

Split Personality

Just Out's electronic counterpart continues to improve

As I mentioned in this space in the Nov. 3 issue, November marks the anniversary month for *Just Out*. We end 2006 with 23 years of experience behind us—and start 2007 with many more ahead of us. The past year was relatively quiet and calm, as we focused primarily on putting together one of the best all-around staffs in the history of the paper. We start our new year poised and ready to face the changing role of newspapers and the duality of electronic publishing and traditional print. What we must do is drop the notion of Web vs. print and instead acknowledge and celebrate that new opportunities exist in the Internet world and that we can continue to grow and strengthen our readership and our products.

Last year at this time, we presented our new Web site. Now, a year later, we present the “new and improved” version. It’s an ongoing work in progress, and while it was good a year ago, it’s even better now. Most recently we’ve added a comments section to many of the columns and articles. We encourage your responses and feedback to everything we print. “Blog Out” has quickly become successful, and your positive reception is appreciated. We enjoy the opportunity to be quick, timely and a little more personal than the usual for *Just Out*. Our next big project is to rebuild the personals site and add new features to make it more responsive and interactive. Stay tuned for updates early in the new year.

We’ll be starting the literary portion of our 24th year with what is likely to become one of the more talked-about articles we’ve ever published. Extremely well written by Glenn Scofield Williams, “Frot with Choices” profiles the beliefs and behaviors behind Frot. If ever there was an article that begs for a discussion group, this is it. Since we can’t all gather together in a circle, I’ll throw out a couple of questions that came to my mind after reading: Is this behavior self-affirming, or could it equally be viewed as self-loathing? Can a sexual act between two men have a foundation of homophobia? Since we can’t do a Q & A, please share your thoughts and comments via letters to the editor. I have such an interest in further dialogue on this topic.

Anniversaries bring memories of the past as well as glimpses of the future. In this issue we present “AIDS at 25,” an overview of the state of the worldwide pandemic. *Just Out*, in 23 years, has never known a time without AIDS. It has been with us always, in our face, on our backs, over our shoulders. A journey through the early years of *Just Out* reflects the mystery and confusion of the early years. The Boston AIDS writers churned out story after story trying to make sense of that which made none. Photo after photo of young men dominated the obituaries. Today AIDS is still with us but no longer dominates our pages. While we have, in some ways, made our peace with its existence, we must never forget that AIDS is not over.

2007 will bring its share of day-to-day, yet unknown, challenges to *Just Out*. One challenge that we face with certainty, however, is the fact that we have to relocate our offices. In August, we’ll need to move from the building we’ve called home for more than 10 years. Progress and development are headed toward the east side, and our building is coming down to make way for the Burnside Bridgehead project. I am a proponent of urban development and can clearly see the need to improve the east gateway to downtown Portland. I can’t

help but wish, though, that they could have worked around us. We’ll miss our stunning views of downtown and of the sun and rain as they push over the West Hills. I hope to duplicate our easy access to virtually all locations.


Our initial brush with great change came in early 2006 when our warehouse space was lost to development. For the past year, our warehousing and distribution have continued to flow smoothly thanks to the largess of Bill Dickey and the largeness of the back of my truck. Progress has turned me into a mobile warehouse.

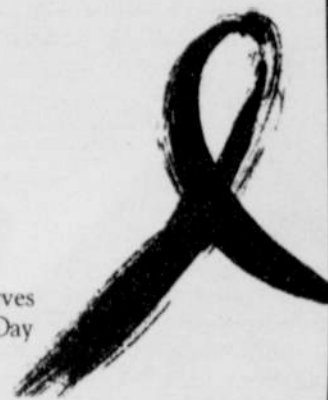
Moving will have its positive aspects. I’ll have to pick up all the papers off the floor of my office. I’ll try really hard to dispose of all the really bad books, videos and CDs that pile up around here. We’ll create a new and dynamic space that allows room for growth and expansion. We need more room because we need one more person to join our staff. Maybe this is you?

Just Out needs an advertising representative to join our sales team of Larry Lewis, Kari Tate and Melissa Morales. It would be great if someone with print sales experience was available, but we’re also ready and willing to train. If you have a customer service background, sales experience in any field and a strong desire to work hard and succeed, then we’d like to talk to you. Working at *Just Out* gives you an excellent opportunity to work with, and for, your community. We’ll teach you the skills required to succeed. You will need a car, fair-to-middling computer skills and the belief that success is built on a foundation of hard work and endeavor. You will become a valued part of the *Just Out* staff. For additional information or to set up an interview, please call me or Larry at 503-236-1252. We don’t move until August, but we need a salesperson now.

See the picture at the bottom of this page? Those are the toys collected so far for the first-ever *Just Out* Toy Drive. They came from you, our readers and our advertisers. They came from the beautiful women at the Hot Flash Dance Party. They came from Music Millennium and Rose City Mortgage and Womyn Network. More are being collected by Healthy Pets Northwest, Essential Lotions and Oils, Touchstone Coffee House and the Queers and Allies Student Organization at Mt. Hood Community College. We’d love to add you or your business to our list. All toys donated are going to benefit the children and families served by the Friends of People with AIDS Foundation. For daily updates on drop-off locations, check www.justout.com.

Our next big event for collecting toys is Gay Skate Night from 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 20 at Oaks Park. We will happily accept toys and canned food throughout the evening. Everyone who donates a toy or food will be entered into a drawing for great door prizes. Don’t worry, though, the Jim Brickman tickets are all gone.

For 2007 we’ll change the name to the second annual *Just Out* Community Toy Drive. This will be more reflective of what the toys are about. It’s community helping community. It’s us helping each other. Thanks so very much to all who have participated or who plan to. Again, Pauline Miriam, Hot Flash women, you were awesome. 



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Portland observes
World AIDS Day

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Election aftershocks; new opportunities for “don’t ask, don’t tell”; Arizona defeats anti-gay ballot initiative; marriage ban vote postponed; gay and reproductive rights play role in election; Casey defeats Santorum

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True Colors

first ever *JUST OUT* TOY DRIVE



Please check www.justout.com daily for new drop-off sites and events. Thanks to our partners Cruise Control PDX, Queers and Allies Student Organization at Mt. Hood Community College and Healthy Pets Northwest.