

notables



David Lomnicki (left, then and now) and Don Edmunds of Portland will mark their 25th anniversary Sept. 29 by traveling to San Francisco and celebrating together under the stars by the bay. They met at an American Legion Conference as high school students in the summer of 1975 and shared interests in politics, tennis and camping. When they moved into a one-room Portland State University student apartment in 1978, their friendship turned into love.

cation before being allowed into the building. Meeting in other places should bring more of the community to the meetings.

At the last meeting of the roundtable, newly appointed Assistant Chief Stan Grubbs made the statement that the bureau values the input of the roundtable, as it does the other advisory groups.

Yes, some of the meetings are not well attended by the GLBT community, and yes, some of the meetings are not very substantial and may seem boring, but in the long run, there have been many items discussed and many resolutions accomplished. That is what community policing is all about: each community working with the police to resolve issues, to work with each other for the benefit of the whole community.

Under development at this time is a Web page for the roundtable. When it is finalized, the address will be publicized.

It would be very helpful if *Just Out* had a representative at each meeting with an article in each edition of the paper about the roundtable. There needs to be more involvement by other members of the community.

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Don't throw in the towel

TO THE EDITOR:

As the Portland Police Bureau bias crime detective, I differ with the commentary Marty Davis wrote Sept. 5 in which she questioned the viability of the Sexual Minority Roundtable. As a member of the roundtable, I would agree we are not perfect but would add that we are not a waste of time nor should we be disbanded. Let me explain.

There is no other venue in which I would have made contacts who I have found valuable in my investigations. Members have assisted my efforts by referring victims to my office and giving information on investigations and have oftentimes encouraged investigations and prosecutions.

Where else would I be afforded the opportunity to associate with members of the community? Where else could I build the trust needed to investigate crimes associated with the gay community? Simply showing up to a crime scene and introducing myself as the bias crime detective doesn't cut it.

It is valuable to have contacts who can introduce me or at least vouch for the fact that I take these crimes seriously and always keep the victims' circumstances at the forefront. Through my associations at the roundtable I have had the

opportunity to address numerous groups including Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; youth organizations; and law enforcement personnel.

The roundtable does lack in certain areas. We do not have gay youth representation. Having new members of the entire community would also provide new ideas and resources.

Don't "throw in the towel." How would giving up help anyone?

I am looking forward to meeting more members of the community. Thanks, and keep up the good work.

BRIAN GROSE
Portland

Get short-eyes

TO THE EDITOR:

Victor Salva is a convicted child molester. He confessed to five felony counts of sexual relations with a 12-year-old boy whom he videotaped in sexual situations in 1988. In 1992 he was paroled after serving 15 months of a three-year sentence. This information should be provided to readers of *Just Out* so that they may decide whether they wish to support his film *Jeepers Creepers 2*.

The current review in the "What's Poppin'" guide appears to portray both the film and its director in a gay-positive way [Sept. 5]. In view of the director's history and the plotline of the film (male-monster devours boys), the review should be reconsidered.

WILLIAM S. GREGORY
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Taboo subject?

TO THE EDITOR:

Boy George has written a brand new musical, *Taboo*, that has taken London by storm, and now his best buddy, Rosie O'Donnell, is producing the New York premiere Nov. 13 at the Plymouth Theatre on Broadway.

Why haven't we heard anything of this in your magazine? After all, isn't he the biggest pop gay icon there is? "Boy George is the best role model" the gay community has now, according to *Rolling Stone* magazine.

Do us all justice and bring this to your readers' attention while you still have readers! Thank you.

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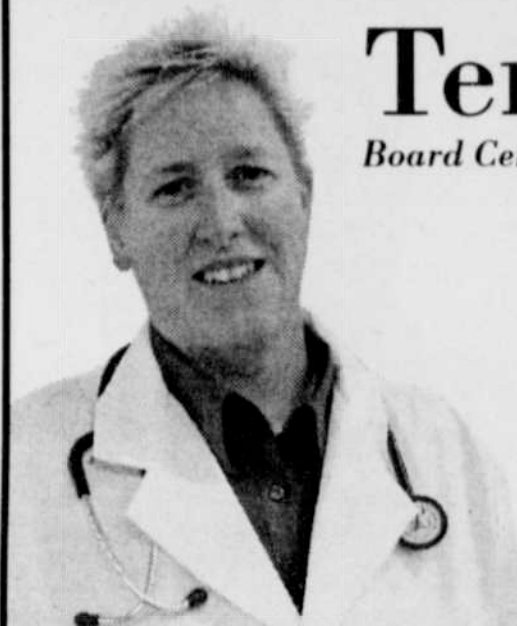
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