



Elton John impersonator Captain Fantastic (aka Joel Mason) platforms his way into town Aug. 16

Contest and first-ever **Leather Community Awards** at Embers. Who is tough (and soft) enough to walk away with those pretty sashes? (7-9 pm. 110 NW Broadway. Call 503-222-3082 for cover. www.blackoutleather.org.)

Blackout Leather Productions plays host to a **Men's S/M Play Party** as part of Oregon Leather Pride Week. (9 pm-2 am. E-mail sphilips@teleport.com for location. www.blackoutleather.org.)

Bad Girls plays host to a **Mixed Play Party** as part of Oregon Leather Pride Week. (10 pm-2 am. E-mail contact@pdxbadgirls.net for location.)

11 SUNDAY

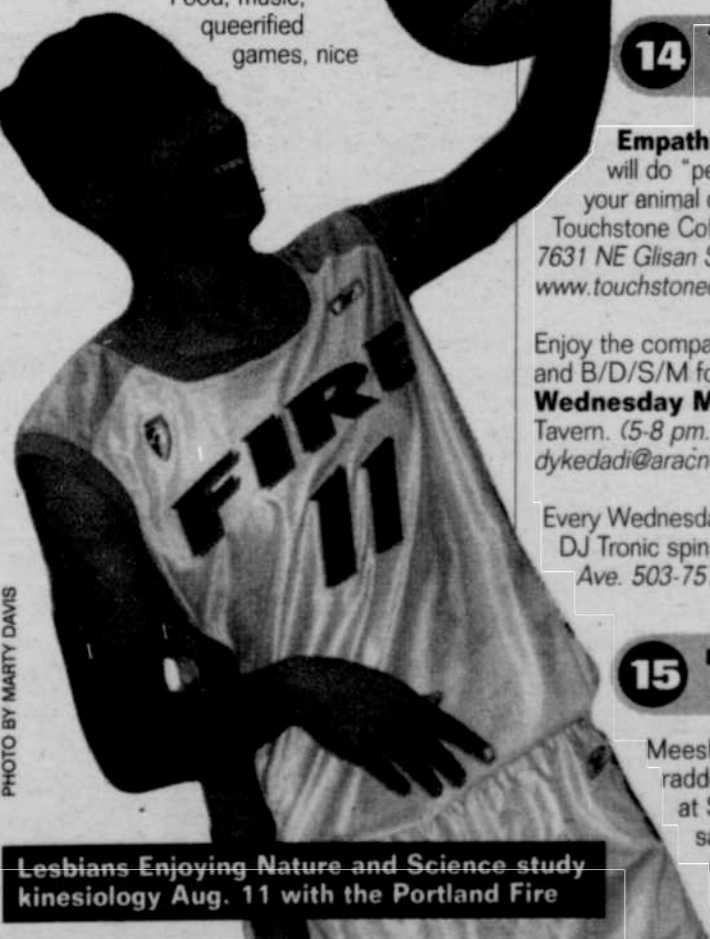
Don't sweat it out alone in your apartment when you could be frolicking naked at **Sauvie Island's nude beach** with the **Oregon Bears**. Meet up with the nudists at Gail's Dirty Duck to carpool. (10 am. 439 NW Third Ave. www.oregonbears.org.)

Grab your hat and sunscreen to join the **Lesbian Garden Club** at the **Oregon Garden** in Silverton. Have botanical-type discussions afterward over lunch. (503-909-2002.)

Blackout Leather Productions plays host to the **Mr. and Ms. Oregon State Leather Victory Brunch** at Embers. Come toast the new champions. (11 am-1 pm. 110 NW Broadway. Call 503-222-3082 for cover.)

Well, **Color Me Queer** at Wilshire Park during this celebration for **sexual minority people of color and allies**.

Food, music, queerified games, nice



Lesbians Enjoying Nature and Science study kinesiology Aug. 11 with the Portland Fire

people. Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee. (1-5 pm. Northeast 33rd Avenue and Skidmore Street. 503-230-9430. www.afsc.org.)

Portland Leather Men play host to a potluck in celebration of **Oregon Leather Pride Week**. (5 pm. E-mail furry@aracnet.com for location.)

Lesbians Enjoying Nature and Science study the physical sciences at the Portland Fire game. Meet at the Rose Garden ticket booth. (6:30 pm. 503-617-1989.)

12 MONDAY

Every Monday is **Dyke Night** at Touchstone Coffee House. (6-9 pm. 7631 NE Glisan St. 503-262-7613. www.touchstonecoffeehouse.com.)

For folks into B/D/S/M and those who love them: **Eugene Monday Munch** gathers at McMenamins North Bank. (6-9 pm. 22 Club Road. conradh@efn.org.)

13 TUESDAY

Come one, come all to **sex and gender open mike night** at the new Back to Back cafe. (7-9 pm. 614 E Burnside St. emi@eminism.org.)

Hobo's has **Matthew Kern** on the piano tonight. (7 pm. 120 NW Third Ave. 503-224-3285.)

14 WEDNESDAY

Empathic medium Ren Matney will do "personalized poetry" for you or your animal companion any Wednesday at Touchstone Coffee House. (6-8:30 pm. 7631 NE Glisan St. 503-262-7613. www.touchstonecoffeehouse.com.)

Enjoy the company and conversation of kink and B/D/S/M folks during the **Every Wednesday Munch** at McMenamins Tavem. (5-8 pm. 1716 NW 23rd Ave. dykedadi@aracnet.com.)

Every Wednesday is **gay night at Heaven**. DJ Tronic spins. (9-11 pm. 421 SW 10th Ave. 503-757-6984.)

15 THURSDAY

Meesha Peru plays host to the raddest **Latino Night** in town at Silverado. Free chips and salsa. \$1 shots of tequila. (1217 SW Stark St. 503-224-4493.)



16 FRIDAY

It's My Pleasure offers a free **Sex Toys 101** class so you can find out what to actually do with all that stuff. (7 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. Register at 503-280-8080.)

Connect with **Chloe Stone** and other Portland entertainers at a fund-raiser for the **Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center**. Free HIV testing, too. Bring your wallet, though; SMYRC needs it. (8 pm. 2100 SE Belmont St. \$5. www.chloestone.net or www.smyrc.org.)

What a night at the Crystal Ballroom: First **Miss Cybelvis Monroe**—a Marilyn Monroe/Elvis impersonator who must be seen to be believed—croons the Elvis hit parade with accordion and sequencer accompaniment. Then **Unpopular Club** blares compelling pop, followed by Elton John tribute extraordinaire **Captain Fantastic**. (9 pm. 1332 W Burnside. \$12 from box office or Ticketmaster, \$15 at the door.)

Skervy—Queer to the Bone presents "A Night of Desperate Living" at Billy Ray's. Costume contest for the best John Waters film character. "Because the world of heterosexuals is a sick and boring life!" DJs Zanne, Ubiquitous Kristie, Puppet and Bang spin hip-hop, ska and buttrock. (10 pm-2 am. 2216 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. www.dejanvier.org/skervy.)

Leather Night and Red Hanky Social at Gail's Dirty Duck. (9 pm-midnight. 439 NW Third Ave. 503-224-8446. pdxsaltydg@aol.com.)

The Lesbian Connection meets every Friday in Eugene for dinner. (Bonnie 541-683-2793.)

17 SATURDAY

Stop in at 3 Friends Coffeehouse to banter with the **Portland Radical Faeries**, who meet there every Saturday. (9:30 am. 201 SE 12th Ave. 503-235-0826. otter@pcez.com.)

Georgena's Journey presents a **benefit community dance** at Trinity United Methodist Church to help fund Georgena Moran's stem cell

transplant. Boogie with **DJ Lauren** and win one of a ton of fab prizes, including Portland Fire memorabilia and Blazers tickets. (7 pm-midnight. 3915 SE Steele St. \$10. 503-471-1555. www.georgenasjourney.org.)

The Oregon Bears take over Gail's Dirty Duck for their monthly **Bear Bust**. (8-11 pm. 429 NW Third Ave. \$7-\$9. 503-224-8446.)

Crystal's Gay & Lesbian Club Dance takes over the Melody Ballroom. Dance to your favorite hits from the past and present while munching from the catered buffet and sipping at the no-host bar. (9 pm-2 am. 615 SE Alder St. \$10.)

Eugene's **Women to Women**, a lesbian group for friendship, support and activities, gets together every Saturday at Neighbors. (6 pm. 1417 Villard St.)

Emergence Transgender Social Group meets every third Saturday at Koinonia Center in Eugene. (7:30-11 pm. 1414 Kincaid St. emg977@yahoo.com.)

18 SUNDAY

Thousands of queer players and spectators from around the country descend on Portland for the **North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance World Series** through Aug. 25. Includes nonstop softball and related activities, culminating in championship games and festive closing ceremonies. Pick up the Aug. 16 issue of *Just Out* for complete details or visit www.portlandgaysoftball.com.

The **Adventure Group** heads out again for a hike to Elk Cove on the north side of Mount Hood. Meet at Starbucks in the Hollywood Fred Meyer store. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. 503-452-5680. www.adventuregroup.org.)

Cruise smart chicks when **Lesbians with Degrees** meet up at **Crush** for Woody's fresh veggie and seafood barbecue. (6 pm. 1412 SE Morrison St. lesbianswdegrees@aol.com.)

Folk rocker **Tamaras** delights the lesbian masses at the Egyptian Club. (7 pm. 3701 SE Division St. 503-236-8689.)

Looking Ahead

Swan House, a residential facility for people living with HIV/AIDS, invites you to its **2002 fund-raiser** Aug. 24 at the new gay-owned **Creation Gallery**. Enjoy refreshments, contribute to Swan House and purchase original art at an inexpensive price. (1-5 pm. 8419 SE Clatsop Court. 503-786-4829.)

See On View and Onstage listings on Page 30.

OK, we admit you may not see this at Portland's Yoga for Gay Men throughout August, but they're nice to look at, eh?



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