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local news

Former neo-Nazi to speak in Portland

Floyd Cochran, a former high-ranking member of the neo-Nazi group Aryan Nations will speak about his experiences as a chief recruiter for the racist organization.

Once the fifth-ranking member of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian/Aryan Nations, Cochran severed his ties with the group in 1992 and currently lectures on the dangers of organized bigotry.

Cochran will speak in Portland on May 10 at 7 pm at the Metropolitan Community Church, 2400 NE Broadway. The event is sponsored by Pride Northwest, the Rural Organizing Project and Beyond The Closet. Suggested donation at the door is \$5 to \$10. For more information, call Pride Northwest at 295-9788.

Local governments oppose anti-immigrant legislation

Following in the footsteps of the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission, the Portland City Council and the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners have approved resolutions condemning anti-immigrant legislation.

The Portland City Council approved a resolution April 12 that condemns "California's Proposition 187, Oregon House Bill 2933, and any similar legislation denying undocumented immigrants access to health care, education and social services [and/or] requiring health care providers, educators, social workers, police and others to inform the Immigration and Naturalization Service of suspected illegal immigrants." A nearly identical resolution was passed by Multnomah County commissioners the following day.

The resolution was brought to the Portland City Council by Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury, and to the Multnomah Board of Commissioners by Commissioner Sharron Kelley. The measures are similar to a resolution approved by MHRC in March.

Brecke fills vacated seat

Coos Bay resident Brenda Brecke has been elected by her Democratic colleagues to fill the state senatorial seat of Bill Bradbury, who resigned in mid-April.

Brecke is reportedly a strong advocate for human rights and a longtime friend of the lesbian and bisexual community of Coos County, an area known for its conservatism.

During her speech before voting delegates at a gathering of Democrats held in North Bend on April 9, Brecke expressed her dedication to upholding the human and civil rights of all Oregonians, including sexual minorities. North Bend resident Tim Slater and Florence Mayor Rog McCorkle, who had both expressed a problem with the "homosexual lifestyle," were unsuccessful in their bids to fill the seat.

Hospitals reject free condom distribution

Various businesses throughout Coos County are participating in a condom giveaway program. According to *GALONews*, a newsletter of the local sexual minority community, free condoms are being provided by the county health department and are being distributed to the private sector by GALON members. Not everyone is buying on the idea, however: Coos County's three hospitals—Bay Area Hospital, Southern Coos General Hospital and Coquille Valley Hospital have elected not to participate in the program because they are concerned it might hurt their public image.

Coffee Cares designed to help those with AIDS

Coffee lovers will soon have an opportunity help people with HIV or AIDS, through an event dubbed "Coffee Cares."

Finnbar Bishop, a Coffee People employee and Our House volunteer, coordinated the event set for Saturday, May 13, which seeks to bring Portland's "coffee community" together in support of people with AIDS.

Participating businesses throughout Portland will donate a portion of their proceeds on that day to be divided equally between Friends of People with AIDS and Our House of Portland.

In conjunction with this event, Don Horn's triangle productions! will donate a portion of proceeds from that night's performance of *The Kathy and Mo Show* at the Clinton Street Theatre. For more information, call 323-2157.

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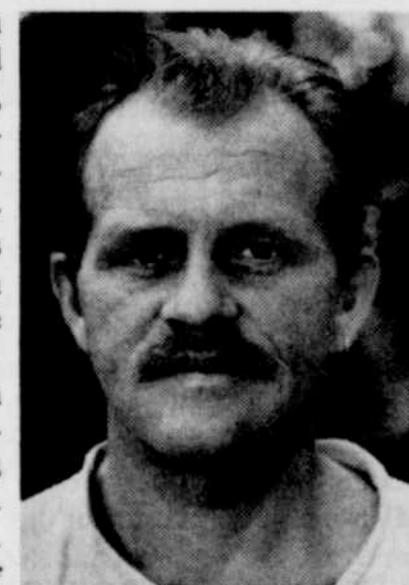
TRANSITION

Dedicated leader, advocate lost

Mica "Christopher" L. Smith passed away March 30 due to complications of AIDS, in the home of his parents of Littleton, Colo.

Mica was born July 30, 1953, in Detroit, Mich. He was raised and educated in Littleton and Denver, Colo. Mica will be most remembered for his life's work and contributions to those in need, as exemplified by his position in Denver as a client advocate for Project Return and his volunteer work with the Battered Child Center of Denver.

After moving to Portland in 1979, Mica served as a case manager for Mental Health Services West for seven years and then became a manager for that organization and a co-founder of Bridgeview, a residential housing facility for dually diagnosed clients. Through Mica's efforts, Bridgeview became a nationally recognized model



program for housing of both mentally ill and drug-dependent clients.

While at Bridgeview, Mica also served in a voluntary capacity during the creation of Community Health and Support Services, known today as Cascade AIDS Project. Mica also served on the board of directors of CAP, as well chairing the board for two years. During his tenure on the CAP board, Mica conceptualized and developed many programs vital to the service of those living with AIDS.

In February 1992 he accepted the position of executive director of Cascade AIDS Project, serving until his retirement in March 1993 due to ill health.

Mica is survived by his parents, Larry and Barb of Littleton; brothers Chuck and Scott of Basalt, Colo., and Michael of Denver; sister Andrea Carter of Basalt; and numerous friends and loved ones.

Remembrances may be sent to Cascade AIDS Project at 620 SW Fifth Ave., Suite 300, Portland, OR 97204, or to The Institute for Traditional Medicine at 2317 S.

Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR 97214.

Memorial services will be held at 6:30 pm Friday, June 2, at 4205 N. Court Ave.