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COMMENTARY

BY MARTY DAVIS

Take me out to the ball game

Softball season draws jocks and their groupies to Hillsboro

Spring has sprung in the Rose City. This revered and celebrated arrival brings the bountiful joys of sunny afternoons, chilly evenings, glorious thundershowers and a veritable epidemic of adult attention deficit disorder.

Joining in this delightful fray, however, are the decidedly less desirable outbursts of runny eyes, puffy cheeks and stunning sneezes of such awesome caliber and velocity that they actually can move furniture and tumble small household pets tail over paw. But enough about me. Fortunately for all of us there are also more pleasant accoutrements of springtime, not the least of which is the start of softball season, that perennial domain of muscular jocks and butches and wannabes—and those who love to watch them.

I happily fall into the latter category.

Yes, it's true. I like to watch. Men. Women. Men and women together. Be still my histamine-challenged heart. Best news of all: These visual delights are there for a voyeur's asking at Rose City Softball Association games.

Opening ceremonies April 29 were a visual testament to the organizational skills and dedication of the men and women who have worked so hard to mold this association into the viable and growing powerhouse that it is. Gray skies held off their season-opening showers until after all teams had taken the field in a rainbow spectrum of brightly colored T-shirts and uniforms.

Scott Montes and his team magnificently emphasized the "yellow" in the Gay and Lesbian Yellow Pages. This team looked mighty purty—from several fields away, mind you.

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus was less nattily attired, but the team definitely scored a home run with its skilled a cappella rendition of the national anthem. It's much too early in the season to predict the skill and competitive levels of the teams, but I can tell you without doubt that PGMC is, by far, the best-sung.

With the conclusion of the opening ceremonies came the rain. A lot of rain, actually. Being a lout of a fair-weather fan I didn't stick around for the actual games, but I'll be back next Sunday.

I encourage you all to pack up a picnic, your pooches and your loved ones and head out for an afternoon and evening of

softball. Schedules and standings for your favorite teams, such as the Just Out Jammers, can be found at www.portlandgaysoftball.com.

All games will be played at the new Hillsboro Stadium facilities off Highway 26 at the Cornelius Pass exit. Do not let the word "Hillsboro" frighten you. It's not that far, and it's a great facility. There are bathrooms, there is lots of parking, and it's free. Come cheer a team on to victory.

Those of our readers, besides myself, who suffer from the aforementioned allergies and any and all other ailments and ills will find a primer to alternative medicine in this issue of Just Out. Entertainment Editor Oriana Green vents her frustration with Western medicine and offers an overview of many nontraditional sources of comfort, cures and rehabilitation.

Please note that this article reflects one person's experiences and journey and is not intended to be an indictment of all things medical. The care and maintenance of the body and soul is a complex task chock full of beliefs and directions and options and choices.

We are fortunate that our extended community family contains so many skilled and trained providers and healers who understand that unique part of all of us—you know, the part that makes the fake smile on your primary care physician's face just a little bit fakier. So I invite you to read and learn about these valuable resources available to us.

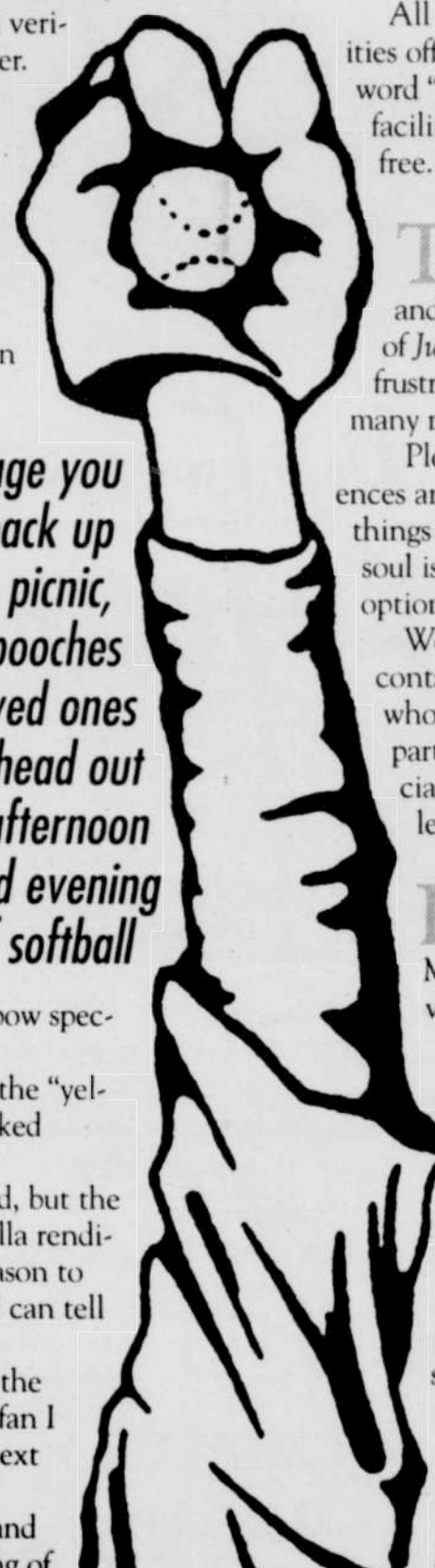
Finally, a reminder that your ballots for Multnomah County chair and District 1 commissioner are due May 15. In the last issue I mentioned the importance of voting and asserted that no election is ever insignificant.

The truth of this certainly is coming to light with the recent words and actions of Portland Public Schools District 1 board member Derry Jackson, who wants to repeal the ban on military recruiters. He recently was elected to the board, and his term just is starting.

We will be keeping tabs on him, and we will remember his stance come time for re-election. It's admittedly easy to shrug off school board elections; many if not most of us don't have kids in school and shortsightedly overlook the significance of what happens in schools today. In actuality, all of us stand to be affected by decisions of this and other school boards.

Derry Jackson, shame on us for not paying more attention to you prior to your election. But guess what? It won't happen again. 

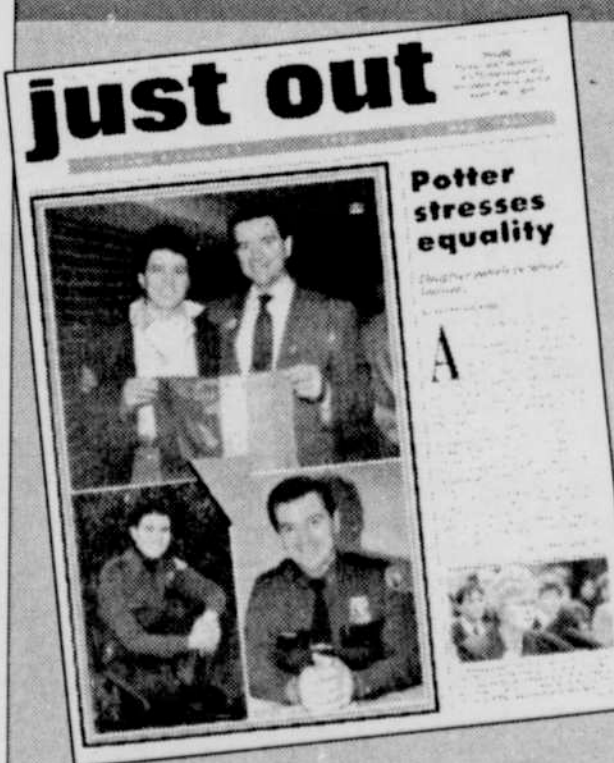
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REFLECTIONS

10 years ago in just out...

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• Hart's Movie Arcade at 330 S.W. Third Ave. was bombed soon after opening in April. Owners Lynn Gillis and Dillard Hart said after the bombing, "Our arcade is designed to please the gay community, [and] we think this is the reason we were assaulted."

• Radical Activist Truth Squad (RATS) joined forces with Queer Nation, the Lesbian Community Project and the Portland State University Women's Union to protest Moonie Richard Cohen in his rampage against gays and lesbians April 10. Although he claimed to be on an apolitical mission to recruit gays into heterosexuality, he was strongly suspected to be working with the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

• A Portland lesbian eco-preneur saw herself more as a role model and educator than a businesswoman. Cheryl Welch was the owner and founder of Peacetre Recycled Paper, which grew out of her commitment to ecology.

• The Lesbian Chorus of Eugene presented a Mother's Day concert May 12 at the Hult Center. This was Soromundi's first full-length performance.

• The indefatigable Carol Steinel presented Mothers of God in a live performance and recording session May 10.

• triangle productions! dedicated the production of *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom* to the memory of Jerry Leith, a founding member of the troupe and a major director and actor in the Portland theater scene for more than 20 years.

• Portland author Mary Ann Humphrey's forced resignation from the U.S. Army Reserve was the catalyst for writing *My Country, My Right to Serve*, an oral history of 42 gays in the military. The book included the late Jay Brown, co-publisher and editor of Just Out.

• Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts led off testimony at the hearing for Senate Bill 708, which would bar discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. It passed through committee by a 3-1 margin. The Senate was expected to approve the bill the first week of May.

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