

notables



Mark Steering (left) and Stephen Murray (aka Periwinkle and Otter), a couple active in Portland's Radical Faerie community, drove up to Vancouver, British Columbia, to get legally married Sept. 27 at Ferguson Point in Stanley Park, on a lush green promontory jutting out over English Bay. The grooms wore black vests over black shirts with khaki and copper slacks and gold and orange boutonnieres. The ceremony was officiated by marriage commissioner Kathy Shamara and witnessed by their good friends Vicky and Laveda Gantz and Danzante Caldera.

Singer/songwriter Melissa Etheridge ("Come to My Window") married actress Tammy Lynn Michaels (*Popular*) Sept. 20 in Malibu, Calif. "We are so grateful for the blessings from our friends and family as we commence our vows and begin the rest of our lives together," they said in a joint statement. Etheridge (right), 41, will release her next album in January; Michaels, 28, will be seen in a recurring role on the Showtime drama *The L Word*. The couple share a home in Los Angeles with Etheridge's two children.



students. I am committed to education and safety for every Oregon student, and groups like GSA help make that possible.

Again I express my support for the students at The Dalles High School, their faculty mentors and the thousands of students across Oregon who deserve to find a safe place in their hallways and classrooms. They are part of what makes Oregon a great state in which to live, work and learn.

SUSAN CASTILLO
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Full disclosure

TO THE EDITOR:

Hi, Marty. I don't think you should have done anything differently at your attendance of *The Full Monty* from what you did ["Eww, Gay Men Kissing!" Sept. 19]. Besides, you are writing about it and sharing your story with the community—which is really important.

I've learned that it doesn't matter if you're at the theater, movies, book readings, dining out,

the library, commuting—you will eventually run into unsophisticated people like those you encountered at *The Full Monty* who learned that loud verbal expressions are appropriate from watching Jerry Springer reruns and by going to monster truck races and wrestling matches. Unfortunately, they no longer teach etiquette to children...some people should be told to save their commentary (good or bad) until intermission or final credits.

MICHAEL KRZESZAK
Portland

correction

The Sept. 19 article "A Peace of the World" misquoted Geoff Wren when describing foreign exchange student Alex "out with his friends beating up gays in a small town in Norway." It should have said only that he knew other high school friends who had done this, thus illustrating that Alex was aware of violence against gays in his own country. *Just Out* regrets the error.



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