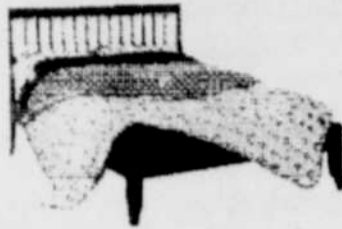


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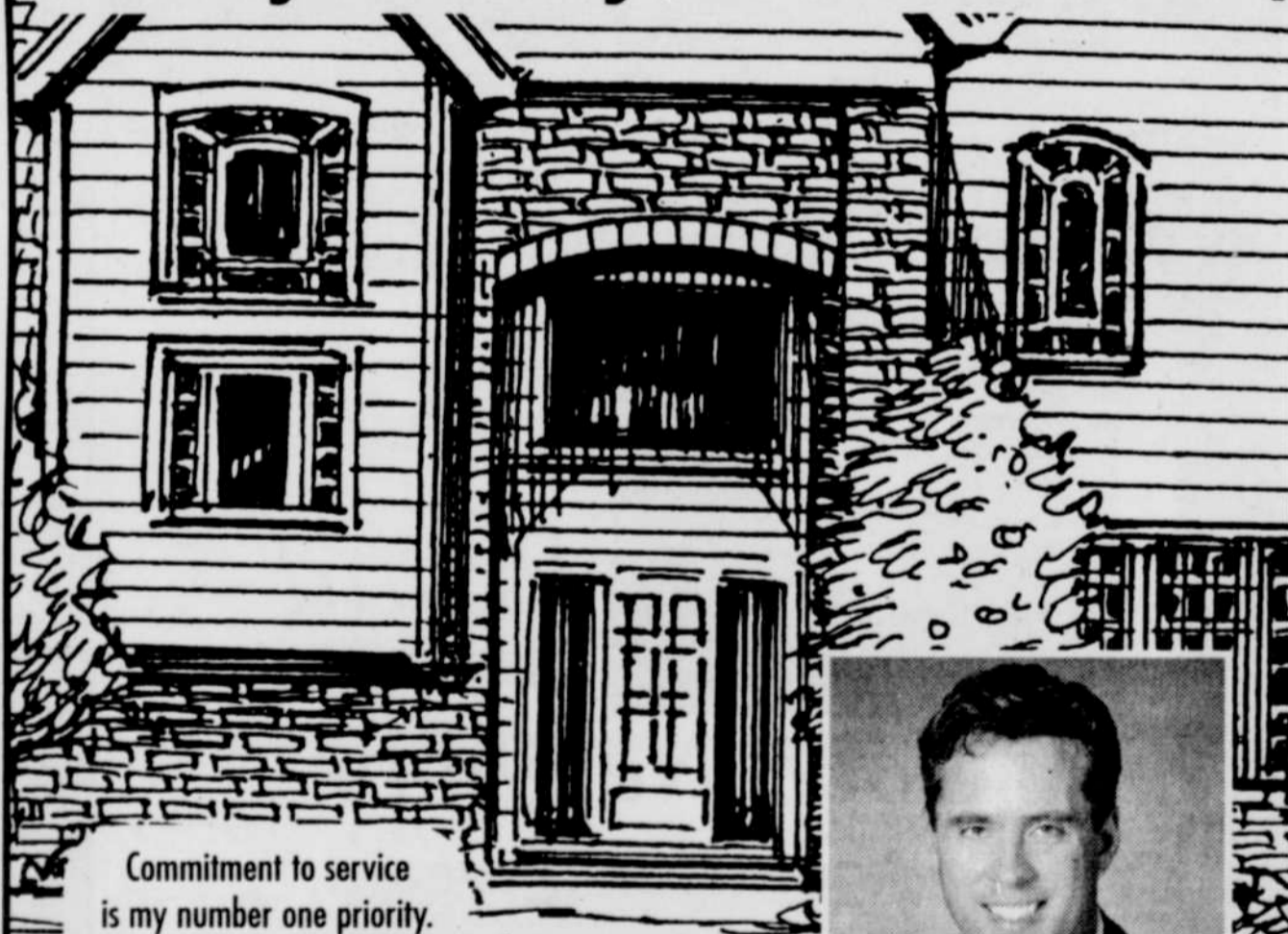


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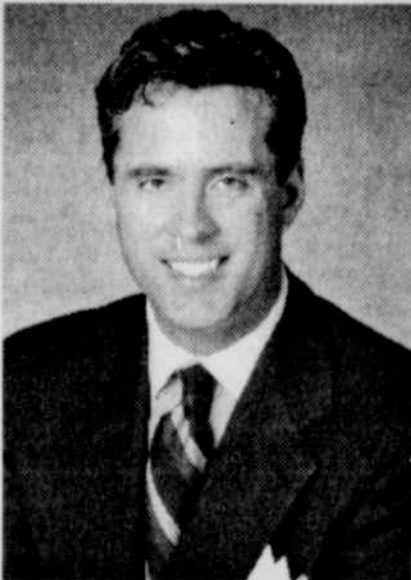
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Businessman Terry Bean and U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., will be honored during the Human Rights Campaign Gala Dinner on Nov. 3 at the Portland Hilton Downtown

But Jaime Balboa, Basic Rights Oregon executive director, says although the event was a big success, more donations are desperately needed. In fact, he says No on 9 needs an additional \$400,000 to run a competitive campaign against the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

Eric Brown and County Commissioner Diane Linn were the event's co-chairs. The First United Methodist Church, state Sen. Kate Brown and Attorney General Hardy Myers all were presented 2000 Profiles in Courage Awards during the dinner.

One of the evening's highlights came when Kathleen Sullivan, No on 9 Campaign manager, and Harriet Merrick, Basic Rights Oregon board chair, introduced a group of "fair-minded elected officials." Politicians and candidates for public office were called forward to the podium, packing the stage area while dinnergoers applauded.

GORDON SMITH WILL BE HONORED

U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., will receive the Equality Award during the Human Rights Campaign Gala Dinner on Nov. 3 at the Portland Hilton Downtown. The benefit also will commemorate the group's 20th anniversary.

Terry Bean, a Portland businessman involved in local and national HRC efforts since its inception, also will be honored. A portion of the money raised at the dinner will be donated to the No on 9 Campaign.

To purchase tickets or to reserve a table, call 800-484-8497.

SERVICE GIVES VOICE TO FAITH AND JUSTICE

A special service, "Voices of Faith, Voices of Justice," will kick off the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches Northwest District Conference. The event will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 7 at First Congregational Church, 1126 S.W. Park Ave.

The annual conference draws delegates from eight Western states. The Northwest District Human Rights Award will be presented during the service.

The event will feature comments from Portland activists Jaime Balboa, Basic Rights Oregon executive director, and Ann Shepherd. The Rev. Bernard Turner, a retired First Baptist Church of McMinnville pastor, also will give remarks.

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus and the Metropolitan Community Church of Portland's Sanctuary Choir both will perform. The event is open to the public.

ROUNDTABLE SEEKS NEW CO-CHAIR

The Portland Police Bureau's Sexual Minorities Roundtable is looking for someone to step forward and fill the vacancy left after the resignation of co-chair Lori Buckwalter.

Duties include conducting quarterly and monthly meetings. The new co-chair must be willing to com-



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Jaime Balboa, Basic Rights Oregon executive director, will speak during the "Voices of Faith, Voices of Justice" special service Oct. 7 at First Congregational Church