

It's My Pleasure

*Arousing Gifts
&
Romantic Accessories*

Corner of Sandy and NE 64th
White house with picket fence
503.280.8080
3106 NE 64th • Portland, OR 97213

Counter**M**edia

EVERY BOOK OF GAY EROTICA
ALWAYS IN STOCK!

NEW *Bel Ami Summer Diary*. Naked Euro-boys w/ meat whistles aplenty. Color photo bk. \$35.
NEW *Kink*. Dirty stories about whips, feet, cuffs, sandwiches, skin, and nos. 1 & 2. Whew! \$16.
NEW *Barbarians*. Julius's new illustrated story about boys and men in ancient Rome. \$27.00.

DOWNTOWN @ 927 SW OAK • 226-8141

"I'm AVAILABLE when you are!"

*Careful and energetic handling of
all your home financing needs*

MORTGAGE Advocates

6700 SW 105th Ave., Suite 200 Beaverton, OR 97005
Toll Free (877) 826-9900 Fax (503) 297-0824
E-Mail: colleenw@mtgadvocates.com www.mtgadvocates.com

Colleen Weed
Office 503•297•9900 Cell 503•780•1561

PALM SPRINGS!

Call on one of
Palm Springs'
most trusted
Realtors

JOHN BUTLER
of Jay Margrey & Associates
760-323-5000 x 145
johnbutler36@verizon.net

 **Prudential**
California Realty



NORTHWEST news

WELCOME BACK, POTTER

Former police chief (and outspoken PFLAG dad) runs for mayor

by Meg Daly

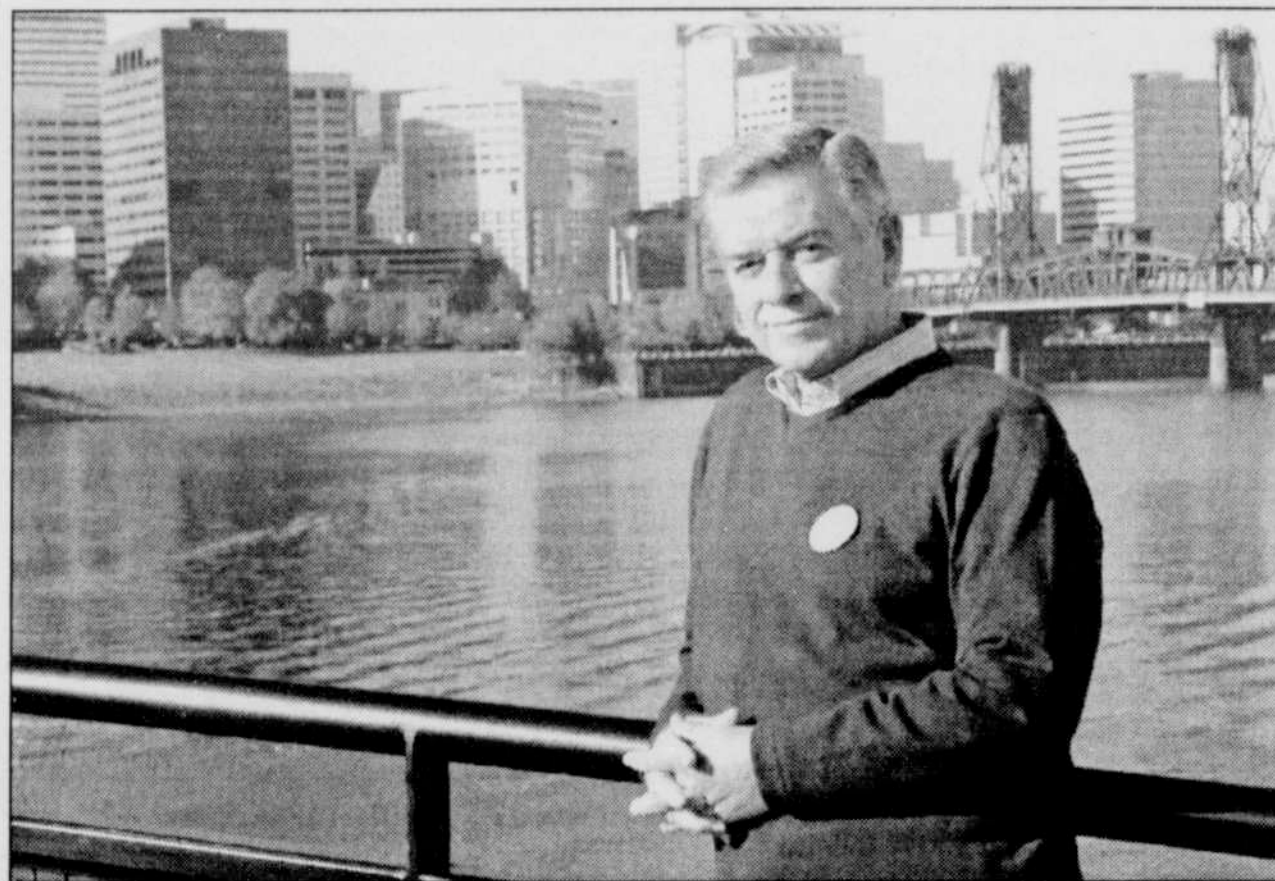


PHOTO BY KARIN HANSEN

In limiting donations to \$25 a person, Tom Potter's grassroots campaign relies on word of mouth

Tom Potter supports your right to dissent.

That might not be the first thing you'd expect an ex-police chief to advocate in his mayoral campaign.

But Potter is no ordinary candidate, and his by-the-people, for-the-people platform is a breath of fresh air in these dissent-quashing times.

On March 1, Potter was positively beaming. Maybe it was the spring air wafting in to his Belmont Street office. Or maybe it was the roundtable discussion he'd just participated in at Franklin High, where rival Jim Francesconi was stumped by a student asking about the difference between civil unions and marriage rights. Only two days later the city would find out just what a big difference marriage rights make to gay and lesbian couples. And Potter would be there to witness his daughter Katie marry her life partner, Pam Moen.

But on March 1, Potter could only speculate about granting same-sex marriage licenses if he were mayor. "If I had the authority I would do it. If the county had the authority I would support them doing it. I would be out there as an advocate making sure this wasn't a gimmick or short-term thing."

Mayor or not, out he was. There have been a few whispers in the queer community about

which political figures were where that day, and why—or why not. Potter worked the lines at the Multnomah Building, shaking hands and greeting friends. He is certainly no fool. What better way to communicate to queer voters that if he were mayor, they would receive his backing.

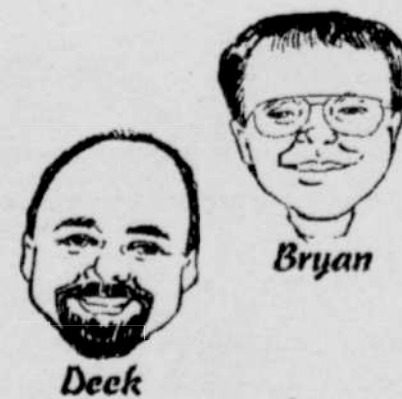
But what one needs to understand about Potter is that, as an ally and a parent, he considers himself part of the queer community. It's not just lip service. He speaks in terms of "we," as in: "[Same-sex marriage rights] is the next phase of our civil rights campaign.... We had our first skirmish in '92, and since then the other side has weakened as we've become stronger."

During that skirmish (the battle over Measure 9), Potter was duty-bound as police chief to protect both sides. He met with protesters in advance of rallies and marches to ensure that non-violence could be everybody's top priority. "I used to tell Lon Mabon, 'I support your right to try to have me fired,'" Potter says with a smile. "My job is to make sure you have a right to say that."

In Portland at large, Potter's name is synonymous with community policing, a model in which officers work with citizens to prevent and solve crimes. As chief of police from 1991 to

NEXT ADVENTURE

PORTLAND'S ALTERNATIVE SPORTING GOODS STORE



Corner of SE Stark & Grand 503-233-0706

