

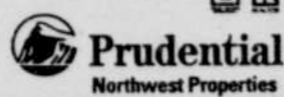


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End the Waiting, which was co-produced by Scott Hawley of CCTV in Salem, was shown to Oregon legislators last fall and was said to be instrumental in helping end the waiting list for self-directed services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Since then, the video continues to be shown around the country to educate the public concerning families with special needs.

For more information about *End the Waiting* call 800-990-1350.

WOMEN HONORED IN NATION'S CAPITAL

Oregon women Thalia Zepatos and Liz Kaufman were recognized during the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Honoring Our Allies annual event May 14 in Washington, D.C.

The award is bestowed upon individuals who have worked to make a difference for gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans civil rights. Previous honorees include Al Gore, Coretta Scott King, Nelson Mandela, Janet Reno, Donna Shalala, Jocelyn Elders and Richard Gephardt.

Both Zepatos and Kaufman have been involved in the state's gay rights movement since the 1980s. They began their activism when the Oregon Citizens Alliance started threatening the basic rights of sexual minorities with a series of ballot measures.

noon June 2 at Multnomah County's Central Library, 801 S.W. 10th Ave. Although normally an opportunity for citizens to give feedback about police issues, this will be a special presentation about public safety.

WomenStrength will conduct its award-winning training workshop. Although the group's presentation typically is reserved for women, this will be the first time men will be allowed to attend and participate.

Roundtable organizers have been planning this special presentation for more than six months. The group hopes to provide citizens with a better understanding about how to keep themselves safe and about tools to use when they find themselves in danger.

The next regular roundtable meetings will be noon July 10 and Aug. 14 in the Chief's Conference Room at the Justice Center downtown. The public is welcome.

For more information call 503-774-9085.

GALA FIGHTS HATE, PROMOTES PRIDE

Two Portland organizations are teaming up for a Masquerade Gala 8 p.m. May 19 at Alberta Arts Pavilion, 2315 N.E. Alberta St. Proceeds from the event will benefit both Pride Northwest and the Coalition Against Hate Crimes.

Organizers say the two groups have a common goal: to eliminate hate crimes against minorities and to promote cultural diversity. This is the first time they have teamed up for a benefit.

The event will feature live dance music by Jody Crocker. Food and a no-host bar will be available from Bridges Cafe and Hattie's Common Ground Restaurant. Masquerade finery is encouraged but not required.

Tickets, which cost \$20 a person, are available at Rainbows, 1136 S.W. Alder St.; Gai-Pied, 2544 N.E. Broadway; and the pavilion. Partygoers must be at least 21 years old.

The coalition was founded in 1997 by the Portland chapter of the American Jewish Committee. It brings more than 40 individuals together every month from community organizations and law enforcement agencies to discuss the issue of hate crimes. The focus of the coalition's work is to identify successful prejudice reduction programs and to assist in implementing them in the community.

Pride Northwest was formed in 1994 to ensure Portland's annual pride event would continue to be produced. The group also works to encourage and celebrate diversity and to educate people by showcasing the history, accomplishments, achievements and talents of the sexual minorities community.

For more information call 503-282-7700, send e-mail to albertaarts@yahoo.com or visit the Internet sites www.pridenw.org or www.againstthate.pdx.edu.



Liz Kaufman (left) and Thalia Zepatos are honored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force on May 14

The friends have been involved with the multiple defeats of the OCA since 1988. They also have traveled the country, sharing their experiences in fighting bigotry with organizers from other states and helping train gay political candidates.

ROUNDTABLE HOLDS QUARTERLY MEETING

The regular quarterly meeting of the Sexual Minorities Roundtable will be held