

Speak Out

just asking U.S. Attorney Michael Mosman, the leading candidate for a U.S. District Court seat in Portland, claims he doesn't have anti-gay views. Do you believe him?

Once a bigot, always a bigot. You really think he'd rule our way if there's ever a lawsuit challenging the marriage licensing statute in this state? No, he won't. Keep him off the bench.

LONNIE WILSON
Hillsboro

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I believe Mosman when he says that he is not biased against gays, that he wants to help debunk any idea that he is and that he voted against the Oregon Citizens Alliance's measures during the past decade.

People with biases often believe they share the majority with people of the same biases. If Mosman had such a bias, he would worry about risking his base of supporters.

ROBERT TOPOLSKI
Hillsboro

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I believe he needs a chance to explain. Having some experience in the field, I understand his current position regarding what he wrote and the conditions under which he wrote it. The opinions would not really reflect his personal views.

TRACY SMITH
Battle Ground, Wash.



next issue Do you feel former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean has a shot at beating Bush in 2004, or is the United States not ready for such a progressive president? (Please see related item on Page 7.) Respond at www.justout.com. (Don't forget to include your name, city and daytime telephone number.)

Stand and deliver

TO THE EDITOR:

I sent the following to *Willamette Week*:

I can't believe people are giving Marty Davis, editor of *Just Out*, a hard time for pointing out that obesity causes serious health problems. The effect of obesity on health is now as well documented as the effects of smoking.

I'm proud that the editor of our community paper is willing to take stands on controversial issues. You're great, Marty!

KATHY OLIVER
Portland

Strip search

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to say that I tend to agree a little about Michael Wayne Keck's mention of the strippers at Silverado ["Get Your Drink On," May 2].

I was on vacation from down in southern Oregon and first went in May 2. That night I saw a couple of guys who really should not be up on stage.

Then I saw Tyler. I thought his performances were great. He really gets into the beat and uses the whole stage. I could take him home to meet my mom and tell her what he does for fun.

Another hottie that night was Max. I only got to see his last performance but was hooked after it.

I decided to return May 3 and watched all of the dancers but kept my eyes on Tyler and Max during their shows. They both received many tips from me.

I do have to compliment both guys, as they walk among the audience and thank the people, which I truly appreciate. I had a chance once or twice to chat with Tyler, and he is such a nice guy.

When I returned May 6, the first show for Tyler was a duo, which I think was a great mistake. He needs the stage to himself unless he gets to be up there with Max.

Well, there is my two cents' worth. I will return as soon as I can up to Portland and to Silverado to see Tyler and Max and the other guys perform. I did enjoy my vacation thanks to Tyler and Max.

BILL OLSON
Winston

Word for word

TO THE EDITOR:

In the May 2 issue of *Just Out*, Jamie Bolyard wrote the article titled "Dykes on Tap." In her review of the Egyptian Club and the karaoke room there was an error, hopefully out of misinformation. Austyn, the man who is the bartender in the karaoke room, is neither a her nor a she. The correct pronouns are he and him.

Respect is what we all want, and when our LGBT newspaper and one of its writers show a lack of it, it is cause for concern. I don't know whether it was an oversight or just simply failure to check the information, but I certainly think a personal and public apology would be in order.

Also, in the article by Michael Burdick he used the word "trannies" ["It's Queer, It's Here, Go to It"]. A tranny is in a car, not a person. I realize the term is popular; that does not make it right. Thanks for the soapbox to stand on.

LEIGH SPARKS
Portland

Editor's note: The writer and editors at *Just Out* were mistaken and regret the error in pronoun usage. A personal apology has been made to Austyn.



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