

just out

The IN publication for the OUT population

Vol. 15 No. 7 February 6, 1998

FEATURE

LOCAL COLOR: To celebrate Black History Month we talk with six vibrant Portlanders who are building bridges across multiple cultural gaps
p 17

DEPARTMENTS

WORLD NEWS • French member of parliament comes out as gay
p 4

NATIONAL NEWS • Keith Boykin leaves the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum; federal judge rules the Navy went too far in McVeigh case
pp 5-8

LOCAL NEWS • Portland City Council tries to heal an ailing ordinance; the OCA is back with two new ballot initiatives
pp 10-15

COLUMNS

STONEWALL BABY • Where would we be without the straight people who raised us?
p 28

AMAZON TRAIL • Growing older: slowing down feels really good
p 30

ARTS

CINEMA • Rupert Kinnard's Top 10 movies of 1997; sickness and healing at Cinema 21
pp 25-28

THEATER • *As You Like It* is pure magic
p 27

ENTERTAINMENT • Images of the Gullah culture of the Southeastern United States are on display at IFCC
p 28

just out is published on the first and third Friday of each month. Copyright © 1998 by **just out**. No part of **just out** may be reproduced without written permission from the publisher.

The submission of written and graphic materials is welcomed. Written material should be typed and double-spaced. **just out** reserves the right to edit for grammar, punctuation, style, liability concerns and length. We will reject or edit articles or advertisements that are offensive, demeaning or may result in legal action.

Letters to the editor should be limited to 500 words. Deadline for submissions to the editorial department and for the Calendar is the Thursday before the first and third Friday for the next issue. Views expressed in letters to the editor, columns and features are not necessarily those of the publisher.

The display advertising deadline is the Monday after the first and third Friday for the next issue.

Classified ads must be received at the **just out** office by 3 pm the Monday after the first and third Friday for the next issue, along with payment. Ads may be accepted by telephone with VISA or MasterCard payment.

Ad policy: No sexually exploitative advertising will be accepted. Compensation for errors in, or cancellation of, advertising will be made with credit toward future advertising.

Subscriptions are \$17.50 for 12 issues. First Class (in an envelope) is \$30 for 12 issues.

A copy of **just out** is available for \$2. Advertising rates are available upon request.

Contact **just out** at PO Box 14400, Portland, OR 97293-0400; (503) 236-1252, advertising: 236-1253, fax: 236-1257; e-mail: justout@justout.com.



PHOTO BY LINDA KLIEWER

Stalwart voters unite

It's the political season opener, and neither Clinton nor Lewinsky can ruin it for us

EDITORIAL

By RENÉE LACHANCE

It's an election year, and the winds of politics have blown cold these past few weeks. A special election to fill two Multnomah County Commissioner seats should thaw the cockles of political junkies' hearts, though, and give voters a unique opportunity to place both a lesbian and a gay man in county government.

DISTRICT 1, which covers Northwest, Southwest and inner Southeast Portland, has three worthy candidates throwing their hats into its ring: George Eighmey, Joseph Tam and Diane Linn.

George Eighmey has served us well as an Oregon state representative for three terms. He was elected to serve Oregon House District 14 when Beverly Stein vacated her seat to run for Multnomah County Chair in 1994. Some of Eighmey's goals as county commissioner would be to focus existing county programs on ending domestic violence and teenage homelessness, extending civil rights protections, and working for a more reasonable business income tax. Eighmey worked hard during the past legislative session to get the House to defeat the Defense of Marriage Act and, with Rep. Chuck Carpenter, to get the House to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (which was ultimately defeated by the state senate).

Joseph Tam was elected to the Portland Public School Board in 1995 and currently works as an investigator in the civil rights division of the state Bureau of Labor and Industries. Tam is the first Asian immigrant to hold elected office in Portland. His goals as county commissioner would be to get big business to fund education, and he would work for livable wages and housing.

Diane Linn has spent the past four years heading up Portland's Office of

Neighborhood Involvement. For three years she was director of the Oregon chapter of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League. As a county commissioner, Linn would focus on adequate funding for public schools, building strong neighborhoods and working to reduce domestic violence.

DISTRICT 3 covers mid-county, and two noteworthy candidates are vying for the seat vacated by Tanya Collier: Barbara Willer and Lisa Naito.

Barbara Willer has volunteered in her community for the past 20 years. She is a longtime advocate for affordable housing, and helped found two community development corporations that provide rental housing for low and moderate income people, REACH and Housing our Families. Currently she works for Multnomah County in the Department of Community and Family Services. This is Willer's first foray into electoral politics.

Lisa Naito was first elected to represent Oregon House District 15 in 1991. In 1996 she ran for Metro Council and won. She would give up her seat there if elected to the Multnomah County Commission.

GEORGE EIGHMEY and BARBARA WILLER garner *Just Out's* endorsement. Multnomah County's sexual minority community cannot go wrong with any of these candidates, but it would be particularly gratifying to have two of our own at the table.

■ Ballots will be mailed out in mid-February and must be returned by Tuesday, March 10. Make sure your voter registration is in order—you don't want to miss out on any of the upcoming political season. Multnomah County Election Office: 248-3720.

PUBLISHER AND EDITOR • Renée LaChance

ASSISTANT EDITOR • Kelly M. Bryan

NEWS EDITOR • Inga Sorensen

REPORTERS • Bob Roehr, Rex Wockner

EDITORIAL ASSOCIATES • Christopher D. Cuttone, Will O'Bryan

CALENDAR EDITOR • Kristine Chatwood

CONTRIBUTORS • Patrick Collins, Lee Lynch, Flora Sussely

PHOTOGRAPHER • Linda Kliewer

ADVERTISING DIRECTOR • Meg Grace

ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE • Marty Davis

CREATIVE DIRECTOR • E. Ann Hinds

GRAPHIC DESIGN • Rupert Kinnard

PRODUCTION • Christopher D. Cuttone

OFFICE MANAGER • Will O'Bryan

OUTREACH COORDINATOR • Marty Davis

DISTRIBUTION • Kathy Bethel, Marcia Cook, James Galluzzo, Clancy Johnston, Valerie Lutz, Retta Offinga, Jeminie Shell