

# NORTHWEST newsbriefs

## SPEAK OUT ABOUT HEALTH

Multnomah County will acknowledge the first-ever National LGBT Health Awareness Week with a Community Speak OUT from 5 to 7 p.m. March 20 at Kaiser Town Hall, 3704 N. Interstate Ave.

This is a visible way for people to support and promote a healthy sexual minorities community across the country. The objectives for the week are to:

- Raise awareness of the unique health concerns, as well as the very real health disparities, among the gay, lesbian, bi and trans communities.
- Educate queers about the health issues that affect their lives in significant ways.
- Provide community health centers, organizations and representatives with tools to amplify the national campaign at the local level.
- Educate medical and health care professionals in the area of cultural competency.

Audience members will be encouraged to share their thoughts on what queer health means to them, how they keep themselves healthy and what concerns they have about their health. Everyone is welcome.

## GO ALONG FOR THE RIDE

A gay Portlander is getting the word out about an "amazing, life-altering event" in which bicyclists travel from San Francisco to Los Angeles to raise money for critical HIV/AIDS services. AIDS LifeCycle 2 will be Glenn Heuser's third charity ride to take him on the 600-mile trek.

From June 8 to 14 more than 1,000 participants will be provided with food, tents, hot showers, medical services, rest stops and every-



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Glenn Heuser moved from San Francisco to Portland in August

thing else they need. Cyclists are required to raise a minimum of \$2,500 each and are assigned to a personal "cycle buddy" as their support system for help with training and fund raising.

"AIDS LifeCycle is about HIV and AIDS and about raising money to help the beneficiaries continue to provide the critical services and education needed to meet the growing needs of the community," Heuser says. "This very important week is the most anticipated and fulfilling week of my year."

Heuser will hold two informational meetings 11 a.m. March 9 and 15 at his home. Everyone is welcome.

For more information call 503-331-5950 or e-mail [gheuser@yahoo.com](mailto:gheuser@yahoo.com) or visit [www.aidslifecycle.org](http://www.aidslifecycle.org).

## TEACHER SEEKS SUPPORT

Larry Smith, the gay teacher who is battling the Beaverton School District concerning a sign advertising a support group for queer youth, needs support from members and allies of

the sexual minorities community.

Administrators ordered him to remove the poster from his classroom because they believe "controversial" subjects belong only in counselor offices. When he refused, officials cited a new policy that was made without the input of teachers.

Smith cites several ways folks can help him out:

- **Write:** Letters can be sent to the administration voicing concern about the new policy. Write to Superintendent's Office, Attention: James Carnes, Beaverton School District, 16550 S.W. Merlo Road, Beaverton, OR 97006.
- **Call:** 503-591-4401.
- **E-mail:** [Tom\\_Greene@beavton.k12.or.us](mailto:Tom_Greene@beavton.k12.or.us).
- **Donate:** Smith serves as chairman of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network's Oregon chapter, which needs money to cover the cost of the posters. Contributions can be mailed to 27000 S.W. North Dakota St., Suite 180 #129, Tigard, OR 97223.

• **Meet:** Supporters can attend the Beaverton School Board meeting 7:30 p.m. March 10 at William Walker Elementary School, 11940 S.W. Lynnfield Lane. Smith will be distributing copies of the Washington County Pride Project poster for teachers to place in more classrooms.

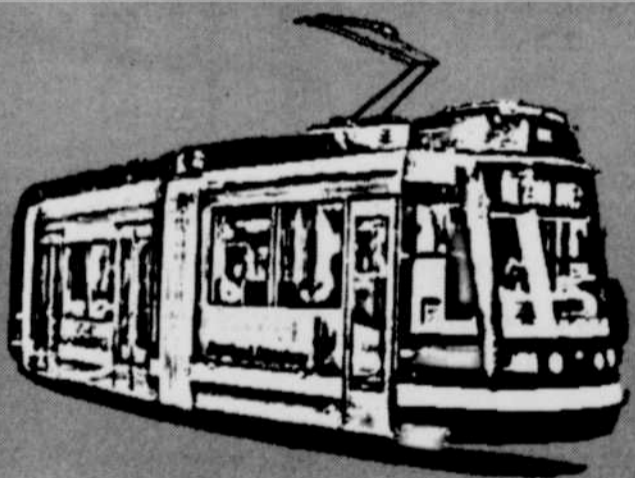
"There is power in numbers," Smith says. "We must put an end to this new policy!"

## PORTLANDERS FIGHT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Arguing March 4 in a landmark case before a federal appeals court, the American Civil Liberties Union urged the justices to strike down as unconstitutional a Florida law prohibit-

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