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beginning of his career and at every step along the way, Gov. Kulongoski has used the power and influence of his positions to advocate for GLBT equality and defend against anti-gay attacks."

BRO clarified this is not an endorsement against Kulongoski's Independent opponent, state Sen. Ben Westlund of Tumalo, an architect of last session's failed anti-discrimination and civil marriage bill, Senate Bill 1000.

"The biggest issue in the upcoming election is if we'll have a governor in office who will sign or a governor who will veto [anti-discrimination legislation], and at this point, the threat of Ron Saxton as governor is so great to the GLBT community that we must ensure that the governor be re-elected," said Rebekah Kassell, spokeswoman for BRO. She gave insight into the organization's strategy when she added, "It's absolutely about making sure that Ron Saxton doesn't get elected."

That sentiment was echoed by Dixon: "Gov. Kulongoski's Republican opponent, Ron Saxton, has vowed to veto any pro-equality legislation. A vote for any candidate other than Ted Kulongoski would ensure a Saxton victory [and] set back the movement for GLBT equality for years to come."

Westlund's camp, however, calls this tactic "a vote for fear."

"There are those who will tell you that you must be more mobilized by your fear, but Ben Westlund is a vote for hope. That's why one of our campaign slogans is 'Vote your hope, not your fear,'" said Stacy Dycus, spokeswoman for Westlund.

Pride Continues

If you haven't had your fill of rainbow-colored festivities, there are still a few Pride events to hit.

The second annual North Portland Pride is from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 13 at University Park United Methodist Church, 4775 N. Lombard St. Festivities include a picnic, speakers, music and vendors.

Capitol Pride organizers encourage those in the Willamette Valley to celebrate from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 29 at Cascades Gateway Park, 2100 Turner Road S.E. in Salem. Speakers and live performances will entertain.

Eugene/Springfield Pride is from noon to 8 p.m. Aug. 12 at Alton Baker Park, east of the Ferry Street Bridge on the north bank of the Willamette River in Eugene. Festivities include music, food, craft and merchant booths, a beer garden and a bachelor and bachelorette auction.

For more information visit www.upumc.net for NoPo Pride, www.capitolpride.org for events in Salem and www.eugenepride.org for events in Eugene.

LCP Tournament Under Way

The Lesbian Community Project's 21st annual Player's Choice softball tournament will be held Aug. 4 to 6 in Brush Prairie, Wash. Come join the hundreds of women playing, and their friends, watching softball and building community in this 36-team, family-friendly event.

It is the largest women's softball tournament in the United States, according to tournament director Nancy Zimmer. Four teams have been added to the roster this year because of the popularity of the event.



Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski scored a dual endorsement from HRC and BRO.

From 6 p.m. until dark Aug. 4, nine groups of four teams will play three games in a round-robin format. From 7:30 a.m. until dark Aug. 5, the tournament will switch to a modified double-elimination format, consisting of four divisions. The four divisions will compete from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Aug. 6, then first, second, third and MVP trophies will be awarded.

Don't miss the popular Home Run Derby on the evening of Aug. 4. This event features the tournament's best hitters competing for prizes by hitting as many fly balls as possible to a designated area located in the outfield.

In addition to featuring the best women's softball teams the Pacific Northwest has to offer, the tournament features entertainment and souvenir

booths. DJ Crystal will be spinning dance hits Aug. 4, and there will be a raffle with more than \$1,000 worth of gifts and prizes to win. All of the proceeds from the tournament benefit LCP. Bring the kids, sunscreen and a cooler and support a great cause—but leave your dogs at home!

LCP would like to thank the 40-plus volunteers, in particular the Rose City Softball Association men's teams, for their hard work in making this event a continued success. Prairie Field is located approximately 22 miles from downtown Portland at 14500 N.E. 137th Ave. For more information visit www.lesbiancommunityproject.org. 10

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