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Straight Alliance. The Central Coast PFLAG chapter meets 7 p.m. second Wednesdays at St. Stephen's Church Episcopal Church, 410 S.W. Ninth St. in Newport. For questions call 541-265-7194.

—JRC

GOINGS**SMYRC, Q Center Plan Moves**

Favor Ellis of the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center put out an S.O.S. on Jan. 8, and the facility canceled its drop-in hours until further notice.

Why? "Our ceilings started caving in from roof leaks, and we started getting sick from the amazing amount of mold growing up and in the walls," Ellis said.

Ellis told *Just Out* Jan. 20 that SMYRC is back in action. An environmental engineer inspected the building after repairs were made and gave her clearance to reopen it. Staff provided off-site services to youth every day SMYRC was closed, including field trips to In Other Words bookstore and Q Center.

Ellis aims to move SMYRC permanently to Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare's Garlington Center in Northeast Portland at the end of May.

Q Center also has moving plans before its lease expires Feb. 28, although executive director Kendall Clawson would not disclose its potential new location. "We have a space around which we are finalizing details regarding contracts, so the lawyers have it in their hands," she told *Just Out*. The center raised more than \$200,000 in a 90-day

matching grant challenge that ended Sept. 30 to fund the relocation.

—JRC

Julianna Jaffe Off to NYC!

Out lesbian Portland actress Julianna Jaffe just announced that she's resigning her artistic directorship of critically acclaimed Insight Out Theatre Collective, packing up her bags and leaving Portland at the end of January to try her hand in every serious actor's holy land: New York City. "I am so ready, my spirit is just like go go go go!" the 30-year-old thespian said via phone. "I'm ready to hit the pavement and start running." Chris Coleman, openly gay artistic director of Portland Center Stage, who has directed Jaffe in productions there, said it had "been an absolute pleasure to have Julianna grace our stages for the past two seasons, and we wish her all the best in her new adventure."

—SMB

McMenamins Project on Hold for Now

An ambitious McMenamins hotel renovation project for the former Club Portland/Silverado complex, at Southwest 12th Avenue and Stark Street, is on hold, according to Pacific Crest Construction project supervisor Geoff Daggett. "The project has stalled," Daggett told *Just Out*. "They couldn't get the financing because of everything going on." Daggett added that his crew had stopped working on the project, which began in July, sometime in Novem-

ber, with only a handful of specialists continuing sporadic work to replace windows on the aging former bathhouse and gay dance club. And about that initial Jan. 1 open date? Well, it's come and gone now, and the building's shell looks essentially unchanged since last fall. But Daggett says they hope to get back to work on it soon. "From what I understand," he said, "we're gonna start back up Feb. 1, and hopefully be done I assume by May or June."

—SMB

Trans Activist Ascends Another Rank

Democratic party booster and outspoken trans activist Laura Calvo has ascended another rung on the Oregon political ladder. She was chosen Jan. 10 as the statewide Democratic Party's new treasurer, a position that puts her in elite company: She is now among only a handful of openly sexual minority statewide political party officers across the country. "It's a pretty huge role," Calvo says of her new post, which includes managing campaign finance compliance rules, supporting county party organizations and raising money for the state party. "It really gives me a chance to roll up my sleeves and move democratic issues forward. We still have the war in Iraq, health care, marriage equality, [the Employment Nondiscrimination Act], all those things that need to be pushed forward on the national agenda."

—SMB

Actress Julianna Jaffe, who starred in smash productions like *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, is leaving Portland this month to take her career to the next level in New York.

Case Closed

Basic Rights Oregon's hope for repealing Measure 36, a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, was stunted Jan. 14 when the state Supreme Court denied the plaintiffs' petition for reconsideration. This ruling in the lawsuit *Martinez v. Kulongoski* upheld a November state Supreme Court decision and a May appeals court ruling that Measure 36 is legal. The organization's next shot at marriage equality is a ballot initiative in the 2012 election. No other legal challenges to Measure 36 have been filed.

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