

"very humbling that I could have even been chosen." He emphasizes that the remodel is "not a project of one, but of all the congregation." Highhouse, also delighted with the honor, sees her involvement in MCC Portland, and specifically Elevation, as "something where you look around you and *know* that this is exactly where I'm meant to be."

Elevation will perform *Elevation 54*, a concert of "solid gold hits" from the 1970s, 7 p.m. March 10 at 2400 N.E. Broadway.

### Quilting Bees Planned

A new nonprofit organization, A Part of My Heart, has taken on the project of displaying part of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, crafting new squares and returning it to Atlanta heavier than it arrived.

An exhibition called *Angels Are Watching* will be held from June 15 to June 17 at Ambridge Event Center, 300 N.E. Multnomah St. The group aims to show between 20 and 25 blocks of the quilt. Each block is composed of eight individual quilt squares.

The group is also hosting a series of quilting bees, titled "Stitch One...Remember One," to assist people in making quilt squares representing those who have died of AIDS from the Pacific Northwest. The bees will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 22 at Metropolitan Community Church of Portland, 2400 N.E. Broadway, and from 1 to 4 p.m. March 18 at Jupiter Hotel, 800 E. Burnside St.

More quilting bees will be scheduled as the need indicates. If you have any donations of fabrics, notions, money, space or ability to sew or iron, call 503-849-2999 or e-mail [cdlasure@yahoo.com](mailto:cdlasure@yahoo.com).

### Siren Nation Calls for Submissions

Siren Nation Women's Music and Arts Festival is calling for film submissions for women-directed films of any length and genre to show at the festival. If your film is chosen, you will receive a pass to the festival, which will be held Nov. 4 and 5 at Crystal Ballroom, 1332 W. Burnside St.

The deadline for submission is March 15. Submit DVDs only to Luos Chain, 1511 N.E. Junior St., Portland, OR 97211. For questions, e-mail [chain@swimnaked.com](mailto:chain@swimnaked.com).

### Lambda Awards Given

People from all walks of life, from middle schoolers through 85-year-olds, joined at Medford's Red Lion Inn on Jan. 26 to mark the 11th annual Lambda Awards.

The event—sponsored by the Abdill-Ellis

Lambda Community Center and organized by center board members Michael Erceg, Darcy Hamilton, Alicia-Lynne Ryland-Nation and Leslie A. Stone—honored another year of individuals and organizations working for equal rights for the sexual minorities community. L. Scott Clay, host of the groundbreaking television series *The Wilde Life*, served as the host.

Themed "Valleywood: Celebrating Our Stars," festivities included a rousing performance by vocalist Tamara Marston and pianist Bob Milrad. Continuing a tradition of performing at the awards event, the Southern Oregon Planned Parenthood Teen Theater, directed by Cil Stengel, entertained and engaged the audience with innovative performances.

Rosemary Dunn Dalton, recipient of Southern Oregon University's 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award, was the keynote speaker. Active in the struggle for equality and civil rights for more than 30 years, Dunn Dalton, a self-described "change agent," told the crowd: "Working for change is bigger than change itself. Get involved."

Dennis Vickoren and L. Scott Clay were presented with Lambda's Arts and Entertainment awards for their work in producing *The Wilde Life*.

Larry Crain was given the Community Outreach award. Michael Erceg, secretary of the center's board, was presented with the Community Service award. State Rep. Peter Buckley, D-Ashland, who was unable to attend, was honored with the Humanitarian award. Frances Marsh earned the Lambda Hall of Fame award. The center's board presented the Outstanding Youth award to Planned Parenthood's Teen Theater, and Alicia-Lynne Ryland-Nation received the Perseverance Through Oppression award.

For more information call 541-488-6990 or visit [www.abdellis.org](http://www.abdellis.org).

### Hispanic Films Cover Queer Topics

The 2007 Cine-Lit VI, a triennial international conference on Hispanic film and literature, will be held Feb. 21 to Feb 24.

Coinciding with the Portland International Film Festival, the conference's themes include women cineastes, cinema and theater, cinema and ideologies, cinematographic adaptations, marginalized voices in cinema, new films and directors, Hispanic cinema in the United States and Hispanic cinema in the classroom.

From 9:05 to 10:10 a.m. Feb. 23, Oscar Fernández of Portland State University will present his paper "Misreading Transgendered Subjectivities in Pedro

Almodóvar's *Bad Education* and *All About My Mother*" as a part of an English-language panel. José Sánchez Mosquera of University of Ottawa will also be presenting "A 'New Beginning': Homosexuality and the Spanish Past in Jaime Chávarri's *To an Unknown God*" during this panel. From 10:15 to 11:20 a.m., a Spanish-language panel will present papers on queer and trans issues including "El cronotopo en *El favor de Pablo Sofovich: Espacio, representación y el sujeto lésbico en el cine argentino*" by Nayibe I. Bermúdez Barrios of University of Calgary.

The conference will be held at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Center, 1825 S.W. Broadway, with films showing at Portland Art Museum's Whitsell Auditorium, 1219 S.W. Park Ave., and Broadway Metroplex, 1000 S.W. Broadway. For a complete schedule of conference presentations and film screenings, visit [www.elrincondelcine.com](http://www.elrincondelcine.com).

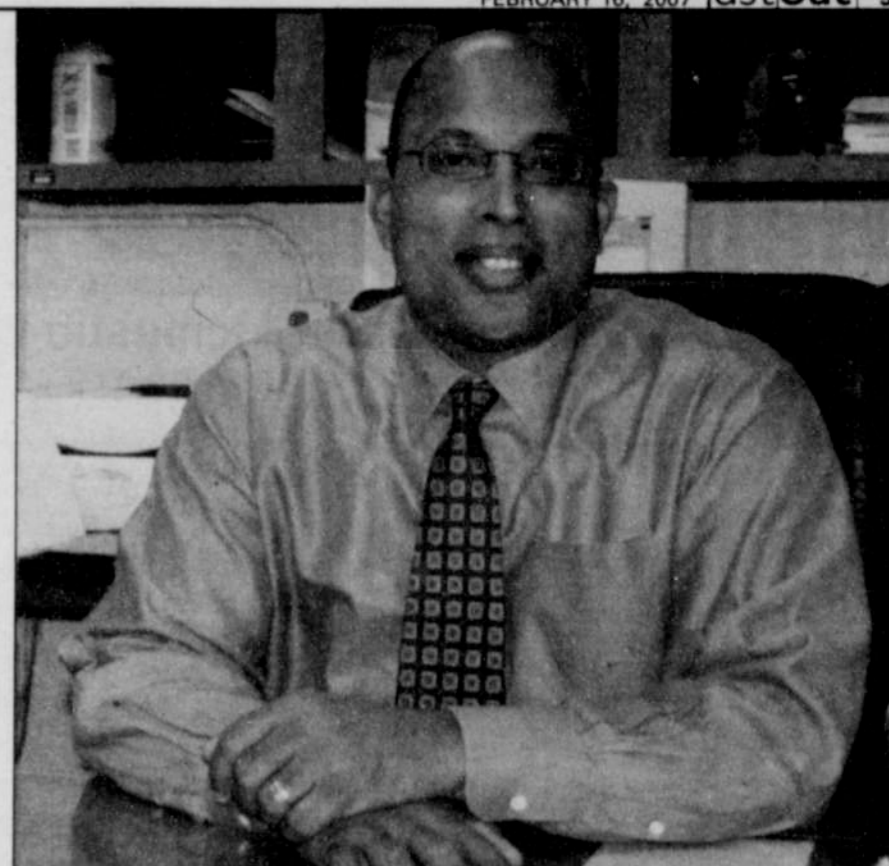
### Brother to Brother Holds First Fund-Raiser

Portland's progressive reputation sometimes gets in the way of the work Brother to Brother does, in terms of identifying and breaking down barriers faced by sexual minorities and people of color.

Members of the organization want to convey the message that its work is still relevant as it holds its first fund-raiser, *Keeping My People*. The event's theme draws connections between the gay and the civil rights movements.

"As liberal as Portland projects itself to being, racism is overwhelming here," said Darryl! Moch, executive director of Brother to Brother. "We are still dealing with basic civil rights here. We, as an African-American GLBT community, need to make the connection between civil rights and gay rights so the black community will begin to see it and not become victims of an extremely conservative viewpoint."

*Keeping My People* will honor seven people and the Multnomah County Health Department Care Services team, which has contributed significantly to the African American and gay and lesbian rights movements. Keynote speakers are Marcus Mundy, president of the Urban League of



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Portland, and Rodney McKenzie, project director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The event will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at Portland State University's Native American Student and Community Center, 710 S.W. Jackson St. The cost is \$50 for dinner and entertainment and \$10 for an after-party dance.

For more information call 503-417-7991 or e-mail [iran@brotobrodx.org](mailto:iran@brotobrodx.org).

### Thorpe Lands New Post

Portlander Roey Thorpe, former executive director of Basic Rights Oregon, has accepted a post at Equality Federation, a national network of state-based sexual minority advocacy organizations. She will begin March 5.

Thorpe still intends to live in Portland as she works as the group's first director of advocacy services. She recently resigned from the national Freedom to Marry organization.

"There are talented and dedicated leaders across this country who have been the backbone of our movement for many years," said Thorpe. "My job will be to make sure that they have the strategic tools and resources they need to continue to move this country, city by city, state by state, toward full equality."

Thorpe will develop and implement a pilot project for supporting state-based efforts to accomplish key policy goals, such as local and state non-discrimination laws or family recognition policies.

For more information visit [www.equalityfederation.org](http://www.equalityfederation.org). 10

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