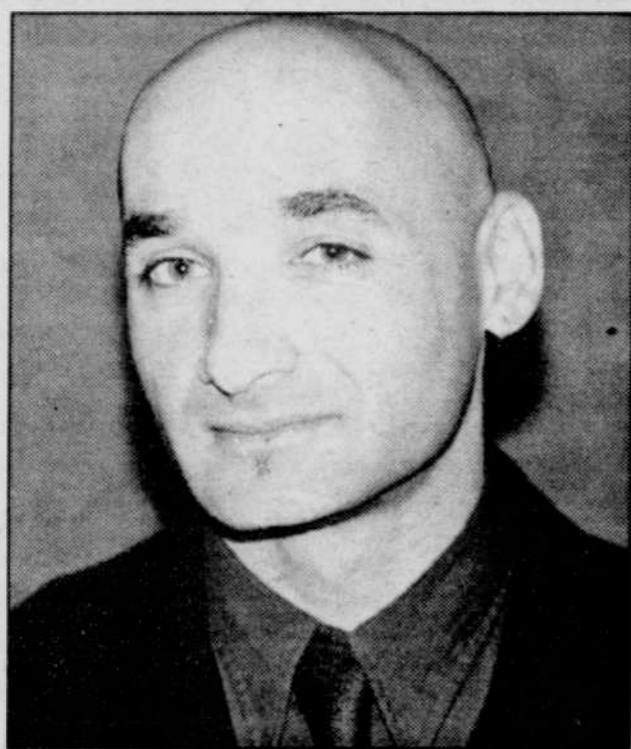


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including a community center, streetscape improvements, tourism guides, partnerships with small businesses and a commemorative feature on the theme of GLBT history in the city.

4. Much more can be done to support sexual minorities employed by the bureau. The Sexual Minorities Roundtable, established in 1998, is underutilized as a resource for troubleshooting and education at the PPB. Most police officers are dedicated professionals who deserve our support. That said, the January 2002 incident involving anti-homosexual epithets—which the bureau acted on after an anonymous complaint in early February—cannot be tolerated.



CHRISTIAN GUNTHER

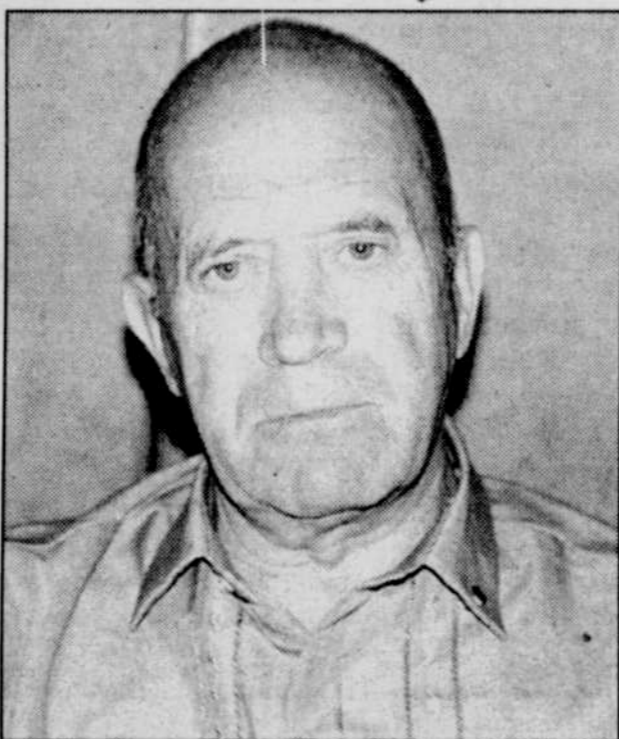
1. My work in the arts positions me among a large gay population that I've worked hard to keep working and as well compensated as possible. And I've donated my time to the promotion of Pride events and AIDS benefit concerts on both coasts and have argued publicly for no-strings-attached gay marriage rights for years. Not incidentally, unlike Serena Cruz, I'd NEVER support legislation that funds the United Way so long as they, in turn, fund the anti-gay Boy Scouts. Never.

2. I will work to extend marriage rights to gays with the extension of full benefits to gay partners of workers who are entitled to sim-

ilar benefits as heteros. Also, I will LEAD and be outspoken on all issues of equality. Additionally, I'll introduce legislation pushing for the availability of low-cost drugs for people with AIDS.

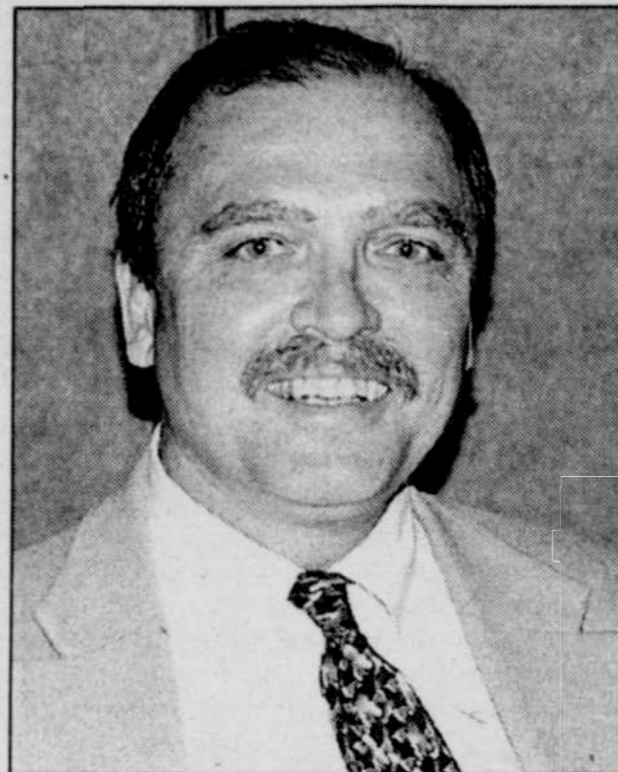
3. Affordable housing for people with AIDS, income-responsive housing for their providers, and rent and taxation structures that reward existing businesses and residences with grandfather clauses are all ways we can ensure the Triangle retains its unique culture. Gay-centric arts groups should be encouraged to locate in the Triangle, signage should be employed with the help of city funds, and a business incubator program should be explored. Also, through a new arts/culture/tourism office, the city should market the area regionally and nationally. A note of caution: Any actions the city engages in to bolster the Triangle must not discriminate against other groups.

4. Any chief who'd come in and order anti-tattoo, anti-hair-coloring, anti-piercing and anti-long-hair dress codes as one of his first actions can be accurately viewed as out of touch with Portland culture. The "Thin Blue Line" pressuring good officers to be silent about violations among fellow employees is more than troublesome.



LEW HUMBLE

Refused to respond.



RANDY LEONARD

1. As president of the Portland Firefighters Association, I ended all our contributions to the United Way in 1994 because of their support to organizations that discriminate against gays and lesbians. I was an outspoken advocate on the floor of the state Senate against the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act."

2. I will introduce an ordinance to discontinue the city's participation with any charitable organization that associates with any group that discriminates against gays and lesbians. As I have done during my nine-year career in the Legislature, I will actively recruit gays and lesbians to serve on my personal staff. I will also make sure any bureau I am assigned actively recruit gays and lesbians and that all existing employees treat gays and lesbians with the respect they deserve.

3. I would hope we could reach an era that no one district or neighborhood need be set aside for people of different sexual orientations, race or religious belief to feel comfortable in our city. Having said that, I realize that is a goal we must work toward together that requires a lot of education and struggle on all of our parts. I will do whatever I can as a city commissioner, in concert with the gay community, to proactively protect the Burnside Triangle as a district that reflects the culture and security of the gay community.

4. I believe the bureau needs to not just say the right things, it is also important to live in a way that reflects tolerance and diversity. I do not believe Kroeker has been effective in convincing rank-and-file officers that he rebukes his former, taped comments regarding his condemnation of gays and lesbians. I do not believe we have reached a level of "no tolerance" in the bureau of anti-gay remarks or actions.



J.P. MOSS

Since I have yet to hold official political office, I cannot directly answer many of the questions you have posed to me. Let me instead clearly state my focus of attention and thoughts regarding your readers' general concerns.

First, I clearly believe that a city's value is directly related to the diversity of its people. A city has the responsibility to nurture and support this diversity. I also believe strongly in the rights of all people, regardless of their sexual orientation.

More specifically, my campaign platform is focused on providing jobs—an issue that is central to all Portlanders, gay or not. I want to ensure that quality jobs are available to all who want them. I submit to you that issues regarding freedom of expression and equality are directly related to the economic health of the city. Portland's gay culture cannot meet its full potential unless individuals in the community have the security of knowing they have quality career options and income security.

As an entrepreneur and owner of multiple Portland businesses, I believe I am uniquely qualified to bring jobs to Portland. While this topic has gotten political attention during the campaign, it is no accident that Oregon has the highest unemployment rate in the country and that businesses are leaving Portland for other cities. Portland needs a representative that takes this issue seriously; one that has the ideas, experience and dedicated focus to make it happen. I am that person.

JON MYERS

1. I am afraid that as a board member of a neighborhood association I have not had

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