



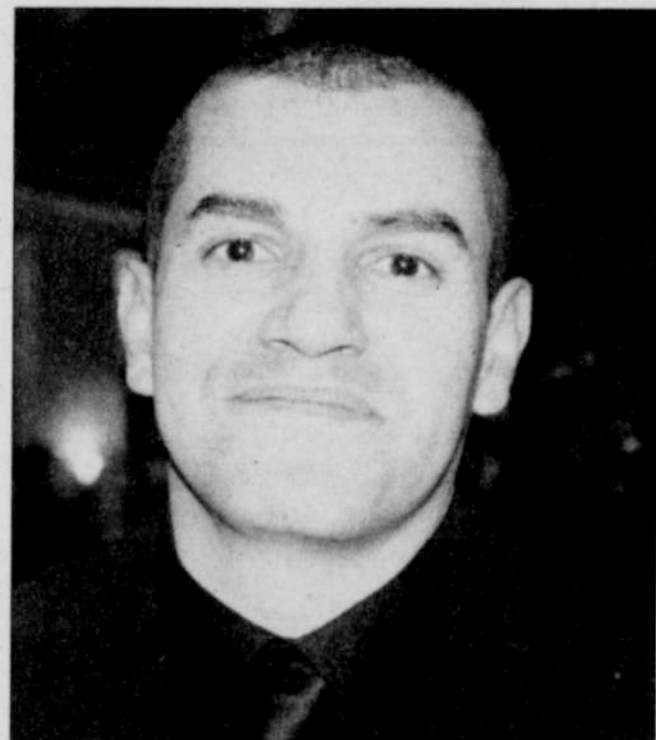
Wayne Miya, executive director of Our House of Portland, joined thousands Oct. 14 at Cascade AIDS Project's AIDS Walk.

than an amendment; that it contained multiple amendments, which must be voted on separately; and that it was a policy pronouncement and not the proper subject for a ballot initiative.

Johnson does not expect further attempts to uphold the marriage ban to be successful if this case is ruled in his clients' favor.

"We feel strongly that [the opposition is] losing ground all the time. Time is totally on our side," said Johnson. "So the long-term prospects if we win the case are very good. It's a matter of whether we're going to win the case or not."

A decision is expected in three to six months.



Juan Martinez is challenging the state on Measure 36 along with his partner, Byron Beck.

Edlen Gives Generously to PABA

Mark Edlen, managing principal at Gerding Edlen Development, reached out to the Portland Area Business Association (PABA) this month with a \$3,000 gift to the sexual minority business networking organization's 2008 scholarship fund.

"We can look at it as a way of building an endowment. I'm so thrilled!" said PABA board member Michael Traylor. "Before this contribution, our goal was to hit \$5,000 for next year. I would say [the scholarship] committee will probably re-evaluate and see if we can aim a little big higher." Traylor added that this might be the largest gift PABA has received from a straight donor.

Edlen says he first got the idea when he attended a Sept. 12 PABA luncheon to address changes in the Burnside Triangle, where Gerding Edlen owns property. PABA's 2007 scholarship awards were given out at the same meeting.

This is Edlen's first gift of any amount to PABA.

He also donated \$5,000 this year to the state's largest gay advocacy organization, Basic Rights Oregon. He made the donation to PABA through Equity Foundation, a nonprofit that provides funding to organizations addressing the needs of the sexual minorities community.

"My wife [Ann] and I have three things that we try to donate money to: kids, art and sustainability," Edlen explained. "I just realize kids are the future, and every kid deserves to get the best education they can get."

Gerding Edlen owns property at Southeast 12th Avenue and Washington Street, behind the Eagle PDX bar. In February, the development company acquired the nearby Continental Building from former Club Portland owners Dick Lawson and Gary Nelson.

Edlen says the company still has not decided whether to renovate the Continental Building or tear it down to build a "glass box" modeled after the Fifth Avenue Apple Store built in New York City in 2006.

10,000 Walk for AIDS

Walkers broke records Oct. 14 at Cascade AIDS Project's 21st annual AIDS Walk Portland, a five-kilometer walk downtown. The fund-raiser brought in more than \$350,000 for CAP's HIV/AIDS services, public education, prevention, support and outreach efforts to youth and adults most at risk for contracting HIV.

"We were delighted with the outcome," said executive director Jean Ann Van Krevelen. "Not only did we break a record with our fund raising, more than 50 people registered to vote in the first hour, and we doubled the number of high school and college students attending."

In addition, a record number of teams walked this year: 275 teams as opposed to 215 in 2006. The total number of walkers is estimated at more than 10,000. The number of volunteers working the event also broke records at 275; last year it was 210.

Speakers cheering walkers on included U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.; Kerry Tymchuk, state director for U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore.; and Portland Mayor Tom Potter.

John Frohnmayr, an Independent candidate running for U.S. Senate, participated in the walk. In the late '80s and early '90s, he served as chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

"I saw the way AIDS decimated the arts community in the late 1980s," Frohnmayr said. "We lost hundreds of brilliant innovators, and we

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