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Breathe Free.

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Poison Waters Joins CAP

After working for 12 years with the state Department of Environmental Quality, Kevin Cook, aka Poison Waters, has accepted a new position with Cascade AIDS Project's development department, reporting to special events manager Roma Peyser.

"As you can imagine, it's tough to leave such a comfortable and secure experience, but this new position is such a great fit for my personality, experience and skills as well as the personal desire to continuously grow and challenge myself," he said. "It's crazy and genius all at once, and I couldn't be more thrilled!"

The job began as special events assistant and morphed into special events development associate. Duties include fund raising, soliciting and event planning—all major aspects of Cook's 17 years of community involvement, including his 10 years as a member of the board and planning committee for Peacock in the Park.

local gender community in order to better understand and assess the needs of the community it serves. Answers will help develop a library, educational programs and other resources for TIRC.

The survey is available online and in print for those without computer access. Print surveys will be available at TIRC, the Outside In clinic, the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center and other locations around the Portland area.

The online survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=38981372818.

The survey is 25 questions and takes approximately five to 10 minutes to complete. All information is completely anonymous and voluntary.

Bowl, Don't Smoke!

Tobacco kills more people from the sexual minorities community than hate crimes, alcohol, accidents, suicides and HIV/AIDS combined. It has one of the highest rates of smoking of any minority population, which puts queers at increased risk for smoking-

related illnesses, including cancer, emphysema and heart disease. The Gay American Smoke Out is an opportunity for queers to challenge themselves to support healthy communities by going smoke-free.

Breathe Free Oregon LGBTQ Coalition Against Tobacco is sponsoring an event from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 22 at Hollywood Lanes, 4030 N.E. Halsey St. In addition to giving

attendees an opportunity to bowl a few games, the event is designed with an education component so people can learn about the devastating effects of tobacco on the queer community. Resources and support will be available for people who want to quit. Discounts on bowling and shoe rentals will be given at the event.

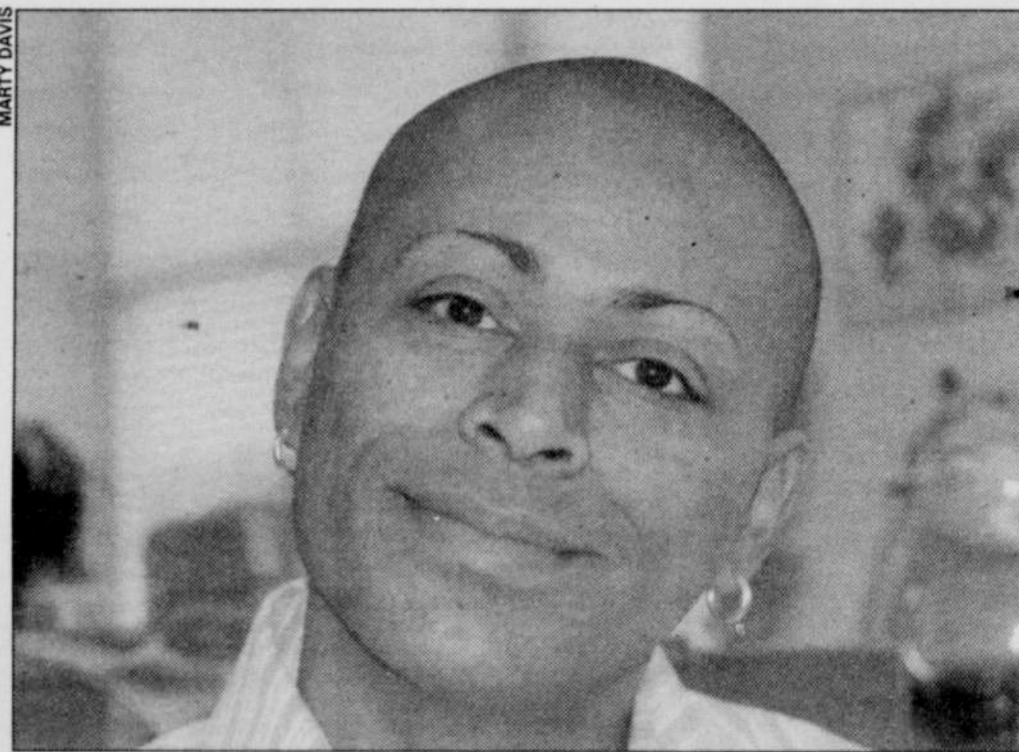
Brading Announces Campaign to Challenge Minnis

Democrat Rob Brading's candidacy for state representative began over morning coffee with tens of thousands of Oregonians.

Appearing on Thom Hartmann's morning show on KPOJ-AM radio Nov. 9, Brading told listeners that corporate lobbyists and special interests have their own personal representative in House Speaker Karen Minnis, R-Wood Village, while people in District 49 are being shut out and left behind. Minnis drew fire from queer activists when she shut down any possibility for civil rights and civil union legislation to move through her chamber in the most recent legislative session.

"When you look at her record, it seems like Karen Minnis might need a road map to find the 49th District," Brading said.

Brading, who came within 1,524 votes of unseating Minnis last year despite being outspent nearly 7 to 1, said he thought long and hard about whether to run again in 2006. He plans to walk across the East



Kevin Cook, aka Poison Waters, takes up a new position at Cascade AIDS Project.

Pride Foundation Awards \$146,000 in Grants

Pride Foundation has announced the recipients of its fall 2005 grants. A total of \$146,000 was awarded to 39 nonprofit organizations working to strengthen and improve lives in the sexual minorities community.

"We are thrilled and delighted to support the work of these great organizations," said Audrey Haberman, executive director of Pride Foundation. "These groups are out there doing the admirable work of changing hearts and minds and providing crucial services to our community."

The Elder Resource Alliance of Portland was awarded \$4,784 to help plan and implement weekly senior center activities that will focus on meeting the social needs of sexual minority elders. A quarter-time activity coordinator will provide social opportunities, wellness activities and a place for seniors to congregate and socialize.

In support of lesbian health, the Bradley-Angle House was granted \$5,000 to maintain at full time its sexual and gender minority services coordinators, who provide support for queer women who are victims of domestic violence.

Trans/Identity Resource Centre Conducts Community Survey

As part of a library project with Portland State University, the staff of the Trans/Identity Resource Centre is soliciting input and information from the