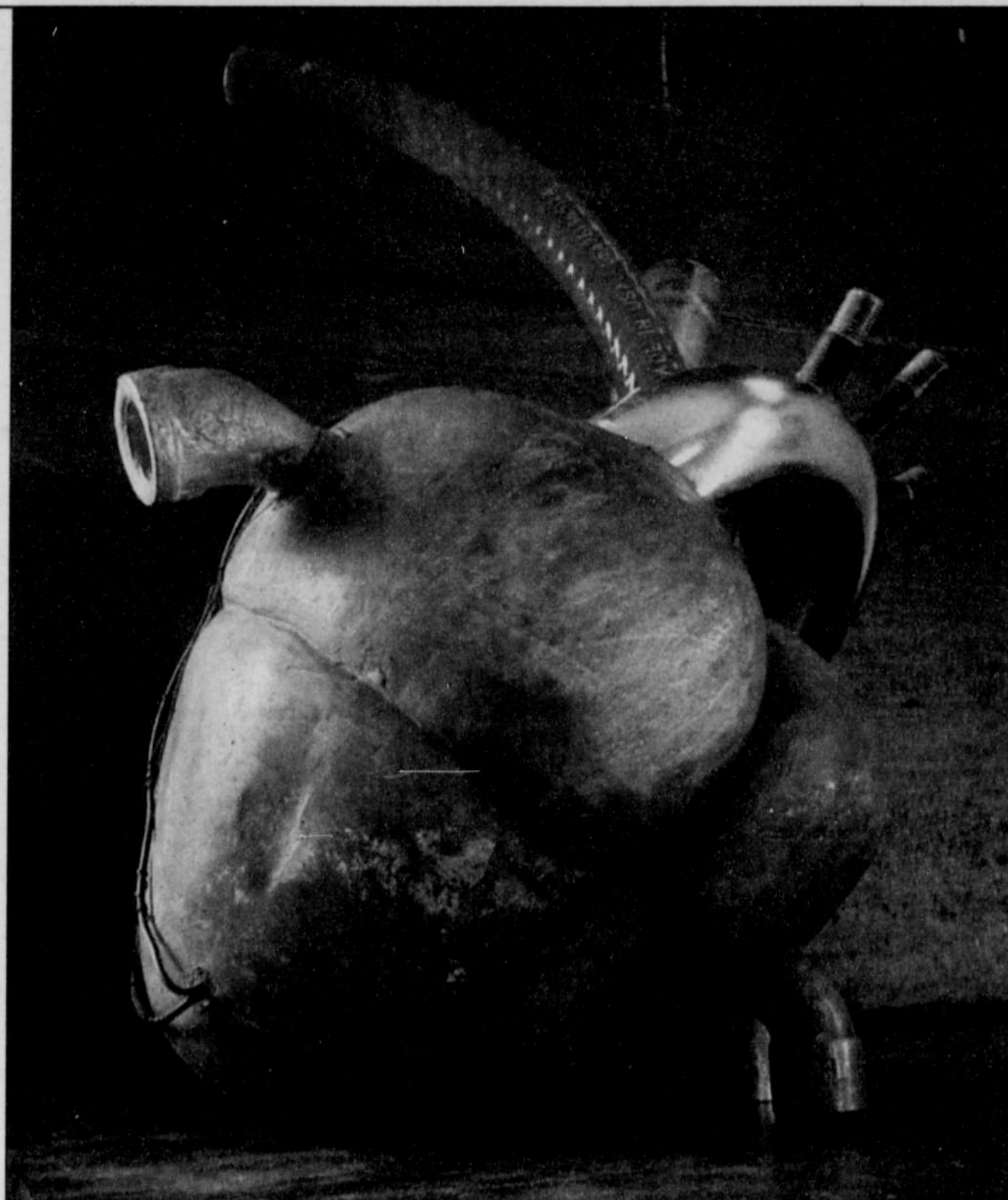




Q Center exhibits QuArt's group show *Love and the Anatomical Heart*, featuring this sculpture by Julie Gagg, through Feb. 28. Don't miss the opening reception Feb. 2.

type of food, but we often have no choice when traveling for work or stuck with a four-hour layover at the airport. (7-8:30 pm. 928 SW Stark St.)

SAT • FEB. 10

The Adventure Group takes a moderate 11.5-mile cross-country ski loop in Upper Wind River, Wash. Meet in Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Gustavo 503-756-5566.)

Contact, express and perhaps even transform some of the silenced parts of your self through art, movement, mindful touch and psychodrama during **Men's ShadowQuest: Freeing Your Authentic Power** co-sponsored by Q-LAND. (4-10:30 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

Matchmaker, Matchmaker

While some of us are consumed with the idea of getting our relationships legally recognized as marriages, others are just trying to find a date—followed, they hope, by lasting love. That's the subject of **Love Lessons**. Part of Logo's "Real Momentum" series exploring "the diversity and unique true-life stories" of queers across America, this hourlong documentary profiles two gay men and a lesbian, all unattached, as they bypass the lure of online tricking and bars and the Metropolitan Community Church in favor of a professional: the matchmaker.

Perry, 34, hires **Rob Anderson**, advertised as "New York's only certified gay matchmaker." Perry's case is challenging, says Rob—not because he's HIV-positive, which is common enough, but because he refuses to consider anybody who doesn't share his status. His list of hates is woefully long: children, musical theater, tattoos, certain shoes. His fantasy man is pretty much that; in an amusing moment, he shows Rob a computer presentation of what he's after, which includes hunky Neanderthal wrestler Goldberg.

Rachel, 36, tells L.A. matchmaker **Robin Fox** that her last relationship "pretty much tore me down," and she shows it. Rachel is a major giver and possibly enabler with a history of hooking up with drug addicts, confused bisexuals,

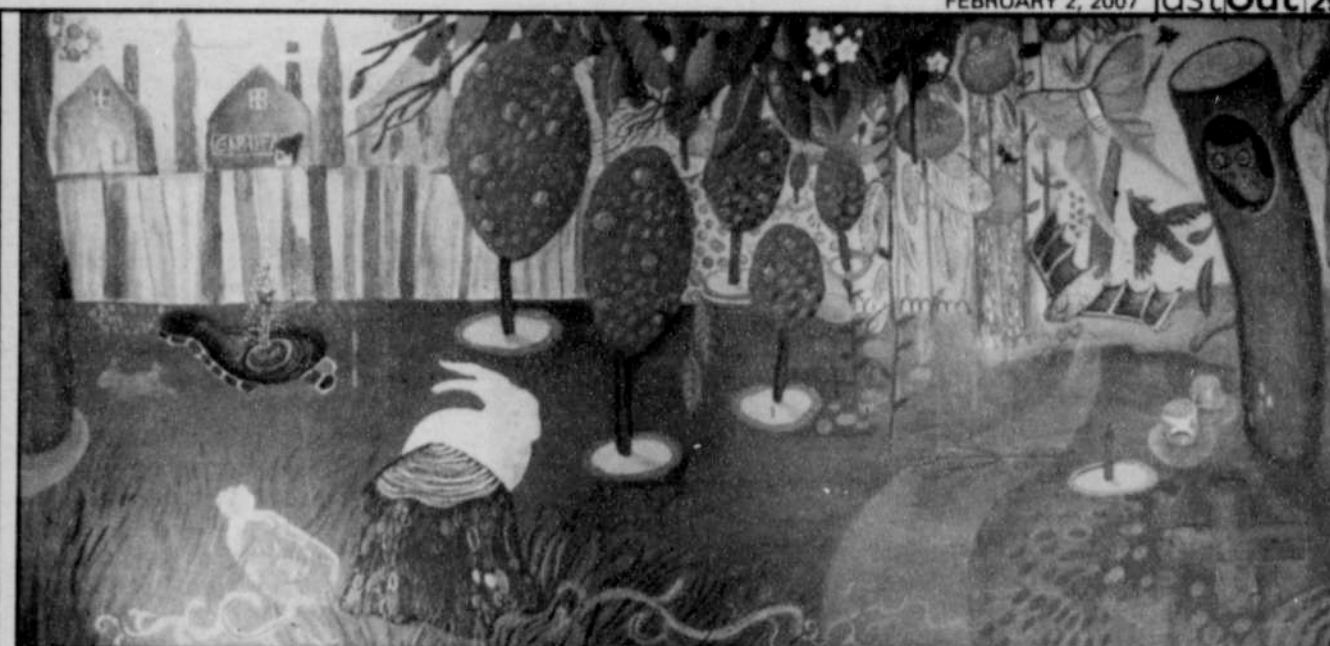
Ambridge Center presents the **Rose City Swing Valentine's Dance**. (7 pm dance lesson, 8 pm concert. 300 NE Multnomah St. \$18 at the door, \$15 in advance from www.rcgfb.org.)

C.C. Slaughters presents the fifth annual **Red Party**, a retro '80s flashback ball featuring music remixed by DJ Alex Hollywood and hostess Bolivia Carmichaels. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St. \$5.)

Come to the Eagle for some ass-slapping fun during the monthly kink night **Queer Fetish**. (9 pm-2:30 am. 1300 W Burnside St. \$3.)

SUN • FEB. 11

The Adventure Group takes a moderate five-mile hike around Catherine Creek and Tracy Hill. Meet in Starbucks



Glenn & Viola Walters Cultural Arts Center unveils queer artist Wesley Younie's fantastical wildlife Feb. 6.

at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Jeff 503-234-4800.)

With Valentine's Day around the corner, **Crafty Wonderland** at Doug Fir Lounge will be full of handmade gifts for sweethearts and singletons alike. Make a free V-Day card at the do-it-yourself table! (11 am-4 pm. 830 E Burnside St.)

DJs Harmony, Beyonda and Saffronica lay down the hottest world, Latin, house and old-school beats during **Tart**, a monthly party for queer girls at Holocene. (4 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)

Gay-owned **Vino Paradiso** introduces its new chef and launches its modern Italian menu with a five-course Bring Your Own Barolo (BYOB) Dinner. No corkage fee! (6-8 pm. 417 NW 10th Ave. \$45 from timothy@vinoparadiso.com.)

C.C. Slaughters plays *The Dating Game* during **Carnivale de Bolivia Game Show Night** and throws a CD release party for *Children Running Through* by **Patty Griffin**. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

MON • FEB. 12

Pride Foundation, which awards grants and scholarships and cultivates leaders among Pacific Northwest queers, holds a meeting in search of new ideas and fresh faces to support the Columbia-Willamette's sexual minorities community. (5:30 pm. For location contact **Cody Bambino** at 503-313-3636 or cody@pridefoundation.org.)

Meet Portland's most talented thespians during the Drammy Committee's second annual **Mid-Season Martini Mixer** featuring food catered by Ten-01 at the Armory. (6-10 pm. 128 NW 11th Ave.)

C.C. Slaughters throws a DVD release party for **Shock to the System**. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

Logo premieres **First Comes Love**, a comic and touching look at same-sex couples as they plan their dream weddings. (10 pm.)

TUE • FEB. 13

Bettie Ford Lounge hosts **Salon Q**, a monthly mixer for

obsessive-compulsive depressives, emotional vampires and other problem types.

Mark, 37, is a hunky flight attendant whose dating history seems to have been conducted exclusively at the baths. Socially stunted perhaps because he still carries major baggage from having been molested for five years as a young teenager, he hires gay dating coach **Jim Sullivan** to help him land a man.

Reality TV shows are only as good as their stars, and **Love Lessons** is a

winner on this basis. These are all charming, endearing people whose struggle for something that shouldn't be so hard to find strikes a universal chord. The show tracks the process from the matchmakers learning about their clients' desires to actual dates and possible successful matches. It's fascinating and often painful to watch the dates, which sometimes end very differently than expected, and to see the matchmakers' varying approaches to convincing their clients to open up. (Sullivan simply demands that Mark "take the mask off.") The only complaint about the show is that it's so short. **Love Lessons** is one of the few reality shows that screams miniseries but only lasts an hour.

—Gary Morris

men and women to socialize in a smoke-free environment. (7 pm. 1135 SW Washington St.)

Erin McKeown performs with **Eleni Mandall** at WOW Hall in Eugene. (7:30 pm. 291 W Eighth Ave. \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance from www.wowhall.org.)

WED • FEB. 14

The **Portland Area Business Association** holds its monthly meeting at MacTarnahan's Taproom with a presentation by Jean Ann Van Krevelen and Roma Peyser of

From Fizzle to Sizzle

Give yourselves tools for an improved relationship for Valentine's Day with the same-sex couples workshop **From Fizzle to Sizzle**.

This series is for couples who believe in their relationships and wish to maintain, improve, work through and genuinely commit to each other. Trainer **Mary Rowe** will offer ideas for couples to improve their communication, move through conflict more easily and bring more passion and romance into their relationship. Whether you have just gotten together or have been together for years, these workshops will add tools to your communication chest:

- **I Don't Want to Talk About It! (Feb. 4):** You have all heard it before: Communication is the key and foundation to any relationship. The series will start by focusing on ways to look at your communication patterns so that you can build on your successes and work through the challenges. Learn tips for increasing your effectiveness in communicating with each other.

- **Keeping the Love Alive—Because Nothing Will Kill It Quicker Than Unresolved Conflict (Feb. 11):** Do you find yourselves avoiding talking about certain topics until things get unbearable? With each conflict there is an opportunity for increased closeness and trust when it is dealt with in a constructive manner. Just like there are personality styles, there are also conflict styles. Gain insight into how to better work with each other's conflict style.

- **Ohh That Lovin' Feeling (Feb. 18):** Remember when you and your partner first got together and it was as if you two could live on love alone? Gain some insight into how to get that spark back before it is going, going gone. Whether you are still passionately in love or starting to live as roommates, this class will help you generate some ideas for getting that loving feeling back into the relationship.

Rowe conducts trainings and mediations through her consulting practice and has worked as an organizational trainer for more than 12 years. She has also taught personal development classes through community colleges and nonprofits. A cornerstone of this has been her self-esteem classes for women.

Classes take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Natural Medicine, 1330 S.E. 39th Ave. The cost is \$30 a couple for drop-ins or \$75 a couple for the series. To register e-mail mrowecomunications@comcast.net.

—Jim Radosta



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