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There's a new singing dyke in town: **Christy Claxton** and her **Dirty Blondes** play at the St. Johns Pub Aug. 13



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Tantalize your senses Aug. 19 at a fund-raiser for **Portland's LGBT Film Festival** with a showing of *The Five Senses*

Sip a latte with the **Radical Faeries** at the weekly KoffeeKlatch held at 3 Friends Coffeehouse from 9 am until whenever. (201 SE 12th Ave. 503-235-0826.)

Get your weekend off to a rousing start—catch up with the **Adventure Group** every Saturday morning for the Fun Run/Walk along Portland's waterfront, followed by a brunch. Meet at the former River Queen Restaurant parking lot at 9 am for a two-mile to six-mile run or walk open to all skill levels. (Don 503-224-6747.)

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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.)

Grab your sailor suit or other official garb and sally on over to the **Uniform Party** at the Eagle PDX. (9 pm. 1300 W Burnside St. \$5.)

The **Forest Group** plays host to a potluck and planning meeting at Sellwood Park, weather permitting. (6:30 pm potluck, 7:30 pm meeting. 503-238-3877.)

Lavender Lounge, a gathering of Speak to Your Brothers, happens every Friday from 7 to 9 pm at 3 Friends Coffeehouse. (201 SE 12th Ave. 503-223-5907, ext. 233.)

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.)

Kick up your heels at **gay country western dancing** with the Rosetown Ramblers featuring a live DJ and full-service bar. (10 pm-1:30 am at Portland Metro Club (PPAA), 618 SE Alder St., \$5. 503-234-9944. www.rdrop.com/users/ramblers.)

6 SUNDAY

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

7 MONDAY

Join **MenTalk of Vancouver** for a social from 7 to 9 pm. (Peter 360-576-6595. MenTalkofVancWA@webtv.net.)

The **Bisexual Community Forum** plays host to a casual discussion on coming out at Mojo's Coffee Den. (7:30 pm. 2853 SE Stark St. 503-285-4848.)

8 TUESDAY

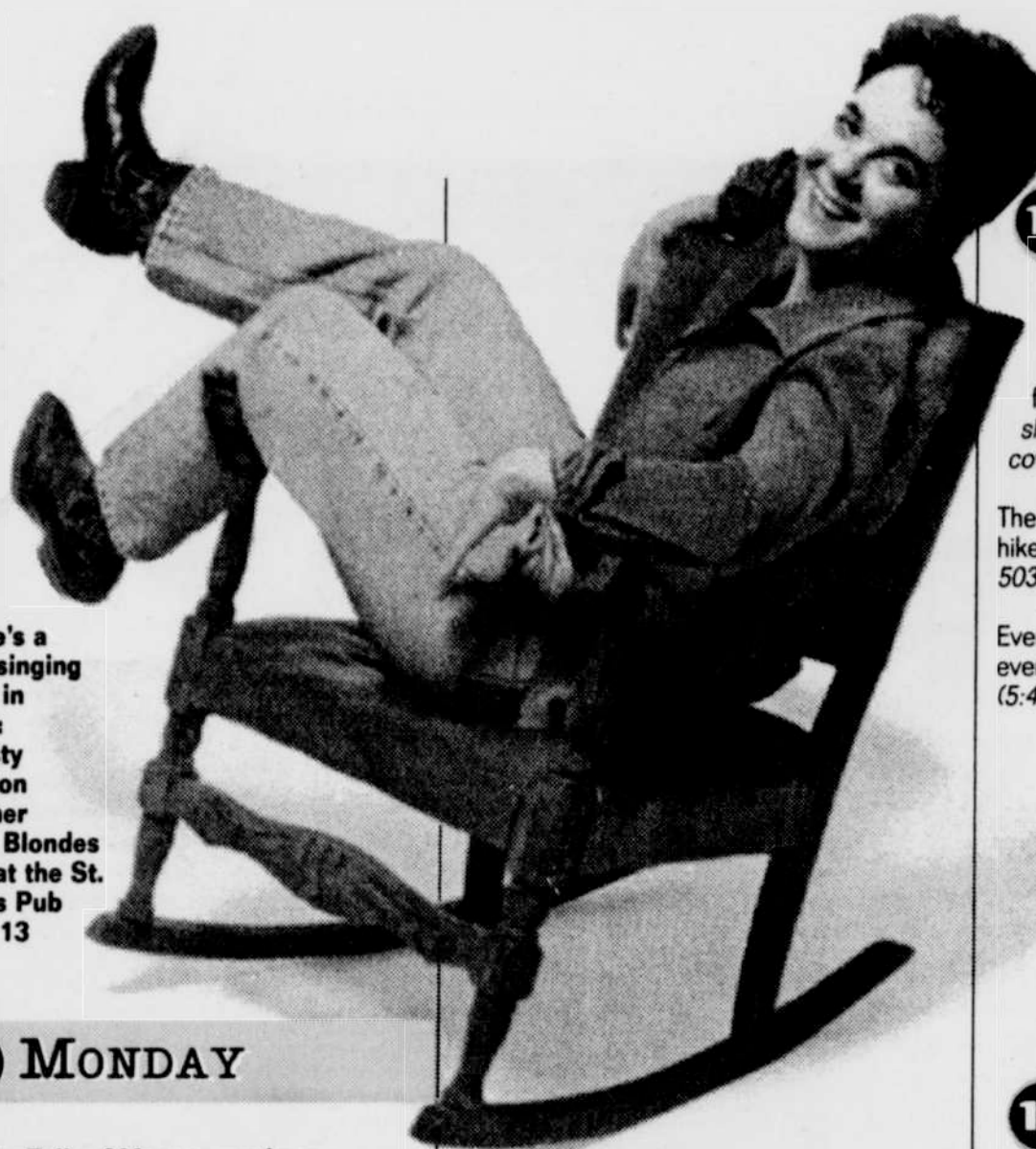
Need some help making a match? Check out **Misha's Make-A-Date** at Boxxes. (9 pm. 1035 SW Stark St. Free. 503-226-4171.)

The Lesbian Community Project plays host to a **Lesbian Social Group** on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. (7-8:30 pm. LCP office, 1001 E Burnside St. 503-233-3913.)

Northeast Portland MenTalk gets going from 7 to 9 pm. (503-223-5907, ext. 233.)

9 WEDNESDAY

Leather fun continues at a **Leather Family Barbecue**. (Contact BlackoutOR@aol.com for more information.)



10 THURSDAY

The Imperial Sovereign Rose Court presents the fifth annual **Leather and Lace Show** at Embers Avenue to benefit Portland PFLAG. (Doors open at 7 pm, show at 8 pm. 110 NW Broadway. No cover charge. ISRC@aol.com.)

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.)

FilmTalk, a discussion group for gay, bisexual and transsexual men, rants and raves about *Chuck and Buck*, *Gladiator* and other recent films. (7-9 pm. Old Wives' Tales, 1300 E Burnside St. 503-223-5907, ext. 233.)

11 FRIDAY



Watch 32 great women's softball teams compete when the Lesbian Community Project sponsors the 15th annual **Tournament of Choice** in Prairie Fields, Wash., (about 30 minutes from

Portland) through Aug. 13. (Call LCP for details: 503-233-3913.)

The Lesbian Community Project plays host to a **Women of Color Potluck** on the second Friday of each month. (7 pm. LCP office, 1001 E Burnside St. 503-233-3913.)

12 SATURDAY

They're hot and they're strutting their stuff at the **Mr. and Ms. Oregon State Leather Contest** at Embers Avenue. (Doors open at 6 pm. 110 NW Broadway. \$8. BlackoutOR@aol.com)

Experienced meditators are invited to join the Forest Group on an **overnight meditation backpack trip to Mount St. Helens**. (Call Barbara by Aug. 7: 503-244-4446.)

Or how about ancient Native American rock art? The **Forest Group** treks to Horseshief State Park in the Columbia Gorge to view pictograph sites. (Call Paula, 541-298-5806.)

Sail on with the SW Washington Socialites at **Millennium Cruise** aboard the Portland Spirit. (10:30 pm. Board at Front and Salmon streets. \$20 in advance, \$25 day of cruise. 360-735-1901.)

Those outdoorsy **Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences** take an easy hike to Teacup Falls to look for woodpeckers. (503-286-4387.)

Beat the heat—bike on Sauvie Island with the **Adventure Group**. (503-452-5680.)

13 SUNDAY

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

Christy Claxton and the Dirty Blondes hail from Austin, Texas, and are touring the country in their RV, nicknamed the Lavender Lounge. Catch their folk sounds when they roll into Portland to play at the St. Johns Pub. (8 pm. 8203 N Ivanhoe St. 503-283-8520.)

You're bound to have fun at Leather Pride

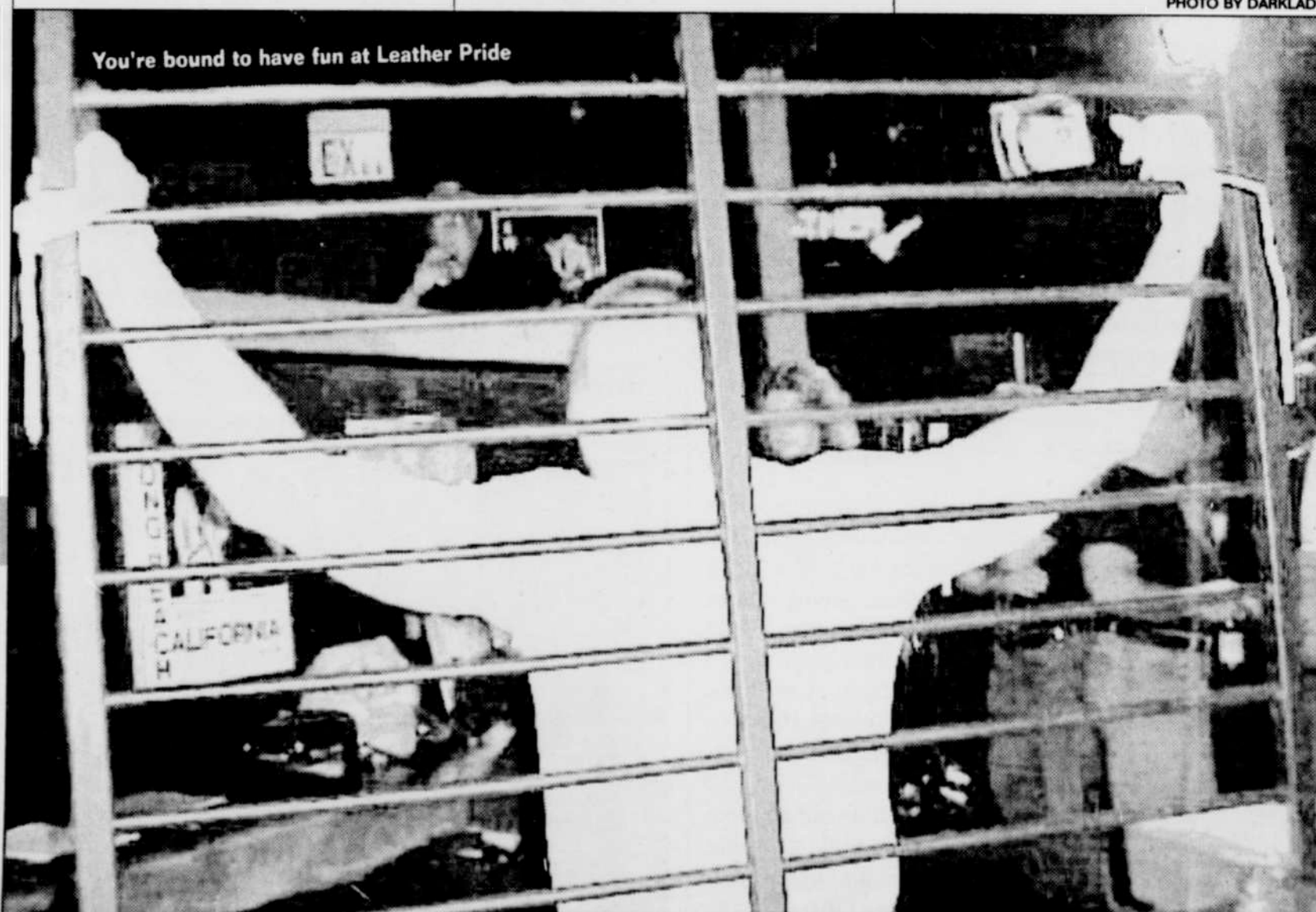


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