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Cheers and boos for the queer year 2008

by Jane Muder

Queer year 2008 brought triumphs and sorrows to the GLBT community, locally and nationally. *Out* presents news bytes of the biggest victories and saddest losses of the past year.

Jan. '08: Victories—Bruce Kraus, the city of Pittsburgh's first openly gay council member, was sworn in on Jan. 7. Kraus, who represents District 3, won the May 2007 primary thanks largely to grassroots support and skillful campaigning.

"My hope is for a city where all people are invited to our great common table, to share in an equal voice and have every opportunity to participate in the stewardship of their futures and have access to every resource that will lift them—and their loved ones—up to their very highest quality of life," he said in his inaugural address.

Feb. '08: Losses—Local media outlets, including the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and WTAE, outed transwoman Rebecca Hare after she was rescued from rising floodwaters in a tunnel adjacent to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The *Post-Gazette's* coverage was careless, referring to the victim as both "Rebecca Hare" and "he." Fortunately, local alternative media outlets were at the ready to call the mainstream media out on their hogwash.

March '08: A Draw—A Pennsylvania state bill defining marriage as an act between one man and one woman, "The Marriage Protection Amendment," was voted out of the Senate Judiciary Committee, 10-4.

The positive? The bill was ultimately tabled on May 6, as supporters feared opposition in the state house.

The negative? The anti-marriage activists at the Pennsylvania for Marriage coalition, bolstered by the success of Proposition 8 in California this past November, haven't let up.

April '08: Victories—In late April, Pittsburgh's Delta Foundation announced the addition of two women, Cindy Daro and Keri Harmicar, to the organization's

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John Colombo

Playing gay an asset for Office accountant

by Brian Duncan

On NBC's hit series *The Office*, homosexuality is something—among many other topics—that are spoofed by the Scranton-based crew led by Michael Scott (Steve Carell). And Dunder Mifflin accountant Oscar Martinez, played by Oscar Nunez, a Cuban-born actor, is the focus of all of the gay humor.

But while Martinez isn't gay in real life and only plays one on TV, he has some strong feelings about Prop. 8. Recently *Out* had the opportunity to speak with Martinez about *The Office* and Prop 8.

Out: What's your opinion on Proposition 8, and how has playing a gay character on TV and being a Latino man played into that?

Oscar Nunez: Look, it passed, but by a very close vote. It should have never gone to a vote, and it certainly shouldn't be there again. There was a lot of opposition and the Mormons even came down here, sent money and did

everything they could, including scare tactics, to get this thing through.

It's a human rights issue. If we had a ballot issue in Mississippi about bringing slavery back and 60% said yes, we wouldn't do it. They need to take this to the judiciary. Hopefully the Supreme Court will strike it down.

Two friends of mine got married. I've known them for 30 years. They really wanted to do it before Prop. 8 ruined it.

What can be done or what should be done?

The minorities should all get together. The only way to change is to get people together and communicate about it. We're all minorities: Latinos, gays, blacks, and we should all be working together, rather than against each other. You can fight a battle on many fronts.

It would be great if the gay community, along with the Latino and African-American communities, could get

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31
New Year's Eve Party
hosted by Kierra Darshell and Eda Bagel
Complimentary "Thank you for another year" cocktail.
Show time: 11:15pm with the annual Anti-Climactic
Balloon Drop (you know it never works right) and
Complimentary Champagne Toast at midnight.
DJ John Hrabar • No Cover



SATURDAY JANUARY 3
The New Year's Fetish Party
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if in fetish wear or leather



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Win Gift Cards • DJ John Hrabar • No Cover



SATURDAY JANUARY 17
Kierra Darshell's Birthday Show
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SATURDAY JANUARY 24
Time to build the snow fort as
The Snowball Returns
with DJ Tony Ruiz and DJ John Hrabar.
The Snowball Battle of the DJs!
'Burgh Bear Bar Night (www.burghbears.org)
\$3 Cover



SATURDAY JANUARY 31
The Eagle Winter Party
with DJ Steve Henderson from Chicago, IL
Illuminations by DJ John Hrabar • \$4 Cover



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(Who cares what they're doing downstairs!)
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\$1 Bud Light Drafts, \$1 Domestic, \$1 Well Drinks
10pm-midnight



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Free Champagne Toast at Midnight
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Ladies and Gentlemen and everyone in between,
Pegasus presents
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www.myspace.com.phatmandee
\$3 Cover • Showtime 11:30pm • DJ Tony Ruiz

Friday January 16
Kierra Darshell's
Stars of the Millennium
Showtime: Midnight • \$4 Cover • 18+ • DJ Shawn

EVERY WEDNESDAY
PEGASUS HAS MALE DANCERS.
\$2 Well Drinks,
21+ ONLY (sorry, kids),
DJ Brian, No Cover

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(REAL) Long Island Iced Tea Special: \$2.50
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10pm-midnight, DJ Tony Ruiz,
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