAR WANTING MY FRIEND TO BE HAPPY:

Your difficulty in helping your judgmental friend is similar to those faced every day by corporations: How can you create a marketing campaign to sell a worthwhile item (Nancy) with some serious flaws?

Pharmaceutical companies are forced by fair balance laws to disclose the hideous side effects of their products along with the potential benefits. Thus a list of potential maladies ranging from baldness to diarrhea to flatulence must be revealed to the consumer, resulting in a sort of informed consent, so that the promise of lower blood pressure or a harder erection won't be too powerful to resist.

If you take on the job of selling Nancy, you probably don't have to start out by disclosing her issues; it sounds like she's perfectly capable of revealing them herself. (Hopefully, she doesn't cause hair loss or gastrointestinal disorders, but she does sound strident, which is unpleasant enough anyway.)

Perhaps unfortunately, there's nothing you can do to change Nancy's personality. But in keeping with your cover-for-every-pot theory, Nancy might yet get lucky and find a partner. As you might have noticed, some people actually do like to be bossed around and judged. Why? Sometimes they're slightly masochistic and need to be abused in order to feel loved. Sometimes they're still working out their family crap and haven't figured out how to move beyond their childhood wounds. Whatever the reason, such people love to be controlled and criticized. Let's hope that your friend Nancy finds such a person to love and control and that they live together happily ever after.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

My new boyfriend is considerably older than I am. He was married most of his adult life and is divorced from a woman with whom he has three grown kids.

The problem is that Jack is used to living a straight life and getting gay sex on the side, so he's not exactly the grown-up, sophisticated gay male partner I've been looking for all my life. Nonetheless, he is sensitive and warm and a very good person, which is nothing to sneeze at.

I've lately put my foot down and told Jack that he has to behave more like a grown-up: joining me at parties, being out in public, making a consistent plan to see each other. Otherwise, I think he'd just keep me on the side for sex (coming over late at night and leaving before dawn) and not include me in his regular life.

He seems to be slowly coming along, but my friends think I'm wasting my time. They tell me once a closet case, always a closet case. Is that true? Do you think there's hope?

—Vincent in Love

DEAR VINCENT IN LOVE:

Some musty closet dwellers do come out later in life, but they have to be motivated to do so. Such inspiration generally comes either from a lengthy process involving growth and self-acceptance or from falling in love.

Jack might rise to your requests for a real relationship, or he might continue to act like a so-called straight man who finds occasional relief at a rest stop. You say he's "slowly coming along," but it's unclear what that means. Is he stuck on appearing straight at all costs? Will he ever comfortably go out on dates with you and spend time with your gay friends? It seems that an evening at home together, doing facials and wearing sarongs is probably out of the question. Can you live with this?

Jack might be able to change enough to have a relationship you'll find fulfilling, but don't count on it. He might actually prefer to socialize with his straight friends and treat you like a hustler, no matter how unevolved it might seem to you. Ultimately, you'll probably need to ask yourself whether you can be satisfied with furtive late-night blow jobs or if you'd rather be with someone who can integrate you into his life and join you in yours. 10

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