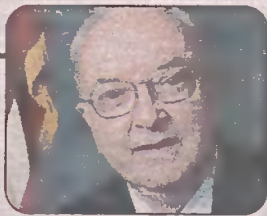


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Time Out Youth CEO resigns

Board will be 'deliberate' in search for new agency head

by David Stout . Q-Notes staff

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CHARLOTTE — Time Out Youth CEO Janine K. Eustache resigned her position with the support and advocacy organization for LGBT and questioning youth on June 17.

Her departure came three days after a Q-Notes investigative article revealed serious allegations by ex-interns and youth members suggesting the agency's leader was uncomfortable working with the LGBT community and uninformed about its issues. There were also concerns that she did not want to be publicly associated with the organization.

Eustache, who is heterosexual, was formerly the southeast regional director of Save the Children, a global child relief organization; an executive at LaFace Records in Atlanta, Ga.; and the executive director of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus. Prior to TOY, she had no experience working with LGBT organizations or serving the unique needs of LGBTQ youth.

In the wake of her resignation, Eustache

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Peter Paige to appear at Pride

by David Stout . Q-Notes staff

CHARLOTTE — The Queen City is readying for its annual booster shot of GAY. And as Queer Charlotteans look toward their special day at Gateway Village, they can also anticipate the participation of one special queen — or at least the guy who's famous for playing him on TV. Peter Paige is coming!



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Charlotte, Raleigh among top 10 'Gay Ghettos'

N.C. cities were cited for their thriving arts and business climate

by Matt Comer . Q-Notes staff

CHARLOTTE — Two North Carolina cities have been named in an annual list of the top 10 "Gay Ghettos" in the U.S.

Compiled by the owners of GayRealEstate.com, the list is topped by a two-way tie between Atlanta, Ga., and Portland, Ore. Charlotte comes in at third, with Raleigh ranked fourth in a tie with Tampa, Fla. Charlotte and Raleigh scored high marks for their strong business climate and arts opportunities.

Jeff Hammerberg, founder and president of GayRealEstate.com, told Q-Notes that the "Gay Ghetto" rankings are measured by how many LGBT people are moving to a city, living there and requesting information.

More than 50 Carolinas LGBT or friendly real estate agents show up in a search of GayRealEstate.com. The site bills itself as the nation's "number one source representing the rights of gay and lesbian home buyers and sellers."

"Each year we choose our Gay Ghetto Top 10 by cross-analyzing demographics against real estate sales data to discover those especially prized metropolitan areas throughout the USA that are most in vogue with the diverse GLBT community," explained the GayRealEstate.com release.

"When the number crunching is over, we usually have 10 distinct winners, individually ranked by virtue of their popularity. But for 2008 we have some unique and special surprises — including three 2-way ties and a 3-way tie. Our top 10 are so outstanding, in other words, that they rate higher than ever."

The list and the written summary for each city follows.



Charlotte placed third, followed by Raleigh in fourth on a list of the top 10 LGBT cities in America. The North Carolina cities' arts and business appeal contributed to their high rankings. Photo Credit: VisitCharlotte.com

The 2008 Gay Ghetto Top 10

Atlanta, Ga., and Portland, Ore.

Atlanta — The "Peach City" reigns as the South's LGBT capital and continues to attract record numbers of LGBT newcomers each year. Combine Southern charm and hospitality with the exciting urban sophistication and thriving economic base of a world-class cosmopolitan city and you have the unique Hot 'Lanta cocktail. The midtown hosts a well-established gay see top on 19

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S.C. Black Pride 'one big family'

by Gareth Fenley
Contributing Writer

COLUMBIA — As five days of South Carolina Black Pride came to an end with an awards ceremony on June 29, Ra'Shawn Flournoy was glowing with excitement. "It was phenomenal, seeing the love," Flournoy said, as he tried to describe his feelings during the first Pride of his life, which he attended with his male fiancée and an estimated 500 other people. "It's been one big family here. Words can't compare to it."

Organizers were happy and exhausted after staging

the first 100 percent, locally hosted Pride celebration in the capital for people of African descent who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual,



2008 S.C. Black Pride Committee (from left): Todd Shaw, chair; Donald Wood, treasurer; Steve Gaither, vice-chair; Nicky Dixon, entertainment coordinator; Alvin McEwen, secretary; Tina Torres and Tiffany Adams, members.

al, transgender or same-gender-loving. "It's all about community," said Pride committee chair Todd Shaw, an African-American studies professor at the University of South Carolina. "We're all part of a larger LGBT community, but it's all right to have family reunions."

Connecting to ethnic brothers and sisters is a way to feel valued and beautiful that can literally save lives, Shaw said emphatically.

Leaders in the "family" were recognized with honors as follows: Marjorie Hammock, Lorde/Baldwin leadership award; Stacey Smallwood, Trendsetter award for youth; Sam Hunter and K. Allen Campbell, Mother/Father awards for veteran elders; Maurice Adair and Linda Scipio, Mganga (Healer) awards for HIV/AIDS care; and Rev. Bennie Coclough, Rafiki Award for an ally who is

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