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invite women and trans people to their homes.

"We want them to know to not be afraid to contact us," said Wheat. "We're going to treat them with respect and be as sensitive as we can be."

—JRC

AIDSWALK05 SET FOR SEPT. 25

The 19th annual AIDSWalk will bring together more than 10,000 individuals, corporate teams and volunteers with the goal of raising \$300,000 for services, public education and outreach to youth and adults most at risk for contracting HIV.

The AIDSWalk has an illustri-



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A group of approximately 30 gathered to listen to Andrea Connell of the United Church of Christ address the upcoming fight for O'Connor's Supreme Court seat.

ous history, raising more than \$21.1 million during the past 18 years. This year's AIDSWalk will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 25 at Pioneer Courthouse Square. The event showcases the Northwest community spirit as people from all walks of life come together in the fight against AIDS.

The focus of this year's walk will be youth and education. Cascade AIDS Project has reached out to more than 100 health teachers from throughout the metro area and Southwest Washington to encourage their students' participation in the walk. The Teen to Teen program will have a strong presence at Pioneer Square, as will the education center for kids between 4 and 10.

In addition, CAP is convening a Red Ribbon Committee, which is made up of people of stature within the community to gain visibility and participation from as many segments of the

metro area as possible. Portland Mayor Tom Potter and City Commissioner Sam Adams were among the first to be asked to join the committee and were the first to join.

Participants in the walk will enjoy breakfast, entertainment, the Kid's Corner, live music at the square and on the walk route, a hip-hop warm-up and inspirational presentations.

To register online, visit www.cascadeaids.org and click on AIDSWalk05.

—Sarah Dougher

BROAD COALITION OF OREGONIANS CALLS FOR CONSULTATION AND CONSENSUS IN RESPONSE TO JUSTICE O'CONNOR'S RETIREMENT

At a news conference July 6 in Portland, leaders of the Oregon Coalition for a Fair and Independent Judiciary encouraged President Bush to live up to his promise to be a uniter, not

a divider, and to consult with the Senate to identify a consensus nominee to the Supreme Court.

"The stakes are too high for the president to cede control of the court to ideologues at the extremes of the political spectrum," said Jim Egan, incoming president of the Oregon Trial Lawyer Association and an active member of the Oregon Republican Party. "We are calling on President Bush to consult with senators from both political parties to identify a consensus nominee who



Detective Mary Wheat investigates hate crimes for the Portland Police Bureau.

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