

COMMENTARY

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Voice mail and cell phones and e-mail and pagers

...these are a few of my favorite things

Voice mail and cell phones and e-mail and pagers. All going, all the time. Sometimes bringing good news, sometimes bringing sad news, sometimes just making me shake my head with puzzlement.

Monday morning brought a call of exciting good news. An exuberant Tim Bias called from Toronto to announce the Rose City Softball Association just had been awarded the bid for the 2002 North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance Softball Series Games.

This event—often alluded to as the world series of gay softball—will bring hordes of gay and lesbian softball players from around the nation to Portland in August 2002. To have won the hosting rights to these games, on their first attempt, is an amazing victory for this team of teams to have accomplished. The organization and planning that went into this effort deserve commendation from us all.

An earlier voice mail message from an aggrieved reader took us to task for not publishing commitment ceremony announcements. She could not understand why we would not want to print such information, especially since none of the major daily papers will print same-sex announcements. Well, listen up, gang: Of course we print commitment ceremony announcements.

But there's a catch...you have to send them to us. We absolutely 100 percent print commitment ceremonies, birth announcements, obituaries, career advancements and new business openings...when such information is sent to us.

On the other hand, we also print none of the ones we don't receive. Huh?

We will print photos; we even will write the announcement for you. We cherish such items.

We laugh, we dance, we frolic with happiness. We share your joy, so please send us your information so we might present a glimpse of these loving and meaningful moments in the pages of *Just Out*.

Somewhat along those same lines, another reader called to complain that late delivery of papers affects her social life because she schedules her weekends around the *Just Out* calendar. We actually are well aware of the importance of the calendar to the community and again encourage you to forward, in a timely manner, all your

event, meeting and organizational announcements.

We are accessible by mail, by fax and by e-mail. We work hard to gather as much information as we can, but again, a partnership involvement is required.

This is your paper. Use it.

Puzzling messages came in last week from softball players wanting to know why we hadn't printed all the pictures we'd taken of the Rose City Softball Association teams. "Why," it was asked, "did you send that guy to take all those pictures if you weren't going to use them?"

The thing is, I didn't send anyone to take those pictures, and this person who represented himself as being from *Just Out* was not, in fact, associated with the paper. I have no idea who he was and would be interested in hearing from someone who might. I'm not sure how this is to be avoided in the future.

If you are contacted by people who say they're from *Just Out* and you're unclear as to why, please give me a call. I have voice mail and cell phones and e-mail and pagers.

When not listening to voice mails or reading e-mails, I read other papers and magazines. Ballot Measure 9 is getting a fair amount of press, and I'm concerned about what I'm reading.

A commentary from Scott Lively in the Aug. 14 *Oregonian* was frightening. Consider the impact of these types of articles in papers in cities such as Medford, Grants Pass, Albany, Pendleton and Ontario, and you clearly can see a ballot measure with a good chance of achieving victory in November.

Our opponents know where their support lies. Do we?

Finally, this issue of *Just Out* is one of the first in many years that has not been touched by the hands of Rupert Kinnard. While with us in spirit and in heart, he is going to be absent in body for the next several issues as he recovers from recent surgery and illness. Get well and get strong, Rupert, we miss you and need you.

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