

**NORTHWEST NEWS**

**TIMES OF THE SIGN?**

**A rundown of recent neo-Nazi-associated events**

**July 19, 2009**

Dan Irving, a prominent Holocaust denier, speaks at the Embassy Suites Hotel near the Portland International Airport, according to Rose City Antifa.

**July 27, 2009**

A gay man is assaulted by a neo-Nazi after leaving a friend's birthday party, according to friend and witness Terry Patterson.

**August (date unknown), 2009**

A gay man is assaulted by a neo-Nazi outside of Red Cap Garage after a night of dancing, according to friend and witness Terry Patterson.

**Sept. 12-13, 2009**

A "racialist" BBQ and campout is held on private property near Vancouver, Wash., organized in part by Daniel Lee Jones, featuring a "Jew piñata," according to the event posting on the Vanguard News Network forum.

**Oct. 8, 2009**

Jones is indicted on charges related to sending a noose to the head of the Ohio NAACP. (*The Oregonian*)

**Jan. 15, 2010**

The Pacific Forum in Eugene, classified as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, holds a forum on the symbolism of the swastika. (*Just Out*)

**Feb. 1, 2010**

A custodian for the University of Oregon finds the school's LGBTQ Alliance vandalized and defaced with swastikas. (*Just Out*)

**Feb. 26, 2010**

Residents of John Day, Ore. rally to protest plans by the Aryan Nations to purchase land in the town for a compound. (*The Oregonian*, *et al.*)

**March 27, 2010**

Anti-racist activist Luke Querner is shot in what RCA believes is an assassination attempt by neo-Nazis. (*The Oregonian*, *et al.*)

**April 16, 2010**

The home of anti-racist activists in Vancouver, B.C., is bombed. The homeowner and other anti-racist activists believe neo-Nazis are the culprits. (*The Vancouver Sun*)

**April 24, 2010**

Rumors circulate throughout Portland's queer community alleging attacks by neo-Nazis on people leaving gay bars. The rumors are never confirmed.

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- ALICIA, MEMBER OF RCA, THE PORTLAND CHAPTER OF ANTI-RACIST ACTION

particularly in downtown Portland.

At a May 13 Hate Crimes Forum at Q Center, Michael V. Caputo, a supervisory special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation who investigates domestic terrorism, said he had been fielding a lot of questions recently about the upsurge in neo-Nazi activity and cited the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Reports as a good source of information on hate groups.

According to the Spring 2010 SPLC Intelligence Report, hate groups are on the rise—up to 932 from 926 the previous year—and racist groups are increasingly using violence as a tactic. The report cited attacks in other parts of the country, but the

Portland area has seen its fair share of activity (see timeline).

Despite the mounting risk of violence and intimidation as hate groups grow in strength and numbers, Alicia cautioned against spreading rumors that aren't verified, and encouraged people to learn how to recognize neo-Nazis.

Alicia said that in Oregon, common neo-Nazi symbols include the "life rune" and other co-opted runic images, as well as the letters "ROA" ("Race Over All") and the numbers 14 (for the 14 words, "We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children") and 88 (representing "HH"—"Heil Hitler"). Volksfront is represented by an upside-down red and white peace sign.

"I think that the queer community and every community in Portland should be aware of this resurgence and doing what we can to respond," Alicia said. "It's just important to counter a visible racist presence with a visible anti-racist and anti-fascist presence." ☐

For information on RCA or to report racist or fascist organizing, visit [roscityantifa.weebly.com](http://roscityantifa.weebly.com) or call 971-533-7832. For information on hate crimes and how to report one, visit [the Coalition Against Hate Crimes at againstthehate.pdx.edu](http://thecoalitionagainsthatecrimes.org). To learn more about neo-Nazi and other hate groups, visit the Southern Poverty Law Center at [splcenter.org](http://splcenter.org).

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