

Young Men's Discussion Group meets from 7 to 9 pm. (503-223-5907, ext. 233.)

FRIENDS, a support and discussion group for African American gay and bisexual men, meets on Wednesdays. (5-7 pm. Call for location: Brian 503-287-8651.)

27 THURSDAY

Love Makes a Family hosts a **potluck and social** for adults and kids to hang out together. (6-7:30 pm at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 NE 14th Ave. 503-228-3892.)

The **Adventure Group** takes an **evening hike** on the Leif Erikson Trail. (6 pm. 503-452-5680.)

Every Thursday the **Forest Group** takes an **evening bike ride** along Marine Drive. (5-45 pm. Jill 503-288-4892.)

28 FRIDAY

New dyke in town **Lynn Thomas** sashays into the **Egyptian Club** to play piano and sing her cabaret-style songs. She's been compared to a young Bette Midler, so check her out! (10 pm. 3701 SE Division St. \$3. 503-236-8689.)

Speak out as the Literary Triangle presents the second annual **Queer Scribbles Open Mike** at Barnes & Noble. Writers of any genre are welcome, but please limit your reading to five minutes. (7 pm. 1231 NE Broadway. 503-335-0201.)

Head for the beach with the **Adventure Group** for the ninth annual **Froot Float**, a weekend of camping, swimming, rafting and general frolicking on the Siletz River near Newport. (503-452-5680.)

29 SATURDAY

Get outta town with the **Forest Group** when members take a field trip to Mount St. Helens. (503-249-8327.)

Get naked with **ORGAN** at its **Ice Cream Social at Sauvie Island**. (1:30 pm. Meet at the north end of the gay section. Call Michael for more details: 503-236-1539.)

30 SUNDAY

Crazy for fossils? Join **Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences** as they dig for Oligocene fossils near Salem. (Chris 503-287-0657, Janie 503-735-1722.)

Set your alarm and join the **Adventure Group** hiking at Lookout Mountain. (8 am. 503-452-5680.)

31 MONDAY

Take the day off and run away with the **Adventure Group** hiking in the Columbia River Gorge. (9 am. 503-452-5680.)

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1 TUESDAY

Ladyfest starts today and runs through Aug. 6 in a variety of venues in Olympia, Wash., featuring performances by: Sarah Dougher, Holly Go Lightly, Sleater-Kinney and The Butchies. (\$50 full pass, \$30 half pass. www.ladyfest.org.)



Catch the touring company of *Fosse* as it glides into Portland at the Keller Auditorium through July 23

PHOTO BY JOAN MARCUS

Speak to Your Brothers hosts a **Dad's Group** from 7 to 9 pm. (Sam 503-223-5907, ext. 233.)



Lynn Thomas sashays into the **Egyptian Club** on July 28 to play piano and sing her cabaret-style songs

4 FRIDAY

Leather Pride Week kicks off with **Leather, Feathers & Fur: A Fetish Ball** at the Adrianna Hill Grand Ballroom. No-host bar and Italian buffet plus music by DJ Lauren. It all benefits Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital. (8 pm-1 am. 918 SW Yamhill St. \$10 from Portland Leather Alliance. PO Box 5161, Portland, OR 97208.)

The **Forest Group** hosts a potluck and planning meeting; weather permitting, the group will meet at Sellwood Park. (6:30 pm potluck, 7:30 pm meeting. 503-238-3877.)

5 SATURDAY

Leather Pride Week continues with a **Kinky Auction** at C.C. Slaughter's, hosted by Snickers LaBarr and Darklady. (5 pm viewing, 6:30-8 pm auction. 219 NW Davis St. www.pdxleatheralliance.org.)

6 SUNDAY

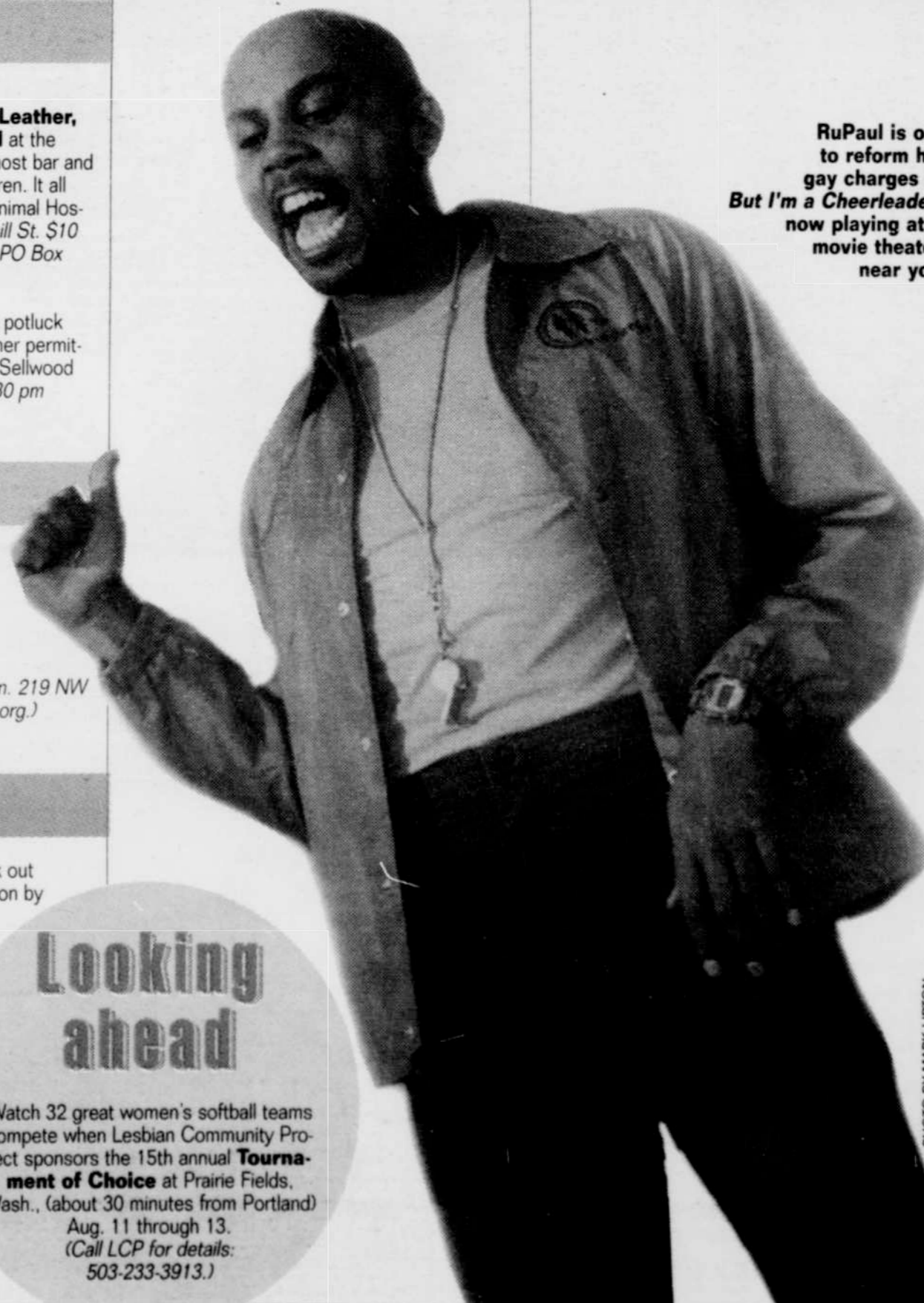
In the market for a new flail? Check out **Leather Tastings**, a demonstration by local S/M experts at the Eagle. (1-4 pm. 1300 W Burnside St. \$3 PLA members, \$5 nonmembers. www.pdxleatheralliance.org.)

See On View and Onstage listings on Page 29.

2 WEDNESDAY

Young Men's CoffeeTalk meets from 7 to 9 pm at 3 Friends Coffeehouse. (201 SE 12th Ave. 503-223-5907, ext. 233.)

HIV+ MenTalk Social, all persons regardless of HIV status are welcome to attend. (7-9 pm. Philip 503-234-1811.)



RuPaul is out to reform his gay charges in *But I'm a Cheerleader*, now playing at a movie theater near you

PHOTO BY MARK LIPTON

Looking ahead

Watch 32 great women's softball teams compete when Lesbian Community Project sponsors the 15th annual **Tournament of Choice** at Prairie Fields, Wash., (about 30 minutes from Portland) Aug. 11 through 13. (Call LCP for details: 503-233-3913.)