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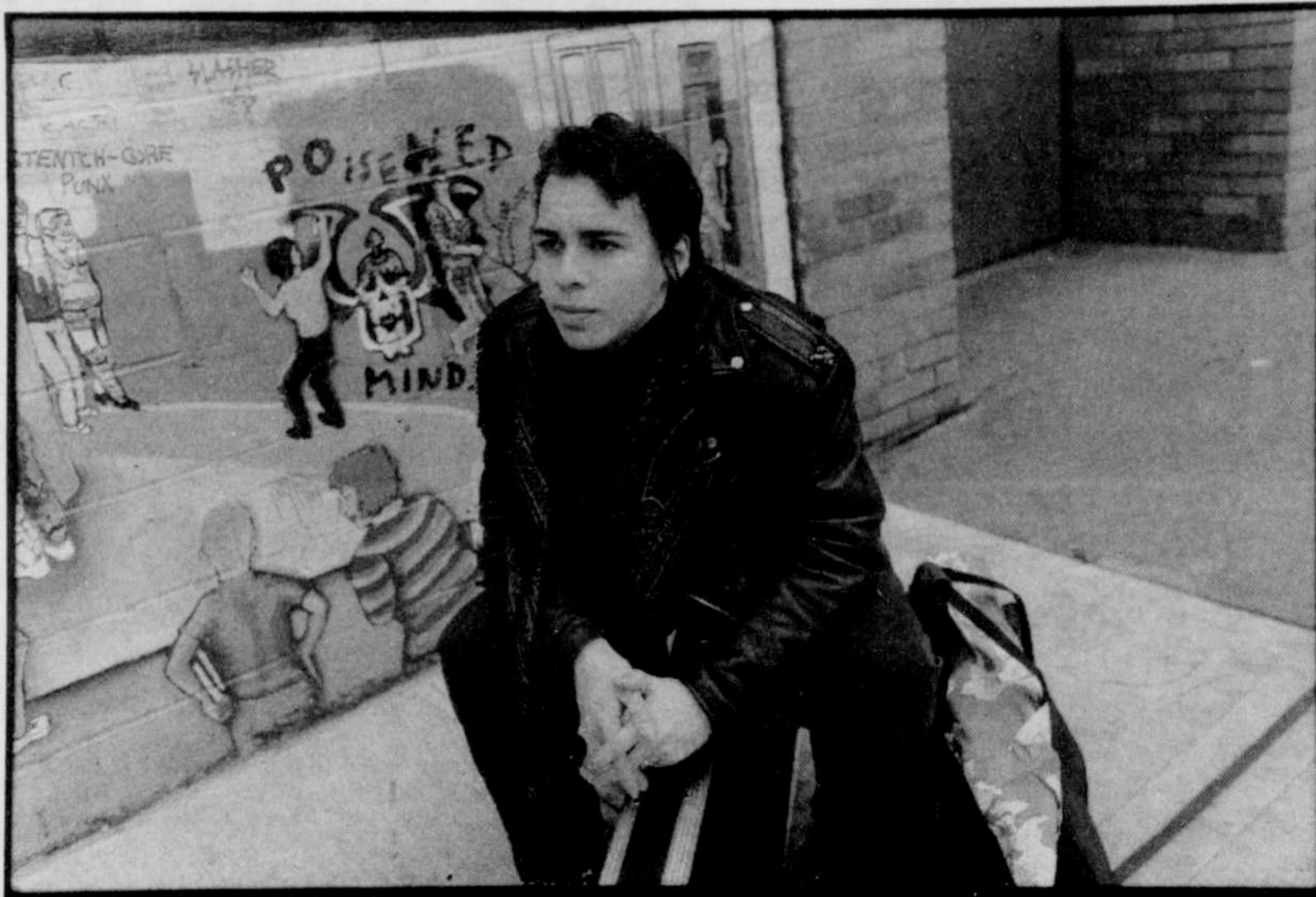
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editorial

Lavender Tuesday

Eight of the nine open sexual minority candidates who ran for public office May 17 won their races

by Renée LaChance

Once again, the spotlight focuses on Oregon as we lead the way in queer politics. Just two years ago, Ballot Measure 9 gave Oregon the reputation of being the homophobia capitol of the United States. Now, we have fought that homophobia and forged a position in Oregon politics in ways unmatched by any other state. That's something to celebrate.

Two lesbians, three gay men and one bisexual woman won their parties' nominations for seats in the Oregon House. Incumbents Gail Shibley (D-Portland), George Eighmey (D-Portland), Kate Brown (D-Portland), and Cynthia Wooten (D-Eugene) will face off with Republican opponents in November. Chuck Carpenter and Jerry Keene—should he decide to pursue his campaign—will face Democratic challengers.

The lesbian and the gay man in the Multnomah County Circuit Court race, Janice Wilson and David Gernant, ran unopposed and will retain their seats.

Fred Neal, who ran openly as a gay man with HIV, lost his bid for a seat on the Portland City Council to Earl Blumenauer. Neal was the first candidate in Oregon to be open about his HIV status.

Of the non-queer candidates supportive of our community, many won their nominations.

Oregon has the opportunity to send three women to Congress. Elizabeth Furse, Sue Kupillas and Catherine Webber all won Democratic nomination in their districts and will face Republicans endorsed by the Oregon Citizens Alliance in the fall.

Democrat John Kitzhaber will have the unpleasant (but reportedly easy) task of running against Republican Denny Smith for Oregon governor.

Mary Wendy Roberts will seek her fifth term as commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, the enforcement arm of civil rights protections for workers. She will be running against Jack Roberts (no relation), who ran unopposed for the Republican nomination.

Some of our favorite state legislators won their nominations. Avel Gordly is unopposed for the District 17 seat. Margaret Carter, Frank Shields, Mike Fahey and Lisa Naito will all face Republican candidates in the fall.

A former favorite, Rep. Tom Mason, lost his bid for the Democratic nomination to Anitra Rasmussen. In the last days before the election, Mason sought and gained the endorsement of an anti-abortion group because he was upset that the Oregon National Abortion Rights Action League did a dual endorsement of him and Rasmussen. (Jeez, Tom, if we had done a dual endorsement, would you have sought one from the OCA?)

At press time, it was unclear if incumbent Multnomah County Sheriff Bob Skipper would face a run-off with Vera Pool—let's hope Pool gets another chance.

Since the OCA is a model for groups who want to "stop the homosexual agenda" in other states, the sexual minority communities in those areas should use that threat to push into the political arena using Oregon's lavender sweep as a model. As William Wayburn, executive director of the Victory Fund, said in the last issue of *Just Out*, "I'm not sure what Oregon has done, but I wish we could bottle it and send it to other states."

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