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John Garlington Leaves Cascade AIDS Project

John Garlington left Cascade AIDS Project to pursue other career goals Dec. 15 and wanted to inform community partners and colleagues about these changes.

He will continue to be a part of the HIV/AIDS education and fight, particularly in the African-American community. He urges the community to continue to support CAP's Men's Prevention & Wellness department because, as he observes, great things are happening, including the imminent opening of the Men's Wellness Center.

In a letter sent to colleagues and community members, he wrote, "It has been a pleasure working with each and every one of you on a professional level, and I will continue to beat the drum of prevention and education either as a volunteer or community advocate."

Q Center Seeks Coordinator

Portland's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community center, Q Center, is gearing up to take on its first permanent hire.

While the Q Center board develops the vision, guides the programs and defines the organization's goals, a coordinator is needed to design, oversee and implement recruitment, screening, training, placement, management and retention of volunteers. The coordinator is also responsible for basic fund development and administrative work.

The position, which is open until filled with the right person, requires excellent oral and written communication skills, experience working with limited resources and knowledge about the queer community and support for Q Center's mission. It pays \$21,840 annually for 30 hours of work each week.

For more information visit www.pdxqcenter.org. To apply, e-mail a résumé and one-page cover letter to info@pdxqcenter.org with "Q Center Coordinator Search" in the subject line.

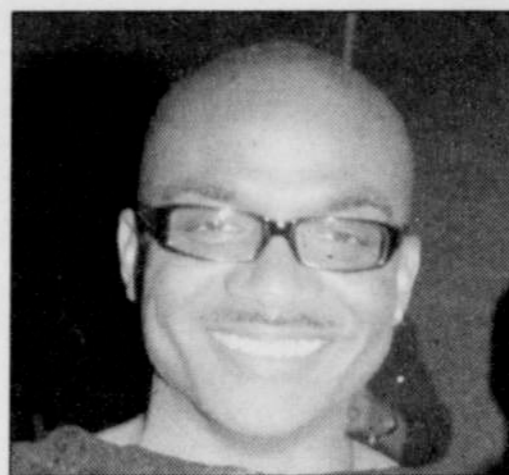
Trans/Identity Resource Centre Opens House

Each Monday, the Trans/Identity Resource Centre invites the community to activities, discussions and speakers beginning at 5:30 p.m. with general open house (chatting, HIV testing, information, resources, check-in) at 4.

Second Monday, Jan. 9, is Media Night, and the group will be viewing *Middle Sexes: Redefining He and She* followed by discussion of the new HBO documentary, narrated by author Gore Vidal. HBO's Web site says, "Award-winning filmmaker Antony Thomas [HBO's *Celibacy*] explores the controversial subject of the blurring of genders, as well as the serious social and family problems faced by those whose gender may fall somewhere in between male and female."

Third Monday, Jan. 16, is the Discussion Forum, with the subject "Dating, Relationships and Sex!" For most of the world, the mating dance is fairly standardized and scripted, with clearly defined roles, behaviors and corresponding bodies and genders to go along

with all of this. Yet what happens when the genders and bodies are not as clearly defined? There will be a facilitated group discussion on the challenges of gender-variant dating, relationships and sex, as well as



Activist John Garlington leaves CAP's Men's Prevention & Wellness department to pursue new horizons.

considering the positive aspects of stepping out of the conventional cultural script of the mating dance.

Fourth Monday, Jan. 23, will feature a mask-making workshop. There are many characters and roles that people play throughout our lives—student, parent, friend, lover, etc.—and often they can change several times a day according to context or situation. All identities could be seen as masks for the characters each person plays. With this in mind, the group will be making masks from various materials and discussing their meanings and relevance to each person's life.

Confidential HIV testing and counseling are available during Genderblendz.

TIRC is located at 1030 S.W. 13th Ave. For more information call 503-535-3895 or e-mail tirc@outsidein.org.

Calling Queers for Health Awareness Month Meeting

Breathe Free, Oregon's LGBTQ Coalition Against Tobacco, is holding a planning meeting for discussion with queer bar owners, performers and event planners for LGBT Health Awareness Week in March.

The goal of the event is to provide space for an open community discussion about smoking and secondhand smoke in queer bars and to gain community-based understanding of concerns and ideas about smoke-free events and venues.

Breathe Free recognizes that bars have an important place in queer history and that smoking bans are becoming increasingly common. High rates of smoking in the queer community and exposure to secondhand smoke increase risks for smoking-related illnesses, including heart disease, stroke, cancer and asthma.

Any interested community members are invited to attend the first planning meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at Haven Coffee, 3551 S.E. Division St. If you are planning on coming to this meeting, RSVP to program coordinator R.E. Szego at 503-784-5813 or r.e.szego@cascadiabhc.org.

Barbecue Keeps on Burnin'

Russell Street Bar-B-Que celebrates a significant second anniversary this month after two years speckled with natural disasters yet seasoned with customer loyalty and homestyle food.

The restaurant, nestled on the corner of Northeast Russell Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, marks its survival with an anniversary extravaganza Jan. 5 and 6, offering full racks of Carlton Farms baby back pork ribs or Misty Isle Farms smoked beef ribs for the price of half racks.

The Paul deLay Trio, featuring Janice Scroggins, serenades diners from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 5, and Alan Hager and Katey Angel sing the blues Jan. 6.

Russell Street Bar-B-Que opened Jan. 5, 2004, as Tucci's Q American Bar-B-Que. A conflict prompted the name change. The ice storm of January 2004 closed the restaurant for three days, and the barbecue joint was closed for two months after a fire struck July 15, 2005.