

letters

Old Porky's Missed Already

TO THE EDITOR:

I can't believe the new owner is showing gay porn all the time. I can't believe how unfriendly the new bartenders are to females. (Joe is back and still nice.)

It is a disgrace to the bi and gay females, not to mention the straight people of NoPo.

EDELLA KLEIN
Portland

Identity Politics Too Narrow

TO THE EDITOR:

I've been out and involved in the GLBT community since just after Stonewall. I would hope by this time the community would have matured, but I don't see that in the approach to political endorsements that *Just Out* has taken. I am not addressing the issue of whether I agree or disagree with which candidates were endorsed. It is the narrowness of the justification of the support that concerns me.

I would hope that by now we could move beyond narrow identity politics and consider candidates in terms of their value for the larger community. To endorse a candidate simply because he or she is GLBT or has supported the cause of GLBTs seems to me to be adolescent: You are good for me, and I don't really care what your other qualifications are. It is self-serving and endangers the credibility of the GLBT community; I hope that many of us are more complex in our thinking about these issues and our identity as citizens and that we are not one-issue voters. I would hope that soon

you will see fit to offer a more complex and complete discussion of candidates' virtues and values, so that we can be represented as people who identify with issues other than our own narrow well-being.

SHEILA R. BOB
Portland

Double Standard for Foxworth?

TO THE EDITOR:

The overt reason for Portland Police Chief Derrick Foxworth's sudden ouster does not make sense; however, the covert one does.

Is this not a vicious retaliation for a perceived threat to a job? Foxworth began to replace clerical positions in the department with disabled police officers. Add in an illicit affair, and there is plenty of fuel for the fire.

What about race? Although one white paper's editorial clearly stated, "This is not about race; get rid of him," it was the white newspapers that gleefully dragged Foxworth's name through the mud by printing in great detail salacious—and, remember, heretofore private—e-mails between two consenting adults. They showed no restraint nor dignity and jeopardized his possible return by such shaming of his character.

The black newspapers showed respect and dignity, only printing the needed information about the accusations and his departure via a leave of absence.

Foxworth, it appears, is being held to a much sterner standard (a double standard here at play?) and being asked to pay a very high price—his retirement threatened, his reputation degraded. The

police union, still white-dominated, shows him no support, and the black community is very quiet, perhaps due to his bureaucratic public response to high-voltage cases such as Kendra James and James Perez.

Still, talk of how he has "violated the public trust" is hypocritical. Lots of people, including politicians and even former police chiefs, have been known to be philanderers. Do they stand to lose as much as Foxworth already has?

LINDA KANZINGER
Portland

TRANSITIONS

Parker Sanderson, 1960-2006

Mache "Parker" Sanderson, the patient horticulturist of Cistus Nursery, died of apnea April 23. He was 45.

Parker was born Aug. 12, 1960, in Petaluma, Calif. His intellect and green thumb were developed at University of California at Davis, where he earned a degree in botany in 1984. His love for gardening was sparked by his grandmother, and his knowledge was honed at the university's arboretum and during his plant-buying work experience at Smith & Hawken in Oakland.

Parker opened Cistus Nursery on Sauvie Island in 1995 with his life partner, Sean Hogan. The couple married in 2004.



Parker was a volunteer writer for many horticultural organizations and helped select and place plants in the Portland Chinese Garden.

He is survived by his partner; mother, Donna Sanderson; and brother and sister-in-law, Troy and Tosh Sanderson.

Remembrances may be made to a fund in his name at the Hardy Plant Society, 1930 N.W. Lovejoy St., Portland, OR 97209. Zeller Chapel of the Roses handled the arrangements.

NOTABLES

Dr. Melissa Beal (right) and Cindy Alexander became life partners in a commitment ceremony Jan. 22 at the Mauna Kea Resort on the big island of Hawaii. The couple were joined by their three children, other family members

and a few close friends for the ceremony. Manta Ray Point was the scenic setting for the romantic event. Natural Hawaiian flowers, such as birds of paradise and anthurium, adorned the point, the couple and their guests. Even the manta rays, who don't always make an appearance, participated in the ceremony. A guitar duo provided a backdrop of sensual island songs. Afterward, the couple feasted with their guests and cut a three-tiered white wedding cake resplendent with Hawaiian orchids.



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