

outstanding Team Player

Native Oregonian Karl Rohde is a bicycle advocate living with his partner, Matt Neupert, in Portland. The former Lake Oswego city councilor is the government relations and public affairs director for Bicycle Transportation Alliance.

According to Rohde, he's "livin' the dream."

His proudest accomplishments have sprung up through community and group work. "I'm proud of a number of things I have been involved with but recognize none of them could have gotten done without the involvement of many people."

His projects at Bicycle Transportation Alliance have included raising money for the Springwater Corridor Three Bridges project and persuading the National League of Cities to include Safe Routes to Schools in its policies.

Rohde says environmental concerns, the price of gas and health are three reasons why many people decide to use bicycles. A registered Republican, he brings attention to the fact that bicycle issues are an important aspect of community and politics, regardless of party affiliation.

"Bicycling issues are really bipartisan or, as Congressman [Earl] Blumenauer likes to say, 'bike-partisan,'" Rohde says. "Giving people the realistic option to safely choose between a variety of transportation modes is neither Democrat or Republican, it's American."

Upcoming issues for Bicycle Transportation Alliance include legislation that would further penalize drivers who drive intoxicated or without insurance, commit vehicular homicide or have a suspended license. The organization also wants to increase education for license-renewing drivers and to raise money for supplementary bicycle facilities.

My name is Karl Rohde.

I am known as a transportation policy wonk and party host.

My cause is leaving the world better than I got it.

I am 41 years old. I feel 30 years old.

Right now, I'm in my office in Old Town, Portland, Ore., USA, Earth.

My childhood ambition was to be an architect.

My first queer crush was on Ron Triplett.

I like to spend my down time cooking or reading.

A perfect day in Portland would be spent engaging in the culture and natural environment.

My first job was making pizzas at Pizza Hut.

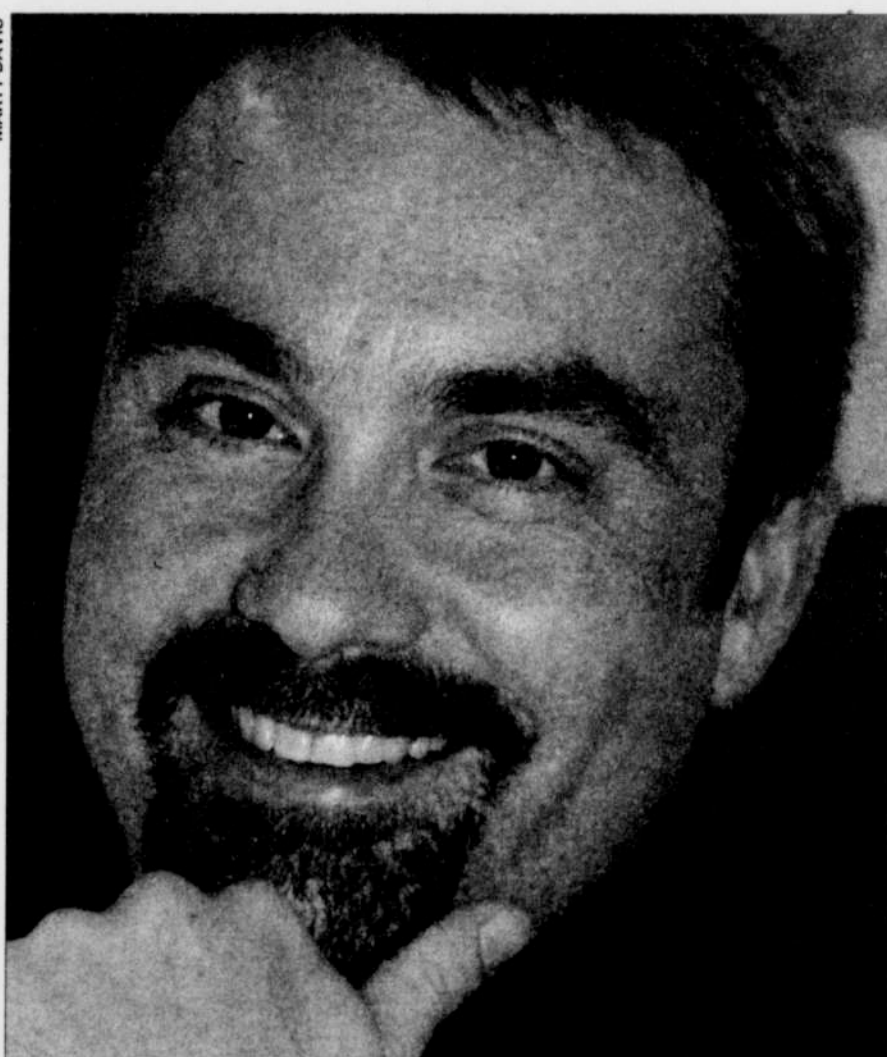
My vice is news and martinis.

My inspiration is change.

The last queer or philanthropic event I participated in was the Our House banquet.

My highest hope for the cause is for people to say things are better because Karl Rohde was part of the team.

—Mija Sanders 10



Former Lake Oswego City Councilor Karl Rohde promotes bike transportation in Portland.

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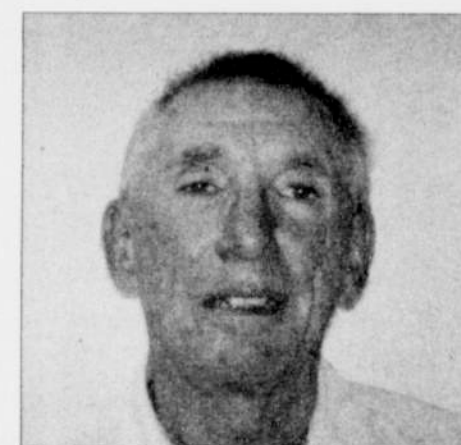


"A abortion being outlawed and us being in Iraq for no reason without a plan to be out."

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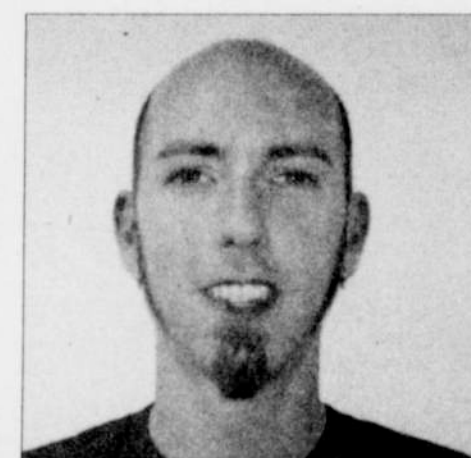


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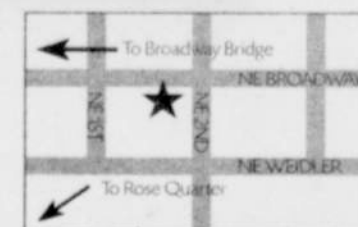
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