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Jean Ann Van Krevelen will start her new job as CAP executive director Jan. 3. She comes to Portland from Oklahoma.

Cascade AIDS Project Announces New Leader

Since the departure in August of executive director Thomas Bruner, Cascade AIDS Project has been on the search for a replacement. As of Jan. 3, Jean Ann Van Krevelen joins the organization, which is the state's largest dealing with HIV/AIDS.

Van Krevelen has served as CEO of Regional AIDS Intercommunity Network, Oklahoma's only statewide AIDS service provider, for nearly four years. She received her bachelor's degree in language arts education from Phillips University and a master's in social work from University of Denver.

Van Krevelen is a member of the current class of Leadership Oklahoma, was recently selected as Woman of the Year in Oklahoma and has been honored with University of Oklahoma School of Social Work's Social Welfare Leader award. In addition to local board service, she also served nationally on the executive committee of the Campaign to End AIDS and the steering committee of the Southern AIDS Coalition.

Her life's motto is best exemplified by a quote from Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

A full interview with Van Krevelen will be featured in the Jan. 20 issue of *Just Out*.

Equity Offers Seminar on Socially Responsible Investing

Equity Foundation is offering "Gay Finances in a Straight World: Socially Responsible Investing" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 2 at Paramount Hotel, 808 S.W. Taylor St. The workshop and lunch are free of charge.

At the seminar, you will learn how to balance your financial needs with a concern for other people and our world. In addition, you will gain tips on how to make decisions about investment strategies and mutual funds that emphasize social responsibility, such as workforce diversity, product safety and environmental awareness.

Jan Schorey, founder of Portlandia Investment Management, will facilitate the workshop and help you align your investments with your values.

Register by contacting Amy Williams at 503-231-5759 or amywilliams@equityfoundation.org.

Embattled Spokane Mayor Ousted

Spokane, Wash., Mayor James E. West was recalled from office Dec. 6 amid allegations that he offered jobs and perks to young men he met in a gay

Internet chat room.

With just more than half of the 110,000 mail-in ballots counted, 38,718, or 65 percent, voted to recall West, while 20,681, or 35 percent, voted to retain him.

West has until Dec. 16 to wait out his term, when the elections results are certified.

Allegations of West's closeted homosexuality came to light after *The Spokesman-Review* newspaper published reports that he visited gay chat rooms using his city-owned laptop and offered internships and other favors to young men he pegged as future sex partners.

Having served in illustrious positions such as sheriff's deputy and executive for the Boy Scouts, West was elected mayor in 2003 after two decades in the Washington Legislature. He has a consistent record of voting against gay-friendly bills.

In the effort to recall West, citizens accused him of using his office for personal benefit by offering a city internship to a man he thought was an 18-year-old. He had met this person in a gay online chat room.

The Spokesman-Review hired a computer expert in order to investigate allegations of wrongdoing. Although West has not been charged with any crime, he admitted making personal mistakes. Perhaps hypocrisy is the least of his worries.



James West was given a vote of no confidence by the citizens of Spokane, where he will serve as mayor until Dec. 16.

Roseburg to Stage *The Vagina Monologues*

Planning is under way to stage the controversial piece *The Vagina Monologues* in March 2006 in the southern Oregon town of Roseburg. Anyone interested in volunteering to participate should contact Karen at beez@jeffnet.org.

V-Day is a global movement to support efforts to end violence against women and girls that raises funds and awareness through benefit productions of playwright/founder Eve Ensler's award-winning play *The Vagina Monologues*. In 2005, more than 2,500 V-Day events took place in the United States and around the world. To date, V-Day has raised more than \$30 million and educated millions about the issue of violence against women and the efforts to end it; crafted international educational, media and public service announcement campaigns; reopened shelters; and funded safe houses in Kenya, South Dakota, Egypt and Iraq and more than 5,000 community-based anti-violence programs. The "V" in V-Day stands for victory, valentine and vagina. For more information visit www.vday.org.

PGE and Its Employees Give Away \$1.2 Million

Just when fears that national disasters have taken a toll on individual giving to Oregon nonprofit organizations, Portland General Electric employees and

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