

tion that occurred between McCune and Blow Pony founder Airick Heater in April 2009 outside of Casey's Nightclub and Lounge. Despite the ruling, hugely disparate accounts of who the aggressor was the night in question continued to mount well after the trial.

• **Human Rights Campaign president Joe Solmonese announced he would leave the organization** when his contract expires at the end of March 2012. During Solmonese's tenure, the organization has celebrated major victories for LGBT equality including the legalization of marriage equality in six states and the District of Columbia, the passage of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, the repeal of "Don't ask, don't tell" and the reversal of the HIV travel ban.

• In March, **Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund cofounder Terry Bean joined Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown**, Rhode Island Congressman David Cicilline, Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank and others during the fund's 20th anniversary events held in Washington, D.C.

• The office of **Portland Housing Commissioner Nick Fish announced that \$1.37 million in new funding had been awarded to the Portland Housing Bureau** to support homeless people living with HIV/AIDS. The funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and are expected to be available in early 2012. Portland

was one of only eight communities in the nation to receive funds through HUD's Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program, part of the Obama administration's National HIV/AIDS Strategy and the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

• **The Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS North America (GNP+/NA) immediately demanded a public retraction from Portland City Commissioner Randy Leonard** for "suggesting a risk that does not exist" following his comments that the city's open reservoirs had to be drained due to the possibility of "AIDS"-tainted urine. Leonard announced shortly afterward he would not be running for re-election in 2012.

• **Esther's Pantry and Tod's Corner announced plans to move from their Our House of Portland Milwaukie building**, after it went on the market in July. The services moved into the Providence-owned medical offices after Friends of People With AIDS took over for Metropolitan Community Church in 2006.

• **Seth Stambaugh and the Beaverton School District agreed to a resolution con-**



BearTown 16 crowned a new Mr. Oregon Bear and Mr. Oregon Cub (and raised over \$5,000 for SMYRC).

cerning **Stambaugh's dismissal**—and eventual reinstatement—from a student-teaching position at Sexton Mountain Elementary School in September of 2010. The announcement came February 11, following a series of heavily mediated discussions.

The parties decided not to pursue formal litigation and that Stambaugh would receive a payment from the school district for \$75,000. Stambaugh said he would be donating a "substantial portion" of his recovery sum to Portland nonprofits p:ear and Outside In.

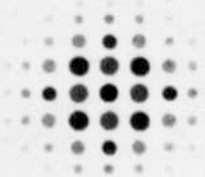
• In **statewide Pride news, PDX Latino Gay Pride expanded its traditional Jupiter Hotel headquarters** to the much larger Eastbank Esplanade for its 2011 festivities, allowing for three times as many participants.

Portland Black Pride regrouped following a hiatus of sorts, collaborating with the PFLAG Portland Black Chapter for a series of events during Portland Pride mid-June.

Vancouver, Wash.'s 17th Annual **Saturday in the Park "Bigger! Better! Brighter!"** after the city was named by *The Advocate* as the country's sixth most gay-friendly city. But in Southern Oregon, controversy reared its ugly head when Medford's Pear Blossom Parade board denied, then reinstated an application to march by Southern Oregon Pride. By the end of September, the air had cleared for SO-Pride's annual festival in Ashland.

• In community benefit news, the **Fourth Annual Soul Food & Gospel Show**—presented by Peacock Productions and held at Darcelle XV Showplace in May—raised \$2,300 for the Audria M. Edwards Scholarship Fund.

The "Red Hot" **11th Annual Red Dress Party** raised \$45,000 for Pivot, Q Center and YWCA of Clark County's SafeChoice Program; **BearTown 16 generated \$5,227 for the Sexual and Gender Minority Youth Resource Center (SMYRC)**; the **21st Annual CAP Art Evening and Auction** welcomed more than 1,200 guests and raised an eye-popping \$525,000 to sustain its many programs serving the HIV/AIDS community. The **Basic Rights Oregon Business Leaders Luncheon** raked in more than \$115,000 for the org's Education Fund to advance equality



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