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Timbers set to return to the North Coast

The Daily Astorian

The North Coast is back on the “Rose City Road Trip” list, the Portland Timbers’ annual tour of community events and youth soccer clinics throughout the Pacific Northwest.

This year’s trip includes stops in Seaside, Warrenton and Astoria, as the Timbers return to the area as part of the sixth-annual event, presented by Providence Health & Services.

Beginning Aug. 15, Timbers’ midfielder Darlington Nagbe, midfielder/defender Lawrence Olum, defender Roy Miller and team mascot Timber Joey will begin the day with a visit to Providence Seaside Hospital from 9-10 a.m., spending time with patients before heading to Warrenton Grade School from 10:30 a.m. to

noon to help install “buddy benches,” a project invented by 10-year-old Christian Bucks, that gives children a safe, nonjudgmental place to retreat.

The day continues with a youth soccer clinic led by the Timbers youth development staff (which includes Seaside High graduate Kai Davidson) for children ages 5-13.

The clinic is scheduled for 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Warrenton Soccer Complex on Ridge Road in Hammond. Free and open to the public, the clinic will feature a training session, along with autograph and Q&A sessions. Participants must preregister online at www.timbers.com/rosecityroadtrip.

“We are excited to welcome the Timbers’ Rose City Road Trip to the North Coast to help us promote

healthy activities for kids in our communities,” said Kendall Sawa, RN, chief executive, at Providence Seaside Hospital.

“We have been partnering with Way to Wellville Clatsop and other organizations to fight childhood obesity in our county. Getting kids involved in sports and other physical activities is key to promoting healthy habits for a lifetime,” said Dominique Greco, a physician who practices family medicine at Providence Medical Group-Seaside and a volunteer soccer coach.

Closing out the visit, players and Timber Joey will join fans at Astoria’s Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St., for a Q&A, raffle, autographs and pictures from 4:30-6:30 p.m., before returning to Portland.



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Portland Timbers’ mascot Timber Joey talks to fans at Astoria High School in the Timbers’ last visit to the North Coast in January 2013.

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Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Jamboree kicks off rec season

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The Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Jamboree is scheduled for Saturday at the Warrenton Soccer Complex.

The jamboree (9:30 a.m. to noon) is the kick-off of the recreational season at the complex on Ridge Road in Hammond.

Players are divided up by age, and play short, small-sided games.

For more information, visit lecasoccer.com, or contact Tyler Gagnon at tgagnon18@astoria-riak12.org, or call 503-325-7246.

No fireworks in LA, as city appears likely Olympic winner

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — There was no parade. No reports of delirious fans honking horns or dancing in the streets. No spontaneous flag-waving.

Los Angeles was all but guaranteed to be awarded a future Olympic Games on Tuesday, most likely in 2028, but the public reaction in the sports-crazed city was, well, subdued.

The privately run committee behind LA’s Olympic bid has organized dozens of flashy, celebrity-studded events to showcase public support for making Los Angeles a three-time Olympic city, after hosting the 1932 and 1984 Games.

But there were no fireworks Tuesday after the International Olympic Committee, meeting in Switzerland, voted unanimously to seek a deal to award the 2024 and 2028 Games, one to each city. Paris is widely seen as the favorite for 2024, with Los Angeles getting the runner-up prize, 2028.

“Big step forward but more work to do,” Jeff Millman, a spokesman for the group, said in an email after being asked about the absence of a public event to mark the occasion.



AP Photo/Lynne Sladky

American League’s Seattle Mariners Robinson Cano (22), rounds the bases chewing gum after hitting a home run in the 10th inning, during the MLB baseball All-Star Game on Tuesday in Miami. The American League beat the National League 2-1.

Cano 10th-inning homer gives AL 2-1 All-Star win

By **RONALD BLUM**
Associated Press

MIAMI — Robinson Cano hugged Francisco Lindor after the final out, exchanged high-fives with his American League teammates and put an arm around the shoulder of designated hitter/photographer Nelson Cruz.

Winning the All-Star Game still seemed to matter, even if it didn’t mean World Series home field.

Cano homered off Cubs closer Wade Davis leading off the 10th inning and the AL beat the National League 2-1 Tuesday night for its fifth straight victory in a game dominated by this era’s flame-throwers, rather than its standout sluggers.

At 34, the Seattle second baseman was among the oldest players in an event built around so many of the sport’s new, young stars, and he was added to the roster only Friday as an injury replacement. At that time, he didn’t realize baseball players and owners had scrapped the rule giving home-field advantage in the Fall Classic to the league that wins the Midsummer Classic.

“When I found out, I said, I might get an at-bat,” Cano recalled.

Cano earned the MVP honor with his one clutch swing. He sent a hanging curve off the back wall of the right-field bullpen, then blew



AP Photo/Lynne Sladky

American League’s Seattle Mariners Robinson Cano (22), lifts the MLB All-Star MVP trophy on Tuesday in Miami. Cano hit the game winning home run in the tenth inning. The American League defeated the National League 2-1.

a bubble with his gum when rounding the bases.

He remembered telling his dad: “I’m not picked — like the last one. If I play, it’s great,” he said.

Cano hip-bumped Cruz on the way back the dugout, then was joined by jumping, hop-

ping and high-fiving teammates on the bench. For good measure, they doused Cano with sunflower seeds and fanned him with towels.

Craig Kimbrel wiggled out of a jam in the ninth and right fielder Justin Upton made a lunging catch in the 10th to help the AL. And for the first time since 1964, the rivalry is back to all even — 43 wins apiece with two ties, and each side has scored exactly 361 runs.

Cleveland closer Andrew Miller finished off the win. Manager Brad Mills, taking over the AL squad because Indians skipper Terry Francona was recovering from a heart procedure last week, was thrilled.

“The last thing we wanted to do was get pitchers in that shouldn’t probably be in the game, and risk an injury or something,” Mills said.

Cano’s homer came exactly 50 years after the previous All-Star extra-inning homer, when Tony Perez hit a tiebreaking 15th-inning shot off Catfish Hunter in the NL’s 2-1 win at Anaheim, California. Perez, now a Marlins executive, was among eight Latin-born Hall of Famers who threw out ceremonial first pitches.

Miguel Sano put the AL ahead in the fifth with a bloop RBI single down the right-field line against Alex Wood. Yadier Molina tied it in the sixth with a home run off Ervin Santana and two days before his 35th birthday became the oldest catcher with an All-Star long ball.



AP Photo/Hasan Jamali

A girl shoots baskets during team practice at a private sports club in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, in 2014.

Saudis to allow girls to play sports in public schools

By **AYA BATRAWY**
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia said Tuesday that it will grant girls in public schools access to physical education, a decision that comes after years of calls by women across the kingdom demanding greater rights and access to sports.

The Education Ministry said it will introduce the physical education classes “gradually” and “in accordance with (Islamic) Shariah regulations.”

At least one Saudi activist took to Twitter question-

ing whether this implied that girls will be required to seek the permission of their male guardians, such as a father, before they can play sports. It was also unclear if the classes would be extracurricular or mandatory.

The decision to allow girls to play sports in public schools is significant in Saudi Arabia because women taking part in exercise is still seen as a taboo. Some of the kingdom’s ultra-conservatives shun the concept of women’s exercise as “immodest” and say it blurs gender lines.

It was only four years ago

that the kingdom formally approved sports for girls in private schools. Women first participated in Saudi Arabia’s Olympic team during the 2012 London games.

Despite incremental openings for Saudi women, tight restrictions remain in place. Women are banned from driving and must seek the permission of a male guardian to travel abroad or obtain a passport. Restrictive male guardianship rules give men, usually the father or husband, huge sway over a woman’s life in Saudi Arabia.

The move to grant girls

access to sports comes after years of campaigning by women’s rights activists, who have led calls to end male guardianship rules and lift the ban on women driving.

Outside of a few upscale gated compounds where foreigners live and select neighborhoods, women do not jog or exercise in public spaces, and they are banned from attending sporting matches in the country’s male-only stadiums.

Women in Saudi Arabia must wear loose flowing robes known as “abayas” in public, and most also cover their hair and face with black veils.