

Continued from Page 9

ABUSE TRAINING OFFERED

Lori B. Girshick, author of the newly published book *Woman-to-Woman Sexual Violence: Does She Call It Rape?*, will conduct a training on the subject of woman-to-woman sexual violence and battering Oct. 21 in Ashland.

Based on the most recent research, the session will address many related topics, including documenting the problem, denial in the broader society and within the lesbian community, survivors' actions and needs, programming and agency issues, language and outreach recommendations. An open discussion will follow.

The training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Rogue River Room at Southern Oregon University's Stevenson Union, 1250 Siskiyou Blvd. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students.

To register contact Evangeline Simmons at 541-864-8725 or evangelines@community-works.org.

AGENCY PRESENTS AWARD

The Community Health Partnership presented the 2002 Public Health Genius Award to Lori Buckwalter during a breakfast meeting Oct. 10 at the Multnomah Athletic Club. The executive director of It's Time, Oregon! received an unrestricted award of \$5,000 "for her compassion, dedication, achievement and commitment to social justice in behalf of transgendered people in the city of Portland and elsewhere," chairman Paul Cosgrove said.

Agency officials report her advocacy has

resulted in lasting changes to both local and national law enforcement and public safety initiatives, public health policies and civil rights ordinances. They say her volunteer work has made a profound difference in the dignity, health and safety of individuals and the entire community.

Buckwalter played a key role in working with both the city of Portland and Multnomah County to expand civil rights protections to cover gender identity. She is employed by Kaiser Permanente, where she has made substantial contributions to the company's handbook on *Culturally Competent Care: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Population*.

In presenting the award, Multnomah County Commissioner Serena Cruz said: "Sometimes we are lucky enough to have a citizen who can illuminate a problem and who will work with government and the community to create a remedy.... Buckwalter has taken the private injustices and discrimination that she had endured and channeled her passion towards establishing rights and protections for others who face the same discrimination."

Buckwalter is donating half of her \$5,000 award to Outside In, a Portland agency supporting homeless and runaway youth, particularly queer kids. Powell's Books responded by matching the gift of \$2,500 to the nonprofit, and sex reassignment surgeon Toby Meltzer's office made a contribution as well.

COUNTY CREATES CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Multnomah County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey recently appointed members to the new Cultural Coalition Planning Committee, which will be responsible for "set-

ting up guidelines for future arts representation" in the region and "ensuring humanities" for Oregon's future, said member Tony Stroh, Portland Gay Men's Chorus executive director.

With 15 representatives from various arts, heritage and humanities organizations, the committee will be developing guidelines for delegating money from the Oregon Cultural Trust, which aims to raise significant new funds to invest into the state's arts, humanities and heritage. The plan was launched when Gov. John Kitzhaber signed House Bill 2923 into law last year.

"The individuals on the planning committee will be asked to develop a local cultural plan and establish a local cultural coalition," Rojo said. "The Oregon Cultural Trust will give funds to the [coalition] each year; using their plan, the [coalition] will decide how these funds are allocated locally."

Committee nominations span a wide range of organizations, including Portland Center for the Performing Arts, Miracle Theatre, Northwest Business for Culture and Arts, Regional Arts Cultural Council, Portland Oregon Visitors Association, Native American Rehabilitation

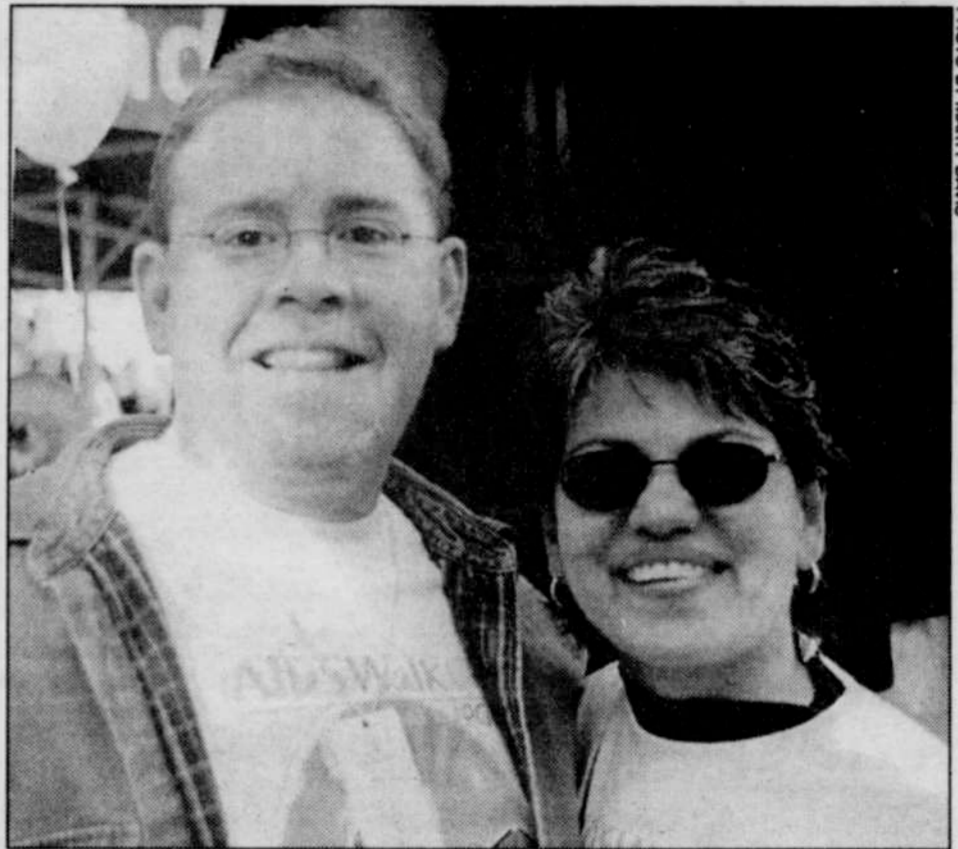


PHOTO BY MARY DAVIS

Tony Stroh and Multnomah County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey warm up for AIDSWalk02 on Sept. 21 at Pioneer Courthouse Square

Association, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland State University, Oregon Folk Life, Oregon Council for the Humanities, Artists Repertory Theatre and Multnomah County Public Library. PGMCA is the only specifically gay organization on the roster.

The nominations will be forwarded to the Oregon Cultural Trust for final approval. "With Multnomah County's vibrant arts and cultural community, it is imperative we take advantage of this incredible opportunity," Rojo said. [E]

Compiled by JIM RADOSTA and SARAH LEIMERT

Injured? ...Call me



Hala Gores, P.C.
Attorney at Law

**Free Consultation
No Fee Unless
You Recover**

503/
295-1940

12th Floor
621 SW Morrison
Portland



**Integrity,
Experience
& Results**

Proudly serving our community since 1989 in personal injury claims including:

- Auto & Motorcycle Accidents
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Accidents
- Medical Malpractice
- Wrongful Death
- Defective Products
- Insurance Claims

You Deserve Full Compensation for:

- Pain & Suffering
- Medical Expenses
- Lost Earnings
- Property Damage
- Car Rental



**Will You Be Shut Out
When Your Partner
Needs You?**

Richard B. Schneider
ATTORNEY AT LAW

is well versed in the special estate planning needs of the GLBT community and can help you with care and professionalism.

FREE REPORT!

"Gay & Lesbian Couples Face Special Challenges In Estate Planning."

What Every Gay And Lesbian Couple Should Know About Estate Planning.

Call today for your free copy.

503.241.1215

www.rbsllc.com

Law Offices of Richard B. Schneider, LLC
2455 NW Marshall St., Suite 11 • Portland, OR 97210

Our Family Realtor Since 1990

Full Circle Temple
Nature Conservancy
Lesbian Community Project

Georgena's Journey
Love Makes a Family
Basic Rights Oregon

When you buy or sell a home with me, you'll know your dollars are helping support a greater cause. I contribute at least 10% of my earnings to community and environmental organizations.

Millynn James
Broker, Graduate Realtor Institute
ABR, Accredited Buyer's Representative

503.330.HOME (4663)
1.800.825.9948

www.millynn.com
Email: millynn@aol.com

RE/MAX equity group