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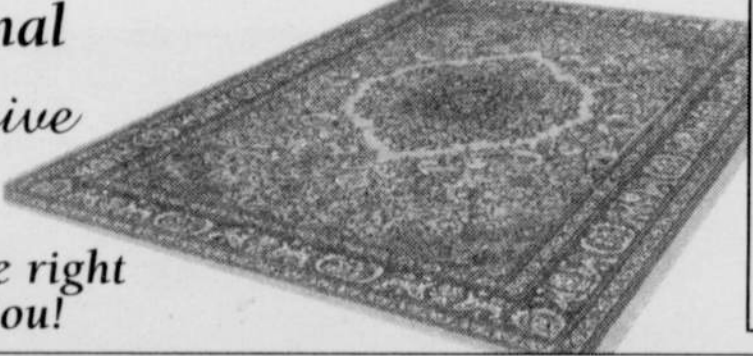


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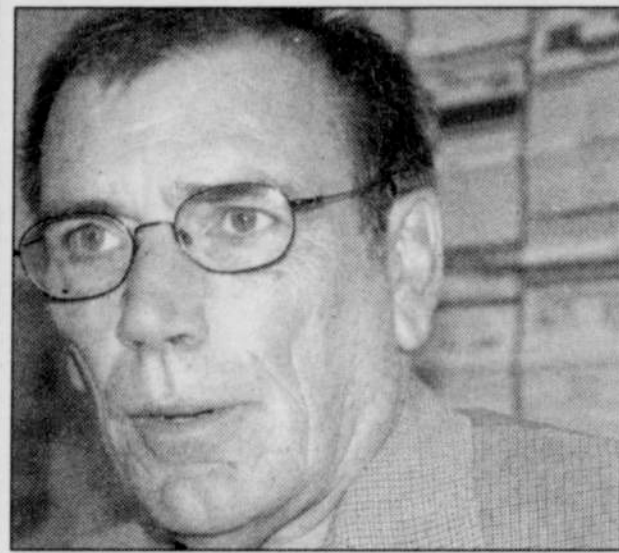
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Gary Hansen will seek the position on the Multnomah County Commission that he held between 1990 and 1998.

LONGTIME SUPPORTER TO SEEK COUNTY COMMISSION SEAT

State Rep. Gary Hansen, D-North Portland, one of the founders of the first domestic partnership ordinance in Oregon, will seek the North/Northeast Portland seat on the Multnomah County Commission that incumbent Serena Cruz is vacating because of term limits.

Hansen, 61, previously held that same District 2 position from 1990 to 1998, during which time the commission created the domestic partnership policy. He also served on a task force that distributed federal funds for AIDS treatment.

The veteran liberal later won election to the House of Representatives in 1998. The 35-year North Portland resident also represented the north end on the Metro Council from 1982 to 1990.

He is the senior Democrat on the Legislature's joint Ways and Means Committee and worked the 2005 session on the Health and Human Services and the Public Safety subcommittees.

Hansen hopes his consensus-building experience, progressive views and moderate temperament will heal the frequently fractured Multnomah County board.

Hansen is joined in this race by another Democrat, Jeff Cogan, who serves as Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman's chief of staff, as well as Green Party candidate Xander Patterson.

BASIC RIGHTS OREGON GETS NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Basic Rights Oregon's new development director is hardly a stranger to Portland advocacy circles. In fact, Jeana Frazzini has been familiar with BRO's causes since she became a board member in the summer of 2000. Last year she accepted a legislative campaign coordinator job, and last month she took the position of development director.



Jeana Frazzini (right) shows solidarity with her wife, KD Parman, and their son, Emmett Rocco Parman.

Frazzini replaced Brenda Kinoshita, who held that position for about a year.

Frazzini resides in North Portland with her wife and their son, who was born two days after their marriage in Multnomah County.

The shift from BRO board to staff member has afforded Frazzini a unique perspective.

"It's been a really interesting transition to go from board member to staff member and to see the organization from two different angles," she said.

Frazzini is becoming acquainted with her new duties, mostly centered around raising money. Since her first day on the job, she's been largely planning BRO's annual dinner, a disco-themed gala held last month.

"Since I started, it's been all dinner all the time. I'm bottom-line responsible for it, but I worked with an events coordinator and dinner committee," she said.

She finds a common thread in work she has



Gwen Baldwin and Gregg Arntson are both active leaders in Q Center's development.

accomplished in political activism and her new task in development.

"I find that organizing and development work is not that different than political organizing work. It's all a matter of outreach," she said. "You need to be communicating and motivating people, whether you're asking them to give up their time in a political setting or asking them to commit their financial backing to the organization. It's all about making a compelling case for the work that you're doing and helping people to connect with it in a way that's rewarding to them."

The entire span of Frazzini's career has involved nonprofit and advocacy work. She was formerly the political director for the Death with Dignity National Center.

"If I'm going to leave my house every day and not just spend my day with my son, I want to know I'm making a difference in the world," she said.

—Jaymee R. Cuti

Q CENTER AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Momentum is building for Q Center. Insiders say the new gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community center is speeding toward reality since its launch at Portland Pride 2005.

According to self-imposed deadlines, Q Center organizers are close to meeting goals they did not expect to accomplish until December. This includes assembling a board, writing a business plan and establishing criteria for a building, all of which are nearly complete. A nine-member board is in place. Between two and four final members are still needed.

Though the location of the center is still in question, interim director Susan Remmers insists form must follow function.

"The programs must drive the building," she