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COMMENTARY

BY MARTY DAVIS

From Y2K to why, oh why...

A glance back and a glimpse ahead

What a year 2000 was...a year that started with the fizzle of Y2K and the potential end of the world and ended with the YOY of George W. Bush. 2000, a year that brought civil unions to Vermont and uncivil ballot measures to Oregon. 2000, a year that brought endings to some of our famed, and perhaps undeservedly revered, celebrity couples and a sad beginning to a time of distrust, frustration and anger between the sexual minorities community and Portland Police Chief Mark Kroeker.

As we look backward at this year and forward to 2001, I ponder the notion that now is the time to make plans and take action against our enemies in the religious right. Let's consider the possibility that it is not in our best interest to sit and wait for the next ballot measure from the Oregon Citizens Alliance or others of similar ilk. Rather, let's take the positive energies of this past year and build upon them for 2001 and beyond.

What actions can we, as a united community, take to be proactive against that which is sure to be foisted upon us again and again? How do we establish and build trust with the 47 percent of our neighbors, co-workers, families and friends who voted against us on Measure 9? How do we educate, inform and build trust to the point where there's not even enough people willing to sign their wretched and perverse petitions next time?

Will we ever find total acceptance and respect from everyone in our state? No, probably not, and our goals must be reasonable and achievable, but most importantly we first must set these goals we wish to attain.

How can we work together? What can we hope to accomplish? What can you do as an individual? How do we make 2000 the year of the last Measure 9?

The start of the new year holds exciting promise for *Just Out*. We are poised for growth and have the desire, the skill and the staff to continue to bring the finest possible coverage of people, events, organizations and activities for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. This also will include focus and emphasis upon those friends and allies who work by, with and for us and are an integral part of all our lives.

Other plans for the new year include bringing in local experts in

the fields of health, finance, law, spirituality, mental and physical health, real estate and any other area where peer expertise can benefit our readers. We're working on the format for a series of monthly columns and soon will be calling for submissions.

I look forward to the first-ever *Just Out* amateur photo contest and am excited about presenting your work in a yet-to-be announced venue and format. The theme will be broad-based, so start taking those pictures now. Yes, there's bound to be a category for dogs and their lesbian moms. This contest will feature great prizes and will be an exciting opportunity to showcase local talent.

Just Out will start the new year celebrating the return of the artistic eye and touch of Rupert Kinnard; he has been away from us for a needed health rest and is now as anxious to return to us as we are to have him back. He rejoins the rest of the remarkably skilled and talented *Just Out* staff—all of whom put their hearts and souls into every issue we publish.

I wish each of you the best of the holiday season—whatever it is you celebrate, honor, revere or perhaps simply choose to ignore. May it bring you happiness and respite. And may the new year bring you growth toward being the person you wish to be. jtd

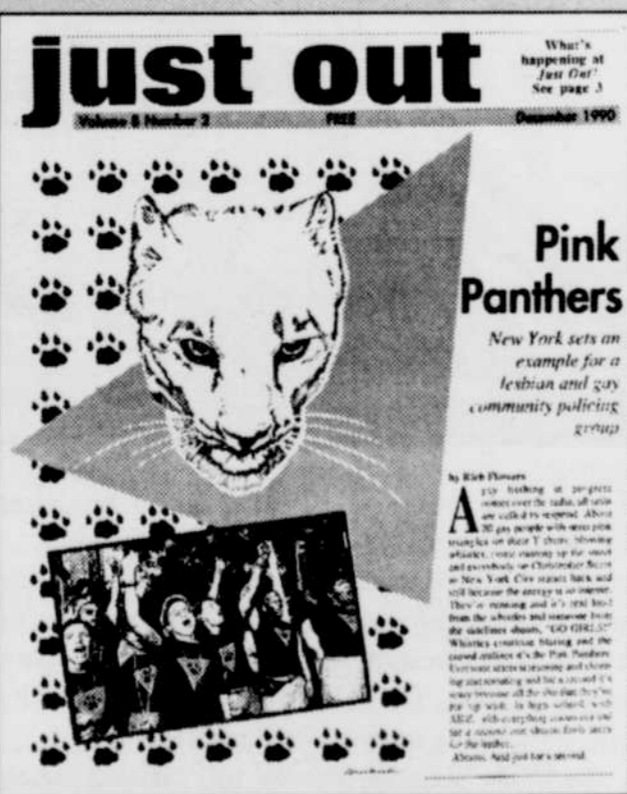
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REFLECTIONS

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• Girlfriend Productions and Powell's Books banded together to present Susie Bright, aka Susie Sexpert, speaking on "Sex in Public: Erotic Representation, Censorship and Sex in the '90s."

• New York City set an example for Pink Panthers, a lesbian and gay community policing group.

• A dispute involving *Just Out* publisher Renee LaChance, past board members and shareholders of the parent corporation Out Media Inc. arose, and a mediation session was scheduled Dec. 1 for those involved.

• Gays and lesbians suffered a sickening defeat Nov. 6 when virulently anti-gay U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., was returned to office. In Seattle, gay two-term Democratic state Rep. Calvin Anderson was re-elected.

• Two separate studies reported in the

Oct. 11 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* indicated that low doses of AZT work as well to slow HIV and cause few side effects. According to the research, people with AIDS live longer and develop fewer side effects when they take less, not more, AZT.

• George Bush betrayed the trust of millions of Southern Baptists by inviting homosexuals to the White House for a second time, a high Baptist official charged. The White House invited gay representatives to witness the president's July 26 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

• The Portland Gay Community Bowling Association geared up for its 13th season starting Jan. 6.

• Great American Youth sponsored the second annual Mr. and Ms. Gay Teenage Oregon Pageant on Dec. 16 at the City Nightclub.

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