



Timbers and Sounders ax rivalry, promote peace

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In an unprecedented press release taking MLS by storm, the Portland Timbers and Seattle Sounders have announced an end to their legendary rivalry, looking to lead by example in a new era of cooperation.

"This has been a long time coming, and has been in the works for over a year," said a Timbers Army representative.

It all began when West Hills socialite Geneva McMervin found her daughter in tears last spring. "She had been dating a nice young man from Seattle, and to celebrate their engagement they decided to go to a match together. When they met up, he was wearing an ECS (Emerald City Supporters) scarf and had a space needle painted on his face.

"He took one look at her No Pity scarf and shouted 'RCTID? RCT-YOU-D!' -and that was it. She threw her ring on the pitch and marched off to the 107," said McMervin. Observers say it's lucky she didn't bring her axe that day.

It was then that Mrs. McMervin reached out to key individuals within the Timbers Army and ECS, who, though skeptical at first, drafted a negotiation that was eventually signed by the two previously-warring teams.

"It's good for everybody, especially business," says McMervin. "The biggest barrier to the Seattle-Portland migration has been this darn rivalry. It's ripped families, even communities, apart."

The clubs began careful negotiations late last year.

As a show of good faith, the Timbers agreed to transfer Kenny Cooper.

"It proved they were serious," says a spokesperson from the Sounders.

In exchange, Microsoft disabled the experimental Kinect-based anti-goal technology employed against Kalif Alhassan last season. To apologize for any inconvenience, XBOX will make Alhassan the star of Cascadia 720, the new 4-D footy game due out in exactly one year. CenturyLink has also agreed to stop throttling Portlanders' internet.

The Portland Food Cart Alliance lauded this decision as well. "People had started making t-shirts (referring to the KFC - Kenny F***'in Cooper - shirts seen all over Portland last year) and it was clear he had to go...he was opening up Portland to fast food. People who didn't get it started tweeting about fried chicken and we got worried."

"The final agreement is good for both sides," say Timbers coach John Spencer and Sounders coach Sigi Schmid in their joint statement released this morning.

"Our new Cultural Exchange Program will help both teams a great deal while going a long way towards cultivating regional harmony."

Most notably, the Timbers will teach the Sounders how to play in the rain, and the Sounders will mentor the Timbers in hairstyling, dressing for visibility, and the latest diving techniques.

Vancouver could not be reached for comment.

So-called 'birth 'em now, sort 'em out later' bill passes in Virginia

The Virginia State Senate voted yesterday to approve legislation that will require suspected fathers to be present in the lives of their fetuses regardless of legitimacy. The bill now moves to the House of Representatives for approval.

The bill's provisions include a clause that will require expectant, unmarried mothers to report the name of their baby's father to the Virginia Secretary of State by the end of their first trimester.

The Secretary of State will then require the fathers to pay for any medical care accrued during the pregnancy. The goal of the bill is to control the lives of mothers throughout Virginia.

In cases where there may be more than one so-called father of the expectant child, the unwed mother must report names of all potential fathers.

The office of Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell has lauded the bills efforts to crack down on medical fraud, saying women, especially unmarried women couldn't be trusted.

"This bill is a progressive step forward in our constant battle against fraud and unwed motherhood," said a representative from the governor's office.

"True American parenthood requires a mothers emotional love and support and a father's financial support.

It's our Constitutional responsibility to make sure all Americans, especially Southerners are born into a world where the state controls families, especially poor liberal ones."

On the heels of Virginia's controversial ultra-sound abortion bill signed into law earlier this month, the parental fetal requirements bill will require parents to step into their role in birth. The bill focuses entirely on fetal rights and includes no provisions to help the baby once it is born. Without insurance, the child will probably lack access to affordable health care, decent public schools and quality of life.

PUZZLES

By Cole Merkel

Answers are nowhere to be found

Crossword

- Across**
- Queens and aces, for a few
 - "Carmina Burana" composer
 - ___-bodied
 - The more common name of King's College, Oxford
 - Don
 - Highway
 - Portland's waterway
 - Kind of bean
 - Slobber
 - Granola grain
 - Grimm beginning
 - Glorify
 - Command
 - Bad day for Caesar
 - Unfilled space in container or liquid
 - Stand
 - Jewish "mother tongue"
 - Take
 - Take out the carbon, in auto manufacturing
 - with legs spanning
 - The upper governing bodies in Canada and the US
 - Originator of the bacon maple bar and mango tango
 - US Forest Service weather monitors
 - Shoelace tip
 - Cay
 - Twofold
 - Young newt
 - Mythological "Upper Sky"
 - Epiphany figures
 - Ship-steering room
 - "Terrible" czar
 - Decorated, as a cake
 - Discharge
 - Orange powder the astronauts drank
 - Bird nostril
 - Lightened (up)

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- Down**
- Intimidates
 - "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
 - Brook
 - Kosher ___
 - Drudge
 - "I ___ you one"
 - Make minor changes
 - Injury imminently approaching death
 - Guitar part
 - Obama's limousine, for one
 - Tied
 - Spear
 - Garden tool

- Red, Blue, Green and Yellow lines
- Wine cask
- "Edgar & Ellen" children's series writer
- Hip bones
- Animal shelters
- Genuine, in German or Dutch
- Tailor in "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
- Right-hand person
- "Four Quartets" poet
- Overhaul
- Infinitesimal amount
- Misrepresent
- Pianist Myra
- Skyscraper, e.g.
- Light source
- Horse handler
- ___ one
- Tropical fruit
- Northern Ireland river
- "Dig in!"
- Little laugh
- "Beowulf," or "The Iliad"
- Forum or Frat wear
- Shades
- Latin I word
- No longer working: Abbr.
- Poetic tribute

Wordsearch

E	X	I	N	X	K	E	L	D	Q	O	Y	V
M	A	Q	F	O	O	L	S	A	W	N	C	A
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- Vociferous
- Hegemonic
- Clarification
- Dissemination
- Diaspora
- Histrionic
- Imperial
- Isometric
- Maladroit
- Unequivocal
- Pontificate
- Paradigmatic
- Dichotomy

- Anarcho-Communist
- Proselytize
- Antediluvian
- Apocryphal
- Proclivity
- Distillation
- Synthesis
- Alacrity
- Pusillanimous
- Apothegmatic
- Byzantine