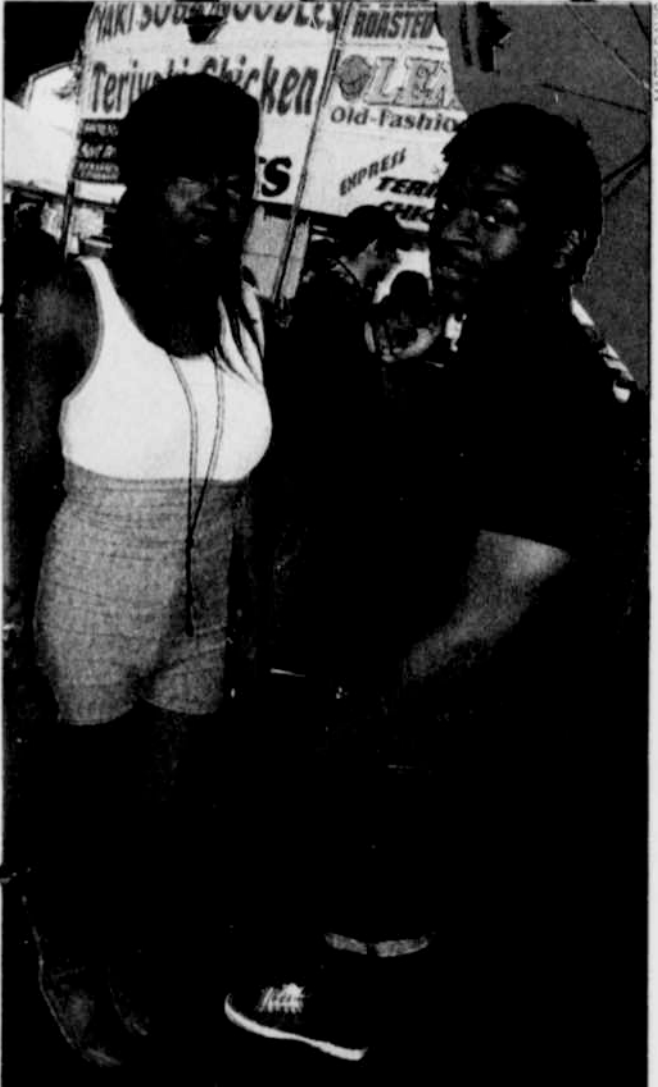
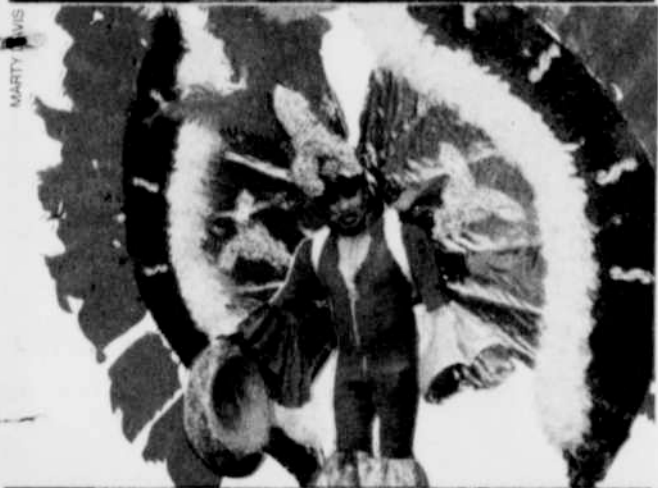




with opportunities for the sporting fan. First up, the second annual **Gayest Day of the Year Ride**, a freewheeling—or is that fixed-gear?—effort by the Sexual and Gender Minority Youth Resource Center. Come noon Sunday, June 12, the event begins with a family-friendly bike decorating party in the SMYRC parking lot (3024 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.), where LGBT-positive community organizations will offer information and resources, and deejays and live performers will entertain. The ride leaves at 1 p.m. for a brief neighborhood jaunt before returning to SMYRC for a barbecue, though non-riders are welcome to stick around for acrobats, stunts and food in the meantime.

A \$10 minimum donation is requested. Email info@smycr.org for information on volunteering, or visit smycr.org.



- On Friday, June 17 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., pin-happy people can get their **Pride Bowl on at AMF 300 Pro-Bowling Lanes** (3031 SE Powell Blvd.). Roll into your official Portland Pride weekend with a night of strikes, spares, rainbow JELL-O shots, music and movies, food and drink specials, disco lights, raffles and a surprise host. Just \$8 covers bowling and shoe rental.

Search "Pride Bowl" or "Bar Wars" on Facebook for updates.

- Pride weekend wouldn't be complete without the **annual Rose City Softball All-Stars vs. the Portland Police Charity Softball Game**. The yearly matchup pits reigning champs the RCSA against the PoPo for a win-win event to benefit Q Center and the Portland Police Cadets. Count on hot dogs and bevs—and a fun afternoon that has all the bases covered.

Sat., June 18, noon-3 p.m.; *Erv Lind Stadium at Normandale Park, NE 57th and Has-salo*; \$5 donation; rcsaopen.org.

Entertain us!

- They're here, they're queer, they're ready to entertain you—and darned if they're not all happening in the span of a few days (a few

hours, in a few cases). So after you do the don't—the *Zanna, Don't!*—at the Fez June 11-12 (see Out & About, p. 21), continue your pre-Pride week with the jukebox justice of **The People vs. Lady Gaga**, an evening of performance inspired by the artists Ms. G has (allegedly) stolen from. Saturn and the Tampon Troupe team up for the Someday Lounge-hosted "courtroom drama," which will also feature Georgia Ray Babycakes, Nico Bella, Melody Awesomazing and other to-be-announced "witnesses."

Tues., June 14, 9:30-11 p.m. (doors at 9); *Someday Lounge, 125 NW Fifth Ave.*; \$3; myfairsaturn.com or somedaylounge.com. On June 19, Saturn and Someday serve up "At the End of the Rainbow," a benefit for SMYRC with Artemis Chase, CJ and the Dolls and more.

- On Thursday, June 16, the Pride edition of **Curiously Strong Comedy presents Texas native Vickie Shaw**, a veteran of Comedy Central (*Premium Blend*), LOGO (*Wisecrack*) and her own special, "You Can Take the Girl Outta Texas..." the WE network (*The Secret Lives of Women: Late-in-Life Lesbians*), and one of the most buzzed-about stand-ups, yes, *out* there. Hosted by Portland's own Belinda Carroll, the bill also features up-and-coming funny ladies Jackie Monahan and Gloria Bigelow.

Showtimes at 7 and 9 p.m.; *Curious Comedy Theatre, 5225 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.*; \$22 and \$35; curiouscomedy.org.

- The following day, happy hour gets even gayer with the illustrious **Poison Waters and Friends**, who'll take to Al's Den in the new Crystal Hotel with sequins, rhinestones, feathers and heels—not to mention guest performers. After last month's grand opening show, June's cast includes Roxie Hart, Summer Lynne Seasons and (Just Out administrative mama) Maria Peters Lake. If you haven't checked out the latest and greatest Stark Street hang, don't miss this Pride edition of Poison and pals.

Fri., June 17, 5:30-7 p.m.; *Al's Den in the Crystal Hotel, 303 SW 12th Ave.*; no cover;



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