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Mr. West Linn

Kevin Bailey-Gilliam's life is ruled by schedules. If he's not picking up one of his three children from a sports practice, he's driving another to a singing or dance lesson.

Bailey-Gilliam also keeps busy with an increasing role in the nonprofit organizations he supports, including the Human Rights Campaign and Brother to Brother, for which he serves as a board member.

An avid consumer of political races, he has finally decided on a candidate to back in the upcoming presidential debate. "I'm a total Hillary [Clinton] supporter. I do support [Barack] Obama. I like [John] McCain on a lot of issues but not on the gay issue." Spoken like a true politician.

Bailey-Gilliam is gearing up for a race of his own, hoping to run for a spot on the West Linn City Council in three years. He says he will make that announcement official in January 2009.

My name is Kevin Bailey-Gilliam.

I am known as a great father and great advocate for gay fathers.

My cause is equal rights and common decency.

I am 30 years old. I feel 50 years old. I'm spread so thin with time. I've accomplished a lot in a short amount of time.

Right now, I'm at home in West Linn.

My childhood ambition was to be a pathologist. That got curbed by blood. I could not stand it.

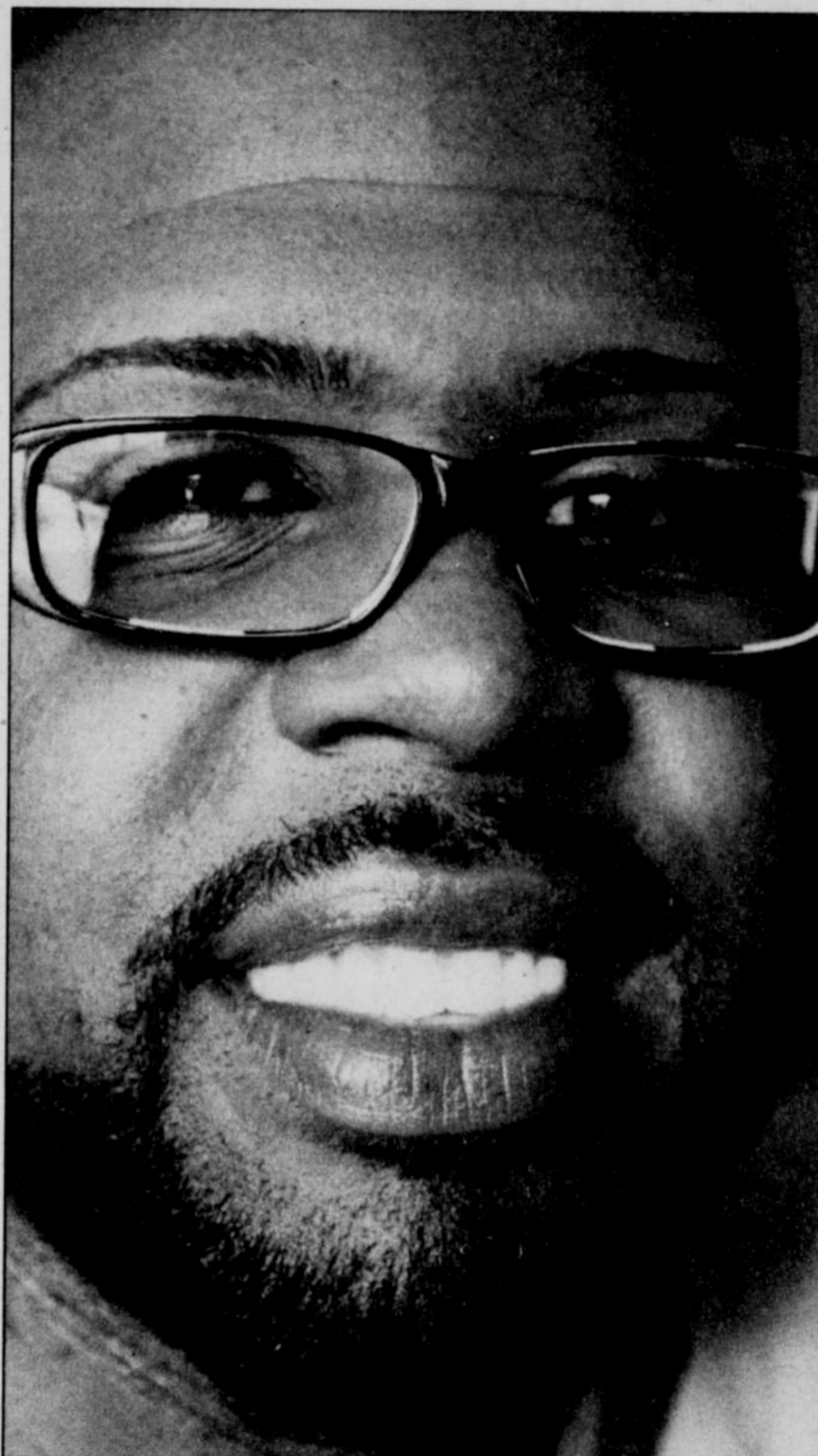
My first same-sex crush was on a guy named John from my first job in college.

I like to spend my down time playing Flight Simulator. I'm also a huge yachter.

My proudest moment was seeing my oldest son perform in a play. It brought me to tears. He was 14.

My biggest challenge is patience.

A perfect day in West Linn would be spent sitting on my deck with my best friend having a Crown Royal on ice.



Kevin Bailey-Gilliam balances family and philanthropy.

My first job was Starbucks.

My vice is a fetish for Land Rovers. It's a bad one that I'm totally breaking myself of.

My inspiration is my mother. She's totally a strong person. You see her in me so much. I aspire to be like her.

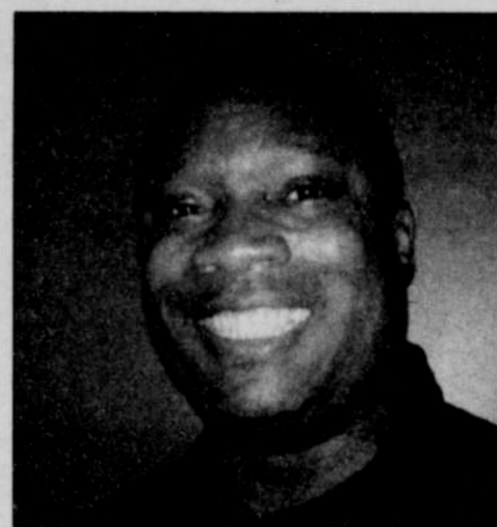
The last queer or philanthropic event I participated in was the Brother to Brother renaming ceremony.

My highest hope for the cause is that one day everyone can see each other as equals. I want people to wake up in the morning and want to respect their neighbor.

—Jaymee R. Cuti

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What should be the priority of Portland's next mayor?



TYRONE WATERS
Personal Chauffeur and Concierge Service Owner

"Diversity, so that we can break down some barriers with regard to gays and lesbians, people with mental illness and ethnicity and culture."



MARY GRUBISICH
Accountant

"The local economy, because we've been losing a lot of industry."



DAMANI BRYANT
Scientist

"Housing, transportation and public services."



ALISON GOLDSTEIN
Health Advocate

"Social justice issues, focusing on vulnerable populations. Portland is a great city, but it definitely could be better."

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