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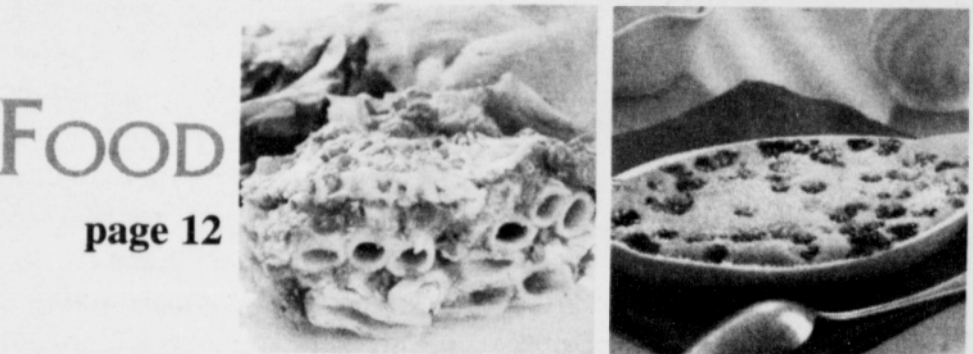
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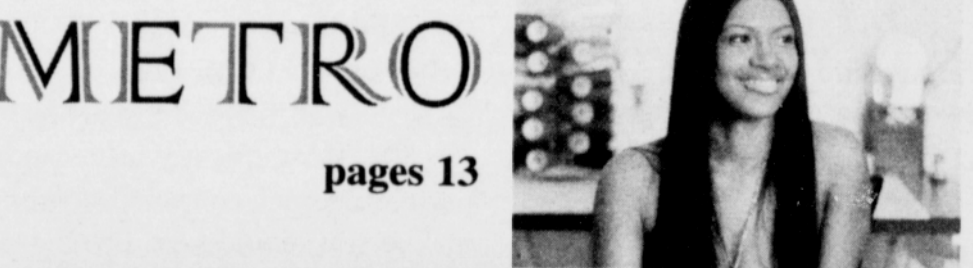
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What's on your list today?.

LOCAL NEWS

Not Running For Re-Election

Mayor decides to focus on job at hand

Portland Mayor Sam Adams announced Friday he will not seek re-election for a second term because he wouldn't be able to work on his agenda and run a successful campaign simultaneously.

"As I have considered the reality of a possible re-election effort, I have come to the conclusion that I have a choice: Move this agenda forward, or campaign full-time for re-election," he said in a letter addressed to the public. "With the state of our nation in such flux, and so many local issues needing focused and hands-on mayoral leadership, for me, the choice is clear."

Adams, whose victory in the 2008 election made Portland the largest city to have a gay mayor at the time, made the announcement two years after he admitted his dishonesty about having sexual relations with a teenage legislative aide.

Although the 47-year-old Adams disclosed his relationship with Beau Breedlove in 2009 and survived the scandal without an immediate resignation, the repercussions of making



Mayor Sam Adams

the relationship public never quite disappeared.

"I am under no illusion of how challenging the race for re-election would be," he said.

Both Charlie Hales, a former city commissioner, and Eileen Brady, a co-founder of New Seasons Grocery stores, had previously announced their plans to challenge the mayor.

When asked if an easier race for re-election would have changed his mind, he said it might have, but he has to deal with the situation at hand.

"My best service to Portland will be to complete the platform of

change and improvement you elected me to deliver: Creating jobs, increasing the high school graduation rate, and making Portland the most sustainable city, with the most equal of opportunities," said Adams.

During his time as mayor during one of the worst economic recessions our country has seen, Adams credits his achievements as lowering the unemployment rate, putting 2,000 people back to work under the city's first Economic Development Strategy in 15 years, reducing green house gas emissions through the Climate Action Plan and initiatives like Clean Energy Works Oregon; and the implementation of a 360-degree anti-gang violence strategy.

One hour after Adams' announcement on Friday, however, Hales said this was a good move for Adams and "a fresh start for Portland."

Adams said, however, as a city we have a lot more work to do.

He said his time in office has been challenging, exhilarating, and an opportunity to serve fellow Portlanders and help shape the future of the city.

"I'm committed to making every day of the next 17 months count," he said.

TriMet Builds on Diversity Team

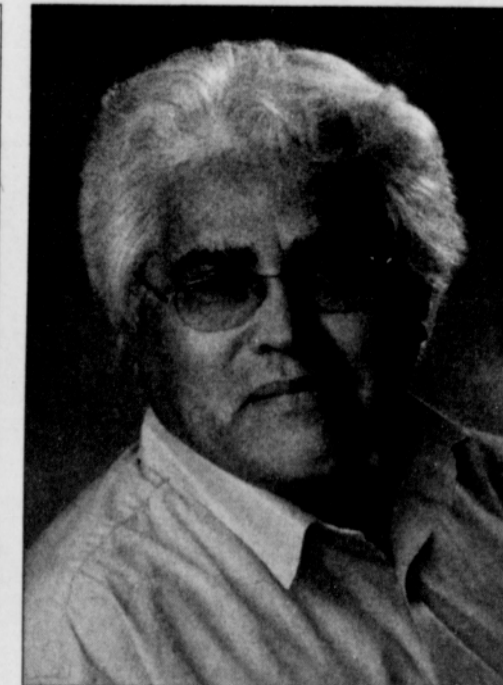
Focusing on serving multicultural populations

TriMet has hired for two positions focused on diversity and serving multicultural populations. Johnell Bell has been selected as the agency's director of diversity and transit equity. In a newly created role, Martin Gonzalez, a TriMet employee since 2007, will serve as multicultural program manager.

Bell, who reports to TriMet General Manager Neil McFarlane, will continue the transit agency's regional and national leadership in transit equity issues; ensuring services and infrastructure are equitably distributed and accessible to diverse cultural, racial and economic



Johnell Bell



Martin Gonzalez

communities throughout the agency's service area. He will also lead the agency's award-winning minority contracting efforts.

Gonzalez, who also serves on the Portland School Board, will continue building TriMet's Limited

English Proficiency program and provide leadership on internal and external issues around cultural competency including education, communications and staff and manage-

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