

HIV infections, to support and empower people affected and infected by HIV/AIDS and to eliminate HIV/AIDS-related stigma.

In other CAP news, on March 25 volunteer signature gatherers—also known as CAP Collectors—announced that their quest to reach 10,000 signatures to have CAP listed as a charitable check-off on state tax forms had been surpassed. However, the process isn't over to include CAP as a tax-deductible donation destination—a presentation must still be made to the Charitable Check-Off Commission to ultimately be included. Only 12 nonprofits are listed on the tax forms at a time, putting CAP's placement likely in 2015.

Michael Sorensen, CAP's director of development, reported that the achievement could mean as much as \$129,000 in new funds to CAP per year they are listed.

For more information about the 2011 CAP Art Auction, and to preview art pieces up for auction, visit capartauction.org.

Washington State Senate Approves Recognition of Out-of-State Gay Marriage

A bill calling for the recognition of out-of-state same-sex marriages is heading to Washington Governor Chris Gregoire's desk following passage in the state's House and Senate. The bill passed 28-19 on March 30, a vote that included the support of four Republicans in the Senate.

If signed into law, the bill would allow married couples to be treated as domestic partners according to Washington's existing "everything but marriage" laws. The bill passed in a party-line vote in the House, 58-39.

Marriage equality advocates are still pushing for full same-sex marriage rights but see the bill as progress, nonetheless.

"We're not there yet," state Senator Ed Murray (43rd District) told KIRO Radio, adding that he expected full marriage equality within four years. "The important thing is that we pass this legislation when the public is with us. We want to be able to survive a ballot initiative that surely will be filed against it."

Just Out will continue to report on this and other Washington equality bills in upcoming issues.

Portland Latino Gay Pride Named Grand Marshal of Portland Pride

After five years of steady recognition as one of the most innovative Pride organizations in the Northwest—and the country—Portland Latino Gay Pride was recently announced by Pride NW as 2011's Pride Parade Grand Marshal. The honor, held last year by Darcelle XV, is awarded to an individual or organization that makes an impact in the LGBTQ community and demonstrates the value of taking pride in one's history and background. PLGP will lead the Portland Pride Parade on Sunday, June 17.

"We are truly honored by this recognition," said David Martinez, PLGP chair via press

release. "We are volunteer driven and for the past five years [have] been doing our best to make our community proud."

Traditionally, PLGP's schedule of festivities is a Pride month highlight. The last two years have seen the evolution of the "La Lucha" theme, or "the struggle," generate unity among the gay Latino community by sharing common struggles and accomplishments.

One tradition that will be broken this year is PLGP's status as the official Pride month kick-off celebration. This year's celebration, "La Lucha 2011: ¡Celebración!", will now take place July 14-17. The tagline for the event sums it up: "Bigger, Better, Hotter, and ... Later!"

"We wanted to shake things up this year, take advantage of warmer weather, and also build from the Pride NW Festival in June," explained Martinez. "It's our sixth year, and during our planning retreat and this year's planning meetings, we did a lot of brainstorming."

Part of those discussions included PLGP's history of coordinated efforts with Pride NW—namely their somewhat truncated presence at Portland Pride's main weekend.

"One of the things we noticed, being at the Pride Festival, a lot of people were interested, excited, and wanted to get involved [with PLGP]," said Martinez. "We had to tell people, 'You just missed our event, but we'll get in touch with you for next year.' So that was another reason for making it later."

Planning is still underway for a full sched-



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