

nology failure" on the reason angry e-mails to Wheeler were sent to everyone on the list.

"We had a technology failure on our end. It was discovered within five hours. We shut the system down. Everyone who e-mailed us, their e-mails have been pulled out of our system. Unless they let us know they want to receive more info from us, they won't," said Willer.

To *Willamette Week*, she defended the campaign's move to spam subscribers from Linn's mailing list.

"You bet we e-mailed the Linn Line list," Willer told *Willy Week*. "They are getting a steady diet of propaganda from Linn, and we wanted to make sure these folks at least had access to another view."

Stop! In the Name of Voters

The *Oregonian* made a call for activism in a riled-up article Jan. 22.

Writer Mary Pitman Kitch suggested residents concerned with a feud pitting County



An *Oregonian* writer has called for a halt on infighting among Multnomah County commissioners.

Commissioners Lisa Naito, Serena Cruz and Maria Rojo de Steffey against Chair Diane Linn should attend the Thursday meetings heralding stop signs, insisting they call infighting to a halt.

"If their feuding continues, the county will make no progress on opening the

mothballed Wapato jail. A public safety levy won't go forward. Schools will be shortchanged...and the board's deep division will make it harder for the county to cope with the loss of \$28 million to \$32 million from the sunset of the personal income tax," the article warned.

According to the article, the impasse is resulting in communication primarily between surrogates and an attitude not in line with getting county business accomplished.

"Everything here has become a personal issue," Gary Walker, Commissioner Lonnie Roberts' chief of staff, told *The Oregonian*. "There's a feeling up here among some of the commissioners that it's 'Get Diane at any cost.'" jo

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Q Center Announces Rollout Location, Staff

The board of Q Center—the emerging community center for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning Portlanders—announced Feb. 2 that it has identified a rollout location and hired its first permanent staff member.

The 1,627-square-foot rollout site is located in Suite 145 at 1028 S.E. Water Ave. and has a street entrance on Southeast Taylor Street. The site will open in early March, launching with open house activities. The community center plans to operate limited activities, events and hours for the first two years of operation, or rollout phase. However, the site offers many of the pieces of the long-term vision for the center, including an adjacent coffee shop at Bakery Bar and a larger event venue at Studio 1050, which is also in the building complex.

"This turnkey space allows us to offer the community a taste of our vision for a community center, with a place for people to gather, get information, hold events and relax with a coffee and sweet treat, without having to support the full cost of pro-

viding them or a lot of startup costs," said board co-chairman Tim Healea. "This unique setup also gives us the opportunity to continue our planning for broader programs and a larger facility that can meet our long-term needs. The community is eager to get started, and so are we."

Gene de Haan came on board as Q Center coordinator Feb. 3. She will be responsible for designing, overseeing and implementing the recruitment, screening, training, placement, management and retention of volunteers that staff all of Q Center's programs and activities. The coordinator is also responsible for basic fund development and administrative work.

De Haan, who identifies as genderqueer, has experience in volunteer engagement and staff coordination and has a deep commitment to issues affecting the sexual minorities community. She has been involved with multiple not-for-profits for the past six years, including the Trans/Identity Resource Centre at Outside In.

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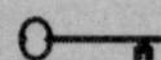


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