



MOST ELIGIBLE

Portland's queer singles come out for Valentine's Day

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For those who have been burned by Cupid's weapon in the past or find themselves fabulous yet dateless on Valentine's Day. Just Out did a little shopping on your behalf. We were looking for catches—people whose interests or causes invigorate others and whose inner hotness shines through. Peruse the pages of those who put themselves in Cupid's sights and might not be eligible for long.

NAME: MICHAEL DELL LONG

Age: 43

Occupation: Political activist, intellectual property attorney.

What are you looking for in a love interest? An intelligent, athletic, fit, sexy, fun, politically active gay man with a great smile who is extroverted and likes to laugh.

What makes you a catch? That I'm some of the above and I'm working on the rest.

What's your ideal first date? In Portland, working out and then catching drinks and dinner, then a movie and then going out on the town and then....

In the universe, coming off the beach in Tulum, which is below Cancun, washing the Caribbean



sand off our bodies and enjoying a fabulous feast of the local cuisine and caiparinias, and....

What did you learn from your last relationship? How important communication is, to be on the same page.

What is the fastest way to your heart? I'll let you know when I figure it out.
Bed? A sexy bod and a smile.

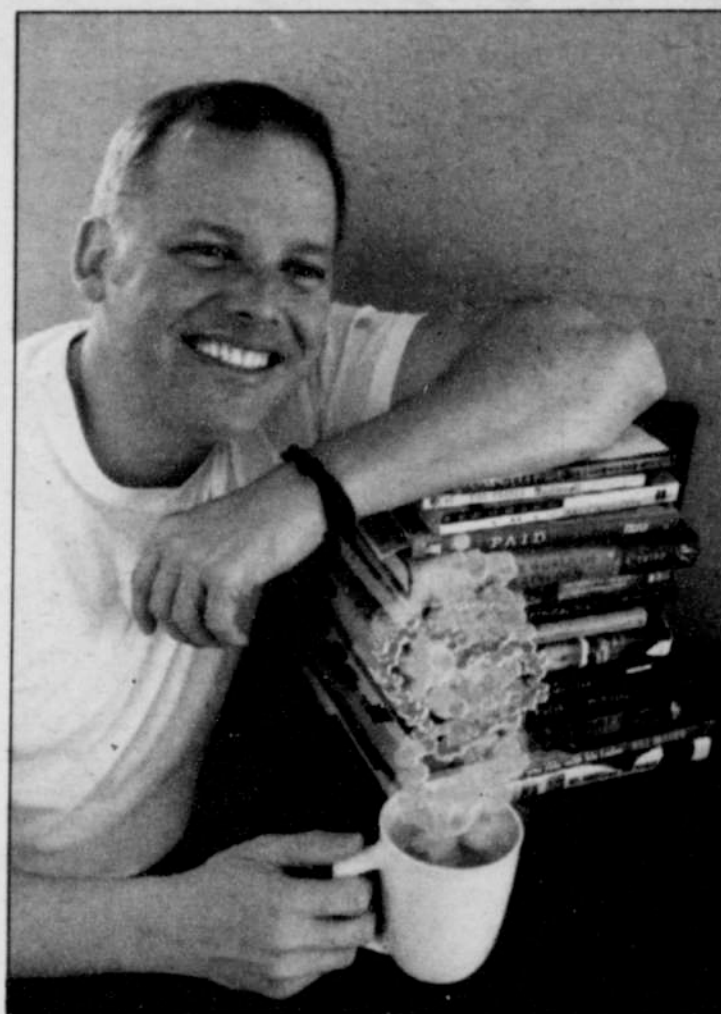
Out your door? Insecurities.

What is new to your playlist? Storm and the Balls.

Mount Hood or Pioneer Place? I love 'em both.
Slaughters or Crush? Both.

Candles or cuffs? I'm willing to try both.

Cat or dog? Dog. My favorite dogs are Cardigan Welsh Corgis.



NAME: R.E. SZEGO

Age: 34

Occupation: Program coordinator of Breathe Free: Oregon's LGBTQ Tobacco Prevention Program

What are you looking for in a love interest? Someone who is monogamous and wants to raise a child. Someone who gets excited when each of us goes for our dreams. Someone who is an ally to both Arabs and Jews. I am attracted to people who are androgynous or somewhere in the middle of the gender spectrum.

What makes you a catch? I support people in pursuing their goals. I'm funny in a dorky kind of way, and I'm energetic and passionate. I also like to play dress-up and gender.

What's your ideal first date? At this point in my life I want to get to know someone before we start dating. But how do you transition to dating, and what does a first date mean? Hiking and going to art performances are good for getting-to-know-you first dates.



What did you learn from your last relationship? Long distance is hard, and the nature of relationships changes. People come into your life, can be important for a short period of time and then pass out of it.

What is the fastest way to your heart? Mildly obsessive, quirky areas of knowledge. I love when people get really excited and I learn from them,

but not in a forced way.

Bed? It depends on the person. But someone who can appreciate that I identify as gender-fluid.

Out your door? Cheating.

What is your new to your playlist? Tribalistas. My sister introduced me to Marisa Monte, and I found them when I was looking for her new CD.

Mount Hood or Pioneer Place? Mount Hood.

E Room or Aura? Aura.

Slaughters or Crush? Crush.

Rose petals or restraints? Both.

Candles or cuffs? Both.

Cat or dog? I'm a dog person mostly, but I do have cat friends.

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