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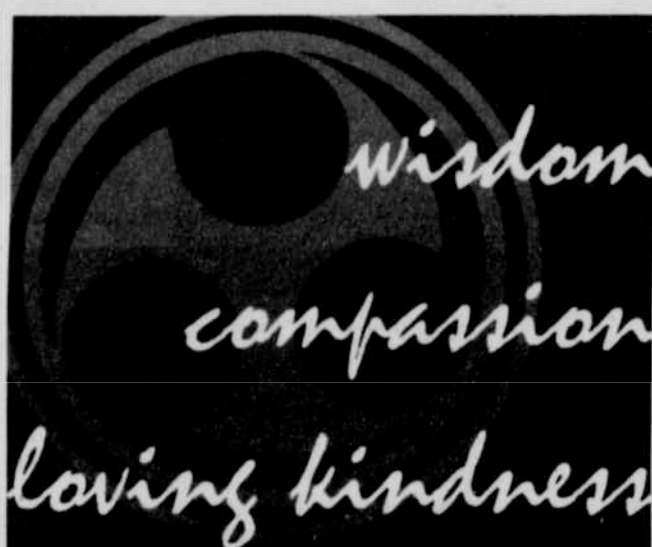
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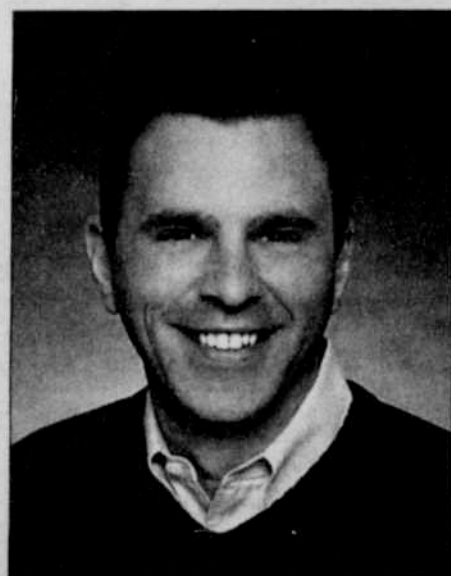
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NORTHWEST BRIEFS



The NetRippers were kickin' it in the recent Pride Northwest Parade in Portland, building awareness of their club and upcoming tournament events.

NetRippers Hosting Soccer Tournament This Weekend

Portland's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and trans soccer club, NetRippers F.C., will host its second annual co-ed soccer tournament on Saturday, July 4 at Fernhill Park in Northeast Portland (NE 37th and Ainsworth).

The entire weekend will be packed with NetRippers F.C. soccer events too. The tournament begins at noon on Saturday, and participants are urged to arrive early to sign up and warm up for the grass-field battle. Board member Virginia Thompson encourages those interested in playing to arrive as late as Saturday to sign-up as sub-in players for any team. Players from as far as Vancouver, B.C. and Seattle, WA, have signed up for the tournament, and Thompson says the registered players consist of 25 percent female participants.

"We encourage everyone to come out and watch," says Thompson. "It's not a hyper-competitive tournament, and it's all-inclusive."

Following the tournament, a post-tournament celebration will be hosted by Boxxes (1035 SW Stark St.), which will be open exclusively to tournament participants and supporters. There will also be a farewell brunch on Sunday, starting at 11:00 a.m. at an as-of-yet-disclosed location.

The tournament cost is free for any visitors from outside the Portland Metro Area. NetRippers Members who have paid membership dues for 2009 are also admitted at no cost, while Portland Metro Non-Members wishing to play in the tournament will be charged \$15. Brunch is the only event that NetRippers F.C. anticipates that everyone will need to pay for themselves.

Additionally, Thompson hopes people who are interested in soccer and the club will join the team on Saturdays at the YMCA at 2831 SW Barbur Blvd.

For further information on the tournament, and to sign up, please visit www.netrippers.org/SignUp2009.html.

Rose City Softball On for Weekend Action Despite Legal Self-Inspection

A June 27 meeting was held at the Jupiter Hotel Dreambox for the Rose City Softball Association to review the legal options pertaining to whether or not the league is in compliance with Oregon's Public Accommodation law, particularly as with the expanded definition of sexual orientation provided in Senate Bill 2 in 2007.

The RCSA recently eliminated the 2 heterosexual limitation rule in the RCSA's Open Division, which stated that only two heterosexual participants be allowed per team. The RCSA is Oregon's largest gay sports organization, whose primary focus is on slow-pitch softball, for all persons, with a special emphasis on the gay and lesbian communities.

RCSA Open Commissioner Jake Packer, and manager/coach of the team "Thundercats" and Committee Chair for this issue, as nominated by the Open Division Managers group Adrian Roberts, both reported that the meeting was largely a preliminary affair, with details on any course of action being deferred to a later date once all discussion and legal counsel is reviewed.

"The logical first step is analyzing the legal aspect and determine whether the RCSA must comply with SB2," said Roberts. "The outcome of that investigation will either negate any future discussion about hetero player limits by determining it to be illegal discrimination, or provide the opportunity to discuss whether such a limit should be allowed/desired, should it be determined that the RCSA does not fall under the umbrella of SB2."

While this situation develops, the RCSA is continuing with some weekend softball action.

On Friday, July 3, RCSA is hosting the Broke Bat Home Run Derby and Shootout at Buckman Field (NE Glisan and 16th) from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Softball players from all over the west will vie to be home run king (or

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