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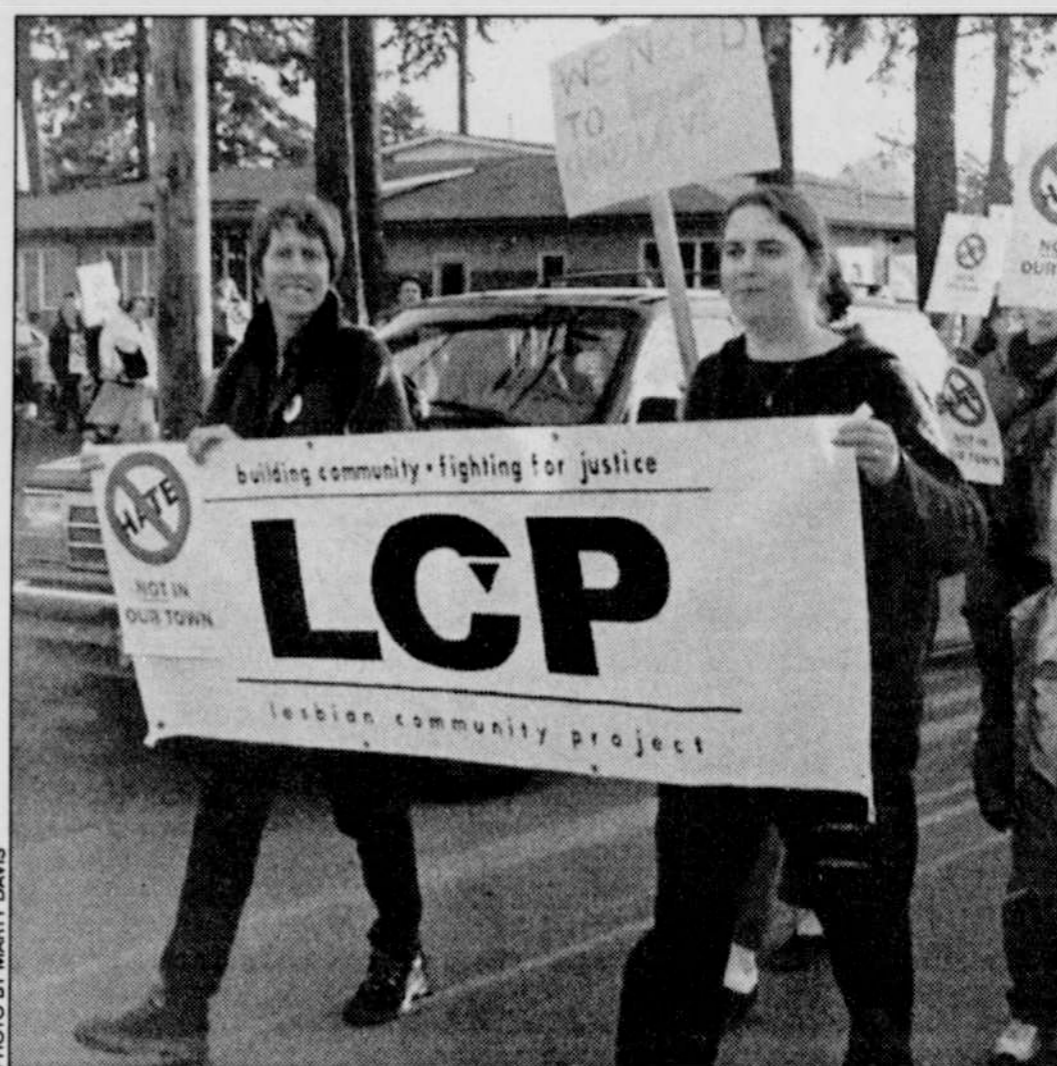
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**NORTHWEST news**



Kristan Aspen (left) leads the Lesbian Community Project contingent during the anti-hate march April 4

**COMMUNITY MARCHES AGAINST HATE**

A solemn group of citizens gathered April 4 at the Brentwood-Darlington Community Center to express their concern about several recent reports of swastika graffiti and cross burnings in Southeast Portland. Salem's Hands Are Not for Hurting Project dubbed the anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination "A National Day Against Violence."

The crowd marched through the streets and passed by several of the sites where the crosses and swastikas were placed. They later returned to the center, where speakers talked about strategies to stop hate and build positive communities. Concerned neighbors and community groups organized the event to send a message to hate groups recruiting youth in the area that they are not welcome.

Organizers said wooded crosses were placed in the ground at Westmoreland Park, Brentwood Park and a Jewish cemetery. At least two of them were set on fire.

At least five incidents of swastika graffiti have been reported in the area. The vandalism occurred at Lane School, a Korean church, a Jewish cemetery, a private home and an area stop sign.

It is unknown whether the crimes are linked. A Portland Police Bureau detective said investigators are making great strides in the case.

**DR. LAURA SCHLESSINGER'S TALK SHOW CANCELED**

The controversial talk show *Dr. Laura* ended production March 29. The freshman television program, a critical and ratings failure, had been downgraded to post-midnight timeslots in 29 of the nation's top 30 media markets.

The radio shrink has been the target of national protests since 1998, when she began using terms such as "deviant," "disordered" and "biological error" to describe gays and lesbians. The high-profile initiative successfully thwarted corporate sponsorship of the show, forcing Paramount to offer deeply discounted rates and rely almost exclusively on direct-order products to fill national ad slots.

"People responded with more than mouse clicks; they got active," said Robin Tyler, co-founder of the cybercampaign StopDrLaura.com. "From the gates of Paramount Studios to smaller TV stations, our community protested in cities all

over the country to cancel Schlessinger's show."

Among the demonstrations was one staged Sept. 11, 2000, outside KGW-TV's studios near downtown Portland. The NBC affiliate became the first market in the country to cancel the show.

In discussing her failure, Schlessinger did not appear to be apologetic for her views. She cited the advertising boycott as a key reason for the cancellation.

"We set out to create a program that offered daytime audiences a true alternative, and we succeeded," Schlessinger said. "I believe it could have earned a substantial audience in time, but the television advertiser boycott precluded that."

**ALLIANCE PLANS BI CONFERENCE**

The Portland Bisexual Alliance is preparing for Oregon Bi Conference 2001: The Lavender Elephant in the Living Room.

The second annual gathering will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 14 at Portland State University. Attendees can sign in starting 8:30 a.m. at Room 298 of Smith Memorial Center, 1825 S.W. Broadway.

More than a dozen workshops will cover a wide range of topics of interest to bi people and their allies. A panel discussion will focus on why bisexuals so often are neglected in the discussions between gay and straight people. Organizers say this will be a rare opportunity to spend a day meeting, learning from and sharing with many bi people from throughout the state.

The sliding-scale registration fee is \$10-\$45; scholarships are available. The conference is free to PSU students and those younger than 18.

For more information call the Bi-Line at 503-775-9717.

**LUNCHEON CELEBRATES FAIR HOUSING**

Selected officials, civil rights advocates, housing professionals and other supporters will gather from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 26 for a Fair Housing Luncheon at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. The event will feature former Seattle Mayor Norm Rice, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle president.

The luncheon is sponsored by the Fair Housing Council of Oregon, which enforces federal, state and local laws prohibiting dis-