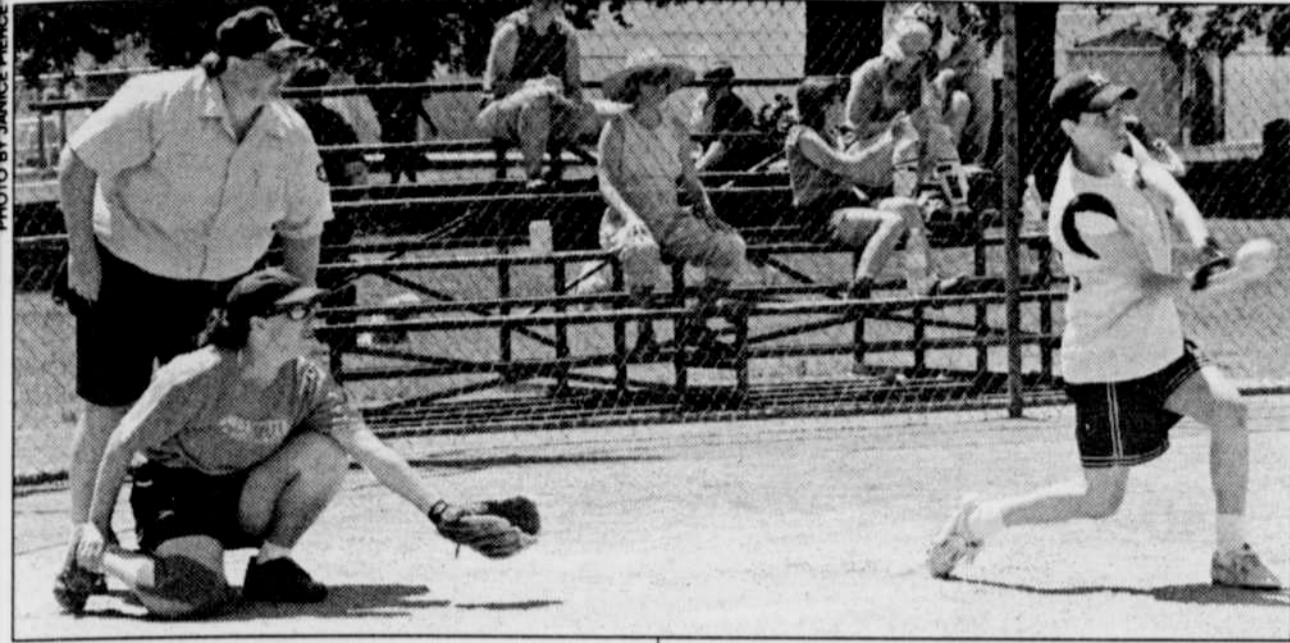


DIVERSIONS

Bid on a bachelor(ette) for Rose City Softball Association...and hope you hit it off



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Bachelor/Bachelorette event on March 18. The auction takes place at Embers Avenue from 6:30 to 9 p.m., and a night on the town will be provided by RSCA for the lucky winners. You'll find the party at 110 N.W. Broadway in Portland, and a minimal cover charge will get you into Embers for dancing later. Even though it's the day after, wearing green might enhance the luck of the Irish.

The skinny on Fat Tuesday

Can't make it to New Orleans or Rio? The Egyptian Club offers its own Mardi Gras celebration March 7. This is an ongoing tradition, and those of you who have attended in previous years know what it takes to earn those beads (wink, wink). The club's Tuesday night dancers will perform, promising some combination of feathers and fire. There will be prizes, dancing and plenty of spirited partying. The following week, on March 17, natch, the club is having a St. Patty's Bash, complete with green beer and prizes, so jig the night away! -The Egyptian Club is located at 3701 S.E. Division St. in Portland.

Maybe you'd prefer Fat Saturday?

That zany band Lava de Mure is headlining a Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball Extravaganza at the Ohm on Saturday, March 11. If your desire to party has less to do with the Lenten calendar and more to do with finding a great celebration, then this could be the event for you. The doors—at 31 N.W. First Ave. in downtown Portland—open at 9 p.m., and admission is \$10. Don't miss the festive procession of musicians, jugglers and revelers at 10 p.m., immediately followed by the upbeat, theatrical lounge music of Lava de Mure. The impossible-to-categorize group features female vocals, guitars, tribal drums, keyboards,

Lava de Mure's little fairy



marimba and more. Even the costume-impaired can come as they are and have their face, or whatever, painted at the party.

Reading for a write cause

One of Oregon's most prominent literary figures, Judith Barringer, will read from her long-awaited memoir, *Lifesaving*, at a release party March 3 at the First Unitarian Church in Portland. The reading will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the church, which is located at 1011 S.W. 12th Ave. Admission is \$10, which goes to support the residency program at Soapstone, a writing retreat for women near the Oregon coast. A reception with food and wine will follow the reading.

Drag your kids to this

If you know any kids who are curious about cross dressing, this is the show for them: Imperial Sovereign Rose Court presents the fifth annual All Ages Show at Darcelle XV Showplace on March 16. The show, which begins at 8:30 p.m., features Darcelle and company; the reigning Rosebud and Thorn, Angel and Kid Sparkle; as well as this year's Rosebud and Thorn candidates. No alcohol will be served; there is a \$5 admission charge, and the proceeds will benefit the Bill and Ann Shepherd Legal Scholarship Fund. Mosey on over to 208 N.W. Third Ave. to see some young skirts.

Broadway bound

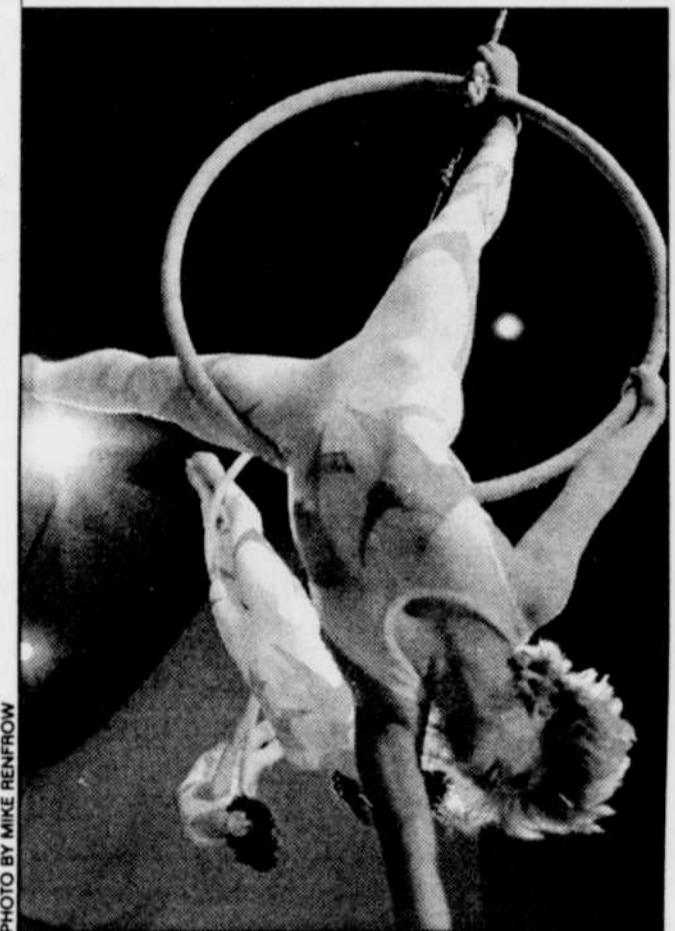
Portland's own Do Jump! Extremely Physical Theater is taking the show to Broadway next month, and there is one last chance to see it at 2 p.m. March 19 at the Echo Theatre. *Do Jump! into 2000* features seven multitalented dancers and aerialists performing inventive pieces that are sure to wow even tough New York critics. The works range from the comedic "Power Lunch" to the divinely sublime aerial ballet "Air."

Treat yourself to an unforgettable performance of athletic artistry. Call (503) 231-1232 for tickets.

Sisters are doin' it for themselves

Join the fun at International Women's Day on March 12 at the Portland Conference Center. The event, which celebrates breaking cultural barriers, features a full day of entertainment, educational opportunities and shopping from vendors showing their handiworks. Scheduled to perform are the Portland Lesbian Choir, the Mambo Queens, the Women's Improv troupe, and singers Barbara Galloway and Rene Corbin. For more information call (503) 972-0630.

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