

celebration in Oregon sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. Attendees will experience the glitz and glam of the Hollywood event with paparazzi cameras, the awards show projected through the venue, a raffle for prize packages and a "predict the winners" contest! (4 pm. 4122 NE Sandy Blvd. \$60 from 503-493-1128; includes hors d'oeuvres, a light dinner, popcorn, soda, a gift bag and an official academy program.)

The **Gay Gourmet Club** meets at Springwater Grill. (6-8 pm. 6716 SE Milwaukie Ave. RSVP to [www.gaygourmetclub.com](http://www.gaygourmetclub.com).)

C.C. Slaughters plays *Win, Lose or Draw?* during **Carnivale de Bolivia Game Show Night** and throws a CD release party for *Voila* by **Belinda Carlisle**. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

**MON • FEB. 26**

**Atole** performs with **Dagger of Mind** at Tube. (9 pm. 18 NW Third Ave. \$2.)

C.C. Slaughters presents **Monday Movie Madness** featuring a DVD release party for the Dixie Chicks documentary *Shut Up & Sing*. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

**TUE • FEB. 27**

**GO OUT** **Old Lesbians Organizing for Change** hosts a sing-along with guitarist Mary Rose featuring songs of long ago at Q Center. Sponsored by Women on Wellness Coalition. (5-7 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Radical Women celebrates Black History Month with a screening of **Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders** at the Bread and Roses Center. The award-winning documentary interviews ordinary African-American women who risked their physical safety, jobs and even their lives to courageously organize the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and fight for the right to equal education and to vote. (6:30 pm. 819 N Killingsworth St. \$6-\$10 sliding-scale Southern buffet donation.)

Attend an informational meeting to learn more about **Celebrating the Body Erotic**, which helps men connect with their deepest centers of pleasure in a setting that is playful, safe and honoring of each participant's curiosity and desire for erotic fulfillment. (7 pm. RSVP to 503-957-1914.)

**Dexter's Famous Spoken Mic** gives writers "rock star status" by bringing beginners and more established readers together for inspirational rants and performances every second and fourth Tuesday at In Other Words. (7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

**WED • FEB. 28**

**Elder Resource Alliance** screens episodes from the first season of *Golden Girls* at Friendly House. Light refreshments served. (2-3:30 pm. 1737 NW 26th Ave.)

**GO OUT** Have you ever wanted the chance to turn Rapunzel into a national football hero? Hercules into a world-class Jazzercizer? Make Bert and Ernie their very own queen-size bed that they actually get to sleep in together? Now's your chance! Author Jacinta Bunnell presents the **Make-Your-Own Gender-Defying Coloring Book Workshop** at In Other Words. (7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

Are you ready for spring bling? Holocene presents **The Mitzy Muffbaumer Show!**—a late-night variety/talk show with many comedic performances and musical guest Sexy Pants. Learn some new dance moves from dancelogists Cattitude (a compilation of DK PDXers) and find out where the famous take their spring holidays! (8:30 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St.)

**THU • MARCH 1**

**GO OUT** It's My Pleasure presents **Sex for Fat Girls** facilitated by Ms. V. Learn to love your luscious curves, gain or improve confidence in your skills as a fabulous lover, and use what ya got to get what ya want! Learn more comfortable erotic positions to enhance pleasure for you and your lovers. Fat allies and lovers welcome! (7-8:30 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. \$10. Register at 503-280-8080 by Feb. 26.)

Q-LAND and LoveTribes present the **Men's Dating Lab**, a support group for finding practical strategies to strengthen emotional and physical intimacy. (7-9:30 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or [www.lovetribe.org/menspirit](http://www.lovetribe.org/menspirit).)

**Johnny Mozzarella** and friends perform during a variety show featuring a wine/beer cash bar, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and more at Oaks Park. Proceeds benefit the Crush softball team. (7-10 pm. 1 SE Spokane St. \$5 donation.)

**FRI • MARCH 2**

Out Dancing's **intermediate West Coast swing** class starts tonight and continues every Friday in March at Ankeny Street Studio. **Beginning country two-step** class follows.

(6:15-7:15 pm swing [\$40 for month], 7:15-8:15 pm two-step [\$30 for month]. Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. 503-236-5129. [www.outdancing.info](http://www.outdancing.info).)

**SAT • MARCH 3**

**GO OUT** **The Adventure Group** takes a moderate 6.5-mile hike at the Labyrinth. Oak forest, basalt canyons, views of the Columbia River and the first wildflowers of spring! Meet in Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Chris 503-642-3299.)

Q-LAND and LoveTribes present **Men's Intro to Ayurveda** featuring practical applications of the ancient healing system of India. (4-6 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or [www.lovetribe.org/menspirit](http://www.lovetribe.org/menspirit).)

**SUN • MARCH 4**

**Portland International Women's Day** celebrates its 32nd anniversary at Portland State University's Smith Center Ballroom. (10 am-4 pm. 1825 SW Broadway. For a complete schedule visit [www.piwd.org](http://www.piwd.org).)

Darcelle XV Showplace presents the ninth annual **Divas & Desserts** featuring a cabaret of female impersonators, a wide assortment of sweets, cinnamon dolce lattes and a raffle for a stay at Hotel Monaco and other prizes! Proceeds benefit Camp Starlight for children affected by HIV/AIDS. (7 pm. 208 NW Third Ave. \$20 from 503-223-5907, ext. 280.)



Photographer David Emmite's *Field Guide* is on display through Feb. 21 at Augen Gallery.



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**There's No I in Team...But There's an Us in Crush**

Sitting in a Portland coffeehouse last year, two friends talked of starting something great. Kara Edwards and Serene Bertram, both veterans of the Rose City Softball Association, set out to create a new team that combined competitive play, athleticism and, most of all, genuine friendships.

"Crush isn't just about softball. Our team exemplifies community, setting goals and having a blast while working together," says Allison Schmidt, an outfielder for the team.

One year later, Crush and its 15 returning members are embarking on their second season. After placing second in the women's division, the team is setting its sights on qualifying to compete in the Gay World Series this fall in Phoenix, Ariz.

To collect money for regular and postseason expenses, the team has begun organizing several fund-raising events throughout the year. The first major Team Crush benefit will be a night of improv and drag featuring Johnny Mozzarella and friends, a wine/beer cash bar, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and more. The variety show will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. March 1 at Oaks Park Pavilion, 1 S.E. Spokane St. The minimum donation is \$5. For more info visit [www.johnnymozzarella.com](http://www.johnnymozzarella.com), and for directions visit [www.oakspark.com](http://www.oakspark.com).

Other events planned include a multifamily rummage sale in May and car wash events throughout the season. Look for more details in the *Just Out* calendar.



Oregon Ballet Theatre performs premieres by three of America's most distinguished choreographers March 3-10.



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