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Defending Women's Rights

Teri Africa joins supporters of women's rights on Saturday at the Lovejoy Clinic in northwest Portland. 'My body is my womb,' Africa said. The demonstration was aimed at protecting legal abortions and showing support for the clients and staff of the women's health center. It was sponsored by Radical Women, a social justice group headquartered at 819 N. Killingsworth St.

Multicultural Coordinator Chosen for Program

Claire Oliveros, coordinator of the Portland Community College Sylvania Multicultural Center in southwest Portland, has been chosen to participate in the National Institute for Leadership Development.

Oliveros was selected for her leadership and vision of the Multicultural Center for the past eight years. Before coming to the Multicultural Center,



Claire Oliveros

Oliveros was a part-time academic advisor at the Cascade Campus in north Portland while in graduate school full-time at Portland State University.

She received her master's degree in education in 1998 and is currently pursuing a doctorate in education with a specialization in community college leadership at Oregon State University.

Pattie Hill, project assistant for Up-

ward Bound and the ROOTS Programs, will also participate in the event.

The year-long leadership program is designed to help people assume major decision making roles in their institutions of learning. Topics include supervisory and human relations skills, planning and budgeting, and confronting the issues of higher education during the next decade.

Cycle Portland

BY SARAH BLOUNT

Is this heaven? No, it's Oregon.

And our paradise for cycling is the driving force behind the first ever Oregon Bicycling Summit next month in Eugene.



Groups sponsoring the event include Cycle Oregon, Travel Oregon, Brand Oregon, Oregon State Parks and Recreation and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Jerry Norquist, ride director for Cycle Oregon, said the event will bring cycling advocates together for the first time, with the goal of turning Oregon into a premier cycling destination.

Organizers say about 100 people at the think tank will consider new bike strategies and implement existing plans.

"Really, it's to present the dream and share the dream," Norquist said.

Advancements in cycling are currently underway through a private and public Scenic Bikeway Program, a series of bike routes through Oregon's county roads and some state highways.

The venture between ODOT, Cycle Oregon and the state parks and recreation agency is in its infancy stages, but quickly moving forward, looking at program directors and establishing funding.

Oregon's first Scenic Bikeway was established last year—a 130-mile route through the Willamette Valley, dotted with bike-specific signs guiding cyclists from Champeog State Park near Portland to Eugene.

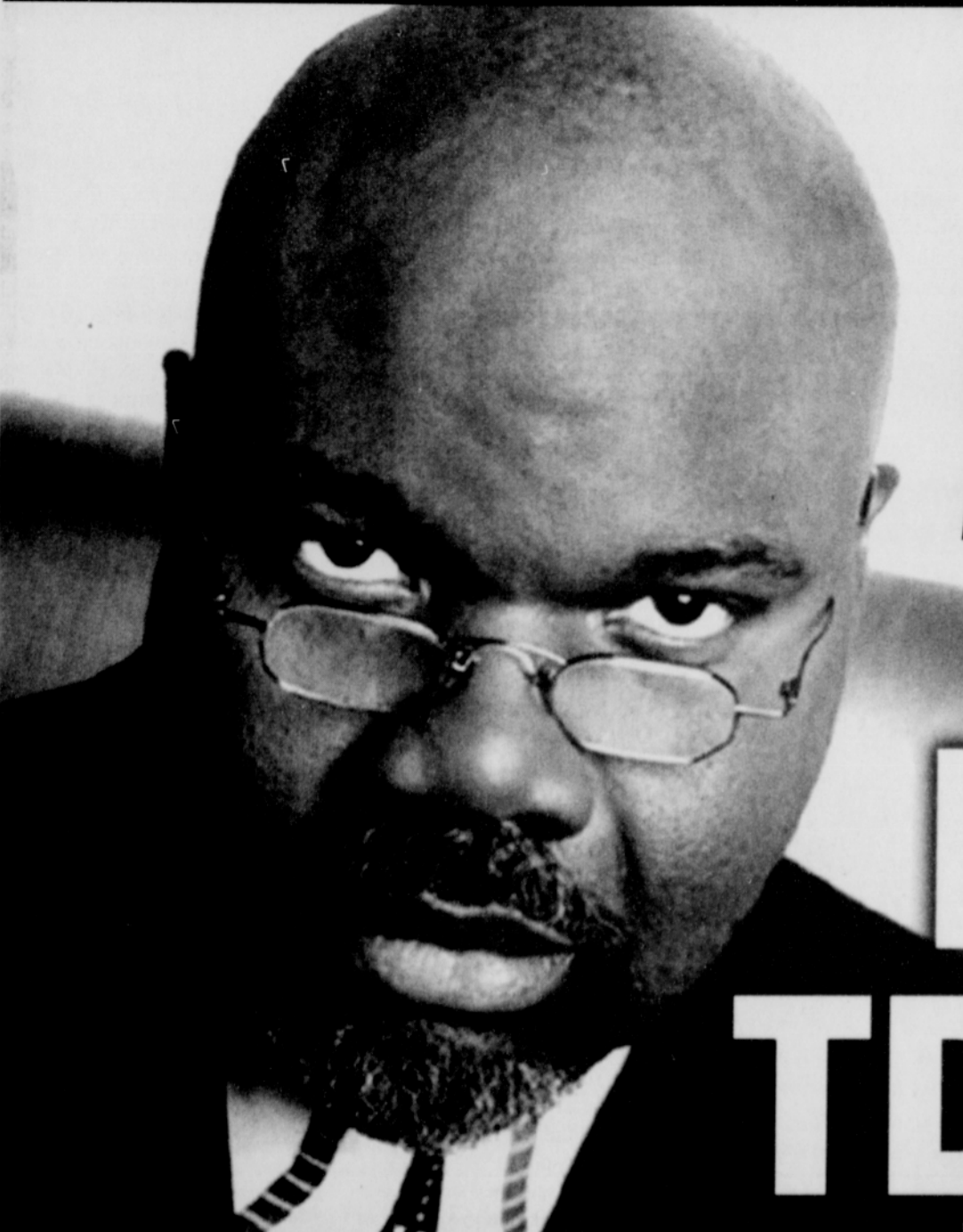
The cycling tours also highlight lesser-known areas that could use the economic benefit. Cycling maps with a range of information and points of interest are also available through ODOT, Oregon State Parks (1-800-551-6949) or Cycle Oregon.

Next up are plans for a 60-mile cycling route from Eugene to Oakland with the dream to eventually reach the California border.

The Oregon Bicycle Summit is Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Eugene's Hilton Hotel and Conference Center. For more information or to RSVP by March 24, contact Ingrid@cycloreregon.com or call 503-287-0405, extension 103.

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