

### Other NW News in Brief

The **Rose City Softball Association** hosts its Fall Ball 2009 event Sunday, September 13–October 4 at Hillsboro's Gordon Faber Sports Complex (4400 NE 229th Ave.). The event starts at noon September 13, combining all levels of women's and open division. Sign up is required by August 30. \$25 per person includes a team t-shirt. Visit [www.rosecitysoftball.org](http://www.rosecitysoftball.org) for information....

At its August luncheon, the **Portland Area Business Association (PABA)** announced the recipients of its 2009 LGBTQ Scholarships for the coming school year. Briahna Jarcho, Sami Jarrah, Christopher Wilson and Michael Tofte, each of whom identify as gay, lesbian, bi or trans or are children of gay, lesbian, bi or trans individuals, will receive scholarships ranging between \$750 and \$1,500. Winners were selected based on academic achievement, involvement with the community, demonstrated financial need and the potential to excel in their chosen fields....

The **Portland Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence** will celebrate their fourth anniversary August 21–23. Saturday, August 22's "Paank!" event at Red Cap Garage (1035 SW Stark) will include perfor-



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mances, contests for "Best Rack" and "Best Basket," and the announcement of their First Annual Grant Awards. The anniversary weekend also includes a Guerilla Gay Bar Bus and a post-Paank! Decompression cocktail party. For more information, visit [www.portlandsisters.net](http://www.portlandsisters.net)....

According to a recently published **University of Oregon Study**, appearing in the August issue of *Violence Against Women*, 94 percent of respondents—most of them

identifying as "LGBTQ" in Eugene-Springfield—think sexual violence is a problem, but just 72 percent feel it is in their community. Additionally, 87 percent said that sexual violence prevention and awareness tailored to the gay, lesbian, bi and trans community is needed, with more than 60 percent believing local agencies and law enforcement are ill equipped. "The take-home message was that sexual violence is real and complicated for members of the LGBTQ community," said lead author and professor Jeffrey L. Todahl.

The study was part of a larger project funded by the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force. Further details can be found at [www.rde.me/ASV](http://www.rde.me/ASV)....

**Capitol Pride 2009**, themed "Stonewall 40: Back to the Basics" takes place 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday, August 22 at Cascades Gateway Park, 2100 Turner Road SE in Salem. Visit [www.capitolpride.org](http://www.capitolpride.org) for details....

The **ACLU of Oregon, Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette and Q Center** are teaming up for an afternoon of entertainment and information. From 2–5 p.m. Sunday, August 30, the three organizations host "A Very Civil Sunday" community event at Q Center (4115 N. Mississippi Ave.), complete with music, food, trivia and more. Admission is \$5 and includes a drink ticket. Visit [www.aclu-or.org/civilsunday](http://www.aclu-or.org/civilsunday)....

**Basic Rights Oregon** has announced a new, political group of young gay, lesbian, bi and trans leaders and allies in the metro area committed to social justice and the fight for GLBT rights. QPower describes itself as "queer Portlanders organizing and working for equal rights." A new YouTube video series declares the importance of "Coming Out" as a personal and political event. Head to [www.youtube.com/user/pdxqpower](http://www.youtube.com/user/pdxqpower) for more information...

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**Atlantis All Gay 2010 Schedule**

- Jan. 17–24: Atlantis Caribbean Cruise RCL's "Liberty o' Seas" R-T from Miami, visits Labade, Grand Cayman, Cozumel
- March 7–14: Atlantis Caribbean Celebrity's "Solstice" R-T from Ft. Lauderdale St. Barts, St. Thomas, Dom. Rep
- March 20–30: Shanghai to Hong Kong!
- Mar. 30 – Apr. 9: Hong Kong to Singapore!

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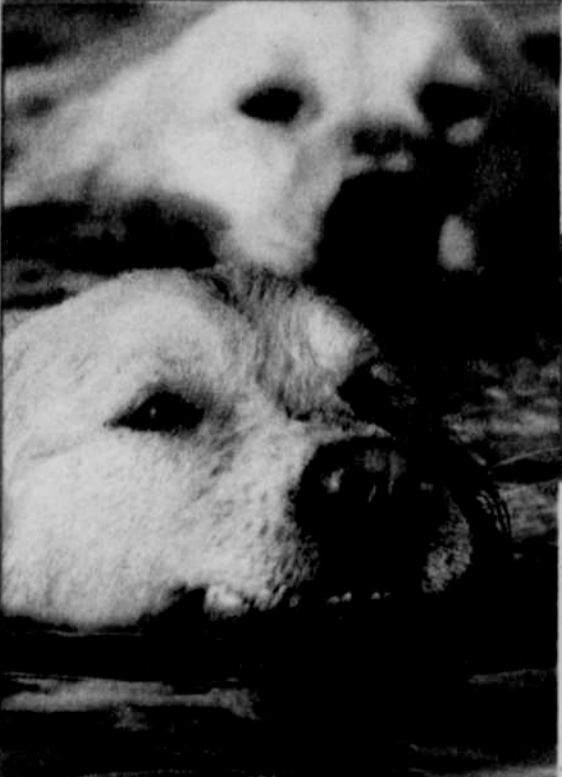
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