



LAW OFFICE OF JAMES D. McVITTIE, PC

Specializing in Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts, Business Planning, and Domestic Partnerships. Call for your free 30-minute consultation on Estate Planning

JAMES D. McVITTIE
Attorney-at-Law, Lic. in OR & WA

503.224.6611 TEL
806 SW BROADWAY, STE. 800
PORTLAND, OREGON 97205
WWW.MCVITTIE-LAW.COM

Big City Produce

Local Folks, Local Produce

2004 BEST Award winner Best Sustainable Food System

Little Store . . . Big on Diversity.



722 N. Sumner (at N. Albina) • Portland • 503-460-3830



JACKSON & ADOLPH

Flower Company, LLC

Your local fresh flower professionals

1424 East Burnside, Portland, OR 97214

503.282.0657 • 1.800.303.0657 • www.jacksonsflowers.com



Esquire Motors, Inc.
Complete Foreign Car Repair & Service

• Quality Services Guaranteed
• Serving Downtown Portland Since 1968

503.226.6269 | www.esquiremotors.com
1853 SW Jefferson • Portland

Herzog-Meier D. Fulps/George Kettner Drivers wanted. VW

503-644-9121 • cars@herzogmeier.com

Raines Globe Travel
Person to Person Travel Planning
International Specialists
Vacation Packages • Cruises • Tours • Group Travel

Call Chris for personalized service.

Downtown Salem Since 1948
129 Commercial NE • 503-399-1800 • 800-971-7210

Your #1 choice
24/7/365

RADIO CAB

503.227.1212

Corner of Sandy Blvd. & NE 64th
3106 NE 64th
Portland, OR 97213
503-280-8080

It's My Pleasure
Gifts for Romance in an Elegant Setting

NORTHWEST newsbriefs

Continued from Page 9

Exhibition and Networking event will be held 9 a.m. Aug. 27 and 11 a.m. Aug. 28 at Smith Memorial Union, 1825 S.W. Broadway. Queer attendants and activist groups are encouraged to attend. Scholarships are available for queer activist groups that would like to table at the exhibition.

TOWN HALL COFFEE WITH REP. SHIELDS AUG. 20

Queer-friendly state Rep. Chip Shields, D-Northeast Portland, will hold a town hall meeting from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 20 at Reflections Coffee, 446 N.E. Killingsworth St.

He will provide a recap of the 2005 legislative session, discuss issues of importance to residents of District 43 and answer questions from constituents. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information e-mail rep.chip-shields@state.or.us.

NEWS FROM THE Q CENTER

Q Center is an outgrowth of the LGBTQ Community Center Fund, a nonprofit organization tasked with determining whether Portland's sexual minorities community needs, wants and can support a community center. About 1,600 individual surveys later, with an additional 31 organizations weighing in, the answer is a resounding YES!

Sam Adams, Gwenn Baldwin, David Martinez and Ashleigh Flynn served as officers of a broader leadership team that directed the initial feasibility phase of work and remain in place to help transition the effort to a new leadership team that will drive the startup phase.

Susan Remmers was hired as interim director to oversee and coordinate leadership development, planning and site selection.

The heart of the work is conceived of and coordinated by a passionate volunteer base. In just the past two months, more than 50 volun-

In response to a community call for family activities and programs, October finds a "family friendly" pumpkin carving party. The details are being finalized, but the goal is clear: Have fun while strengthening community. There will be entertainment and prizes.

In November, the center will ask: What exactly is queer art? Local artists and an interactive forum will stimulate conversation and potentially take us closer to answering this key question as the center moves toward develop an ongoing arts and culture program.

In order to open generational understanding and to start building Q Center's own archive/history/library program, December will have a storytelling project. Storytelling has long been a vital way to share history and explore commonalities and difference within community.

To volunteer for any of these events, e-mail info@pdxqcenter.org.

To be added to the mailing list, check out pdxqcenter.org/mailman/listinfo/qcenter-list_pdxqcenter.org.

Remember, the LGBTQ Community Center Fund is a 501(c)3, so contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

RENTERS' RIGHTS HOTLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING CALLS ALL QUEERS

The Community Alliance of Tenants is looking for volunteers to staff the Renters' Rights Hotline, which provides compassion, accurate information and practical suggestions to tenants with rental problems. The majority of callers are low-income families. The Renters' Rights Hotline saves them money, protects their rights and prevents homelessness.

CAT is Oregon's only grassroots, tenant-controlled tenant rights organization. Its mission is to educate and empower tenants to demand affordable, stable and safe rental homes.

"One of the major ways I see folks in the GLBTQ communities significantly impacted by unfavorable housing conditions is that we often

don't feel like we have as many options for where we want to live," notes education coordinator Ari Rapkin. "If we need to live somewhere that has anti-discrimination codes or that has a generally higher population of people who are in an GLBTQ community or are supportive of folks who are, the rents can be a lot more expensive. So we are often forced into choosing between housing that is affordable to us or housing that recognizes our rights to live somewhere free from harassment and discrimination based on our sexual orientation or gender identity."

The two-day training will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Aug. 20 and from 2 to 6 p.m. Aug. 21 in



Watch for a family pumpkin carving night in October sponsored by Q Center.

teers have been engaged in activities to help make Q Center a reality.

Q Center plans to open shop by Pride 2006! In the meantime, a dedicated group of volunteers has stepped up to get Q Center programs up and running while money is raised to open its doors. The idea is simple: Have fun, build community and collect input to shape future Q Center programs. To succeed, volunteers will be needed all along the way. Dates and locations are in the works, but here's a preview of what's happening.

Northeast Portland; another training will be held at the same times Sept. 24 and 25. No experience is required. Contact Rapkin at 503-460-9702 or cat@aracnet.com for more information or to sign up.

POVA TAKES GAY PORTLAND TO NEW YORK EXPO

Every November, the Gay Life Expo takes place in New York. This year the dates are Nov. 19 and 20, and it will be held at the Javits Center.