## Bridgetown Realty really worked for us

To the Editor:

We needed to sell our house at the first of the year. Of course, being independent "I-can-doit-myself" women, we started out trying to find a buyer, but soon realized it would take more time than either of us had. So, feeling defeated, we listed it with Bridgetown Realty. They immediately had open houses, listed it with Mutliple Listing, and all the other stuff that realtors do. And in a little over a month, our house was sold and at a price that covered their fee, so we ended up with what we wanted anyway.

On the way to work this morning, after signing all the final papers, I had such a great feeling, knowing that the house was sold at a good price, but mostly that our entire dealings had been handled in such a professional way. I knew that our realtor, Deborah Betron in this case, was paying attention to all the details, and that she was looking after our best interests at every step in the process. I couldn't be more pleased with how this transaction was handled.

My point is that we do have very professional people in many fields in our community doctors, lawyers, travel agents, florists,

dentists, auto mechanics, etc. Use them! Look in the classifieds of Just Out when you need a new service. Support gay and lesbian businesses whenever you can. And gay and lesbian business people: COME OUT! Let us know who and where you are. Our community will be stronger for us all.

And thank you, Deborah, for doing such a great job for us!

Jesse Jordan and Smokey Satterlee Portland

## Civil disobedience

To the Editor:

I am one of the "Burnside 18," and also one of the "Minus 2." I pleaded guilty to the charge of "improper placement on highway," not because I was going out of town (an erroneous assumption voiced by Emilie Simon at the trial of the other 16 protesters), but because I felt that to plead otherwise would be to detract from the credibility of the statement I made by blocking the Burnside Bridge.

When I appeared in court, I explained to the judge that, although the other 16 protesters had chosen to plead "not guilty," I had chosen to

plead "guilty" for the above-stated reason. He asked why I had been "improperly placed" on Burnside, and I explained that I had been involved in civil disobedience to protest the passage of Ballot Measure 8. He recalled the incident. He then graciously accepted my plea of "guilty," and in deference to my "concerns in the matter," he dismissed the charges.

In my understanding, civil disobedience is an act of willfully breaking a law to call attention to an injustice. The passage of Ballot Measure 8 was an injustice. We blocked the Burnside Bridge to call attention to this injustice. I felt it necessary to plead "guilty" in order to maintain the significance of my action. To plead "not guilty" would be to miss the point of the civil disobedience. To be unwilling to accept the consequences of a willingly chosen action is to make that action inconsequential.

Clinton de Longpre Portland

### Letters of thanks

Dear Friends:

Thank you for all the love, support, and money I received while I was healing from breast cancer. Our community means a lot to me and the offers of support that I received prove

that we can take care of our own. Let's not allow this spirit of caring to die.

Maureen Carrsyn Portland

Members of the Liberal Community:

I want to thank all the members of the community who showed support for Joe Griffen's demonstration at TRI-MET on Thursday, February 23, 1989.

I encourage you to contact the TRI-MET General Manager at 238-4832 and to let him know how you feel regarding this issue.

Bernard N. Merrill Portland

#### Welcome!

Marla M. Montgomery and Pamela A. Baher proudly announce the birth of their daughter Meryl Marie Montgomery on March 18. The infant weighed eight pounds, six ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. Attending the birth were midwife Kristy Severson, siblings Morgan Montgomery, Casey and Courtney Harrington, and family friends Katie Keller and Denae Steele.

Susan



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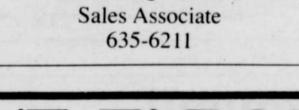
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