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believe he's a victim now. Exploited, deceived and betrayed by a friend and a 'mentor' (?) for his own political gain."

Breedlove himself broke his silence in early July, when on Portland NBC affiliate KGW, he expressed his anger at Adams' refusal to "come clean." According to Breedlove, "It's just lie after lie after lie until we're at the end of the bowl and the last person to be burned from the situation is me, and he's still burned me to try to save his career."

Breedlove accused the mayor of sending deliberately misleading text messages and claimed that Kroger's office didn't contact witnesses to back up his own side of the story.

"I assumed that there would be some type of safety net to prevent people from lying," he added. Kroger saw no need to put Adams, Breedlove or anyone else under oath before a grand jury—a move that would've made false testimony illegal, versus that given to a state investigator, which is not against the law in Oregon.

On July 7, Portland State University political science student Jasun Wurster filed paperwork with the City Auditor's Office to launch the Community to Recall Sam Adams, a grassroots, volunteer-led bid to put a recall election on the ballot. Former Mayor Tom Potter made his support of the effort public via a July 11 Facebook status update and, on July 15, released an exclusive letter to *Just Out* regarding his stance.

"To my friends in the sexual and gender minority community," Potter wrote, "Of all the communities affected by Mayor Adams' actions, this community has deep and personal feelings about the outcome. I know there are strong feelings on both sides of this issue. Because I love this community I feel it's important to tell you why I made my decision to support the recall of our Mayor."

"During his time as City Commissioner and Mayor, Sam Adams has demonstrated his serious lack of judgment, a complete lack of integrity, his serial lying to win an election, and his callous disregard for others." Potter went on to reiterate that his support of the



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One more time, with feeling: New recall spokesperson and chief petitioner Avel Gordly (above) says the second effort is expected to launch January 2010.

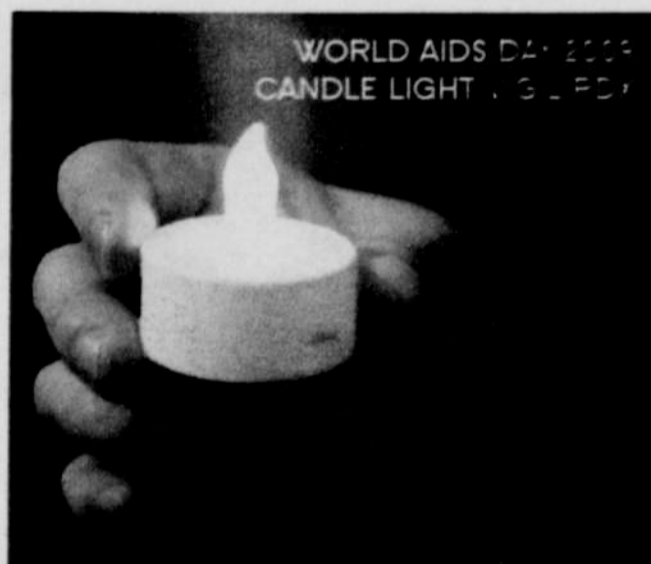
recall had nothing to do with Adams' sexual orientation, but "the Mayor's attempt to deny and cover up his actions with Beau before and after Beau turned 18"—and "an honest government, an honest City Council and an honest Portland."

Throughout the 90 day effort, Wurster stressed that the "campaign will not be the tool of hatred, but that of citizens being a part of the political process to make our government better by holding Sam Adams accountable for willfully lying to get elected, orchestrating an elaborate cover-up and abusing the power that the citizens of Portland granted him." Wurster and some 700 petitioners canvassed the city to collect a goal of 50,000 valid signatures from registered Portland voters; 32,183 were required. Ultimately, the effort fell short, with Wurster turning by his count approximately 30,000 signatures over to a group calling itself Portland Future PAC as the basis for a new recall campaign. Among the high-profile names coming forward to support the latest bid, which will be professionally run with start-up funds in the neighborhood of \$300,000, Columbia Sportswear CEO Tim Boyle, auto dealer Ron Tonkin, Stimson Lumber CEO Andrew Miller and Peter Stott, CEO of local real estate firm SKB.

The Mayor's office had not responded to requests for a statement as *Just Out* went to press. With Wurster taking a backseat for the second bid, new recall spokesperson and chief petitioner Avel Gordly confirmed that the second effort was expected to launch January 20, 2010, a year to the date of Adams' press conference. *Just Out* will continue to cover this story as it develops. **JO**



Former Mayor Tom Potter




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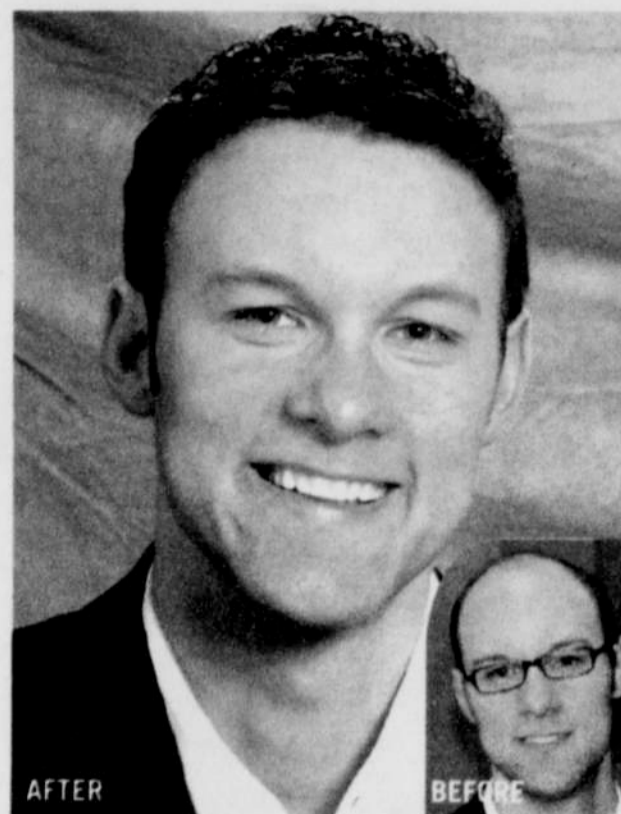


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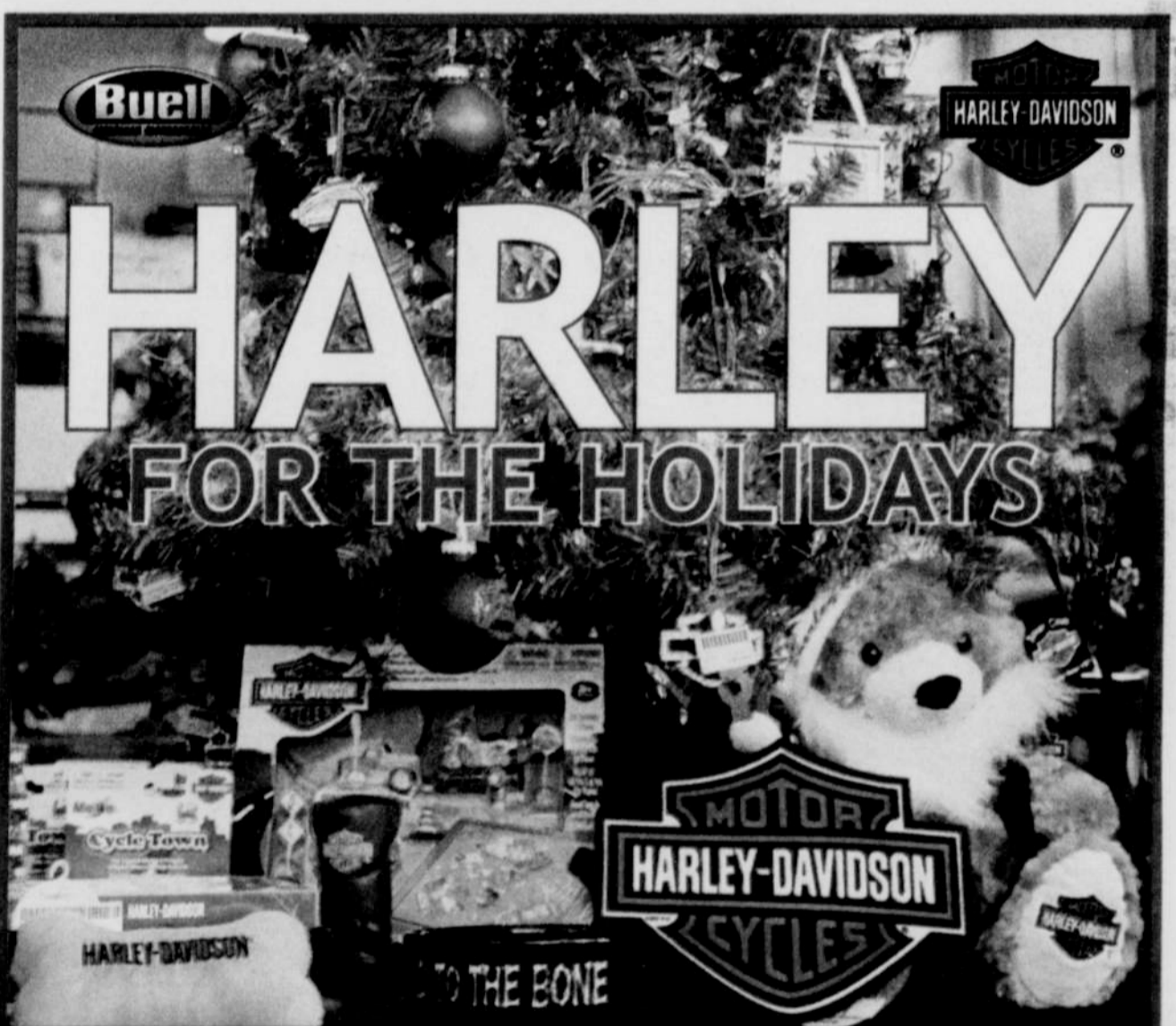
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