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Gwende Silver, who works for the Bus Project, was canvassing for marriage equality in Hillsboro. The main objective is not to debate gay marriage, but to start a dialogue with people.

the domestic partnership law?" the woman asks in turn.

"I'm not sure," Silver responds. "Right now, I think it may just be changing it to marriage."

Silver leaves a flyer with the woman, who says she will look at it.

Basic Rights Oregon's Executive Director Jeana Frazzini views the conversations as an opportunity to further fine-tune the campaign's focus and thrust.

"It's a chance to learn from those conversations, to better understand what the dialogue looks like, and where folks are kind of hung up on the issue," says Frazzini.

The campaign's messaging strategy reflects the desire to reach out to people not necessarily supportive of marriage equality. Trying to tap into "shared values," the campaign is drumming home a message of fairness and devotion to family.

"We've really worked to take it out of the head and into the heart," Frazzini says.

"We're not going to change anybody's minds through argument and debate," Wheatley adds. "Marriage is about commitment, responsibility, and taking care of one's family. That's something we can all agree on."

The responses canvassers have been receiving suggest the message is resonating.

"I am very surprised, let me tell you," Silver shares. "I'm pretty shocked that I haven't met more people who oppose it."

Of course, that's not always the case.

"Marriage is a man and a woman," an older man tells her. "It started out that way,

and it's going to be that way."

"Absolutely not," another woman says toward the end of the canvass. "It's a sin and the Bible says so."

At the end of the day, with Burgerville milkshakes in their stomachs, and over chips and salsa in the Bus Project's kitchen, the PolitiCorps fellows are optimistic about marriage equality's chances in Oregon. They knocked on 162 doors, with 32 people signing pledges.

"We've been in other areas where it's the total opposite," Lindsay says.

Canvassing to start a dialogue is only the first step, Frazzini notes. But when asked what's ahead for the three-year campaign, Frazzini isn't sure.

"We're working now to figure out what the second phase might look like," she says.

Part of the reason, she explains, is that legalizing gay marriage through a ballot initiative has not been attempted in any other state.

"This is something that there is not a road map for," Frazzini says.

And it's not at all clear, to Frazzini at least, whether Oregon will be ready for a ballot measure initiative legalizing gay marriage in four years.

"We are far enough away from 2012, we can't gauge what the landscape will look like," Frazzini says. JO

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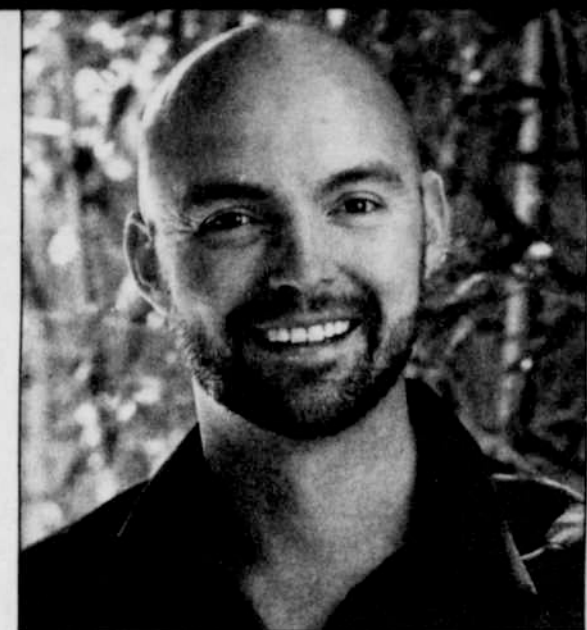
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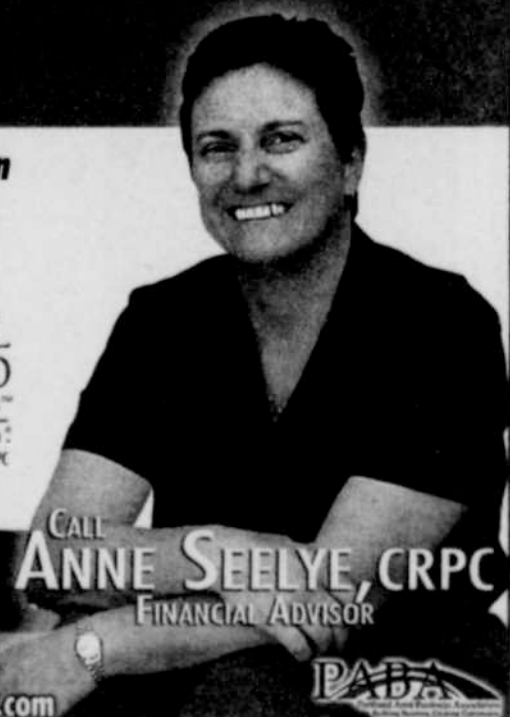
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