GO OUT Gays are always ahead of the times, so **Gaycation** celebrates New Year's Eve ahead of schedule with DJs Girlfriends, Snowtiger, Automaton and Mr Charming at Holocene. Get your gay on! *(9 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. $3.)*

SUN • DEC. 30

Weather permitting, **The Adventure Group** takes a moderate snowshoe trip through mountain hemlocks to Ghost Ridge for fantastic views of Mount Jefferson, Trillium Lake Basin and Mount Hood. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. *(9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Evan 503-701-7922.)*

Mama Mia Trattoria hosts the second annual **Gospel Brunch**, which includes food, alcoholic beverages, desserts and a live performance by members of the Northwest Community Gospel Chorus, fresh off their performance with the Oregon Symphony. Proceeds benefit Bradley-Angle House. *(11 am. 439 SW Second Ave. $50 from 503-238-1672.)*

MON • DEC. 31

In Other Words presents the Spanish class **Español Sin Fronteras!** *(6:30-8 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St. $5-$10.)*

Basic Rights Oregon presents its first-ever New Year's Eve celebration, **The Fire & Ice Ball**, at Bossanova Ballroom featuring Splendora & the Gender Fluids, Pepe & the Bottle Blondes, Shel Bailey & the Big Package, a fetish demonstration stage, exotic go-go dancers, hostess Sasha Scarlett and an affirmation ceremony at midnight. VIP package includes a three-course dinner, wine, champagne, party favors and a gift bag. *(7 pm VIP [$85 a person, $150 a couple], 10 pm general admission [$40 at the door, $35 in advance]. 722 E Burnside St. www.fireandicepdx.com.)*

Pink Martini returns to Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall with fabulous guest stars Norman Leyden, members of the Harvey Rosencrantz Orchestra and Royal Blues of Grant High School, and MGM movie queen and Portland native Jane Powell, who will narrate Sergei Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf." *(7 and 10:30 pm. 1037 SW Broadway. $27.50-$65 from box office or Ticketmaster.)*

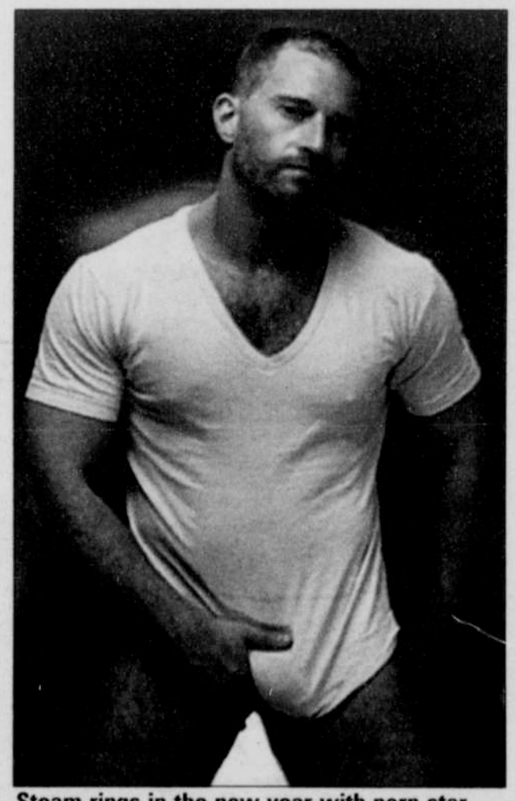
Darklady's Erotic Masquerade New Year's Eve Party features a potluck, Rubitorium, massage table, portrait and erotic stills, costume prizes, DJ Darknezzz and nonalcoholic bubbly at midnight. Receive a $5 discount by bringing a pet or human care product for Esther's Pantry. *(7 pm-2 am. $35 street clothes, $25 masquerade, fetish or formal attire. RSVP to darklady@darklady.com.)*

The Egyptian Club presents **New Year's Eve Gay-la** featuring wall-to-wall women, DJs Ray Lee and Diameter, karaoke with The Wolfcub, champagne toast at midnight and continental breakfast at 2:30 am. *(7 pm-4 am. 3701 SE Division St. $10 at the door, $5 in advance from www.eroompdx.com.)*

Ring in 2008 at the country's oldest drag cabaret as **Darcelle XV Showplace** presents its 41st rhinestone-studded New Year's Eve extravaganza starring Poison Waters, Celeste Towers, Tiarra Diamond, Mr. Mitchell, BBJ, Destiny Lynn, Marcy Kraft and many more. Party favors and champagne and breakfast buffet at midnight. *(8 pm dinner and show package, 9 pm cocktail package. 208 NW Third Ave. $45-$65 from 503-222-5338.)*

Bolivia Carmichaels hosts **Platinum Ball 2008** at C.C. Slaughters featuring platinum toys, go-go boys, champagne at midnight and DJs Alex Hollywood and Robb spinning hot hits from 2007. Get a limited-edition PB08 double-CD set while supplies last! *(8 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)*

Out Dancing celebrates New Year's Eve with a delectable buffet dinner, party favors, sparkling cider and swing, Latin, ballroom and country dancing at Ankeny Street Studio. *(9 pm-1 am. 975 SE Sandy Blvd. $35 at the door, $30 in advance from www.outdancing.info.)*



Steam rings in the new year with porn star Adam Faust.

All signs point to yes during the **Two Thousand Eight Ball** at Boxxes featuring four DJs, two dance floors and go-go boys. Get a prediction of what the new year has in store for you with a custom Magic Eight Ball! *(9 pm. 1025 SW Stark St.)*

Steam presents Portland's only all-male, lights-out New Year's Eve celebration featuring porn star Adam Faust and champagne toast and chocolates at midnight. *(10 pm. 2885 NE Sandy Blvd.)*

FRI • JAN. 4

Out Dancing's **intermediate East Coast swing** class starts tonight and continues every Friday in January at Ankeny Street Studio. **Beginning West Coast swing** class follows. *(6:15-7:15 pm East Coast [$32 for month], 7:15-8:15 pm West Coast [$24 for month]. 975 SE Sandy Blvd. 503-236-5129. www.outdancing.info.)*

SAT • JAN. 5

Jimme Jamma, resident beat Svengali of Sissyboy, brings you **Money Shot**, Portland's dirtiest electro night, every first Saturday at the Eagle PDX. *(9 pm. 1300 W Burnside St.)*

Urban cowboys and girls are in abundance during DJ Crystal's **country western dance** at the Portland Metro Club (PPAA). *(9 pm-1 am. 618 SE Alder St. $5.)*

SUN • JAN. 6

Gethsemane Lutheran Church brings the holiday season to a close with the sixth annual **Epiphany Choir Fest** featuring refreshments and a combined choir rendition of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Donations benefit Human Solutions' Daybreak Shelter Network. *(3 pm. 11560 SE Market St.)*

Get lucky during the Fox & Hounds' **Monthly Charity Bingo**. *(3:30 pm. 217 SW Second Ave.)*

The queer art collective **QuArt** meets every first Sunday at Q Center. *(6 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)*

Curve Magazine advice columnists Lipstick & Dipstick host Portland's fifth season premiere party for ***The L Word*** at Bagdad Theater. All guests will receive an advance copy of episode two, and premium drawing prizes include posters and fourth season DVDs. Followed by an afterparty at Crush. *(7 pm, 3702 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 8 pm, 1400 SE Morrison St. $7 donation. RSVP to www.hrc.org/lword.)*

HBO presents the fifth and final season premiere of ***The Wire***. *(9 pm.)*

Portland Community Bowling Association founder Tom Giel (left) plays with then Police Chief Tom Potter in 1991.

Strike a Pose

"Gutterly Ridiculous" rolled into first place early in the 30th annual season of the **Portland Community Bowling Association** and at midseason continues to lead the pack of high rollers. Team member **Tom Lutes Jr.** is the only bowler to roll a perfect 300 game so far this season.

The league was begun back in 1978 by founder **Tom Giel**, the only bowler to have bowled continually for all 30 years. "I've maintained a master list of every person who ever bowled, from most of the early bar owners from the '70s and '80s to [Imperial Sovereign] Rose Court titleholders, Emperors and Empresses to leather groups, [Portland] Gay Men's Chorus members and friends from the Northwest Gender Alliance," he says. "Over 30 years I've gotten to know such a wide cross section of our community, and I'm so thankful for the time we've shared."

Giel indicates that the list of bowlers is approaching the 2,500 mark. The mid- to late '80s was the high point for gay league bowling, he adds. "One season we had so many bowlers—300—that we had to run three sessions, filling all 36 lanes at Pro 300 on Powell."

Sadly, Giel points out that it was during that time that the league was decimated by AIDS, losing more than 100 bowlers in the coming years. "We still maintain a memorial list of those bowlers who are no longer with us."

The league bowls in half seasons to allow more options for bowlers who have busy community schedules. Anyone can join at any time. But the second half and official 30th anniversary rolls out at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 6, 2008. Keeping with tradition, Giel says gay Portland City Commissioner (and mayoral candidate) **Sam Adams** will roll out the first ball. In years past, Mayor **Bud Clark**, Police Chief **Tom Potter** and even Oregon Gov. **Ted Kulongski** have appeared at the lanes.

New bowlers can join teams on the opening day by arriving early at 2:30 p.m. Each season-half commitment is only 14 sessions. The league continues to maintain a weekly fee of only $10, the lowest for any league in the city. For more information on joining in January, interested participants can call league administrator **Mike Nelson** at 503-693-6261 or check out the Web site www.pdxbowl.com.

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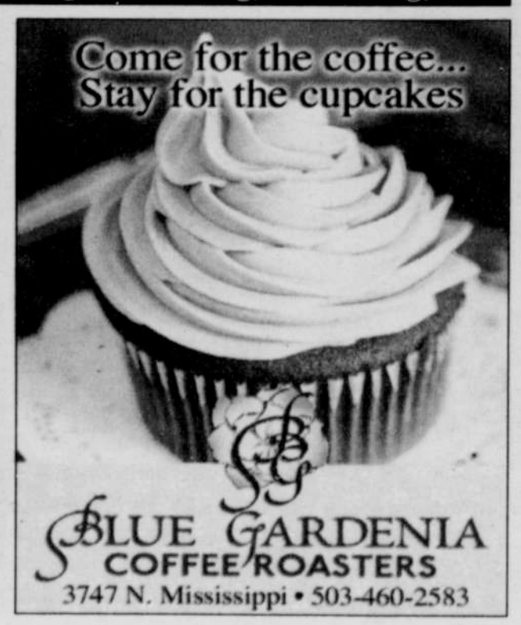
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