

**SOCIAL**

**Arts & Music**

**Confluence: The Willamette Valley Mixed GALA Chorus** rehearses Sundays at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem. (4-6:30 pm. 5090 Center St. NE. 503-364-2370. [confluence@aol.com](mailto:confluence@aol.com). [www.confluencechorus.org](http://www.confluencechorus.org).)

**Creative Connection** (formerly Real Connection) is a social gathering for gay men who are artists, writers or musicians or who pursue some creative activity. Noncommercial, nonjudgmental; supporting personal creativity for novices and professionals alike. Monthly potlucks on the second Friday. (7 pm. Carl 503-284-2971.)

**Film discussion group** forming for gay, bi and trans men. Share your perspective regarding portrayals of sexual minority men in current films. Monthly activities include group outings to see films. ([filmtalk@verizon.net](mailto:filmtalk@verizon.net).)

**Foreign Film Group** meets every second and fourth Sunday to screen foreign films at various venues, followed by a group discussion. ([pdxgayfilm@yahoo.com](mailto:pdxgayfilm@yahoo.com).)

**Portland Gay Men's Chorus** is open to singers, support members and volunteers. (503-226-2588. [www.pdxcgm.org](http://www.pdxcgm.org).)

**Portland Lesbian Choir** is an informal, nonaudition community chorus for women of all ages to sing, socialize and share songs, melodies and talents. Directed by Ray Elliot, a talented and experienced leader. New members welcome to rehearsals at Ainsworth United Church of Christ on an open enrollment through fall 2006. (6:30-8:30 pm Wednesday. 2941 NE Ainsworth St. 503-727-3306. [portlandlesbianchoir@hotmail.com](mailto:portlandlesbianchoir@hotmail.com). [www.plchoir.org](http://www.plchoir.org).)

**Rose City Gay Freedom Band** is a performance group for queers and supportive friends of varying musical skill levels with annual fall and spring concerts. Subgroups include the Rose City Swing band and a marching band with flag corps. Come join us! (503-790-2170. [info@rcgfb.org](mailto:info@rcgfb.org). [www.rcgfb.org](http://www.rcgfb.org).)

**Satori Men's Chorus** welcomes new members of all ages and races, regardless of sexual orientation or musical background, to join Wednesday rehearsals. No audition necessary. (503-299-4454. [www.satorichorus.org](http://www.satorichorus.org).)

**General**

**Asian & Pacific Islander Lesbians and Gays** is a nonprofit community voice for gay, lesbian and bi Asian and Pacific Islanders. Activities include potlucks, recreational outings and cultural events. Friendly environment to meet and connect with other API. (PO Box 12661, Portland, OR 97232. [aplg\\_pdx@yahoo.com](mailto:aplg_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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:casflyers@yahoo.com). [www.geocities.com/casflyers](http://www.geocities.com/casflyers).)

**A Common Bond** is a social support network for former or questioning Jehovah's Witnesses who are queer. ([acbportland@webtv.net](mailto:acbportland@webtv.net).)

**Coqsure** 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/coqsure](mailto:groups.yahoo.com/group/coqsure).)

**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](mailto:bighnboy@aracnet.com).)

**F.A.G. PDX (Femme Affinity Group Portland)**, a radical activist and social group open to self-identified femmes of all genders, seeks to create solidarity among femmes, promote femme visibility and combat femmophobia in the community at large. ([www.notsorry.org/fagpdx](http://www.notsorry.org/fagpdx).)

**50+ lesbian social group** for women meets on the third Saturday of the month. (4-7 pm. 503-642-3360 or 503-288-1870. [sutaytig@aol.com](mailto:sutaytig@aol.com).)

**FTM Pacific NW OR & WA** is a social and discussion group for female-to-male trans men. ([groups.yahoo.com/group/FTM\\_PacificNW](mailto: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. ([flataps@yahoo.com](mailto:flataps@yahoo.com).)

**Gay Men Who Have Lost Their Partners** meets at the West Cafe to provide an opportunity for conversation and socializing. The death need not have occurred recently. (7:30 pm second Wednesday. 1201 SW Jefferson St. 503-701-9376.)

**Genealogy group** forming. Gather with other lesbian

researchers to trace your family tree and tackle "brick-wall" female ancestors. ([famhistnw@aol.com](mailto:famhistnw@aol.com).)

**Happy Ours Productions** is a grassroots group dedicated to building the visibility, community participation and collective leadership of lesbian women of color through a wide variety of social, networking, consciousness-raising and action-oriented activities, events and projects. ([www.happyoursproductions.com](http://www.happyoursproductions.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](http://www.rosecourt.org).)

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

**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 that was started for degreed women, but no degree is necessary. Just come and join the fun! Pool parties, Scrabble and more. (Lani 503-233-3557. [Joinlistserv@LesbianswithDegrees-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Joinlistserv@LesbianswithDegrees-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](mailto:dykedadi@comcast.net). [www.luluspervyplayhouse.org](http://www.luluspervyplayhouse.org).)

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:omenpdx@omenpdx.org). [www.omenpdx.org](http://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](mailto:groups.yahoo.com/group/PDX_FTM).)  
**The gay Pinochle 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.)

**Podar 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](http://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@direcway.com](mailto:plm@direcway.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](mailto:groups.yahoo.com/group/portlandlesbianbookclub).)

**Portland Lesbian Network** organizes brewpub visits, golf events, hiking, kayaking, cycling, Scrabble games and movie nights and keeps you aware of what's going on in the area. ([PDXLesbianNetwork-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:PDXLesbianNetwork-subscribe@yahoogroups.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](mailto:pdxprimetimers@yahoo.com). [www.geocities.com/pdxprimetimers](http://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](http://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](mailto:rcdc@teleport.com). [www.rcdc.org](http://www.rcdc.org).)

**Sappho Social Club** is a group of women 40 years and older building community through social and cultural activities. ([thesapphosocialclub@yahoo.com](mailto:thesapphosocialclub@yahoo.com).)

**Social OUTings** is a social group for all interested in meeting people and doing activities other than bar-hopping. ([kyleinportland@yahoo.com](mailto:kyleinportland@yahoo.com).)

**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](mailto: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.womenoftherivers.org](http://www.womenoftherivers.org).)

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:imnoregon@comcast.net). [www.geocities.com/ncc1127/forestpdx](http://www.geocities.com/ncc1127/forestpdx).)

**Gay Men's Walking Group** invites gay, bi and questioning men to stroll in various neighborhoods around Portland for fun, friendship and exercise. (10 am Saturday. Tom 503-984-4549.)

**Gay Women's Golf Group** welcomes all levels of players. ([www.turfgritz.com](http://www.turfgritz.com).)

**Lesbian Equestrian Group** gets together for equestrian activities in the Pacific Northwest. (Denise 503-654-3865. Lynn 503-777-2339. [kattrav@rdrop.com](mailto:kattrav@rdrop.com).)

**Net Rippers** is a gay men's indoor soccer team that's just starting up in Portland. ([bendoverbeckham@gmail.com](mailto:bendoverbeckham@gmail.com). [www.myspace.com/netrippers](http://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](mailto:out_dancing@yahoo.com). [home.att.net/~outdancing](http://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](http://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. [pdxbowl@comcast.net](mailto:pdxbowl@comcast.net). [www.pdxbowl.com](http://www.pdxbowl.com).)

**Portland Gay Basketball Association** practices at Tubman Middle School. All skill levels welcome! (7:30-9:30 pm Monday. 2231 N Flint Ave. [pdxgayhoops@yahoo.com](mailto:pdxgayhoops@yahoo.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](mailto:info@portlandfrontrunners.org). [www.portlandfrontrunners.org](http://www.portlandfrontrunners.org).)

Join the **Rose City Softball Association**, Oregon's largest gay sports organization, for open and women's divisions of slow-pitch softball. Regular season games are played throughout the summer at Gordon Faber Recreational Complex in Hillsboro. All levels of experience are welcome. (4450 NW 229th Ave. [www.rosecitysoftball.org](http://www.rosecitysoftball.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](http://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. ([rubbyredflippers@yahoo.com](mailto:rubbyredflippers@yahoo.com). [www.rubbyredflippers.org](http://www.rubbyredflippers.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](mailto: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](mailto:colage@lmfamily.org). [www.colage.org](http://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](mailto:glsen@glsenoregon.org). [www.glsenoregon.org](http://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. (Kourtnei 503-417-7991. [www.brotobropdx.org](http://www.brotobropdx.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](http://www.outsidein.org).)

**Four Play**

**Old-fashioned lesbians fret about nonmonogamous new pals**

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

My partner, Sally, and I have become friends with a hip, younger couple I'll call Miranda and Mae. Soon after we recently mutually confessed a couple-crush on them and them on us, they asked us over for dinner so they could tell us that they had a nonmonogamous relationship. In fact, at the moment Miranda is "seeing someone else." They were nervous telling us this because they didn't want to change the nature of our friendship; they really have enjoyed having us as new pals.

Sally and I are old-fashioned, and we are not sure we can handle this kind of arrangement in our new friends. Mostly, we are afraid that Miranda and Mae will want to have sex with us or, worse, with one of us. We are freaked out and don't know what to do. Miranda and Mae are great and we want to stay friends, but we don't want any funny business.

Should we tell them we are not sexually interested in them? Should we cool our friendship off? Should we find new friends?

—Nervous Older Couple



**Ms. Behavior**  
BY MERYL COHN

DEAR NERVOUS OLDER COUPLE:

Miranda and Mae might be nonmonogamous, but don't flatter yourself; it doesn't mean they're itching to pounce on you. Your assumption is cutely naive; you sound like straight women who are scared to be friends with lesbians, for fear that the lesbians will be overcome with sudden uncontrollable desire to have sex with them. As if you couldn't say no. As if you're not sure you'd want to say no. Oh. Perhaps that's what's so confusing.

Why are you so freaked out? If you trust your own ability to maintain good boundaries, there's no reason to get weird or withdraw or find new friends. What's the worst that could happen, really, even if they do find you hot? Miranda and Mae could propose a threesome or a foursome, and you would (presumably) say no. It seems unlikely that they will drug you and Sally and tie you up and perform unspeakable erotic acts on your unconscious bodies. Short of such a Sapphic ambush, you and Sally should be perfectly capable of saying, "Thanks, we're flattered, but we only have sex with each other."

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

My boyfriend, Jake, spends all his holidays and work vacations in North Carolina with his family. His father just died, and he has an aging mother who lives down there all by herself.

When I first met Jake two years ago, this was a quality I most admired in him—his loyalty to his family. But he neither invites me on these frequent trips nor does he call me while he's away. He says that his mother knows he's gay and that it's not that he wouldn't want me to meet her, it's just that he gets caught up in what he's doing down there and likes to take the opportunity to "really be away" from his life.

It occurs to me that perhaps he is living a double life of some sort and not going to North Carolina at all. Is there any way I can find out what's really going on? And if this is just his way, should I protest and insist on being invited to visit the mother?

—Jake's Secret

DEAR JAKE'S SECRET:

The possibilities for a double life are endless. Jake could have a wife and kids down South, with a different car and a straight man's wardrobe: synthetic sweaters, Dockers pants and woven slip-on loafers that he wears with argyle socks. Perhaps people in North Carolina call him Frank, and when he hangs out at the local pub he changes his favorite drink to something sweeter and colder than what he drinks when he's with you.

Or maybe Jake films videos for a gay porn ring, and he lives with a gang of 18-year-old rent boys who teach him about hip music and relieve him of his pocket money and his anxiety about getting older.

If, however, Jake really visits his mother, it would be helpful for him to fill you in on his long-term plan. Is he happy with things as they are? Does he ever plan to include you in his visits? Would he consider having his mother come to visit you and Jake? Is there room for negotiation? For example, would he be willing to have you come with him some of the time? Is Jake willing to let you call him at his mother's house?

If you really doubt that he's visiting his mother and don't trust him to tell you the truth, some snooping might be in order. Itemized cell phone bills are often a good place to start.

MERYL COHN is the author of *Do What I Say: Ms. Behavior's Guide to Gay and Lesbian Etiquette*. Signed copies are available directly from the author. Send questions or correspondence to [msbehavior@aol.com](mailto:msbehavior@aol.com).

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