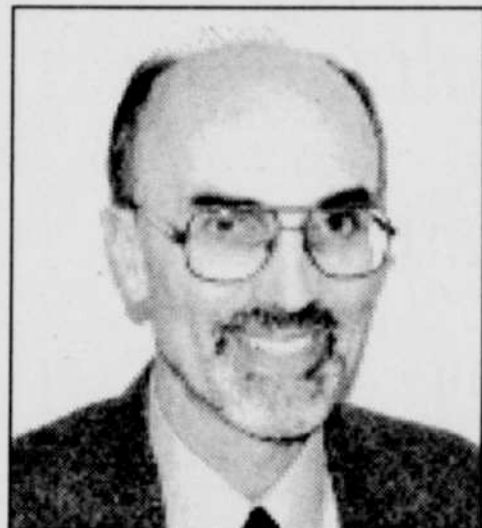




Tim Duerfeldt says the gay marriage debate is a ploy by the Bush administration to distract voters from the failing war in Iraq

amendment are fond of claiming that we can pass it and still have civil unions on the table," she says. "But let's be real. They are already arguing in court that gay and lesbian couples have no constitutional right to marriage or the benefits and protection of marriage. Passing this amendment dims any real hope of civil unions."

Tim Duerfeldt does not favor a separate category for same-sex unions. He supports gay marriage as well as the idea of more benefits being available to single and divorced people. He sees the gay marriage issue as a political ploy by the Bush administration to divide the country in an election year.

"If this were regarded as some type of discrimination... or hate bill... then I'd support him"

—Donna Nelson

"When the Federal Marriage Amendment didn't pass, Bush threw it out to the states," says Duerfeldt. "The war wasn't doing well, so he wanted a distraction."

Nelson, on the other hand, says the idea of gay marriage makes her "worry about polygamy, [as if] we were in Saudi



Greg Duerfeldt is a chef in Shanghai

Arabia...worrying about how many wives men could have."

Graigory says he was proud of his mom when she first ran for office. "I marched in Portland's Gay Pride parade with my homemade sign 'Another Gay Child of a Republican Politician!'"

Now he says he is "dismayed." Ironically, some of the very principles he says he was raised with are now dividing his family.

"My mom raised me to love myself and to love my neighbors," he says. "She raised me to stand up for what's right." □

The NO ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 36 campaign is auctioning off a visit to the Toronto-based Queer as Folk set on eBay. The arrangements were handled by J Graigory, who notes that Peter Paige, a gay actor from Portland who plays Emmett on the Showtime series, has endorsed the No on 36 campaign.

To make a donation or to volunteer, call 971-244-1399 or visit www.noon36.com.

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Like Brother, Like Brother

The Associated Press reported Oct. 2 that a gay couple from Eugene voluntarily appeared in a television ad in support of Ballot Measure 36.

Lance Kropf is the brother of state Rep. Jeff Kropf, R-Sublimity. A peppermint and pumpkin seed farmer and chairman of the state Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Jeff Kropf is perhaps best known for his attempts to establish an Elvis Day in Oregon. He was given a 4 percent rating by the Oregon League of Conservation Voters in 1993 for his anti-environment voting record.

In the Yes on 36 ad, Lance Kropf appears with his partner, Mike Serface, saying that they "recognize the reasons for keeping marriage between one man and one woman."

"We keep hearing about benefits that gays don't have because we're not married, but we've had no trouble getting benefits," Serface says.

Kropf says he and Serface volunteered to do the ad. "We wanted to convey a message that at this point, protections already exist in the law" for same-sex couples.

However, that message appears to be based on fiction.

According to No on 36 campaign spokeswoman Rebekah Kassell, "There is absolutely no truth to the claim that same-sex couples can access the rights and protections of marriage outside of marriage."

She went on to say, "While there are a few protections that can be gained from contracts like power of attorney and wills, these protections fall entirely short of the more than 500 protections and responsibilities of marriage."

Lance Kropf did not respond to repeated attempts to contact him.

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