

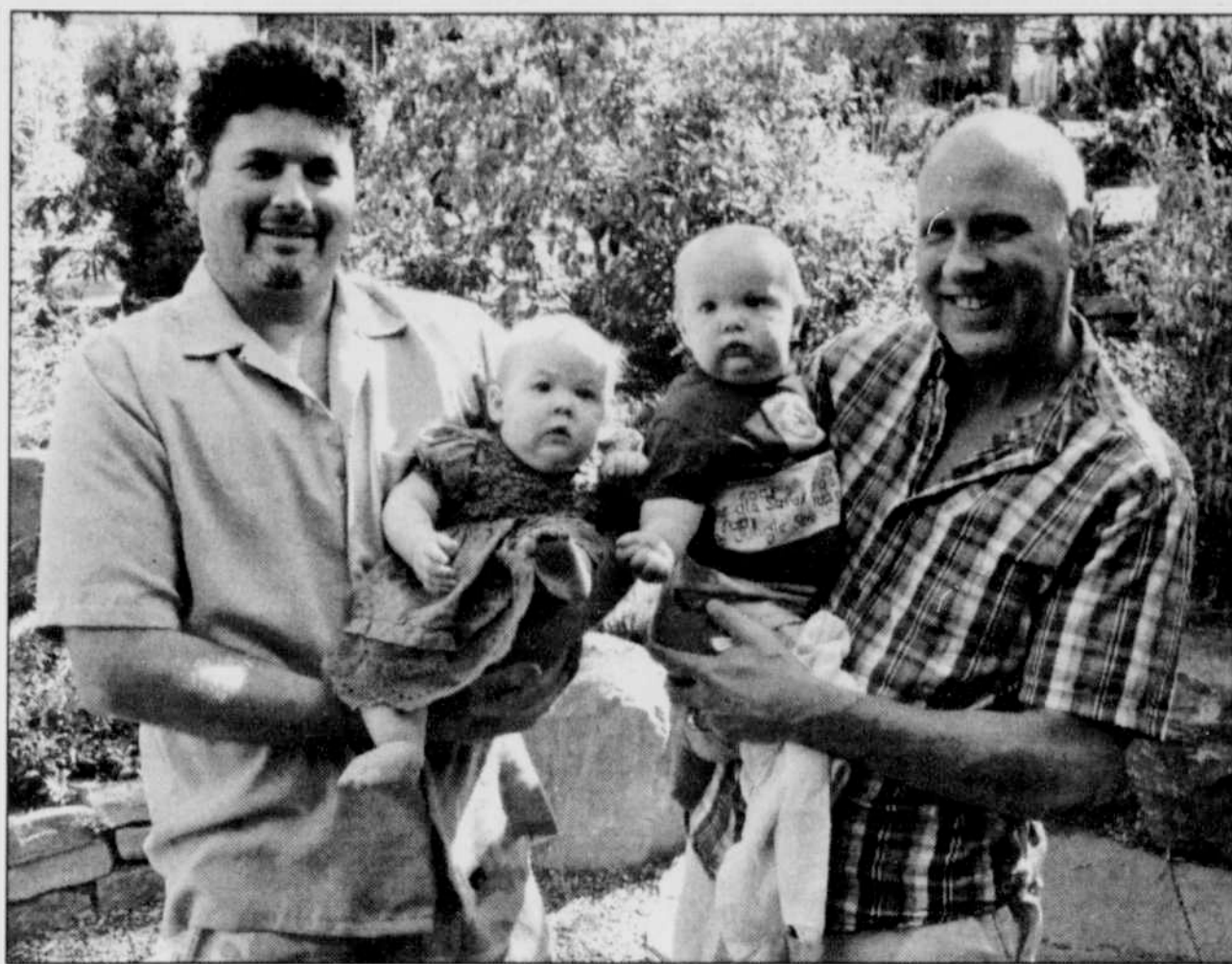


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From right, David Lane, Elijah, Sophie and Jonathan Kessler are bound for Hawaii

states: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, Oklahoma and Washington.

"NEW Leadership is a tremendous program, with a proven national track record of building women leaders," said former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts, advisory board chairwoman. "The Hatfield School of Government at Portland State is the ideal location for this superb leadership school."

The NEW Leadership Oregon program will hold its inaugural session in June 2004 at the College of Urban and Public Affairs on the PSU campus. About 30 participants will be chosen from colleges and universities from throughout the state.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT DIRECTOR WILL RETIRE

David Lane, a gay man who has served as Office of Neighborhood Involvement director since 1999, will retire from city government, Commissioner Randy Leonard announced Sept. 19.

"I am very disappointed that David is retiring to the tropical confines of Hawaii...I cannot understand why he would choose Hawaii over me! I will greatly miss David's leadership, but I know he has planned to move to Hawaii for several years, and the recent birth of his twins sped up that decision," Leonard said in a statement.

Lane said he has thoroughly enjoyed working

with the commissioner. "I have found his leadership refreshing. Randy has listened to neighbors throughout Portland and is implementing positive changes based on this wide input. He's been a joy to work with, and I can honestly say I have never enjoyed my time at the helm of ONI more than in the last eight months."

Leonard has asked Lane to continue to work with him to help complete the transition of crime prevention services and other projects under way. Lane is expected to leave the city sometime this winter.

HOUSING HOTLINE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Community Alliance of Tenants is looking for volunteers to staff its Renters' Rights Hotline, which gives callers accurate and detailed legal information about their rights, practical suggestions on how to protect them, compassion and appropriate referrals. The grassroots organization counsels dozens of tenants a day, many of whom are at immediate risk of losing their housing.

According to CAT representative Ari Rapkin, a trans activist, this is a great opportunity to learn about our rights under the law and how to protect them. Plus, the time commitment is very small, usually four hours a month.

The next training session will last nine hours

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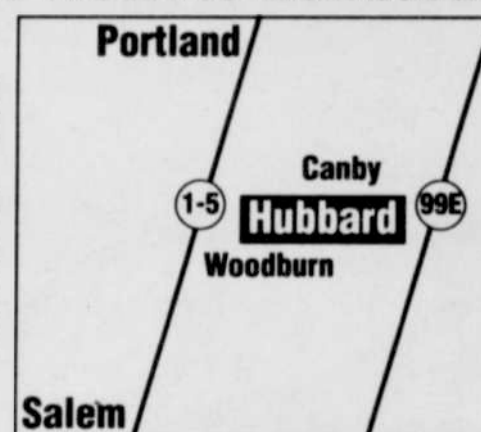


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