

COMMUNITY



Horace Long

The revamped *Just Out* premiered June 1 and featured entrepreneur Michkael Baker (left) on the cover.

The relaunch morphed *Just Out* from a bi-weekly newsmagazine into a monthly glossy entertainment and features magazine.

THANK YOU *JUST OUT* READERS!! THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE NEW *JUST OUT*, JUNE 2012, CREATED QUITE A BUZZ OUT THERE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON FACEBOOK, @JUSTOUT.COM, IN THE MEDIA, AND FACE-TO-FACE AT PORTLAND PRIDE. HERE ARE BUT A FEW: "LOVE THE NEW MAGAZINE GREAT FEATURES, GREAT PHOTOS AND WHAT A GREAT STORY FEATURE ON MATTACHINE SOCIAL!!! THANK YOU!" (DALLAS) "LIKE IT LOTS!" (DAVID) "YAHOOOOOOOOO!" (SAMANTHA) "THE NEW MAGAZINE IS STUNNING." (ANDREA) "I PICKED UP THE GORGEOUS NEW *JUST OUT* MAGAZINE YESTERDAY. GOOD WORK YA 'LL" (JUSTIN).

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(WASHINGTON STATE)

OPPONENTS STRIKE

The issue of gay marriage is headed to the ballot in Washington State.

Our neighbor could be the first state to give an official thumbs up to same-sex marriage, or join several other states who have voted it down.

Just months after the Washington State Legislature approved gay marriage, opponents have turned in more than 230,000 signatures — more than twice the number

needed — that will likely put the issue on the November ballot.

Activists in Washington are hoping for support from Oregon to fight the initiative.

"We are all in this together," a longtime Seattle activist said to *Just Out*.

Maryland, Maine, and Minnesota also are expected to vote on same-sex marriage this autumn.

The annual Red Dress party raised \$15,000, bumping the total raised by, what some call the party of the year, to \$252,000. This year's beneficiaries were: Our House of Portland, Cascade AIDS Project: Kid's Connection and Quest Center for Integrative Health. 1,600 people attended the party April 14.

A RECENT STUDY, BY AMERICANS FOR ARTS IN DC, SAYS THAT ARTS GROUPS PUMPED IN \$253 MILLION IN TO THE PORTLAND METRO AREA IN 2010. THAT'S DOWN FROM THE \$318 MILLION IN 2007, BUT THE WAITERS, MUSICIANS, PRINTERS AND PARKING ATTENDANTS AND THE OTHER 8,529 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES SUPPORTED BY THE ARTS SAY "WHO CARES!" KEEP SUPPORTING THE ARTS!

(BUSINESS)

NIKE VS. PHOBIA

An increasing number of professional and high-profile athletes are coming out, leading to progress in the sports world, but Nike and others think more needs to be done. Last month the sports giant took action toward change when they held the first-ever Nike LGBT Sports Summit. At the three day summit, leaders from athletics-focused groups came together to start a team game plan for ending homophobia and transphobia in sports. Those involved included: American Alliance for Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance, Athlete Ally, Br{ache the Silence, Campus Pride, ESPN, Fearless campaign, Federation of Gay Games, GLAAD, GLSEN, It Gets Better campaign, NCLR, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Nike, Our Group, Outsports, StandUp Foundation, and You Can Play project. Nike.com