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Dear Friend:

Yesterday, SLDN released its Fifth Annual Report on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue." Attached is a hyperlink to a story appearing in The Washington Post today. Also attached is a copy of our Executive Summary. Please let us know if you would like a full hard copy of the report.

Our chief finding is that reports of anti-gay harassment more than doubled last year. Service members report to us that they face daily threats to their physical safety and well-being, including death threats and verbal gay-bashing. Comments such as "You'd better not be queer because in the Navy we kill our fags" are common.

Please ask the Administration to take a strong stand against anti-gay harassment in the military. The Pentagon has had guidance on the shelf since the past two years regarding anti-gay harassment that it has not sent to the field. The Pentagon has also refused to send guidance on the limits to investigations under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue." Commanders must know what the rules are if they are expected to follow them. The Pentagon must hold accountable those who ask, pursue and harass service members in violation of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue." The Pentagon must provide recourse, some reasonable form of accommodation, to service members who are harmed by asking, pursuit and harassment.

We appreciate your support. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Michelle.

Sincerely,

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**CONDUCT UNBECOMING:
THE FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT ON
“DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL, DON’T PURSUE”**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Living in forced isolation, in constant fear of investigation and inadvertent disclosure is harmful to gay service personnel. Each day I am witness to...anti-gay comments and attitudes. The Navy takes no action to stop this improper and outrageous behavior on the part of its best and brightest officers. My witness to this unfortunate anti-gay climate, and the direct harm that it causes me, forces me to disclose to you that I am gay. — Navy Officer

The Pentagon’s implementation of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, Don’t Pursue” is a failure. Anti-gay harassment, asking and pursuits have surged to record levels since Congress enacted this law five years ago. Last year alone, reports of anti-gay harassment more than doubled. Reports of asking and pursuits increased 42%. These violations are due to lack of leadership. Military leaders have refused to send guidance to the field explaining the explicit investigative limits under “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, Don’t Pursue” and its intent to respect service members’ privacy. Military leaders have held no one accountable for asking, pursuits or harassment. As a result, many commanders and investigators do not know the intent or letter of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, Don’t Pursue.” Others deliberately violate the policy, knowing their leaders do not take it seriously.

Service members have no way to protect themselves from harassment or to stop improper investigations. There is nowhere they can turn for help without fear of reprisal. Military leaders have wrongly required service members to keep their sexual orientation a total secret, forcing them to lie about who they are, even to their families, best friends and health care providers.

The result is that discharges under “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, Don’t Pursue” have soared. The Pentagon is firing three to four people every day for being lesbian, gay or bisexual—a total

of 1,149 discharges last year alone (Exhibit 1). Gay discharges last year were the highest in a decade, and represent an 86% increase since “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, Don’t Pursue” was first implemented.¹ The pink slips the past five years have cost American taxpayers \$130 million (Exhibit 2).² Many more dedicated, competent service members have left at the end of their terms, fed up with constant fear, dissembling and harassment.

The news under “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, Don’t Pursue” is not all bad. Physical abuse by investigators has declined.³ Mass investigations have waned. Criminal prosecutions of lesbian, gay and bisexual service members have decreased as more are administratively discharged. While welcome, these steps forward reflect the low baseline used to measure success.

Not all officers and enlisted leaders engage in verbal gay-bashing or snoop on their service members. The current climate, however, supports those who do. Service members experience daily harassment. Comments such as the following are routine in many units: “You’d better not be queer because in the Navy we kill our fags;” “That dyke is going to fry;” “You’re a dead faggot;” “There’s nothing wrong with beating up gays;” “That fag (Matthew Shepard) deserved to die;” and “There’s nothing to do in Sasebo unless you are a homo killer, “ a chilling reference to the murder of gay sailor Allen Schindler in 1992 by shipmates in Sasebo, Japan. These are just a fraction of examples from the cases handled by Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) in the past year.⁴

¹ These numbers are based on Department of Defense figures which do not include 14 Coast Guard discharges in 1998 or discharges in previous years. The Coast Guard is part of the Department of Transportation in peacetime, but joins the Navy during war.

² This does not include the costs of investigation, discharge or litigation.

³ See RANDY SHILTS, CONDUCT UNBECOMING, 231-232 (citing former Army Lieutenant Jay Hatheway’s testimony that he was forced to undergo “neurological testing” that included a psychiatrist’s puncturing his scalp with pins to attach sensors); 570 (citing Steve Ward’s testimony that he was placed into a broom closet without personal breaks until he confessed to being gay).

⁴ Servicemembers Legal Defense Network is an independent legal aid and watchdog organization.

Leadership from the top down is required to change the incentives, and to support those leaders in the field who try to do the right thing. Military leaders should, as recommended by an April 1998 Department of Defense report on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue,"⁵ issue the two-year-old guidance on anti-gay harassment that is pending at the Pentagon.⁶ Other recommendations in the April 1998 Pentagon report, while welcome, do not address other core issues: privacy, investigative limits, accountability and recourse. Military leaders should send guidance to the field about the policy's intent to respect service members' privacy and its explicit limits to investigations (Exhibit 3). Military leaders should hold those who ask, pursue and harass accountable, and provide recourse to service members who are improperly targeted. Were these steps taken, command violations of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" would fall.

SLDN's Fifth Annual Report on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue," *Conduct Unbecoming*, reviews what the policy says, and recaps major developments in the past five years.⁷ The report then zeroes in on what happened in the past year, examining the military's failure to implement the core parts of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" and how that has impacted military readiness. The report also recognizes instances where individual leaders have taken appropriate action on behalf of their service members. The report concludes that, as

⁵ OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PERSONNEL AND READINESS, DEP'T OF DEFENSE, REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY ON HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT IN THE MILITARY (Apr. 1998), hereinafter cited as DEP'T OF DEFENSE APRIL 1998 REPORT.

⁶ *Memorandum of Under Secretary of Defense Edwin Dorn, Guidelines for Investigating Threats Against Service Members Based on Alleged Homosexuality*, DEP'T OF DEFENSE (Mar. 24, 1997). This guidance instructs commanders to investigate those who threaten service members, not those who report anti-gay threats (Exhibit 4). The service chiefs failed to distribute the guidance. In April 1998, the Pentagon recommended that the instructions be expanded to include a prohibition on harassment, and finally be sent to the field. No guidance has been sent to the field yet. In the meantime, the Navy sent the original "Dorn memo" to the field via message traffic.

⁷ SLDN has assisted more than 1,600 service members in the past five years who have been harmed by "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue."

military leaders struggle with critical retention and recruiting shortfalls,⁸ they can ill-afford to violate the letter and intent of the policy, or continue to let the valuable contributions of lesbian, gay and bisexual service members be frittered away by indifference or outright hostility.

⁸ Dana Priest, *Military Lags in Filling Ranks: Army Chief Wants Change in Education Requirements*, THE WASH. POST, Feb. 17, 1999 at A1 (citing Army Secretary Louis Caldera's statement asking the Department of Defense to change current recruitment policy to allow more than 10% of new recruits to be high school dropouts with equivalency diplomas in order to solve a shortage problem that will only get worse).

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["... In a nation conscious of human rights violations halfway around the globe, where is the outrage over a U.S. government-sponsored campaign to systematically eradicate a sexual minority from the ranks of our military?"]

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"CLEANSING CAMPAIGNS"

Out Front By Jose' Zuniga

The images have seared our retinas. Tens of thousands of people, mostly women, children, and the elderly, forced to flee their homes in Kosovo. Makeshift relocation camps reducing people to cattle herded from one country to the next, splitting families apart, no end in sight. You cannot help but feel outraged when Slobodan Milosevic and his ministers take to the airwaves and belligerently deny there exists an ethnic cleansing campaign meant to rid Kosovo of its Albanian population. And, you take pride that the world -- or at least the 19 member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization -- are doing something to end the suffering and loss wrought by hatemongers.

As an American and a military veteran, I am proud that the United States has assumed a leadership role in "Operation Allied Force" (even if I feel our air war strategy cannot bring down Milosevic). Yet, my pride is tinged with anger when I consider that we are loath to look within our country's borders to confront similar, albeit less brutal, systematic cleansing campaigns. One

such campaign is illustrated in recently released U.S. Department of Defense statistics showing that five years after "don't ask, don't tell" became law, the military discharged 50 percent more servicemembers as homosexuals than it did in 1993, the year before the policy went into effect.

Wasn't the policy meant to allow gays to serve in the military? As long as no one tells, no one asks, right? Wrong. According to the DOB, the armed services discharged 1,145 suspected or admitted gays in 1998, 13 percent more than the previous year. The Air Force had the largest increase in gay-related discharges at 414, compared with 309 in 1997. The Army saw its discharges increase from 197 in 1997 to 310 in 1998. Meanwhile, the Navy's numbers fell to 345 from 413 in 1997. And, the Marine Corps' discharges dropped by two to 76 in 1998.

Why the increase? The Pentagon tells us the increase reflects a tendency by servicemembers to declare their sexual orientation as a way to get out of the military. Rudy de Leon, the Pentagon's under Secretary of Defense for personnel and readiness, alleged that 87 percent of the discharges involved voluntary statements from service members (As one who was asked, I doubt the "voluntary" nature of these statement?). Besides, de Leon advised, the 1,145 discharges represent less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the more than 1.4 million men and women who serve our country in the Armed Forces. (Maybe if that percentage were closer to 1 percent we should panic?!)

In a nation conscious of human rights violations halfway around the globe, where is the outrage over a U.S. government sponsored campaign to systematically eradicate a sexual minority from the ranks of our military? The United States and its NATO allies have invoked ethics to justify their intervention in The Balkans: "We cannot turn a blind eye to the atrocities committed against the ethnic Albanian people." Yet, what about gays and lesbians in the military whose lives are disrupted, if not destroyed, by the continuing witch-hunts and, ultimately, by discharge from service. C. Dixon Osborne, co-director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network in Washington, D.C., says "military leaders have turned a blind eye to the continued asking, pursuit and harassment of gays, lesbians and bisexuals serving our country."

As much as some within our community hate raising the issue -- or do so only in fundraising letters -- we must continue to demand that President Bill Clinton, or his successor, lift the ban outright. From the very beginning we

knew that "don't ask, don't tell" was an untenable compromise. This policy could work were society dealing with automatons. For human beings, however, not announcing one's sexual orientation is not the simple request that proponents of the policy, including our own Barney Frank, were having the public believe. There is no on/off switch when dealing with human identity.

This policy affects gays, both in and out of the military, at the core of who we are as people. In essence, the policy forces gay servicemembers not to accept themselves, to constantly live a lie.

A closeted homosexual adhering to "don't ask, don't tell" constantly has to negotiate a minefield to securely hide his or her sexual orientation; he or she must be on 24-hour alert. Heterosexuals, on the other hand, display their sexual orientation a hundred times each day, from discussing Saturday night events to simply commenting on the babysitter. If announcing one's homosexuality is to bring nondiscretionary discharge, all conversation could become a trap for the reckless. A gay GI would be forced to either withdraw from all social interaction with peers or live an endless string of half truths, avoided answers and downright lies.

Former Navy Midshipman Joseph Steffan explained when asked why he told Naval Academy officials that he is gay: "Personal honor is an absolute -- you either have honor or you do not." In short, good soldiers do not lie. Politicians arrived at a political solution that forces soldiers to make a choice between living honorably or continuing to serve their country. Yet, the fact that some of our gay servicemembers are choosing to "tell" does not excuse a policy meant to eradicate homosexuals from the military.

As I read headlines trumpeting U.S. resolve to beat back the forces of oppression, I cannot reconcile this ethical stance with the cowardice displayed in the heat of the gays-in-the-military debate five years ago.

When former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, the author of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, condemns Milosevic's ethnic cleansing policy, rekindled are memories of Nunn inveighing against homosexuals during his infamous Senate hearings. When will the headlines, indeed, when will the politicians, focus on and move to end the atrocity committed against U.S. citizens whose only "crime" is that of loving someone of the same gender?
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I completely agree with Tim Frasca's comment on the exclusion of homosexually-oriented adolescents and the special obstacles they face to a healthy sexual initiation and experience. And to a healthy, joyous life in general.

In Guatemala, in 1997, the number of AIDS reported cases in men who have sex with men (MSM) represented 22.9% of the total of cases nationwide. By the end of that same year, it was 11%. In 1998, it was only 7.1%. Knowledgeable people in this field don't believe that HIV or AIDS cases are decreasing among MSM. Rather, more cases go unreported due to lack of an adequate approach to this matter.

Beyond that, more thought should be given to the quality of life of non-heterosexual people. The suicide rate among lesbian and gay youth is something to reflect on.

I found the article below very interesting.

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TACKLING DIFFICULTIES OF BEING HOMOSEXUAL IN A HETEROSEXUAL WORLD By Dan Gottlieb * The Philadelphia Inquirer, Jan. 7, 1996 400 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19101

Nearly 40 years later, Frieda still remembers. "I was 4 years old and in nursery school when I knew I was different from the other kids," she says. "The girls would want to play house with Barbies, and all I wanted to do was play kick ball with the boys. At first, I didn't think about it much, but when I realized that nobody else in the class was like me, I became lonely and scared. I felt that way for the next 20 years."

As she grew, she said, she felt something was very wrong with her, that she was either crazy or a very bad child. When she reached puberty, she became attracted to a girl in her class, and her already fragile self-esteem fell apart. "It felt wonderful and horrible at the same time. You always remember your first love fondly, but that was when I first realized I was a lesbian. I grew up in a family where my father and his friends made jokes about 'fags and dykes.' Now I was one of those people everybody hated. I hated myself."

Shame often grows in silence. But modern psychology tells us that opening the door and sharing a secret can diminish the shame. The problem for gay and lesbian youth is that telling the truth can sometimes be worse than keeping the secret. It was for my client Frieda.

"When I told my mother, she seemed to panic. She told me to get over it, or I would have a terrible life. Then she told my father, and he became furious. They sent me to psychotherapy to 'help.' It didn't. I just felt more ashamed and crazy. After that, it felt like my parents hated me."

Ellen Bass, a writer and poet, knows something about the subject. To gain insights into the painful struggles faced by gay and lesbian youths, she and Kate Kaufman conducted 50 in-depth interviews for their book *Free Your Mind* (Harper Perennial). Bass says young people should test the waters before deciding to disclose their secret.

"It's important for kids to think about their situation and what's going to be good for them. The first consideration is the family; are they supportive, do they tolerate diversity, and how do they handle conflicts? The best predictor of future behavior is past behavior. It might also be helpful to test the waters in the family. For example, you might want to explore the parents' feelings about same-sex marriages or the federal 'Don't Ask - Don't Tell' policy for the military. A child can begin the process by not talking about themselves, but about the principle of homosexuality."

But knowing that all kids really want to be understood and accepted by their family, wouldn't they be paying a high price by keeping the secret? "Sometimes, it's the lesser of two evils," Bass told me. "Some families may react with violence and/or throw the child out of the house. If that's the case, living in a family and feeling alienated is far safer than living in the street. The priorities are physical safety and finishing school."

Even if a family is supportive, it is frightening for a young person to live in a world in which he or she may be subject to ridicule, scorn or violence. Bass says she feels that gay and lesbian children are so alienated in our society that they all need role models and supportive relationships to develop a healthy self image.

"Of course, the ideal is to have a supportive family, community and culture. But barring that, sometimes, one supportive person can make an enormous difference," she says. "In one of my interviews, a young man named Anthony vividly remembered one day in junior high school when his whole class was making fun of him. His teacher interrupted the class and gave everyone, with the exception of Anthony, an assignment to help them understand tolerance and compassion. Then they were told to apologize. Anthony felt that the dignity he received from that one teacher affected the rest of his life."

As a result, Bass strongly encourages gay and lesbian youth to come out to someone -- anyone who is supportive and caring. Without support, these young people could be trapped into seeing themselves as simply someone the

world hates. They are at high risk for becoming one of the statistics reported in the book: 30 to 40 percent of runaway and homeless youth are lesbian, gay or bisexual. Nearly 60 percent of gay and bisexual male teens have drug and alcohol problems. These youth are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than other young people and may account for up to 30 percent of completed suicides.

Although the statistics sound grim, Bass suggests that some of her findings are hopeful. "For anyone who works with kids or even cares about kids, it's important to know that some of the population they are working with are gay and lesbians. Remember, our findings suggest that sometimes just one supportive person can validate a child's dignity, and can help them live up to their potential to be happy and productive members of society."

But without understanding and tolerance, sometimes even those whose hearts are in the right place "don't get it." Bass recalled the experience of Chris, who told it this way: "Finally, I went to my guidance counselor and said, 'I can't do it.' I told her how bad it was, how I tried to disappear, hide in the stairwells or in the basement instead of going to classes. She said, 'You need to go to class.' I said, 'I can't.' She said, 'You need to go to class or you're going to flunk. You aren't going to make it to college.' I remember thinking to myself, 'Honey, I'm not even going to make it to the next day.'"

*Dan Gottlieb is a clinical psychologist and the author of *Voices in the Family*. Write to him at WHYY Radio, 150 N. Sixth St., Philadelphia 19106. His column appears on the first and third Mondays of the month in this section.

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Regional Emmy Awards on Saturday. The recognition comes after a year in which KOMO made visible efforts to improve local news programming, drawing close to No. 1 KING-TV in the process. KIRO-TV's Steve Raible won the individual achievement Emmy for news anchor. Other winners included: Michael King of NorthWest Cable News for sports anchor; Jim Castillo of KCPQ-TV for weather anchor; and Chris Heinbaugh of KOMO for news reporting; David Gillin of KING won the Emmy in the non-news television category. (Seattle Times)

In an interview with ABC News' Diane Sawyer Wednesday night, Vice President Al Gore called Bill Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky "inexcusable," adding that the president had lied to him as much as he'd lied to the American public. The comments, broadcast just hours after Gore announced his candidacy for president, were the vice president's most extensive yet about Clinton's affair. "What he did was inexcusable, and particularly as a father, I felt that it was terribly wrong, obviously," Gore said. Elsewhere during the interview, Gore said he wants to expand the gays-in-the-military policy that was begun by Clinton. "I'd like to see the policy implemented differently. I don't think there's been enough compassion in that policy," he said. (NY Times)

Making an opportunity out of the recent departure of CNNfn's "Moneyline" host Lou Dobbs, CNBC, General Electric Co.'s business news TV Channel, announced expanded coverage this week. According to Bruno Cohen, the channel's vice president for business news, CNBC will expand its 20-minute "Business Center" to an hour. CNBC veterans Ron Insana and Sue Herera will anchor the new program, which debuts Monday. Additionally, the business channel has locked in Maria Bartiromo, its star anchor, to a 5-year contract and will increase her exposure on the network. (Wall Street Journal)

Following news last week that his investigative report on the poor and exploitative conditions in a North Carolina psychiatric hospital had led to the closure of that hospital and another in Tampa, FL., CBS' Ed Bradley called his participation in the events bittersweet. "It makes you feel good because it (the closure) lets you know you've done a good job," Bradley said. "But it's sobering because you realize the power of the press and how it cannot be abused." During his "60 Minutes" report, Bradley found that Charter Behavioral Health Systems, which owned the facility, had ordered its employees to milk insurance plans for treatments patients never received. (USA Today)

Fox filed suit against Turner Broadcasting System and its parent, Time Warner, Tuesday, claiming that Turner's new regional entertainment network directly violates the \$65-million non-compete deal Fox and Turner struck three years ago. Fox Sports Net South asked a Superior Court judge Tuesday to restrain Turner from offering its new "Turner South" network, which will directly compete with Net South. (LA Times)

Despite the great season the New York Knicks have had thus far, NBC's playoff coverage is off about 8 percent compared with a year ago. Through the semi-finals, the network has averaged about a 6.5 rating

and 16 share, compared with 7.1/19 a year ago. (Broadcasting & Cable TV Fax)

Fox's "Ally McBeal" was named best comedy and ABC's "NYPD Blue" best continuing series at Monday's Banff Television Festival in Canada. The two series were the only U.S. winners at the festival, which honors international programming. (LA Times)

Hoping to force changes in the wrestling industry, the wife of professional wrestler Owen Hart, who was killed in a stunt last month, has sued the World Wrestling Federation for wrongful death. "Owen has died, and there is nothing I can do to bring him back," Martha Hart said at a news conference. "My wish is that his death not be in vain, and that his death can be a vehicle for vastly improving the safety of the industry." Hart was killed when he fell from a cable as he was being lowered into the ring at a WWF show May 23. (SF Chronicle)

Hungary's Supreme Court this week prohibited a television station from airing Fox's "X-Files" before 11pm, claiming the sci-fi program has a "negative impact on the personal development of young children." (LA Times)

KCAL business reporter Alan Mendelson's new website is up at www.moredeals.com featuring streaming video personal finance news. He's left the old website company (moneyreporter.com) to form moredeals.com with several other broadcast professionals in the LA market. Please take a look. They have three videos on the site now, plus a variety of personal finance text stories, and expect their first e-commerce and retail-videos to be online in about a week.

Just in time for Hurricane Season! A new web site, www.hurwarn.com has been launched by Anthony Watts, the creator of <http://www.tvweather.com>, and WeatherWarn, now in 55 US TV markets. HurrWarn.com is a complete Hurricane web resource and email/pager warning service suitable for linking with TV station weather web pages. WeatherWarn customers already have links in the site directing them to the Hurricane Email and Pager notification service offered by the local stations. For info, visit www.hurwarn.com or contact Angel Hoffman, sales manager at 530-899-8434 or angelh@itworks.com

The deadline is approaching for photojournalists to apply for The Poynter Institute's TV photojournalism and ethics seminar which will be held August 29-September 3, 1999. This is a weeklong program at The Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Florida is aimed at helping photojournalists hone their skills to tell crisper stories, make ethical decisions on deadline and learn leadership skills. The seminar will also include discussions about covering news in dangerous situations, how new technology will affect the way photojournalists will do their work, and how photojournalists can effectively manage their careers. The Poynter Institute's Al Tompkins will be joined by Lane Michaelson, winner of more than 200 awards for his photojournalism, and John Lansing, a former NPPA award winning photojournalist who became a top 10 market news

ON THE MOVE...

The new morning meteorologist at KDRV-TV (ABC), Medford, Oregon is JESSICA NEUDER. Prior to that, she worked as a weather anchor as well as a news anchor/reporter at WOUB Radio/TV in Athens, Ohio. Jessica is a graduate of the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University.

Former NBC property SCOTT BAYENS has landed on his feet again, this time in the Great Northwest. Scott will be the main anchor at KAYU-TV, the FOX affiliate in Spokane, Washington, which plans to launch a ten o'clock newscast in mid August. In addition to Eastern half of the state, the station is seen in Northern Idaho, parts of Montana and Oregon, and all of British Columbia and Alberta, Canada. A graduate of the University of Houston, Scott represents himself, and the advice and support of his family and friends.

RAMONA PARKS has joined WRIC-TV, the ABC affiliate in Richmond, Virginia as a General Assignment Reporter. It's a major market jump and a move closer to home for the DC native. Her last stop was in Savannah, GA as Weekend Anchor/Weekday Reporter at WJCL/WTGS - the ABC & FOX affiliates. You can reach Ramona at ramonaric@aol.com.

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Mo Money: Steve Forbes says that, if elected, he'll scrap the new \$20 bill, which he describes as "looking like Monopoly money." Forbes had not known until an aide recently pointed it out to him that U.S. currency came in denominations smaller than a \$100. (Jim Rosenberg)

Kaboom: Researchers at The University of Texas at Austin have designed a quick experiment to find out if there is ice on the moon by *_crashing_* a retired lunar module into the moon's supposedly icy south pole. The mission will be handed over to the intentional crash experts at Dateline, NBC. (Rosenberg)

Expert Witness: Police arrested a woman in Hialeah, Florida when they discovered her house filled with trash and cat feces. It was so bad, police had to call in the national expert on getting out of deep doo-doo: Bill Clinton.. (Bill Williams)

On the Campaign Trail: Former President George Bush endorsed his son for president. "Whoa, there's a stretch? Today Dan Quayle's father said he was leaning toward voting for Dan." (Jay Leno)

On the Campaign Trail II: The Waldorf Astoria hotel will be the site of a fund-raiser for Steve Forbes. "Well, there's an urgent need, huh? Helping a billionaire raise money. In fact, after that, let's get together and see if we can find a girl for Ricky Martin, too." (Leno)

In This Corner: Dennis Rodman has been signed as a professional wrestler. "Let's hope this isn't just a first step in a run for governor." (Bob Mills)

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In an interview with ABC News' Diane Sawyer Wednesday night, Vice President Al Gore called Bill Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky "inexcusable," adding that the president had lied to him as much as he'd lied to the American public. The comments, broadcast just hours after Gore announced his candidacy for president, were the vice president's most extensive yet about Clinton's affair. "What he did was inexcusable, and particularly as a father, I felt that it was terribly wrong, obviously," Gore said. Elsewhere during the interview, Gore said he wants to expand the gays-in-the-military policy that was begun by Clinton. "I'd like to see the policy implemented differently. I don't think there's been enough compassion in that policy," he said. (NY Times)

Making an opportunity out of the recent departure of CNNfn's "Moneyline" host Lou Dobbs, CNBC, General Electric Co.'s business news TV Channel, announced expanded coverage this week. According to Bruno Cohen, the channel's vice president for business news, CNBC will expand its 20-minute "Business Center" to an hour. CNBC veterans Ron Insana and Sue Herera will anchor the new program, which debuts Monday. Additionally, the business channel has locked in Maria Bartiromo, its star anchor, to a 5-year contract and will increase her exposure on the network. (Wall Street Journal)

Following news last week that his investigative report on the poor and exploitative conditions in a North Carolina psychiatric hospital had led to the closure of that hospital and another in Tampa, FL., CBS' Ed Bradley called his participation in the events bittersweet. "It makes you feel good because it (the closure) lets you know you've done a good job," Bradley said. "But it's sobering because you realize the power of the press and how it cannot be abused." During his "60 Minutes" report, Bradley found that Charter Behavioral Health Systems, which owned the facility, had ordered its employees to milk insurance plans for treatments patients never received. (USA Today)

Fox filed suit against Turner Broadcasting System and its parent, Time Warner, Tuesday, claiming that Turner's new regional entertainment network directly violates the \$65-million non-compete deal Fox and Turner struck three years ago. Fox Sports Net South asked a Superior Court judge Tuesday to restrain Turner from offering its new "Turner South" network, which will directly compete with Net South. (LA Times)

Despite the great season the New York Knicks have had thus far, NBC's playoff coverage is off about 8 percent compared with a year ago. Through the semi-finals, the network has averaged about a 6.5 rating

and 16 share, compared with 7.1/19 a year ago. (Broadcasting & Cable TV Fax)

Fox's "Ally McBeal" was named best comedy and ABC's "NYPD Blue" best continuing series at Monday's Banff Television Festival in Canada. The two series were the only U.S. winners at the festival, which honors international programming. (LA Times)

Hoping to force changes in the wrestling industry, the wife of professional wrestler Owen Hart, who was killed in a stunt last month, has sued the World Wrestling Federation for wrongful death. "Owen has died, and there is nothing I can do to bring him back," Martha Hart said at a news conference. "My wish is that his death not be in vain, and that his death can be a vehicle for vastly improving the safety of the industry." Hart was killed when he fell from a cable as he was being lowered into the ring at a WWF show May 23. (SF Chronicle)

Hungary's Supreme Court this week prohibited a television station from airing Fox's "X-Files" before 11pm, claiming the sci-fi program has a "negative impact on the personal development of young children." (LA Times)

KCAL business reporter Alan Mendelson's new website is up at [www.moredeals.com](http://www.moredeals.com) featuring streaming video personal finance news. He's left the old website company ([moneyreporter.com](http://moneyreporter.com)) to form [moredeals.com](http://moredeals.com) with several other broadcast professionals in the LA market. Please take a look. They have three videos on the site now, plus a variety of personal finance text stories, and expect their first e-commerce and retail-videos to be online in about a week.

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## ON THE MOVE...

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Former NBC property SCOTT BAYENS has landed on his feet again, this time in the Great Northwest. Scott will be the main anchor at KAYU-TV, the FOX affiliate in Spokane, Washington, which plans to launch a ten o'clock newscast in mid August. In addition to Eastern half of the state, the station is seen in Northern Idaho, parts of Montana and Oregon, and all of British Columbia and Alberta, Canada. A graduate of the University of Houston, Scott represents himself, and the advice and support of his family and friends.

RAMONA PARKS has joined WRIC-TV, the ABC affiliate in Richmond, Virginia as a General Assignment Reporter. It's a major market jump and a move closer to home for the DC native. Her last stop was in Savannah, GA as Weekend Anchor/Weekday Reporter at WJCL/WTGS - the ABC & FOX affiliates. You can reach Ramona at [ramonarc@aol.com](mailto:ramonarc@aol.com).

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Mo Money: Steve Forbes says that, if elected, he'll scrap the new \$20 bill, which he describes as "looking like Monopoly money." Forbes had not known until an aide recently pointed it out to him that U.S. currency came in denominations smaller than a \$100. (Jim Rosenberg)

Kaboom: Researchers at The University of Texas at Austin have designed a quick experiment to find out if there is ice on the moon by \*\_crashing\_\* a retired lunar module into the moon's supposedly icy south pole. The mission will be handed over to the intentional crash experts at Dateline, NBC. (Rosenberg)

Expert Witness: Police arrested a woman in Hialeah, Florida when they discovered her house filled with trash and cat feces. It was so bad, police had to call in the national expert on getting out of deep doo-doo: Bill Clinton.. (Bill Williams)

On the Campaign Trail: Former President George Bush endorsed his son for president. "Whoa, there's a stretch? Today Dan Quayle's father said he was leaning toward voting for Dan." (Jay Leno)

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NewsPlanet Staff
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SUMMARY: In his bid to become No. 1, the U.S. Vice President speaks against hate crimes and makes "family values" (except marriage) more inclusive, but says "don't ask" could work and faces AIDS drug protests.

As the reintroduction of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act was announced in Washington, DC on June 24, Vice President Al Gore (D) stated his support for ENDA while visiting the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center's youth shelter. When a skeptical young gay man asked him why he was there, Gore said, "I'm here to learn and to pay honor to this place," and praised the Center for "helping to change attitudes and abolish some irrational discrimination that is all too common." Gore also restated his support for hate crimes legislation, saying those crimes are "based on a fear of differences." He allowed only one private interview, to the venerable gay and lesbian national magazine "The Advocate," believed to be the first time any major Presidential candidate ever met with a national gay publication.

Democratic Presidential hopeful Bill Bradley had already visited the Center's youth shelter on June 17. While there, he expressed his support for tougher laws against hate crimes. One young lesbian who had been present for both the Bradley and Gore visits told the Associated Press that she found them equally unimpressive.

All Kinds of Family Values

Nonetheless, Gore taking the step of visiting the Center -- something his Republican opponents for the Presidency in 2000 are not too likely to do -- was of some importance to demonstrate the inclusion of gays and lesbians in his recent rhetoric about families and family values (long understood as a euphemism for anti-gay), particularly given his recent suggestions for government funding for church-run services. For example, among the sentiments he's repeated while criss-crossing the country are, "I want to take my own values of faith and family to the Presidency," and "I believe that in contrast to the deficit crisis we had six or seven years ago, we now have a family crisis in America." So it was notable that at the Center, Gore carefully referred to "families of all kinds." His visit there was the only one of five scheduled appearances that day which was not a fund-raising event.

Before coming to Los Angeles, Gore was in San Francisco, where reporters asked him about California's upcoming ballot initiative to deny legal recognition to same-gender marriages another state may someday perform. He said that he supported some legal status for domestic partners, but opposes "a change in the institution of marriage as we now know it between men and women."

Hug for a Lesbian Teen

In Los Angeles on June 18, Gore visited with several hundred students at Fairfax High School (where the pioneering Project 10 program for lesbian and questioning youth began). One lesbian senior described the homophobic verbal abuse she'd experienced at another school and how those taunts were seen as acceptable behavior there. When she began to cry at recalling her pain, Gore crossed the gym to hug her, to the applause of the other students. "How can anyone not be moved by such a sincere opening of her heart?" he asked rhetorically. He affirmed that, "I believe very strongly that we should have laws to protect young people like her from hate crimes," although most of his discussions of school safety have been more in reference to the massacre at Columbine and gun control. He went on to say, "I believe that in the history of our nation, we have grown in our understanding of what it is to be human. Now we have to expand the human circle of dignity to include lesbians and gays."

AIDS Drug Controversy

For what a couple of pundits have identified as the first actual issue of the campaign, Gore's tour has been dogged by protesters from the coalition group AIDS Drugs for Africa, which includes members of the direct action group ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power). A handful of those demonstrators have used whistles and chanting to disrupt his appearances in Carthage, Tennessee, where he formally announced his candidacy on June 16, and on June 17 in Manchester, New

Hampshire and in New York City. The first group were physically attacked by others attending the speech until law enforcement intervened; two of the Manchester group were able to come within two feet of Gore for about a minute until bodyguards intervened.

The protesters contend that Gore (in his capacity as Co-Chair of the Bi-National Trade Commission on South Africa) has personally threatened trade sanctions against South Africa should it legally manufacture its own AIDS drugs at prices that would make them accessible to its impoverished population; they also say he resurrected AGOA, the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, another means to the same end. Pointing to a number of current and past drug industry lobbyists with important positions in the Gore campaign, they charge that Gore has acted out of greed for drug industry contributions, at the expense of Africans' lives.

Astonished at the first protest, Gore was barely able to come up with a statement that he supports free speech, but later he offered to meet with demonstrators afterwards. That hasn't happened, but on June 24, Gore issued a statement promising to work with South Africa's new President Thabo Mbeki to develop ways to prevent and combat AIDS, and saying that he is encouraging the U.S. Trade Representative, the South African government and the pharmaceutical industry to explore solutions to settle disputes over getting patented drugs to people with AIDS and HIV. None of the protesters particularly want to see leading Republican Presidential hopeful George W. Bush elected, but they do want a reversal of US drug policy, and they've promised to demonstrate at every Gore campaign stop. A large demonstration is planned for Gore's Philadelphia appearance on June 28.

"Don't Ask," But Differently

Gore was asked about his position on the so-called "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays and lesbians serving in the military by Diane Sawyer of ABC's "20/20" for an edition which aired the day Gore announced his candidacy, June 16. Gore said, "I don't think there's been enough compassion in that policy" and that he'd "like to see the policy implemented differently." While he did appear to be indicating support for making it easier for gays and lesbians to serve, he gave no indication as to whether or not he's aware of the dramatic increase in military discharges for homosexuality in the years since the so-called compromise policy was adopted.

"Worth Fighting Gore"

Republican Presidential hopeful Dan Quayle's new book "Worth Fighting For" charges that Gore and President Bill Clinton have "embraced those who, since the 1960's, have ceaselessly pounded away at honor, duty, country and the rule of law" and describes "deep, if not irreconcilable differences between left and right on the issue of the country's core values." Quayle denounces a "new aristocracy" of "elite news media, the Hollywood crowd, the tenured faculty of elite institutions of higher education, the federal judiciary and the radical feminist movement," claiming that, "Their numbers are small, but their influence is staggering."

As an example of the influence of this "opinion elite" Quayle cites Gore's praise for the 1997 coming out episode of the now-defunct ABC sitcom "Ellen," which Gore described as "forcing" Americans to view a positive portrayal of lesbian life. Quayle also slams the 1960's for "the rejection of traditional sexual morality ... [that] robbed an army of children of the chance to live in two-parent households ... even as it unleashed a plague of sexually transmitted diseases from herpes to AIDS to hepatitis B." The former Vice President proposes to counter that "elite" by putting "cultural critics of ability and intellect" in charge of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts, a somewhat different approach from that of the Republican Party, which has been promising for several years now to eliminate both.

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OUT OF THE CLOSET, BUT NOT OUT OF MIDDLE SCHOOL Gay Youths Say They're Aware of Sexuality Earlier

By Libby Copeland
Washington Post Staff Writer

On the last day of seventh grade, Dave Grossman mounted some cardboard boxes down the street from his junior high school and held a one-boy rally.

I'm sick of pretending, he announced into a cheap loudspeaker.

I'm gay.

The affair was a bit botched. Dave's principal, fearing a "disruption," asked him to move his makeshift stage and rainbow flags away from school grounds. The event caused barely an eye-roll from his peers, who scattered from school eager to inaugurate summer.

Still, there was Dave with his loudspeaker and his conviction. Like a soap opera character haunted by a secret past, he had been living two lives. In school, he was a straight kid with straight A's. After classes, he rode the Metro downtown and hung with gay friends past dinner time. He says few people could believe that at 13, he was so certain he was gay.

Two years later, Dave puts it like this: "It was a lot of built-up frustration over everyone saying, 'You're too young, you're too young, you're too young.' "

In the national debate about gay and bisexual identity, age is a volatile fault line along which schools are being forced to pick sides. Gay-youth advocacy groups say the average age of kids who "come out" has decreased substantially in recent years. Whereas once a teenager might have come out in senior year with a burn-your-bridges disinhibition, now that same teenager is making his homosexuality public in middle school or ninth grade.

Puberty is a roulette wheel of biding time and spurting growth. One preteen is sexually active while her classmate is still collecting stickers. American girls are hitting puberty far earlier than they were a century ago, and there's growing awareness of a disconnection between physical and mental maturity. Add the perennial dilemmas of sex education -- how much kids should learn, how soon, from whom -- and you have a recipe for controversy.

What happens when a middle school student -- in braces, in a training bra, inexperienced -- announces that she's gay?

It's happening. Ritch Savin-Williams, a developmental psychologist at Cornell University, used data from nine independent studies conducted over the last 20 years to conclude that the average age at which young men label their same-sex attractions as gay dropped from almost 20 in 1979 to just 13 in 1998. They may not, however, definitively call themselves gay until a few years later.

"Every time we sample these kids, the average age is getting younger," says Savin-Williams. "What's different is that now gay kids are becoming like straight kids -- they know that they're gay before they have sex."

At Longfellow Middle School in Falls Church, Dave Grossman forced the issue that advocacy groups, educators and mental health providers have been debating for several years: Should the nation's struggle over sex and morality play out inside schools, involving kids in a debate that can be loudspeaker loud? Or should such issues be fought at the ballot box, from church pulpits and at home?

Longfellow's principal, Gail Womble, respected Dave's desire to come out, if not his venue. In the end, she was relieved that Dave said his piece without causing an uproar.

"I did have concerns about how middle school students would meet that kind of disclosure," says Womble, who has since moved to Rachel Carson Middle School in Fairfax. "At this age, we have kids who are old enough to be exploring those feelings and other kids who are still playing with Barbie dolls."

Dave's mother was disgusted by what she felt were "outrageous" banishing dictums imposed on her son, like making Dave move his stage across the street. Donna Brown Grossman says Womble also asked Dave to cover a T-shirt reading "Nobody Knows I'm Gay," and would not let him pass out homemade pamphlets promoting his rally.

"Her reaction was one thing that made me feel that I had to take my child out of the public school system," says Grossman, 48, who subsequently transferred her son to Thornton Friends, a private Quaker school.

As school systems debate whether to allow gay support groups, or pass anti-harassment policies on behalf of gays, or show their faculty the controversial documentary "It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School," proponents on both sides point to the tender age of the

youngsters as evidence of the rectitude of their positions.

Gay-rights advocacy groups and much of the mental health community cite 12-year-old gay youngsters as proof that being homosexual is "natural." Christian conservative groups argue that young adolescents bombarded by hormones and pop images of sexuality are especially susceptible to gay "recruiting."

"Those kids are incredibly impressionable, and I think certainly the younger the age, the more they can be swayed," says Peter LaBarbera, editor of the Lambda Report on Homosexuality, which argues that the declining age at which youngsters are coming out is largely the product of gay propaganda inside schools.

"There's different gradations. Love, sexuality: It's a very tangled web."

This is Ellen Sweeney, 18, an assured young woman who was co-leader of the gay discussion group at Sidwell Friends, a private school in Northwest Washington, during this, her senior year. She began to question her own sexuality in seventh grade, joined the discussion group in high school, and recently, has taught workshops to middle school students on gay issues.

Incidentally, Sweeney is straight. But, she says, "I question myself up until this day."

This open attitude toward sexuality is a splinter in the skin of many who oppose gay discussion groups. They ask, what if youngsters who would otherwise be straight are encouraged to question, and ultimately, to declare themselves gay?

In the last few years in the Washington area, at least 15 gay discussion groups have cropped up in high schools and one middle school. The majority of the groups are in Montgomery County, where, amid a storm of controversy three years ago, the school board added gay students and teachers to the list of people protected from discrimination. The groups, which range from sanctioned clubs to informal lunch gatherings, serve as sounding boards -- to examine homophobia, for example, or the feelings of a member who says she has been "questioning."

The problem with such discussions, opponents say, is that they don't offer an alternative to open-armed acceptance of homosexuality. Janet Folger, national director of the Center for Reclaiming America, an arm of Coral Ridge Ministries, says if gay issues must be part of the school climate, youngsters should at least be exposed to "ex-gays" and told of the health risks of homosexuality.

As things stand, "there is no balance," Folger says. "There is no message of hope . . . that you can walk away from it."

Like many area private schools, Edmund Burke School in the District doesn't see it that way. When a gay-issues discussion group was created there this year, middle school students were included in the weekly lunch meetings. Hugh Taft-Morales, the group's faculty adviser, said the group

has "no agenda."

"They are already talking about this," he says. "What we're doing is taking responsibility as adults to raise the level of the discussion."

Although no exhaustive data can be found on discussion groups in schools, the New York-based Gay, Lesbian and Straight Educational Network keeps tabs on clubs that register with it. Its national list has blossomed from roughly 150 high school "Gay/Straight Alliances" last year to about 400 this year, concentrated mainly in Massachusetts, California and the New York City area. In Maryland and Virginia, there are seven registered high school alliances.

"Some people feel it's not our job," says Pamela Latt, principal of Centreville High School, which is on track to become the third high school in Virginia with a registered gay/straight alliance. Centreville has had a gay counseling group for two years, but a few students have been pushing for more.

"Having a counseling group sort of sends the wrong message," says Caroline Zuscheck, 17, a straight student involved in the effort. "It's like if you have an eating disorder or a problem with depression."

But although the principal supports starting an alliance next year, she also has reservations. On one hand, she says, it will contribute to a healthier environment for gay teenagers, a high-risk group. But Latt knows she is treading on important toes in conservative Centreville, where some School Board and community members have already voiced discomfort with a school-sanctioned club. "I don't blame people for being very cautious and careful," she says.

Latt is conflicted for other reasons. She is Catholic and has puzzled over whether homosexuality is wrong (she doesn't think so) and what causes it (she doesn't know). At any rate, she says, the alliance is about "saving lives," not promoting homosexuality. But perhaps in an ideal world, this messy moral stew wouldn't fall into the principal's lap.

"This really shouldn't be a part of my job," Latt says finally. "But I don't think I have a choice."

Amy Levy and her son remember the moment differently. The way Will tells it, his mom was nagging him, Why don't you have a girlfriend? The way Levy tells it, Will's confession came straight out of the clear blue sky.

Never mind why. That moment changed everything. One minute, the mother is dropping her son off in the car. The next, he tells her, "I'm gay," and hops out.

He is 14.

For Levy, 50, that belly-flop into reality challenged a lot of rules. Will was the first openly gay student at his tiny Bethesda private school, which has no specific policies on the issue. In an attempt to carve a comfortable space for himself, Will, now 16, met with teachers. Levy met

with teachers. Teachers met with other teachers.

Levy says Will's coming out made them all dissect their feelings about homosexuality. "Do you really believe in what you thought you believed in when it becomes part of your life?" she wonders. (To protect her son, Levy asked that Will's last name, which is different from hers, not be published.)

Gay-rights advocates say this type of discussion is a door slowly creaking open, a departure from past decades when an unofficial "don't ask, don't tell" policy reigned in high schools and middle schools.

At a recent meeting for gay Montgomery County youths, two adults leading the session reminisced about how different it once was: one man, one woman, both in their forties or fifties, both of whom married at 23, both of whom divorced, both of whom realized only in adulthood that they were, in fact, gay.

They listened to the teenagers and then ticked off each belated milestone in their own closeted lives, as if to say, All those years lost.

Dave Grossman is a slight, blue-eyed youth with an energy and intelligence that sometimes gets the better of him. He skipped eighth grade, and, after ninth, went to Simon's Rock, a college in Great Barrington, Mass., designed for kids of high school age. Now he's transferring to American University, entering his second year of college at 15.

While he was growing up, Dave says, instinct told him he liked other boys. He just knew, natural as corn. In fourth grade, he says, "I came to my senses. I was just staring benignly at the boy across from me."

At 11, Dave found online chat rooms and located the gay bulletin board in short order.

At 12, he told his parents, because there was no reason not to, because now he knew for sure, and the knowledge pressed in on him. It was after synagogue on a late summer night. The date sticks in his mind -- Aug. 30, 1996. He recalls his mother crying with the shock and the strangeness.

"She was like, 'Wow, I didn't even know you had a sexuality.' "

And Dave started his journey, because he saw himself as a young man with a sexuality and an image to build, and he shed his baby fat, his glasses and his gawky hair and hatched a plan to let people know that he had found himself. A stage, a loudspeaker, a grand announcement.

"I was going to do something," he says. "Something that was extravagant."

A showdown of sorts -- even if there were few people around to watch. A showdown, at the very least, with the person who mattered.

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Asking, Abuse Pre Army Murder

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SUMMARY: Officers in charge of the slain soldier admit that they did ask (but they thought that was ok) and didn't try to stop the anti-gay taunts (because "everybody was having fun").

Defense attorneys for Private First Class (PFC) Calvin Glover believe that insufficient evidence has been presented for him to face court-martial in the July bashing death of PFC Barry Winchell -- but testimony at a hearing at Fort Campbell, Kentucky on August 10 left no doubt that Winchell was the object of anti-gay abuse, and that his superiors not only made no effort to stop it, they clearly violated the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military policy on homosexuality.

The "Article 32" hearing combines some elements of civilian grand jury and preliminary hearings; both sides can present evidence and question witnesses. Winchell's section leader Sergeant Michael Kleifgen said on the witness stand, "Pretty much everybody in the company called him

[Winchell] derogatory names. Basically, they called him a 'faggot' and stuff like that. I would say on a daily basis.... A lot of times, he was walking around down in the dumps." Kleifgen testified that even an unidentified first sergeant on one occasion said he was going to "get that little faggot" for an infraction.

Winchell's roommate, Specialist Justin Fisher, who will face a hearing on August 14 as an accomplice to Winchell's murder, appears to have been the root of the rumors that Winchell was gay. That's a particularly interesting revelation since it was Fisher himself who introduced Winchell to Nashville's The Connection gay bar and to pre-operative transsexual drag entertainer Calpernia Addams, who dated Winchell beginning in March. Addams has speculated that Fisher may have been jealous of the special relationship she developed with Winchell. One soldier testified specifically to Fisher making wisecracks about Winchell being gay, and another soldier's wife testified that Fisher "was just straight-up mean about it. He [Fisher] was just torturing him [Winchell]."

Fisher told Kleifgen in late 1998 that he'd seen a soldier at The Connection. Kleifgen said on the stand, "We figured out it was Winchell. I asked Winchell if he was gay. He said no." Kleifgen went on to say, "I left it at that. The military had a policy of 'don't ask, don't tell,' a policy which Kleifgen didn't seem to see that he had violated.

Staff Sergeant Eric Dubielak also testified that he had asked Winchell if he were gay. He justified his violation of the policy because the rumors "seemed to be affecting the platoon."

Both sergeants testified that no one ordered soldiers to stop the harassment. Kleifgen testified that he didn't intervene himself because soldiers are accustomed to such taunting and "everybody was having fun."

Gay and lesbian activists praised the military for allowing this testimony and the sergeants for their "courage" in providing it.

Investigating officer Major Delbert Hall presided at the hearing and will make a written recommendation within two weeks to Colonel Robert Caslen, 2nd Brigade commander and the Army's special court-martial convening authority. Caslen and Fort Campbell's commanding general, Major General Robert Clark, can decide to dismiss the charges, recommend administrative action or convene a court martial, either on the charges as presented or the charges as they may modify them. A conviction for Glover on the charge of pre-meditated murder could mean a life sentence or even the death penalty.

Despite the defense contention that there were no eyewitnesses to the beating and that the main source connecting Glover to the crime was Fisher, the evidence presented appears damaging to Glover. Two soldiers saw him running shortly after the attack, apparently to throw clothes in the dumpsters. He was found in his room with a bloodstained shirt and blood smeared on his door. Army investigators reported that

he had sworn to others that he would get back at Winchell for having bested him in a fight two days before the assault, reportedly including the statement, "I won't let a faggot kick my ass." A soldier who guarded him while he was initially detained at Fort Campbell testified that Glover had told him that he'd hit Winchell with a baseball bat, and that Glover made anti-gay remarks in conversation with another inmate. Defense attorneys also said the decision whether or not to hold a court-martial should be delayed until lab work on some 60 pieces of evidence is completed.

The defense stated that Fisher could not be trusted, and seemed even to be suggesting that Fisher might be an alternative suspect. There was testimony that Fisher and Winchell were seen sitting together within an hour of the time Winchell was found battered. It was Fisher who told investigators that on the night of the beating, Glover saw Winchell sleeping on a cot in the hall and asked, "What is that faggot doing sleeping there?" (Winchell was looking after the dog who served as area mascot.) It was Fisher who then described Glover as grabbing Fisher's bat and spending several minutes swinging it with a "psychotic" look on his face, leaving for as much as a half-hour, returning with blood on the bat, and telling Fisher that he'd hit Winchell with it. It was Fisher who, hysterical, later roused other soldiers to come help Winchell, eventually pulling a fire alarm. (Fisher did not testify in person at the hearing, but investigators reported on what he had told them.)

Captain Gregg Engler, serving in the role of "trial counsel" or prosecutor, gave a confident summation, saying, "Private Glover murdered Private First Class Barry Winchell and there's no doubt about it."

Attorneys and potential witnesses have been barred by the military from talking with reporters about the case.

Winchell sought to excel at his work, and often did. He was his company's best shot with a .50-caliber machine gun and was known as "Top Gun" for his prowess with a helicopter, which he hoped to improve still further. While bearing the anti-gay abuse fairly stoically, he feared that it might lose him his job. He was described by friends as quiet, down-to-earth and masculine. He was discovered early July 5 with severe head trauma and was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, where he died of his injuries on July 6. An Army investigator who observed the autopsy testified that his skull was cracked "similar to an eggshell."

According to sources cited by the "Washington Post," Winchell's could be the first case of a homophobic murder in the military since the 1994 adoption of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" -- despite a steady increase in instances of anti-gay harassment recorded by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.

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37, was returned late Wednesday night under tight security to Los Angeles by

police helicopter after he waived extradition in a brief court appearance in

Las Vegas, where he had fled after eluding a manhunt by police.

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> JAPANESE LAWMAKERS USE STALL TACTICS TO BLOCK BILL

Japanese opposition lawmakers on Thursday used their very best stall tactics -- including a no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi -- in an effort to stall a government-sponsored wiretapping bill. The bill, which authorizes police to use wiretaps during organized crime probes, cleared the lower house on June 1.

A three-way deal?

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> BREWERY WORKER SAVES BRITISH PRINCE PHILIP BLUSHES

Royal aides held their breath when Britain's gaffe-prone Prince Philip asked a worker at a Scottish brewery what was in the vats. Less than 24 hours after

Queen Elizabeth's husband was forced to apologize for a racist slip of the tongue about Indians, he was at the Caledonian Brewery in Edinburgh on Wednesday to celebrate its award-winning Deuchars IPA -- which stands for India Pale Ale.

A rare apology

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> UNICEF FINDS DRAMATIC INCREASE IN IRAQ CHILD DEATHS

The first survey of child deaths in Iraq since the 1991 Persian Gulf War shows the death rate among children under 5 who live in government-controlled areas has doubled. But the death rate among children in the autonomous north, where the United Nations runs a humanitarian relief operation, dropped significantly during the same period, the U.N. Children's Fund said in a report to be released Thursday.

Tough findings

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> SALT LAKE CITY ASSESSES TORNADO DAMAGE

Residents have begun cleaning up debris from a rare tornado that struck with little warning on the west side of downtown Salt Lake City Wednesday afternoon.

One person died and 40 others were taken to hospitals. Most of the injuries took place inside a tent that had been erected for an outdoor trade show.

The tent was destroyed by the twister, said Lt. Phil Kirk of the Salt Lake City Police Department.

'Could have been much worse'

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> MORE CHARGES EXPECTED TODAY AGAINST L.A. SHOOTER

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> FAA ORDERS INSULATION REPLACED ON 700 COMMERCIAL JETS

The Federal Aviation Administration said Wednesday it was ordering the replacement of insulation blankets in nearly 700 commercial airplanes within the next four years because they fall short of a new flame retardant standard.

Aircraft affected by the order have a type of plastic film, known as metalized

Mylar, on the face of the insulation blankets. The film was raised as a possible factor in spreading the fire that downed a SwissAir MD-11 plane off Canada in September 1998.

45-day comment period
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> BOY SCOUTS ISSUE 'DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL' POLICY TOWARD GAYS

A controversy over a gay Eagle Scout in Rhode Island has forced a local chapter of the Boy Scouts of America to acknowledge publicly that a Scout can be a homosexual -- as long as he doesn't advertise it. Legal experts say the case suggests the organization may be relaxing its ban on gays, even as it prepares to protect it in the nation's highest court.

The result of consultations
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> PRICELINE NAMES ITS PRICE

Priceline.com, which lets Internet shoppers name their own prices for airline tickets, hotel rooms and other services, priced its initial public offering at \$67 a share Wednesday. The company said certain selling stockholders were offering 3.5 million shares, while it was offering the remaining 1 million.

Stock down before announcement

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> ASIA JOINS RELIEF RALLY

Asian stock markets were resuscitated across the board Thursday as investors jumped aboard Wall Street's relief rally. Tokyo was boosted by signs the yen had steadied against the dollar. The Nikkei 225 jumped 212 points to close at 17,422.97, a rise of 1.2 percent. The Hang Seng index in Hong Kong soared 342 points to close at 12,779.75, a rise of 2.75 percent. The Straits Times index in Singapore rebounded from earlier losses, adding 25 points to 2,012.81, a rise of 1.3 percent.

Sydney, Seoul show weak gains

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> RELIEF RALLY ON WALL STREET

U.S. stock markets staged a solid rally Wednesday, encouraged by buying in the technology sector, as well as what appeared to be a brief respite from Wall Street's recent interest-rate induced weakness. Bargain hunting and the prospect of strong growth among technology companies, after Cisco Systems reported healthy earnings a day earlier, all helped lure investors back into stocks.

Dow Jones industrial average up 132.65

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> FED: NO BROAD INFLATION RISE

Less than two weeks ahead of a key meeting to discuss a possible interest-rate rise, the U.S. Federal Reserve said Wednesday it saw only scattered signs of pickups in wages and no broad rise in inflation. The Fed's periodic Beige Book

report, looking at coast-to-coast business activity, described the economy as strong but running up against constraints from shortages of labor and some supplies such as home-construction materials.

'Continued strength in economic activity'

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> MADDUX, LIMA ROUGHED UP AS BRAVES COMPLETE SWEEP

On a night when Greg Maddux and Jose Lima were expected to dominate, the Atlanta Braves' offense was the big story. Bret Boone and Chipper Jones hit consecutive homers for the second straight night, and Jose Hernandez also homered off Lima as Atlanta completed a three-game sweep of the Houston Astros with an 8-5 victory Wednesday.

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> MANCHESTER UNITED EARNS FIRST WIN OF SEASON

Aston Villa romped to the top of the Premier League with a 3-0 beating of Everton on Wednesday, but Manchester United grabbed its first victory of the season with a 4-0 crushing of Sheffield Wednesday. Goals by Julian Joachim, Dion Dublin and Ian Taylor downed Everton at Villa Park, where the visitor had Scottish international midfielder John Collins expelled in the first half with his team just one goal down.

Leeds United wins

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> REPORT: PIPPEN WANTS OUT OF HOUSTON

Scottie Pippen has asked to be traded to the Los Angeles Lakers, a television station reported Wednesday. KRIV-TV, citing sources which it did not identify other than to say they were close to the Houston Rockets forward, said that

Pippen recently asked coach Rudy Tomjanovich to be traded to the Lakers.

Agent declines comment

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> FALCONS REACH AGREEMENT ON NEW CONTRACT WITH ANDERSON

All-Pro running back Jamal Anderson, who missed the first two weeks of training camp because of a contract dispute, agreed to a new deal with the Atlanta Falcons after nearly four hours of talks Wednesday. Anderson and his agent, Jim Sims, reached the agreement after a meeting at a Greenville hotel with Falcons coach Dan Reeves and general manager Harold Richardson. "It's agreed on and done," Reeves said after Anderson arrived at the Furman University campus for the first time at 5:30 p.m. EDT.

'Hey, big money!'

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> DESPITE GOP FOCUS, DEMOCRATS CAMPAIGN IN IOWA

For now, it seems Iowa is the epicenter of the 2000 presidential race. The GOP candidates, from Pat Buchanan to Dan Quayle have dozens of appearances scheduled in Iowa this week and into the weekend. Their goal, of course, is to convince any reluctant Iowans to attend the Iowa Republican Party's big event on Saturday. But despite the emphasis on Republicans, Democrats are not shying away from Iowa this week.

'Iowa is the key'

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<http://cnn.com/ALLPOLITICS/stories/1999/08/11/president.2000/gore.iowa/>

> CLINTON: MY RECORD IS GORE'S RECORD

The good, the bad. The wins, the losses. Whatever legacy history bestows upon Bill Clinton's White House also belongs to Al Gore. Or so goes the president's endorsement of his vice president.

Clinton calls Gore "a partner."

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> REPORT: BABBITT WON'T BE PROSECUTED IN TRIBAL CASINO INQUIRY

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt reportedly will not be prosecuted over allegations that campaign gifts influenced the agency's rejection of a proposed Indian casino in Wisconsin and that he lied about the matter to Congress. Independent Counsel Carol Elder Bruce also has made a preliminary decision not to indict former Deputy White House Chief of Staff Harold Ickes Jr., The Sacramento Bee reported Wednesday, citing sources familiar with the inquiry.

Investigation lasted 15 months

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> ROBERTSON SAYS ASSASSINATIONS PREFERABLE TO CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY

Christian Coalition President Pat Robertson said assassinating rogue world leaders would be more practical than the U.S. policy that bans such killings.

Robertson made his comments Monday on the "700 Club," a nationally syndicated television show on his Christian Broadcasting Network.

Idea sounds "Machiavellian and evil," he says

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> LAST 20TH CENTURY ECLIPSE SWEEPS INTO CLOUDS

Despite downcast weather reports and intermittent rain, some viewers in

Britain
were able to at get at least a partial view Wednesday of the millennium's
last
full solar eclipse. Hundreds of thousands of sky watchers stood in awe as
the
sun passed behind the moon. The eclipse was to end when the sun sets in
the Bay
of Bengal off India.

Concorde passengers chase eclipse
.... <http://cnn.com/TECH/space/9908/11/eclipse.02/index.html>

> STUDY FINDS CHRONIC ANGER IN U.S. WORKPLACE

As many as one in four U.S. workers may be chronically angry on the job,
with
irate employees also more likely to be bored, have low energy and feel
"stuck"
in their posts, according to a report out on Tuesday.

Aggressive action against supervisors
.... <http://cnn.com/HEALTH/9908/11/health.anger.reut/index.html>

> EARLY HUMANS GOT SMART BY COOKING VEGGIES, STUDY SAYS

Fire helped early humans evolve and become more intelligent not because it
allowed them to barbecue meat, but because it allowed them to cook
vegetables,
researchers said Tuesday.

'Evolution had much to do with food'
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<http://cnn.com/HEALTH/diet.fitness/9908/11/science.cooking.reut/index.html>

> REVIEW: MONACO GRAND PRIX RACING SIMULATION

The Monaco Grand Prix circuit has a certain mystique because it is the only
remaining street course on the Formula One schedule. It is a risky
experience
racing 900-horsepower cars through the streets of Monaco with little room
for
error. For those who love Formula One but can't afford to spend tens of
millions of dollars to race, Ubi Soft offers another option with Monaco
Grand
Prix Racing Simulation for the PlayStation game console.

(Full Story)
.... <http://cnn.com/TECH/computing/9908/10/monacogp.review/index.html>

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SHOWBIZ

> PENTAGON HONORS SPIELBERG, 'SAVING PRIVATE RYAN'

Filmmaker Steven Spielberg has received the Pentagon's Medal for Distinguished Public Service for "Saving Private Ryan." The 1998 film tells the story of a platoon's search for a United States soldier behind enemy lines after the Normandy invasion in World War II. U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen praised the film on Wednesday, saying, "I think one of the most remarkable results of that film was not only that it prompted us to go back into the past, but that it prompted so many of the veterans to come forward."

Director also to receive Smithsonian award

.... <http://cnn.com/SHOWBIZ/News/9908/11/showbuzz/index.html#story1>

> AGENT: SHATNER HAD RECONCILED WITH WIFE BEFORE HER DEATH

William Shatner and his wife of two years had reconciled after he filed for divorce last fall, said the agent for Nerine Shatner, who accidentally drowned in the family pool. Shatner filed for divorce October 21, 11 months after the couple wed, citing irreconcilable differences. They had separated October 14, but it was not clear if Shatner intended to proceed with the divorce, according to papers filed in Superior Court.

Pair had reconciled, Mrs. Shatner's agent says

.... <http://cnn.com/SHOWBIZ/TV/9908/11/shatner.pooldeath.ap/index.html>

> CARNIE WILSON'S SURGERY SHOWN LIVE ONLINE

Carnie Wilson of the Wilson Phillips trio is recovering from a gastric-bypass operation that was broadcast live on the Internet. The 31-year-old singer, daughter of "Beach Boy" Brian Wilson, had her stomach reduced to a small pouch and attached to her small intestine. As a result, she won't be able to eat as much food and it will leave the body before being fully digested. Dr. Wesley Clark, one of Wilson's surgeons, says the operation is recommended for patients

who are more than 100 pounds overweight.

Doctor: Wilson at least twice her ideal weight

.... <http://cnn.com/SHOWBIZ/News/9908/11/showbuzz/index.html#story2>

> 'GET BRUCE' DOCUMENTS CAREER OF JOKE-WRITING KING

You may not know Bruce Vilanch, but Whoopi Goldberg, Billy Crystal and Robin

Williams do. He's the guy who gets them a lot of their laughs. His role as a

Hollywood comedy writer is the subject of an upcoming documentary, "Get Bruce."

Vilanch says he appreciates the recognition. "They all have so much invested in

their images," he says. "To go on camera and say that ... 'there's this guy who

is a part of the process that makes me who I am' -- I thought it was unbelievably generous of them."

Caters material specifically to each performer

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Scout Policy Revealed in RI
NewsPlanet Staff (with thanks to Mike Montalvo/Scouting Research)
Wednesday, August 11, 1999 / 09:57 PM

SUMMARY: Through years of wrangling and several lawsuits, the Boy Scouts' ban on gays has been a slippery, unwritten policy - until the case of a Rhode Island teen forces them to rub pen and paper together.

The unwritten policy against gays in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has now been put in writing, in the wake of an incident at Camp Yawgoog in Rhode Island. Although unsigned and issued on the letterhead of the Narragansett Council of BSA, it's reportedly a joint statement by the Council and the national organization. Particularly in some of the oral arguments before the New Jersey Supreme Court, which on August 4 delivered a ruling requiring Scouting in the state to abide by New Jersey's Law Against Discrimination based on sexual orientation, the policy had appeared somewhat slippery, and to be intended primarily to bar from leadership roles those who spoke publicly and positively about gays. (That was the case both for James Dale in the New Jersey case and for Tim Curran in the case that

reached the California Supreme Court last year, although neither spoke in a Scouting role or context.)

The situation that sparked the statement began August 3, when an unnamed 16-year-old Eagle Scout sought to return to full-time employment at the camp after having cut back to one day per week. While the accounts given to the "Providence Journal Bulletin" by camp leaders and the Eagle Scout differ in many respects, both said that he was asked about his sexual orientation. On August 6, the Scout filed a complaint with Rhode Island's Human Rights Commission, which it was ready to take up since both discrimination based on sexual orientation and asking job applicants their sexual orientation are illegal in the state. By August 8, the Scout and the Narragansett Council had reached an agreement by which he would no longer pursue his complaint, while the Council issued an apology and offered him the full-time job. However the following day, national BSA spokesperson Gregg Shields told reporters that a Scout who said he was gay would be dismissed from the organization. That led to a consultation between the Council and the national organization that resulted in the following statement:

A recent incident at Camp Yawgoog in the Narragansett Council has led to a considerable amount of confusion. The Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, would like to take this opportunity to clarify the various issues which have arisen.

- 1) As a matter of policy, the BSA and the Narragansett Council do not inquire into the sexual orientation of any member or prospective member. If any such questions were put to this youth, it was a departure from Boy Scouts of America policy and should not have occurred.
- 2) As a matter of policy, the BSA and the Narragansett Council comply with all applicable laws, local, state, and federal with respect to employment.
- 3) BSA regards homosexual conduct as inconsistent with the requirement in the Scout Oath to be morally straight and the Scout Law to be clean in thought, word and deed. BSA shares this moral position with religions to which a majority of Americans claim adherence.

Since Scouts and leaders are expected to subscribe and to be role models of the values of the Oath and Law, BSA does not accept those who openly self-identify as homosexuals -- 'known or avowed' -- as Scouts or leaders.

The Narragansett Council has always adhered to this policy and will continue to do so.

- 4) At a subsequent meeting with the youth, his parents and Council representatives, it was established that no basis existed to question the eligibility of the youth for membership in the organization. Accordingly, we now consider the matter closed.

August 10, 1999

The Eagle Scout has returned to work full-time at Camp Yawgoog and he and his family also consider the matter closed. It's worth noting, however, that on the day following his seeming termination, some 90 Camp Yawgoog staff held a sit-in in his support, shutting down camp operations for the first time in 84 years.

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders attorney Mary Bonauto said, "It sounds to me like the Boy Scouts are in retreat." She told the Associated Press, "They acknowledge the sexual orientation of their members is none of their business." Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, who argued the James Dale case before the New Jersey Supreme Court, was pleased to see BSA put its position in writing. "There is no true national policy that the members have adopted," Wolfson said. "In past court cases they've defended the policy as a flat ban ... and they've made references to 'don't ask, don't tell,'" a model he finds "inconsistent with the principles of scouting, such as being open and truthful."

Indeed the policy as stated has been compared to the military's so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy on gays and lesbians in its ranks. Yet testimony by former BSA President and Executive Board member Richard Leet in the 1998 Pool/Geller Washington case (see "D.C. Panel to Examine Boy Scouts' Ban on Gays") appeared to indicate that at least those applying to serve as adult volunteers in Scouting were in fact expected to tell. Under a section of the written application calling for "Additional Information," one item said, "Other than the above, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance and care of young people? If 'Yes,' explain below." Asked, "If someone is a homosexual, does the Boy Scouts expect that person to answer that question 'Yes' or 'No'?" Leet responded, "If they are homosexual, then they should answer that question 'Yes'." Asked, "And should they explain below?" Leet responded, "Yes." Asked, "So they should say, 'I am a homosexual'?" Leet again responded, "Yes."

Meanwhile, back at Camp Yawgoog, the "Providence Journal Bulletin" was apparently able to confirm rumors that on the day following the New Jersey Supreme Court decision, a scoutmaster pinned a newspaper photo of plaintiff Eagle Scout James Dale as a target at the camp's firing range. This scoutmaster was dismissed by camp officials based on National Rifle Association guidelines against using any person's image as a target.

There was another incident at Camp Yawgoog as well, one which, according to the young office worker's version of his interview, led camp officials to tell him they needed to "take precautions." A Scout in residence at the camp had alleged that he had been molested by visiting five-year Scoutmaster Michael Chalk, who on August 10 was charged with a felony in District Court and is being detained until a bail hearing August 18. On learning of the allegations, the camp had notified both police and child protective services, and as police

escorted Chalk out of the camp on August 2, Scout officials formally broke all his ties with the organization. Chalk has not yet entered a plea, but his attorney has said that, "He is absolutely, vehemently denying these charges."

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PRESS BRIEFING
BY
BARRY TOIV AND DAVID LEAVY

The Briefing Room

12:30 P.M. EDT

MR. TOIV: Good afternoon, everybody. Happy Friday.

Q I don't think everybody's here, Barry.

MR. TOIV: Come on in. We can wait.

Q This is not a comment on your --

MR. TOIV: Well, I'm happy today. I expect all the tough questions to go to David.

Just as I mentioned earlier today, we're going to have a briefing at 2:30 p.m. on the radio address. The subject has to do with clean water, and we'll have Carol Browner here again, making an encore appearance, as well as Elgie Holstein, who is the Associate Director for Natural Resources at OMB. This will take place at 2:30 p.m., but it will be on camera. It will be embargoed until 10:06 a.m. tomorrow, as usual.

Any questions?

MR. LEAVY: All right, thank you very much. Appreciate your coming in.

MR. TOIV: Well, thank you.

Q Well, a couple of them. One about the Pentagon, new policy for "don't ask, don't tell." Any comments on that?

MR. TOIV: Well, as you know, Secretary Cohen has been committed to implementing the "don't ask, don't tell" policy fairly. And the President agrees with him on that. The Pentagon, a little over a year ago, issued a report that said that "don't ask, don't tell" was working, but that there were a couple of areas where improvements needed to be made. I think today, the guidelines that they are issuing today are intended to address those issues. I would suggest you check over there for details of what they are announcing today.

Q I understand that China has not conveyed any explicit threats to the United States in regards to Taiwan. But can you characterize what has changed? Has there been any ratcheting up of the rhetoric of the implied threats, of the indications that you're getting that they may be more bellicose towards Taiwan?

MR. LEAVY: Let me just say, Bill, a couple of things generally. One, the peace and stability in East Asia and the Pacific is a fundamental national interest to the United States. We are certainly watching developments closely, have been in contact with both sides about our concerns and about reiterating our policy of resuming peaceful dialogue.

Just specifically on your question, it is my understanding that the intelligence community has not seen any extraordinary developments or signs that the PRC is mobilizing for military action in the Taiwan Strait.

Q Would you say that there has been a ratcheting up of the rhetoric in diplomatic channels? Are they trying to send signals?

MR. LEAVY: Well, I don't want to characterize, Kevin, other people's rhetoric, other people's statements. I think there has obviously been some increased tension in the Strait over the last several weeks. That comes as no surprise to any of us or anybody in this room. We've talked about that. But I think what we have to do is look forward, and we have communicated to both sides that there is a danger of escalating tensions, that we have to resume a dialog based on a One China formula. And we're going to continue to do that.

Q Specifically, there was one report that the embassy here had been saying that they are going to take action.

MR. LEAVY: I would steer you away from that report. As I said earlier today, we have not received any threats or ultimatums from the PRC. I checked about that again this afternoon, earlier this afternoon, and that was confirmed. So, I would steer you away from that report.

I would just say, though, generally, that there is nothing new in China's long-standing position. They have made clear that from their

point of view Taiwan is an internal matter, and they hope that there is peaceful reunification, but they don't rule out military means. We have a long-standing disagreement on that. So I don't think any -- the context is not new.

Q Does the United States still have a commitment to go to the defense of Taiwan, should there be an unprovoked attack from the mainland?

MR. LEAVY: Our long-standing position -- this goes back many years, both Republican and Democratic administrations -- is that any effort to resolve the issue of Taiwan by other than peaceful means would be considered of grave concern to the United States. That position hasn't changed today.

Q How would you view a Chinese seizure of a small Taiwan-controlled island, or some smaller military action?

MR. LEAVY: See, that's the kind of hypothetical question that I want to avoid getting into. Again, the Taiwan Relations Act has been in place for many years. It has guided our relationship on this issue, our policy on this issue. And I don't want to change, or speculate on hypotheticals today.

Q David, is there concern that the U.S. might get drawn into something because of this rhetoric?

MR. LEAVY: Oh, I think there's concern that the interests of both sides won't be advanced. The One China policy that the President has advocated -- and that has been the foundation of our approach to this issue for many, many years -- has been successful for all sides. Both China and Taiwan have benefited economically. Taiwan's the sixth-largest economy in the world. Chinese economic growth has grown vastly over the last 20 years.

So the formula is a successful one. We don't see the need to change that, and we have no intention of changing that.

Q Let me follow, too. You said no one had contacted the United States with a threat. Has anyone from either side, Taiwan or China, contacted the United States with a concern over the rhetoric, a concern over the threat?

MR. LEAVY: Well, we've had a number of discussions, both at the State Department and with officials in China. As you remember, the State Department sent Assistant Secretary Stanley Roth and Ken Lieberthal from the National Security Council, several weeks ago, to Beijing to discuss our concern about the rising rhetoric, and a need to get back to a dialogue and to get back to the two parties talking about the issues. And so we have been engaged on this issue. And certainly, there is a concern that this kind of thing leads to accidents, leads to misunderstandings, and that we want to focus both parties on getting back to the table.

Q You said -- you made a point of saying that there were no extraordinary signs coming into the intelligence community of --

MR. LEAVY: Extraordinary developments or signs.

Q Right. Does that mean that there is something less than extraordinary -- or you're telling us what hasn't happened. Can you tell us what has happened?

MR. LEAVY: Well, I want to stay away from commenting on intelligence capabilities and what we do and don't know. I think that's a line we haven't crossed, and appropriately so. But, as I said earlier, it's our judgment, the United States government's judgment, that there aren't any extraordinary developments or signs that there is a mobilization on the PRC's part.

Q David, can you clarify just the conversations between the administration and the Taiwan and Chinese government? Have those conversations been stepped up in recent days? And at what level, if you can clarify, have these conversations been going?

MR. LEAVY: I don't think there has been a stepping up over recent days. Since this issue came to the forefront several weeks ago, we've had a number of discussions with the PRC and with people on Taiwan. There is nothing new in the last several days that I'm aware of.

Our general approach hasn't changed, though, and let me just repeat it again. The United States has a One-China policy. Our approach is based on dialogue between the two sides and a peaceful resolution of any differences. We've communicated that and we will continue to do so.

Q Let's put the intelligence community issue aside for a minute. If you look in the newspaper this morning, there are several people quoted on the record saying Chinese government representatives came to speak with them and made bellicose statements that there was some sort of imminent military action likely against Taiwan. Is that troubling -- those facts, which are known facts, are they troubling to the administration?

MR. LEAVY: Well, again, I don't think there is anything new in what we are hearing. China has a longstanding position that any -- that Taiwan is an internal matter, that they want to see it resolved peacefully, but they don't rule out the use of force. We have a disagreement with that. We don't think that's the way to go. We think there has to be a peaceful resolution to this issue. It has to come through dialogue. And so there is nothing new in that articulation of those themes. I don't think anyone from the United States government was quoted in those stories, and as I said earlier, no one from the administration has been approached about any particular threat or ultimatum.

Q But the analysts -- just to follow up -- these analysts who were quoted, who are respected China analysts, say that they did feel that there was something imminent, or that there was something new. The U.S.

government just doesn't agree with that?

MR. LEAVY: No, I can't speak to that. As I said, we haven't been approached with any specific threat or any specific warning. And just the general notion that this is a new policy I would just push back on, because this is something that President Jiang and other Chinese leaders have articulated for some time. So the Chinese have not ruled out the use of military force. We disagree with them. We've made that clear. Our policy is peaceful dialogue.

Q The question goes, though, David to whether this is imminent or not. We know that that is their policy, but there seem to be signals that something may happen sooner rather than later.

MR. LEAVY: Well, I don't have any indication of that. And as I said earlier, it's our intelligence community's best judgment that there aren't any signs that there is PRC military activity underway.

Q What kind of activities, if any, is the President himself engaged in relative to this topic?

MR. LEAVY: Well, he hasn't been engaged over the last 24 hours. As you know, we will be seeing President Jiang at APEC in Auckland, New Zealand, the first week of September. That's going to be an important time for the two leaders to engage on this issue and a number of issues, including trade, human rights, non-proliferation, I believe that will be on the margins of the APEC Summit. So I think that will be the next opportunity for the President to sit down with President Jiang and go over the wide range of bilateral issues.

Q But he hasn't been consulting in recent days with his own advisors and what to do about this?

MR. LEAVY: Well Mr. Berger has kept him up to date. I believe he briefed him this morning, or he will early this afternoon. But he hasn't been engaged personally.

Q David, as far as the policy, how do you respond to Republican allegations that when it comes time to pressuring China and Taiwan on this issue, the Clinton administration has only been putting pressure on Taiwan to ratchet down tensions?

MR. LEAVY: I would reject that. The United States takes actions based on our own interests. We have had a formula that has managed this issue for some time that's been both Republican and Democratic administrations. As I said earlier, it has benefited all the parties -- Taiwan, the PRC, the United States. We're going to continue to do that. I think it's not for us to pressure anybody, but to make clear that both sides -- their agendas can be advanced, their prosperity, their security can be advanced by peaceful dialogue.

Q Last night the President told the Jewish leaders that he agreed that we should do more to start monitoring, if not infiltrating, some hate groups. Do you -- is there anything today? Any directive? Any

review of how that would be done? Any stepping up?

MR. TOIV: I don't have any additional information for you on that, no. The Justice Department seeks to do an effective job of dealing with hate crimes, certainly, and they also monitor hate groups. But I don't have any information on additional work that's being done.

Q But Clinton said he would look into it personally, and said that he would do more.

MR. TOIV: And if he said that, he will.

Q Barry, it was a year ago that the President was preparing for his grand jury testimony. Any reflections about the atmosphere then, and how things have changed since then around here, and at the White House?

MR. TOIV: Nope.

Q Barry, I want to go back real quick to David about Ethiopia and Eritrea. What is the new development on the White House side in that conflict?

MR. TOIV: Okay. As you know, the United States has actively worked for a peaceful resolution of the dispute between Ethiopia and Eritrea over the past year, and continues to work in cooperation with the OAU to bring about a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

As you know, Tony Lake was appointed as the President's special envoy to this conflict over a year ago. He has traveled there, I think, close to six times. There has been encouraging movement on the peace process over the last few weeks. At the Organization of African Unity's summit in Algiers in early July, the OAU proposed -- excuse me, the modalities for implementation of the OAU's framework agreement, both Ethiopia and Eritrea have now accepted the framework agreement, and the modalities for its implementation. We will continue to engage to move this process forward.

Q A follow-up. Jesse Jackson has been very pivotal in breaking tensions with other factional peoples on that continent. Is the White House thinking at all of bringing Reverend Jackson into this situation, or is he involved at all?

MR. LEAVY: I don't think so. As you know, Reverend Jackson did extraordinary work to bring about a resolution of the conflict in Sierra Leone. He deserves great credit for that. He saved a lot of lives and prevented a lot more violence. I think Tony Lake has the portfolio on Ethiopia and Eritrea. He as well has spent a considerable amount of his own time traveling there, I think, close to half a dozen times.

So I think between Tony Lake, our team at the State Department, Susan Rice and our team here, led by Gail Smith, have been quite engaged and quite successful. So I don't see any need for Reverend Jackson to come in.

All right. Have a great weekend, everybody.

Q Barry?

Q Hold on.

MR. LEAVY: Oh, Barry, I'm sorry.

Q Week ahead?

Q Barry, I've got one question for you before you go away. Black Navy veterans have asked the President to dismiss mutiny charges against black sailors who refused to load ammo on the ships after the 1944 Port Chicago disaster in California. Does the request have merit and, if so, what is the President doing about it?

MR. TOIV: Well, until recently, there had not been a request for pardons for any of these individuals. Now, a few months ago, a request -- such a request was made. It's being considered under the usual process at the Justice Department, and obviously the President will give careful consideration to that.

Q Is the President well aware of the situation?

MR. TOIV: I believe he is.

Q Any time frame?

MR. TOIV: I don't have a time frame for you, no.

Q Barry, back on the gays in the military; as a candidate, the President said that he would end discrimination against gays in the military, "don't ask, don't tell" falls far short of that. Has the President given up hope that during his term in office he'll end discrimination against gays?

MR. TOIV: Well the President believes that the "don't ask, don't tell" policy has worked effectively. And I expect that that will be the policy throughout his administration.

Q But you concede it doesn't end discrimination -- that if you admit you're a homosexual in the military, you get thrown out?

MR. TOIV: Well, I will concede that it is a policy that has worked, and is the best policy that can be workable at this time.

Q Yes, but if it's worked, why are they changing it?

MR. TOIV: Well, no, it has worked. As I said before -- I'm not sure if you heard what I had to say about it before, but there have been a couple of areas that improvements were needed. And in fact, that's the work that's been going on that has led to the guidelines that are being issued today. And so -- I said it worked. I didn't say it was working perfectly.

Q Barry, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported this morning that during a fundraiser on Saturday, several members of the Secret Service lined up to obstruct camera view of the President as he greeted Mrs. Arkansas in the ropeline, and that they later apologized for doing that. Do you know if that happened, or if it's common for the Secret Service to be used in that way, to interfere with press coverage of the President?

MR. TOIV: The answer to the second question, which is the fairer question of the two questions to be asking me up here, is I don't believe so.

Q Well, what's the answer to the first one?

MR. TOIV: The answer to the first question, of course, as you know, I've no idea, since that's the first time I'm hearing of that.

Week ahead?

Q Yes.

MR. TOIV: Let's see. I have to do this one by heart. Monday, the President is traveling to Kansas City, where he will address the annual convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. And he will speak about foreign policy issues there, and I think I'll need to leave it at that for now.

MR. LEAVY: I can do a little bit more, but that's fine. I mean, if folks want, I can talk afterward.

MR. TOIV: Yes, David will fill you in a little bit more. I think he's going to focus to some degree on our obligations overseas. And that's the only event planned for that trip. He'll be back late afternoon, I believe, or maybe early evening at the latest.

On Tuesday, the President will announce some new PSAs relating to school violence. With kids starting to come back to school, obviously, this is a subject that is on a lot of people's minds, particularly with the incidents that occurred during the last school year. And there are going to be some new PSAs that are unveiled at that time.

Also on Tuesday, we have the visit from the NCAA champion Tennessee Vols, the football champions. They'll be here on Tuesday.

Wednesday, the President is down. And then Thursday, he heads to Martha's Vineyard for a well-deserved vacation.

Any questions?

Q Is he going to say anything on the way out today?

MR. TOIV: Is he going to say -- no.

Okay, thank you. Have a good weekend, everybody.

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MR. TOIV: Good afternoon, everybody. Happy Friday.

Q I don't think everybody's here, Barry.

MR. TOIV: Come on in. We can wait.

Q This is not a comment on your --

MR. TOIV: Well, I'm happy today. I expect all the tough questions to go to David.

Just as I mentioned earlier today, we're going to have a briefing at 2:30 p.m. on the radio address. The subject has to do with clean water, and we'll have Carol Browner here again, making an encore appearance, as well as Elgie Holstein, who is the Associate Director for Natural Resources at OMB.

This will take place at 2:30 p.m., but it will be on camera. It will be embargoed until 10:06 a.m. tomorrow, as usual.

Any questions?

MR. LEAVY: All right, thank you very much. Appreciate your coming in.

MR. TOIV: Well, thank you.

Q Well, a couple of them. One about the Pentagon, new policy for "don't ask, don't tell." Any comments on that?

MR. TOIV: Well, as you know, Secretary Cohen has been committed to implementing the "don't ask, don't tell" policy fairly. And the President agrees with him on that. The Pentagon, a little over a year ago, issued a report that said that "don't ask, don't tell" was working, but that there were a couple of areas where improvements needed to be made. I think today, the guidelines that they are issuing today are intended to address those issues. I would suggest you check over there for details of what they are announcing today.

Q I understand that China has not conveyed any explicit threats to the United States in regards to Taiwan. But can you characterize what has changed? Has there been any ratcheting up of the rhetoric of the implied threats, of the indications that you're getting that they may be more bellicose towards Taiwan?

MR. LEAVY: Let me just say, Bill, a couple of things generally. One, the peace and stability in East Asia and the Pacific is a fundamental national interest to the United States. We are certainly watching developments closely, have been in contact with both sides about our concerns and about reiterating our policy of resuming peaceful dialogue.

Just specifically on your question, it is my understanding that the intelligence community has not seen any extraordinary developments or signs that the PRC is mobilizing for military action in the Taiwan Strait.

Q Would you say that there has been a ratcheting up of the rhetoric in diplomatic channels? Are they trying to send signals?

MR. LEAVY: Well, I don't want to characterize, Kevin, other people's rhetoric, other people's statements. I think there has obviously been some increased tension in the Strait over the last several weeks. That comes as no surprise to any of us or anybody in this room. We've talked about that. But I think what we have to do is look forward, and we have communicated to both sides that there is a danger of escalating tensions, that we have to resume a dialog based on a One China formula. And we're going to continue to do that.

Q Specifically, there was one report that the embassy here had been saying that they are going to take action.

MR. LEAVY: I would steer you away from that report. As I said earlier today, we have not received any threats or ultimatums from the PRC. I checked about that again this afternoon, earlier this afternoon, and that was confirmed. So, I would steer you away from that report.

I would just say, though, generally, that there is nothing new in China's long-standing position. They have made clear that from their point of view Taiwan is an internal matter, and they hope that there is peaceful reunification, but they don't rule out military means. We have a long-standing disagreement on that. So I don't think any -- the context is not new.

Q Does the United States still have a commitment to go to the defense of Taiwan, should there be an unprovoked attack from the mainland?

MR. LEAVY: Our long-standing position -- this goes back many years, both Republican and Democratic administrations -- is that any effort to resolve the issue of Taiwan by other than peaceful means would be considered of grave concern to the United States. That position hasn't changed today.

Q How would you view a Chinese seizure of a small Taiwan-controlled island, or some smaller military action?

MR. LEAVY: See, that's the kind of hypothetical question that I want to avoid getting into. Again, the Taiwan Relations Act has been in place for many years. It has guided our relationship on this issue, our policy on this issue. And I don't want to change, or speculate on hypotheticals today.

Q David, is there concern that the U.S. might get drawn into something because of this rhetoric?

MR. LEAVY: Oh, I think there's concern that the interests of both sides won't be advanced. The One China policy that the President has advocated -- and that has been the foundation of our approach to this issue for many, many years -- has been successful for all sides. Both China and Taiwan have benefited economically. Taiwan's the sixth-largest economy in the world. Chinese economic growth has grown vastly over the last 20 years.

So the formula is a successful one. We don't see the need to change that, and we have no intention of changing that.

Q Let me follow, too. You said no one had contacted the United States with a threat. Has anyone from either side, Taiwan or China, contacted the United States with a concern over the rhetoric, a concern over the threat?

MR. LEAVY: Well, we've had a number of discussions, both at the State Department and with officials in China. As you remember, the State Department sent Assistant Secretary Stanley Roth and Ken Lieberthal from the National Security Council, several weeks ago, to Beijing to discuss our concern about the rising rhetoric, and a need to get back to a dialogue and to get back to the two parties talking about the issues. And so we have been engaged on this issue. And certainly, there is a concern that this kind of thing leads to accidents, leads to misunderstandings, and that we want to focus both parties on getting back to the table.

Q You said -- you made a point of saying that there were no extraordinary signs coming into the intelligence community of --

MR. LEAVY: Extraordinary developments or signs.

Q Right. Does that mean that there is something less than extraordinary -- or you're telling us what hasn't happened. Can you tell us what has happened?

MR. LEAVY: Well, I want to stay away from commenting on intelligence capabilities and what we do and don't know. I think that's a line we haven't crossed, and appropriately so. But, as I said earlier, it's our judgment, the United States government's judgment, that there aren't any extraordinary developments or signs that there is a mobilization on the PRC's part.

Q David, can you clarify just the conversations between the administration and the Taiwan and Chinese government? Have those conversations been stepped up in recent days? And at what level, if you can clarify, have these conversations been going?

MR. LEAVY: I don't think there has been a stepping up over recent days. Since this issue came to the forefront several weeks ago, we've had a number of discussions with the PRC and with people on Taiwan. There is nothing new in the last several days that I'm aware of.

Our general approach hasn't changed, though, and let me just repeat it again. The United States has a One-China policy. Our approach is based on dialogue between the two sides and a peaceful resolution of any differences. We've communicated that and we will continue to do so.

Q Let's put the intelligence community issue aside for a minute. If you look in the newspaper this morning, there are several people quoted on the record saying Chinese government representatives came to speak with them and made bellicose statements that there was some sort of imminent military action likely against Taiwan. Is that troubling -- those facts, which are known facts, are they troubling to the administration?

MR. LEAVY: Well, again, I don't think there is anything new in what we are hearing. China has a longstanding position that any -- that Taiwan is an internal matter, that they want to see it resolved peacefully, but they don't rule out the use of force. We have a disagreement with that. We don't think that's the way to go. We think there has to be a peaceful resolution to this issue. It has to come through dialogue. And so there is nothing new in that articulation of those themes. I don't think anyone from the United States government was quoted in those stories, and as I said earlier, no one from the administration has been approached about any particular threat or ultimatum.

Q But the analysts -- just to follow up -- these analysts who were quoted, who are respected China analysts, say that they did feel that there was something imminent, or that there was something new. The U.S. government just doesn't agree with that?

MR. LEAVY: No, I can't speak to that. As I said, we haven't been approached with any specific threat or any specific warning. And just the general notion that this is a new policy I would just push back on, because this is something that President Jiang and other Chinese leaders have articulated for some time. So the Chinese have not ruled out the use of military force. We disagree with them. We've made that clear. Our policy is peaceful dialogue.

Q The question goes, though, David to whether this is imminent or not. We know that that is their policy, but there seem to be signals that something may happen sooner rather than later.

MR. LEAVY: Well, I don't have any indication of that. And as I said earlier, it's our intelligence community's best judgment that there aren't any signs that there is PRC military activity underway.

Q What kind of activities, if any, is the President himself engaged in relative to this topic?

MR. LEAVY: Well, he hasn't been engaged over the last 24 hours. As you know, we will be seeing President Jiang at APEC in Auckland, New Zealand, the first week of September. That's going to be an important time for the two leaders to engage on this issue and a number of issues, including trade, human rights, non-proliferation, I believe that will be on the margins of the APEC Summit. So I think that will be the next opportunity for the President to sit down with President Jiang and go over the wide range of bilateral issues.

Q But he hasn't been consulting in recent days with his own advisors and what to do about this?

MR. LEAVY: Well Mr. Berger has kept him up to date. I

believe he briefed him this morning, or he will early this afternoon. But he hasn't been engaged personally.

Q David, as far as the policy, how do you respond to Republican allegations that when it comes time to pressuring China and Taiwan on this issue, the Clinton administration has only been putting pressure on Taiwan to ratchet down tensions?

MR. LEAVY: I would reject that. The United States takes actions based on our own interests. We have had a formula that has managed this issue for some time that's been both Republican and Democratic administrations. As I said earlier, it has benefited all the parties -- Taiwan, the PRC, the United States. We're going to continue to do that. I think it's not for us to pressure anybody, but to make clear that both sides -- their agendas can be advanced, their prosperity, their security can be advanced by peaceful dialogue.

Q Last night the President told the Jewish leaders that he agreed that we should do more to start monitoring, if not infiltrating, some hate groups. Do you -- is there anything today? Any directive? Any review of how that would be done? Any stepping up?

MR. TOIV: I don't have any additional information for you on that, no. The Justice Department seeks to do an effective job of dealing with hate crimes, certainly, and they also monitor hate groups. But I don't have any information on additional work that's being done.

Q But Clinton said he would look into it personally, and said that he would do more.

MR. TOIV: And if he said that, he will.

Q Barry, it was a year ago that the President was preparing for his grand jury testimony. Any reflections about the atmosphere then, and how things have changed since then around here, and at the White House?

MR. TOIV: Nope.

Q Barry, I want to go back real quick to David about Ethiopia and Eritrea. What is the new development on the White House side in that conflict?

MR. TOIV: Okay. As you know, the United States has actively worked for a peaceful resolution of the dispute between Ethiopia and Eritrea over the past year, and continues to work in cooperation with the OAU to bring about a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

As you know, Tony Lake was appointed as the President's

special envoy to this conflict over a year ago. He has traveled there, I think, close to six times. There has been encouraging movement on the peace process over the last few weeks. At the Organization of African Unity's summit in Algiers in early July, the OAU proposed -- excuse me, the modalities for implementation of the OAU's framework agreement, both Ethiopia and Eritrea have now accepted the framework agreement, and the modalities for its implementation. We will continue to engage to move this process forward.

Q A follow-up. Jesse Jackson has been very pivotal in breaking tensions with other factional peoples on that continent. Is the White House thinking at all of bringing Reverend Jackson into this situation, or is he involved at all?

MR. LEAVY: I don't think so. As you know, Reverend Jackson did extraordinary work to bring about a resolution of the conflict in Sierra Leone. He deserves great credit for that. He saved a lot of lives and prevented a lot more violence. I think Tony Lake has the portfolio on Ethiopia and Eritrea. He as well has spent a considerable amount of his own time traveling there, I think, close to half a dozen times.

So I think between Tony Lake, our team at the State Department, Susan Rice and our team here, led by Gail Smith, have been quite engaged and quite successful. So I don't see any need for Reverend Jackson to come in.

All right. Have a great weekend, everybody.

Q Barry?

Q Hold on.

MR. LEAVY: Oh, Barry, I'm sorry.

Q Week ahead?

Q Barry, I've got one question for you before you go away. Black Navy veterans have asked the President to dismiss mutiny charges against black sailors who refused to load ammo on the ships after the 1944 Port Chicago disaster in California. Does the request have merit and, if so, what is the President doing about it?

MR. TOIV: Well, until recently, there had not been a request for pardons for any of these individuals. Now, a few months ago, a request -- such a request was made. It's being considered under the usual process at the Justice Department, and obviously the President will give careful consideration to that.

Q Is the President well aware of the situation?

MR. TOIV: I believe he is.

Q Any time frame?

MR. TOIV: I don't have a time frame for you, no.

Q Barry, back on the gays in the military; as a candidate, the President said that he would end discrimination against gays in the military, "don't ask, don't tell" falls far short of that. Has the President given up hope that during his term in office he'll end discrimination against gays?

MR. TOIV: Well the President believes that the "don't ask, don't tell" policy has worked effectively. And I expect that that will be the policy throughout his administration.

Q But you concede it doesn't end discrimination -- that if you admit you're a homosexual in the military, you get thrown out?

MR. TOIV: Well, I will concede that it is a policy that has worked, and is the best policy that can be workable at this time.

Q Yes, but if it's worked, why are they changing it?

MR. TOIV: Well, no, it has worked. As I said before -- I'm not sure if you heard what I had to say about it before, but there have been a couple of areas that improvements were needed. And in fact, that's the work that's been going on that has led to the guidelines that are being issued today. And so -- I said it worked. I didn't say it was working perfectly.

Q Barry, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported this morning that during a fundraiser on Saturday, several members of the Secret Service lined up to obstruct camera view of the President as he greeted Mrs. Arkansas in the ropeline, and that they later apologized for doing that. Do you know if that happened, or if it's common for the Secret Service to be used in that way, to interfere with press coverage of the President?

MR. TOIV: The answer to the second question, which is the fairer question of the two questions to be asking me up here, is I don't believe so.

Q Well, what's the answer to the first one?

MR. TOIV: The answer to the first question, of course, as you know, I've no idea, since that's the first time I'm hearing of that.

Week ahead?

Q Yes.

MR. TOIV: Let's see. I have to do this one by heart.

Monday, the President is traveling to Kansas City, where he will address the annual convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. And he will speak about foreign policy issues there, and I think I'll need to leave it at that for now.

MR. LEAVY: I can do a little bit more, but that's fine. I mean, if folks want, I can talk afterward.

MR. TOIV: Yes, David will fill you in a little bit more. I think he's going to focus to some degree on our obligations overseas. And that's the only event planned for that trip. He'll be back late afternoon, I believe, or maybe early evening at the latest.

On Tuesday, the President will announce some new PSAs relating to school violence. With kids starting to come back to school, obviously, this is a subject that is on a lot of people's minds, particularly with the incidents that occurred during the last school year. And there are going to be some new PSAs that are unveiled at that time.

Also on Tuesday, we have the visit from the NCAA champion Tennessee Vols, the football champions. They'll be here on Tuesday.

Wednesday, the President is down. And then Thursday, he heads to Martha's Vineyard for a well-deserved vacation.

Any questions?

Q Is he going to say anything on the way out today?

MR. TOIV: Is he going to say -- no.

Okay, thank you. Have a good weekend, everybody.

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Across the country millions of students returning to class in the next few weeks will encounter a steely array of new security measures. In many schools, lockers are being removed, cameras are being installed as hallway monitors, and students will have to swipe a computerized ID card just to get in the door.

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Fewer Donations Coming in for Clinton Defense Fund

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President Clinton's legal defense fund has raised \$6.3 million in 18 months, but the flow of checks has slowed considerably in recent weeks, causing supporters to worry that they will not be able to pay off the Clintons' debt before the President leaves office.

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With Little Notice, U.S. Planes Have Been Striking Iraq All Year

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It is the year's other war. While the nation's attention has focused on Kosovo, American warplanes have quietly, methodically and with virtually no public discussion been attacking Iraq.

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Eichmann's 'Defense Notes' Come to Light

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The Pentagon has decided to issue broad new guidelines intended to end abuses of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on people in uniform suspected of being gay, including limits on investigations, Administration officials said on Thursday.

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WASHINGTON -- All service members will undergo training that will clarify DoD's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy on homosexuals in the military, DoD officials said Aug. 13.

The policy -- promulgated in 1994 -- allowed homosexuals to stay in the services so long as they did not discuss their sexual orientation. Conversely, supervisors are not to ask subordinates about their sexual orientation.

No major changes to the policy are contemplated, said DoD officials. The clarification was based on recommendations sent to Rudy de Leon, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, by a DoD working group in April 1998.

The group's recommendations have received more prominence due to the death July 5 of Army Pfc. Barry Winchell at Fort Campbell, Ky. Winchell was beaten to death with a baseball bat allegedly because he was gay. An Article 32 hearing is under way at the post deciding whether to charge Pvt. Calvin Glover with murder.

Pentagon officials want all harassment to stop. Under the new guidelines, recruits will receive training explaining harassment of any service member is unacceptable. "The bottom line is to treat all others with respect and dignity," said DoD spokesperson Army Lt. Col. Catherine Abbott.

De Leon signed two memos dealing with the homosexual conduct policy. One requires that DoD guidance on the homosexual policy be "effectively disseminated to all levels of command" and be made part of training programs for law enforcement personnel, commanders and supervisors. The memo requires the instruction to be incorporated into recruit training and for service members to attend

refresher training thereafter.

The other memo seeks to institute consistent and fair application of the policy. It recommends installation staff judge advocates consult with senior legal officers prior to the initiation of an investigation into alleged homosexual conduct.

If commanders wish to initiate an investigation into whether a service member made a statement regarding his or her homosexuality just to get out of serving in the military, it must be approved at the military department level.

Finally, the memo tasks service inspectors general to specifically check on the training of commanders, attorneys and investigators, who are charged with application of the homosexual policy.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said most commanders understand the policy and institute it fairly. "The department is determined to implement the homosexual conduct policy with fairness to all concerned," Cohen said in a written statement. "I've made it clear there is no room for harassment or threats in the military. I've instructed the military services to make sure that the policy is clearly understood and fairly enforced."

In 1998, DoD discharged 1,145 service members under the policy. Most of those were discharged because the individuals came forward.

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- LEAD STORY: The Clinton administration is trying to clarify its "don't ask, don't tell" policy on homosexuals in the military.

- The HOUSE and SENATE are in recess until Wednesday, Sept. 8.

- President CLINTON has no public events scheduled; he is taking a break this evening at Camp David, Md.

- In WASHINGTON, there's a new summer escape as the county fair season gets under way in suburban Montgomery County, Md., and Prince William County, Va., both through Aug. 21.

- The QUOTE OF THE DAY: "Well, I hope it is the last one," said Ninoska Perez of the U.S.-based exile group the Cuban American National Foundation, on Cuba President Fidel Castro's 73rd birthday today.

- Today's TRIVIA: Waterbury in Connecticut's 5th Congressional District is where the pins worn by members of Congress are manufactured. (Source: Congressional Quarterly's newly published "Politics in America 2000.")

Edited by Martha Angle and Randy Wynn

PENTAGON TO CLARIFY 'DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL' POLICY:

The Pentagon is preparing to clarify the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military in an effort to ensure it is applied uniformly, administration officials said today. Anti-harassment training will also be required for all troops. The new directives, which could be issued to all military commanders as early as today, follow the bludgeoning death last month of a gay soldier in a Fort Campbell, Ky., barracks. Gay rights activists say hatred for homosexuals in the military has grown and that the "don't ask, don't tell" policy is a failure. Last year, 1,145 people were discharged for homosexuality, according to a Pentagon report. In 1997, the total was 997, the highest number since 1987. Discharges hit a low of 617 in 1994, the year the policy

took effect. Pentagon officials say roughly 80 percent of discharges occur because the individual steps forward.

MODEST WHOLESALE PRICE INCREASE EASES INFLATION FEARS:

The stock market climbed sharply in early trading today after the Labor Department reported that wholesale prices rose a modest 0.2 percent in July. The increase in the Producer Price Index matched the 0.2 percent rise in May. Wholesale prices had fallen 0.1 percent in June, only the second decline this year. The July increase was slightly smaller than expected; many analysts had expected a 0.3 percent rise. However, many analysts still expect that Fed policy-makers will raise interest rates for a second time this year when they meet Aug. 24.

U.S. KEEPING EYE ON CHINESE FLIGHTS OVER TAIWAN STRAITS:

The United States would view any military action by China against Taiwan with "grave concern," a spokesman said today. Chinese government officials were reported to have warned that Beijing may be compelled to take military action against Taiwan to punish it for what China has construed as recent moves toward independence. Wen Wei Po, a Beijing-funded Communist Party newspaper in Hong Kong, said the "military situation was a lot more serious than what the outside world was aware of." The Global Times tabloid in Beijing said a military conflict could erupt at any moment. "Any effort to resolve the issues in the cross-straits by other than peaceful means would be of grave concern to the United States. That hasn't changed," said David Leavy, spokesman for the White House National Security Council.

GOP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AWAIT IOWA'S 'STRAW POLL':

Nine of the 10 Republican presidential hopefuls today were frantically pursuing potential supporters for tomorrow's "straw poll" in Iowa, seen as the first big test of the 2000 nomination contest. Aides to the front-runner, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, were assiduously seeking to lower expectations for the mock election in Ames, which is open to any state resident paying a \$25 entrance fee. "The governor does believe he will win the straw poll, and we see a win as one more vote than the person in second place," said Karen Hughes, Bush's communications director. Publisher Steve Forbes, who has been running daily radio and television ads all summer, is seen as Bush's strongest rival in the straw poll. Sen. John McCain of Arizona is the only one of 10 Republican presidential candidates who has declined to compete, calling the event a "scam."

POLITICAL CLIPPINGS:

The SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS reported, "Hillary Rodham Clinton, who's eyeing a U.S. Senate position in New York, is to venture into South Texas next week during a four-city fundraising tour through the Lone Star State that she hopes will add a quarter-million dollars to her campaign treasury." A spokesman for Mrs. Clinton's exploratory committee said Texas is the only state outside of New York where the first lady has scheduled campaign stops.

The KANSAS CITY STAR reported, "Greg Musil became the first Republican to enter the race for the 3rd District congressional seat that Democrat Dennis Moore wrested from the GOP last year. The president of the Overland Park City Council, Musil is an abortion-rights advocate and moderate who will appeal to the party's traditional wing." The Star added,

"The winner of the GOP nomination will enter a race expected to be one of the most closely watched in the nation." Moore is the first Democrat to represent the district in more than 40 years.

The SEATTLE TIMES reported "things could really get testy in Washington state's congressional delegation should former Spokane Mayor Jack Geraghty win the Democratic nomination in the 5th District and then go on to defeat" Republican Rep. George Nethercutt. Geraghty, who is considering the race, is related to Rep. Richard "Doc" Hastings, a conservative Republican who represents Central Washington's 4th District in the House." Geraghty and Hastings "are cousins. Asked how they wound up in different parties and with such contrary political beliefs, Geraghty says he used to babysit Hastings when he was just a tyke and would 'occasionally drop him on his head.'"

AND FINALLY...

Other countries' resistance to genetically modified foods - a major U.S. agricultural trade concern - took a new twist this morning as a British pet-food company announced the introduction of Britain's first wholly organic, non-genetically modified dog food. Pascoe's Original Organic Complete promises an all-organic meal with "nothing artificial added" for man's best friend. "As fears grow about the safety of genetically modified foods and supermarkets rush to remove human GM foods from their shelves, it is not surprising that consumers are calling for a ban on pesticides and GM ingredients in dog food," the company's marketing director, Daniel Bohn, said in a statement.

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Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Harass

Pentagon in Move to End Abuses Of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Policy

New York Times

Administration officials said yesterday that the Pentagon has decided to issue broad new guidelines intended to end abuses of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on people in uniform suspected of being gay, including limits on investigations. The guidelines, they said, will be issued as early as today and will require that troops receive anti-gay-harassment training throughout their careers, beginning with boot camp.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/news/washpol/gay-military.html>

"You like my 'meat packing'? I'll sue"

Meat packing company settles male-on-male harassment lawsuit

Court TV

Meat packing company, Long Prairie Packing Co. Inc, and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission have agreed to a \$1.9 million settlement in the first male-on-male sex harassment lawsuit to receive class-action status.

http://www.courtstv.com/national/1999/0812/harassment_ap.html

Respect Your Diversity? No Way

Lloyd's Suit Dismissed After Trial

New York Law Journal

A federal judge in New York has dismissed a three-year old action that had already gone to trial refusing to reconfigure a case to create diversity jurisdiction. Southern District Judge Shira A. Scheindlin found that several options presented by the defendants to reconfigure the parties in Allendale Mutual Insurance Co. v. Excess Insurance Co. Ltd., would "strain the U.S. Supreme Court's guidelines on diversity jurisdiction."

<http://www.nylj.com/stories/99/08/081399a1.htm>

You Make'em, We'll Take'em

President permits more refugees legal entry into United States

Fox News

President Clinton has increased the number of refugees authorized to legally enter into the United States to 90,000, including those who fled Kosovo during the recent conflict. In a memo yesterday, the President authorized entry of up to 90,000 refugees during fiscal 2000, up from 78,000 the year before.

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VCR (or is that BetaMax?) Wars 2: The Digital Hope
TV Execs Protect Their Turf
Wired News

A coalition of television broadcasters is prepared to file a copyright lawsuit over the content stored on personal video recorders. But legal precedent is against them, copyright experts warn. The Advanced Television Copyright Coalition hopes to persuade makers of digital video recorders to license personal video programming in the same way content is syndicated to other broadcasters and channels.

<http://www.wired.com/news/news/business/story/21247.html>

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Trust No One, Sue Everyone
Duchovny sues Fox over TV rights sales
Variety

"X-Files" star David Duchovny sued 20th Century Fox Film Corp. yesterday, alleging that the studio has cheated him out of millions of dollars in profits from the television series. The lawsuit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, alleges that Fox sold various rights to the "X-Files" to its own or affiliated companies at below-market prices and engaged in other actions that reduced the apparent profits generated by the series.

<http://www.variety.com/article.asp?articleID=1117750376>

"I love you, you sue me"
Barney loses copyright infringement suit
Court TV

In a mixed decision, a federal judge in North Carolina ruled against the creators of Barney on Wednesday in the first of several copyright and trademark infringement cases nationwide involving the purple dinosaur. Owners of Barney sued a costume maker and shop owner alleging copyright and trademark infringement for renting and selling Barney look-alike outfits. The costume makers rented purple animal outfits with names such as Purple Dino, Duffy the Dragon, and Hillary the Hippo.

http://www.courtstv.com/people/1999/0812/barney_ctv.html

Criminal Law - Arresting Developments

"Hey Officer, I got the chips if you bring the dip"
Police: Some Immune to Pepper Spray
New York Times

Police in Cambridge, Massachusetts are being taught that pepper spray is less effective against Mexican-Americans and other ethnic groups because of their long exposure to spicy foods. Cambridge officers are told that people who are exposed to hot peppers at an early age develop a tolerance to the spray. The Cambridge Police Department offers no supporting scientific data.

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/a/AP-Pepper-Spray.html>

Weird Legal News - Eat My Justice!

No GI G-Strings in Brazil
Brazilian Senators Want To Outlaw Flags On Bikinis
Fox News

Brazilian senators say the notorious "dental floss" bikinis favored by

local beach goers cannot sport the national flag. A Senate panel has approved a proposal to ban the use of the flag on bikinis and in any other "morally degrading" setting, a spokesman said yesterday. It must be a very small flag.

http://www.foxnews.com/js_index.sml?content=/etcetera/wires/0813/e_rt_0813_8.sml

But, They Are Property
Doggone! Group Says We Don't 'Own' Pets
SF Gate

An animal rights advocate told a San Francisco commission last night that pet "ownership" is an offensive term that causes people to think of their animals as disposable property. A veterinarian told the city's Commission of Animal Control and Welfare that San Francisco should adopt "pet guardian" as the term of choice. He wasn't joking. Anyone want to "buy" a goldfish this weekend?

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/1999/08/13/MN11785.DTL>

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New U.S. Military Guidelines

NewsPlanet Staff

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SUMMARY: In the wake of the murder of a "perceived as gay" soldier, the Pentagon promises again to clean up its "don't ask, don't tell" act by kicking inquiries upstairs and providing anti-harassment training.

The U.S. Department of Defense on August 13 issued revised guidelines intended to clarify the Clinton administration's so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy on military service by gays and lesbians. A statement from Secretary of Defense William Cohen that accompanied the guidelines said, "I've made it clear there is no room for harassment or threats in the military. I've instructed the military services to make sure that the policy is clearly understood and fairly enforced.... with fairness to all." Unnamed military officials who notified the "New York Times" in advance made clear that the bashing death at Fort Campbell, Kentucky last month of Private First Class Barry Winchell, perceived as gay by his colleagues and certainly questioning himself as to his orientation, had everything to do with

the release of the updated guidelines -- as well it should, at a time when the Clinton administration is actively lobbying for enactment of hate crimes legislation. There are two significant changes in the new outline, but the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network's (SLDN) Michelle Benecke noted that, "This is not a new day."

Benecke welcomed Cohen's remarks, but emphasized that the key to making the guidelines work is enforcement. "The real issue is whether leaders will be committed at every level to stop anti-gay harassment." In its fifth annual report on the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ("DADT") policy, the gay and lesbian military watchdog group SLDN noted that military leaders had not once "officially disciplined anyone for asking, pursuing or harassing. There must be disincentives to deter violations and incentives to do the right thing." The same report said that incidents of anti-gay harassment it documented more than doubled from 1997 to 1998, from 182 to 400, and that some of those servicemembers who were "telling" were doing so because it was the only way to escape the harassment they suffered. In the Winchell case, both his sergeant and his peers described him being taunted on an almost daily basis.

It's well over a year since the Pentagon issued its own report evaluating the effectiveness of "DADT," and that report itself was long delayed in coming. Those unnamed officials emphasized to the "New York Times" that the revised guidelines were an "honest," "straightforward," "good faith effort" to respond to the recommendations of the report. That internal evaluation insisted that "DADT" was basically working well. The indisputable fact that, contrary to the intent of "DADT," discharges for homosexuality have increased substantially every single year since the policy was adopted (from 617 in 1994 to 1,145 in 1998), the report primarily attributed -- without substantiation -- to "voluntary" admissions of homosexuality from servicemembers, primarily younger people new to the service. In a number of cases recorded by SLDN, many of those admissions seemed far less than "voluntary"; the group recorded 511 incidents of "asking" and "pursuing" in 1998, up from 359 violations in 1997, continuing the steady increase throughout the life of "DADT."

This loss of personnel -- three or four every day, a number of them highly-trained veterans -- comes at a time when military retention is so weak that some believe it's time to reinstate conscription.

The Pentagon report also primarily attributed abuses of "DADT," such as anti-gay "witchhunts," to lower-level leaders poorly trained in the workings of the policy. In response, the new guidelines prescribe that inquiries into homosexuality will be handled at a senior level of the military justice system, by highly-trained investigators who will respond to evidence, not rumors. The revised guidelines require approval by the Secretary of the branch of service in question to approve any "substantial investigation" as to whether a servicemember "made a statement regarding his or her homosexuality for the purpose of seeking separation."

The new guidelines are also billed as prescribing some training on the

anti-harassment rules for all military personnel at every level, throughout their careers. Even if such training only describes proper procedures for response to homosexuality under "DADT," it will be a step forward; in a hearing in the Winchell case this week, two sergeants in sworn testimony on the witness stand admitted to having asked him flat out if he were gay (he said no).

A memo to commanders from Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Rudy de Leon in connection with the new guidelines underscores that, "Servicemembers should be able to report crimes and harassment free from fear of harm, reprisal or inappropriate or inadequate government response." That echoes a 1997 memo by then-Undersecretary of Defense Edwin Dorn that commanders are to investigate the harassment, not the servicemember who reports it -- that targets of homophobic harassment are to be treated as victims rather than suspects. The Pentagon's own 1998 report admitted that Dorn's memo had not been widely distributed. If servicemembers could be confident of this kind of response, it could help victims to seek and find help before harassment escalates into violence or before leaving the military is the only route to safety.

Little expert analysis is yet available for the hot-off-the-presses guidelines, but a few things are clear. On the one hand, the military is acknowledging anti-gay actions as a problem and at least making a gesture to respond to it. On the other hand, gays and lesbians who wish to remain in uniform still lack the freedom of expression, freedom of association and family benefits of their heterosexual counterparts, and can never feel much security for continued employment.

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The big news this past week, perhaps not so unpredictably, comes from Iowa where the front-running nominees for the Republican presidential nomination made the stunning public admission that money from gay donors was welcome, as long as they didn't expect too much in return.

One brilliant comment heard in these offices came from Kenneth Sherrill at City University in New York. Gov. George Bush, Sen. John McCain and Elizabeth Dole asked for gay and lesbian voters for money and support in exchange for the political equivalent of, "I'm no longer embarrassed to be seen in public with you."

Granted, the Democrats have been saying that for seven years now -- at least when there aren't a lot of votes at home to be lost in the proposition.

Details on that story -- and new anti-gay commentary from Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah -- in our weekly wrap-up.

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NEW SURVEY

Seems some straight folk just can't decide what to make of us. Either same-sex sexual orientation is a naturally occurring phenomenon -- which many just can't abide -- or homosexuality is a perverted lifestyle choice selected by a minority of deviants, an attitude that justifies all manner of cruel intolerance. All in all, we'd much prefer to hear what you had to say on the topic, so drop in and tell us just where it is you think you're from. <http://www.datalounge.com/cgi-bin/datalounge/survey/record?record=3806>

GOSSIP

We touched on Elton John's woes briefly last week and also got more than a mouthful from Hollywood's newest tell-all tattle tale, Esther Williams. Guess what she had to say about the very well-armed Jeff Chandler? And just who is that boy he's sharing a teacup with?

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THE WEEK'S TOP STORIES

Republican Front-Runners Court Gay Vote

But discretely, so as not to rouse conservative anger. Gay Republicans are hopeful and gay Democrats wary.

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Pentagon Moves to Curb Gay Policy Abuses

Broad new guidelines are intended to stem the worst abuses of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy governing gay service in the military.

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Conflicting Testimony Heard at Winchell Hearing

One of the Army's officers investigating the unit makes no mention of Pfc Winchell's perceived sexuality. Platoon Sgt says Winchell was frequent target of anti-gay slurs.

<http://www.datalounge.com/cgi-bin/dbm/news/record?record=3808>

Army Admits Bias May Have Been Factor in Murder

For the first time, investigators and prosecutors say the rumors about Winchell's sexuality may have played factor in his death.

<http://www.datalounge.com/cgi-bin/dbm/news/record?record=3812>

Rights Advocates Note Shift in Scouting Policy

As a matter of policy, it would not make a point of inquiring about the private sexual lives of those in its charge -- at least in Rhode Island.

<http://www.datalounge.com/cgi-bin/dbm/news/record?record=3813>

Mellon Bank Slammed by Far Right Family Group

Request that the Mellon Bank manage charitable trust for Focus on the Family is politely declined. Dobson fumes.

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Conservative Senator Clarifies Anti-Gay Stance

Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah makes attempt to clarify difference between anti-gay statements made in June and those made eleven years ago.

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New Defense to Argue Amedure 'Stalked' Schmitz

The retrial of Jonathan Schmitz in the 'Jenny Jones' case to include assertion that Amedure provoked Schmitz into killing him.

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US Airways Announces Adoption of DP Plan

Third American carrier in two weeks to announce that it too will offer equitable benefits coverage for its gay and lesbian employees.

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Bomb Threat Disrupts Gay Benefit in Detroit

Benefit for the Triangle Foundation, a Detroit-area gay civil rights organization, is disrupted by bomb threat.

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FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (Army News Service, Aug. 20, 1999) - Following last week's Article 32 hearing, a 101st Airborne Division soldier is waiting to hear whether he must face court-martial for the killing of a fellow soldier.

Pvt. Calvin N. Glover has been charged with premeditated murder in the death of Pfc. Barry Winchell. Winchell was beaten to death with a baseball bat July 5 in his barracks. Both soldiers were members of Company D, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment.

Another soldier from the same unit, Spc. Justin Fisher, has also been arrested and charged with four counts as an accessory to the crime after allegedly encouraging Glover to strike Winchell. Fisher is scheduled to face an Article 32 hearing Aug. 30.

Glover's Article 32 investigation -- a preliminary hearing sometimes compared to a grand-jury proceeding -- was held Aug. 9-10 at Fort Campbell's judicial circuit courtroom. The evidence presented at the hearing now goes to the special court-martial convening authority who appointed the Article 32 investigating officer. The appointing authority will make a decision whether to forward the matter to Maj. Gen. Robert Clark, commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, or take other action with respect to the charges.

At the hearing, the government presented about 20 witnesses to testify on Glover's character. All witnesses for the government agreed upon one thing -- that Glover had a drinking problem and became very violent and aggressive when intoxicated. Most witnesses also testified that Glover was good at fabricating outrageous, unbelievable stories.

Many also testified to witnessing a fight between Glover and Winchell the night prior to Winchell's death. Witnesses testified that Winchell got the best of Glover and many said they were glad Glover deserved it because he was always picking fights.

Another soldier, Pfc. Ryan Futch, testified that he went to see Glover in the temporary Military Police holding area at Fort Campbell, and Glover admitted to him that he hit Winchell in the head with a baseball

bat more than once. Futch also overheard part of a conversation Glover was having with another soldier in the adjoining cell in which Glover made a racial remark and derogatory statement about homosexuals.

The co-chairperson for the Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice of Tennessee, Rhonda White, was present at the hearing along with legal representation from the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, which investigates crimes against homosexuals in the military. White said her organization originally contacted the SLDN once they realized that the murder could be a hate crime.

Although some civilian organizations suspect it may be a hate crime, there is no specific category under the Uniform Code of military Justice for offenses motivated by hate. According to Capt. Christopher T. Fredrickson of Fort Campbell's staff judge advocates office, the Uniform Code of Military Justice does not have a punitive article that specifically addresses -- as an element of the offense -- whether the motive of the crime is based on the race, gender, national origin or sexual orientation of the victim. However, the UCMJ has numerous punitive articles adequately addressing illegal harm to others.

The prosecution presented a witness who saw Glover running from the vicinity of the crime with an armful of clothing. Pfc. Nikita A. Sanarov said he was awakened by Fisher, yelling for him to get his car because Winchell was dying.

On his way to get the car, Sanarov noticed the defendant running very fast dropping articles along the way. A glove and sock stained with blood were later found on the grounds. The sock was found approximately 40 feet from the dumpsters, according to a Criminal Investigation Division agent who also testified.

During the second day of the hearing, a witness testified that one of Winchell's sergeants knew he was gay and wanted to get rid of him, but was told by another sergeant that he couldn't because of the, 'don't ask, don't tell policy.

Calpernia Addams, Winchell's transexual friend, stated earlier in the week to media that Winchell had mentioned to her on more than one occasion how he was taunted and harrassed by fellow soldiers about being gay. Some friends of Winchell testified that he was depressed about all the rumors about him being gay that had circulated his company and feared being put out of the Army.

The defense had requested at the beginning of the proceedings that the hearing be delayed because they hadn't had ample time to examine evidence or gain access to it.

"By forcing us to go today, in fact what you're doing is making the accused go without defense. Yes, we're here, but we are not prepared," said Capt. Thomas Aug, defense counsel, U.S. Army Trial Defense Service. The movement was denied. Before closing arguments the defense once again asked that the hearing reconvene when the physical evidence is available along with the results from the testing of the evidence. The request was denied and the hearing was closed.

(Editor's note: Spc. Valerie Buckingham is a staff writer for the Fort Campbell Courier.)

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AMAZON HAS LOST ITS MIND

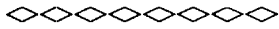
I can't even believe I'm reporting this. Amazon.com thought it would be "fun" to publish on its Web site what books people are buying, broken down by the company/organization the buyer works for. While it doesn't include the name of the actual individual buyer, only their organization, imagine how you'd feel working in a small company or non-profit and finding out that Amazon has told the world that your six-person office just bought a book about, say, coming out - wonder who bought that book? This only reinforces my growing concern that online business have no clue about the privacy implications of the databases they are compiling on us. We must have federal legislation that guarantees our right to commercial privacy, and especially as it concerns the Internet. Visit the Amazon site yourself and have some fun violating someone's privacy at <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/subst/community/community.html/002-0944576-7790213> (you have copy and past this URL, it's too big and takes two lines in the email).

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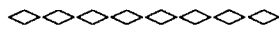
The LA Times printed an incredible story two days ago about hate crimes reporting, or the lack thereof. It found, for example, the recent murder of Billy Jack Gaither in Alabama (you'll recall, he's the gay man who was murdered and burned on a heap of old tires),

wasn't a hate crime! While the murderers themselves said they murdered Gaither "because he was queer," seems the Coosa County, Alabama sheriff's deputy (Barney perhaps?) said the case was more homicide than hate crime. And judging by their stellar record of hate crimes reporting, Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi must be real safe because according to the Times, the local "police agencies collected their hate crimes from 1997, shipped them off to their state capitals, where all the numbers were tallied and sent on to the FBI. The total? Zero." Make sure we all plan our next vacations in the South, and don't forget to bring the flaming tires for the weenie roast.



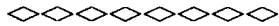
GODHATESFAGS GOES HOME

Unless you live under a rock, you're probably aware that over the last week, the Reverend Fred Phelps lost his domain name, www.godhatesfags.com, when some unknown individual surreptitiously transferred it to an individual owning the site www.godlovesfags.com. According to the latest news, the person who received the gift is now returning it to the good Reverend, after some pressure from his employer. Now, I must admit to a chortle or two on hearing of the news, but I have to also admit a bit of concern. Some Internet reporters I spoke with didn't think it was a big deal that Phelps lost his Web address, because he had been reportedly sloppy in the security he used to protect that name - i.e., it was his fault. But yet again I'll beat my drum and say that if companies are going to lure ma and pa onto the Net, claiming its safe and fun for the whole family, then they need to ensure that people won't up and lose their Web sites simply because they aren't computer rocket scientists. What if a large gay organization had lost its site in the middle of the Shepard murder, or during the Senate debate on hate crimes legislation? That would be a loss we could ill-afford.



SOME REPUBLICANS HATE US

The latest Republican slap at gays comes in the form of an anti-gay "pledge" the candidates are being asked to make by some right-wingnuts, including our beloved Reggie White (you'll recall White is the football jock, and now religious right spokesperson, who thinks them Asian-folk make really good watches). So far Bush, Dole and McCain have reportedly not taken the pledge, but Bauer, Hatch, Forbes, Quayle (yawn), Buchanan and Keyes have (trying saying all those names with a straight face). Gore and Bradley have not taken the pledge. The pledge includes a definition of marriage as man and woman (no word on whether "heterosexual mistresses" or multiple divorces are included here), opposes adoption and parenting by gays (and actually, could be read as a pledge to take biological children away from gays as well), oppose protecting gays under the law, yadi yadi yadi. You get the picture. To read the entire pledge, go here (and hold your nose):
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THE NAVY HATES US TOO, SURPRISE

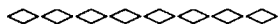
In the ongoing case of yet another patriotic sailor screwed by the military, seaman James Turner tells us that the DOD has again decided to disobey the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy in their refusal to reconsider his case. Turner's case is complicated, but basically the United States District Court for the District of Columbia ruled last December that the Navy's decision to uphold Turner's discharge under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" was "arbitrary and capricious" in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act."

Bottom line: the Navy's own board said Turner should basically be allowed to stay in the Navy, and the higher ups decided to drum him out anyway. The court then said 'I don't think so', and last Christmas told the Secretary to look at the case again. Well, according to Turner, here's what the Navy did in court two days ago:

"At the Plaintiff's Requested Status Conference that was held on August 23, 1999 before the Honorable Paul L. Friedman, United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, United States Attorney David A. Bono delivered to the Court, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Carolyn H. Becraft's decision dated August 20, 1999. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Becraft re-affirmed the Department of the Navy's position, that 'The Department of Defense has made clear its intent not to be substantively or procedurally bound by the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' investigative guidelines. Since the Department of Defense has expressed its clear intent not to be bound by the investigative guidelines, Mr. Turner has no enforceable substantive, or procedural rights under the guidelines that can be enforced by this Court.' In contrast to, the recent remarks by the Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen who said: 'The Department is determined to implement the homosexual conduct policy with fairness to all concerned. I've instructed the military Services to make sure that the policy is clearly understood and fairly enforced.' "

Yep, they're not bound by Don't Ask Don't Tell.

Turner reports that a status Conference on the next steps in the case is currently scheduled for September 14, 1999 at 0930 at the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia 3rd & Constitution Avenues N.W. in Washington, D.C. Anyone interested in attending, media included, is urged to show up - it's open to the public.



NOT GAY, BUT COOL

Go figure. I go to San Francisco and what do I find, a great straight restaurant. Well, ok, it's San Francisco, so it's hard to call any restaurant "straight." But this place, in the North Beach Italian neighborhood of SF was so good, I had to tell folks about it in any case. It's called "Mario's Bohemian Cigar Store Cafe" and in spite of its name, is no-smoking, like California law requires restaurants to be. The place is incredibly quaint, kind of small and bar-like, run

by very nice and fun people, and serves up some damn good and cheap food (sandwichy food, so go for lunch). It's at 2209 Polk Street, phone 415-776-8226. Julie is the manager, and she's a hoot. And it's right across from a gorgeous park, and in the middle of an adorable neighborhood. Ask for the chicken/feta sandwich. To die for.

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"In Germany they first came for the communists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew.... Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me - and by that time no one was left to speak up."

- Pastor Martin Niemoller -

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International Military Issues
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SUMMARY: Argentinian general doesn't want to ask or tell ...
not-so-out ex-Cabinet member nixed for British Defence Secretary post
... outed king inspires Moroccan military's wrath....

ARG Army Chief-Decriminalize (with thanks to Alejandra Sarda)
Argentina's soon-to-retire commander of the army General Martin Balza isn't ready to see gays openly serving in uniform, but he has called publicly for amending the military code to keep them out of prison, the "New York Times" reported this week. Currently soldiers discovered to be gay can be sentenced to up to six years; Balza seemed to support something along the lines of the U.S. military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Alejandra Sarda of Buenos Aires' Escrita en el Cuerpo sought reactions to Balza's position from several gay activists.

Javier Gonzalez of SIGLA (Gay and Lesbian Argentinian Society for Integration) told her that, "Gays can defend values such as courage, fatherland and patriotism as well as anyone else." Cesar Cigliutti of

CHA (Argentinian Homosexual Community), a group which has submitted to the Parliament its own proposed reforms for the military code, was pleased simply that Balza and the military were beginning to recognize that there actually were gays and lesbians serving in uniform.

Alejandro Zalazar, who teaches Human Rights at the Buenos Aires University agreed there should be reform, but added that, "Nothing done by people in uniform is worthy of my trust ... I don't trust Balza, who always shows a face of openness and ends up not being [able to live] up to it."

Two young activists Sarda spoke with believed the entire military as an institution should be eliminated, but while one said he would work to discourage anyone thinking of enlisting, the other believed that any change in the military would only come as a result of demands from inside it.

UK Chiefs Don't Want Mandelson

British Prime Minister Tony Blair was advised by military leaders against appointing Peter Mandelson to the civilian position of Defence Secretary because he is gay, London's "Daily Telegraph" reported. Gays and lesbians are not allowed to serve in the British military, and although that ban seems likely to fall in the near future either as a result of a European lawsuit or by Parliamentary action, much of the military leadership staunchly defends it.

Mandelson was recently forced to resign his powerful Cabinet position as Trade and Industry Secretary because of ethics issues relating to a home loan he obtained, but he remains a key player in Blair's Labour Party, and he began drumming up support to move into the Defence post when it became known that current Secretary George Robertson will be moving on to become NATO's Secretary-General. Although Mandelson's sexual orientation is widely known, he has consistently refused to discuss it publicly, and when it was referred to on a BBC show in the wake of October's Ron Davies scandal (involving the former Welsh Secretary in a mysterious incident in the Clapham Commons cruising area), he managed to pull strings to shut down any further such references there.

The "Telegraph" cited unnamed sources as saying that Mandelson might do a good job, but that to have a gay Defence Secretary would appear inconsistent with the ban and that he would be seen as having a conflict of interest regarding it. Blair definitely wants Mandelson back in the Cabinet in some role that's lower-profile than his former post.

Military Oppose Morocco's King (with thanks to Rex Wockner)

The Netherlands national television news NOS-Journaal's editor-in-chief Hans Brom told "De Gay Krant" that, "Our correspondent, Robbert Bosschard, spoke with the chief of police and the commander-in-chief of the Moroccan army. They were convinced that the new king is gay and they were afraid of the future under a homosexual monarch."

"De Gay Krant" also quoted a Marrakech resident, Tony Flavel, who

described King Sidi Moulay Mohammed's homosexual orientation as common knowledge among the intelligentsia, as saying, "The police and the armed forces are against the new king for precisely this reason. They would prefer his younger straight brother, Moulay Rashid." And although the Netherlands TV news "outing" of the king has resulted in continuing protest demonstrations by the large Moroccan population in Utrecht, "De Gay Krant" reported Mohammed as regularly hanging out in Brussels' gay bars in Belgium.

Sex between men is a criminal act in Morocco punishable by up to three years in prison and a fine.

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By Scott Shuger

The newest statistics on the spread and lethality of AIDS lead at the WP, LAT and USAT. The NYT fronts the story but goes instead with AT&T's decision to respond to MCI's and Sprint's recent 5 cents/minute (plus monthly fee) plans with a 7 cents/minute (plus monthly fee) option. The phone news is on nobody else's front page.

The multiple AIDS stories are prompted by the government's release of new numbers at a national HIV conference in Atlanta. Every paper's main takeaway is the same: the steep decline in new AIDS cases and in AIDS deaths that began three years ago, and which is associated with the emergence of the multiple medication anti-AIDS "cocktails," has leveled off appreciably. New AIDS cases declined 18 percent in 1997, but only 11 percent last year. AIDS deaths, which dropped 42 percent in 1997, declined just 20 percent last year.

This means that, in the words of the top HIV official at the CDC, quoted by USAT, "There is no magic bullet." Prevention, she says,

is turning out to be more important for controlling the spread of the disease than treatment.

The papers pass along the experts' consensus for why anti-AIDS success is flattening out: There is a saturation effect in which most people who know they're infected with HIV are already taking the more powerful cocktail therapies; HIV seems to be gaining some resistance to the therapies; and the strict regimen that optimizes their effectiveness is hard to stick to. Another factor that the WP emphasizes more than the others and high up to boot is that excessive confidence in the therapies may be prompting people to practice more unsafe sex. The Post, NYT and WSJ note that drug users and black people account for higher rates of infection. In 1998, note the two Times, blacks, who represent 13 percent of the population, accounted for 49 percent of all AIDS deaths. The WSJ is alone in mentioning the strikingly good news about infantile AIDS--there were only 242 cases last year, down 73 percent from 1992.

The USAT off-lead reports that senior U.S. law enforcement officials now say that Bank of New York records that would have served as evidence of the laundering of billions in Russian mob money have been tampered with or destroyed. An inside story at the NYT reports that on Russian television Monday night, a Russian investigator said that he had evidence of bribes paid to Kremlin officials and members of Boris Yeltsin's family by Mabetex, a Swiss-based construction company.

A NYT front-pager reviews the blooming of open "God-talk" among presidential hopefuls, seeing in it an efficient way to flash distance from the squalor of the Clinton scandals. The story notes that the new public piety seems to have unwritten rules: it's apparently a political plus for Protestants only. And just having opinions about religious matters isn't enough--an atheist, no matter how earnest, would, says a historian quoted in the piece, still get slaughtered.

A story on page 15 of the LAT reports that Al Gore has given an interview to the gay-oriented magazine The Advocate in which he says the "don't ask, don't tell" rules in the military governing the service of gays "aren't working the way they were intended to work," and that he would work with military leaders to bring about an implementation strategy that's "fairer." The story reminds that the policy was a major headache for the Clinton administration in its earliest days. And that until now, Republican candidates have largely ignored it. In addition, the paper reports, Bill Bradley has responded to Gore's interview by taking a position "aggressively to Gore's left," expressing grave doubts about the current policy, and saying that we ought to move toward a time "when gays can serve openly in the military."

The NYT and WP go inside with a new survey of teenagers indicating that low paternal involvement with a teen is a key determinant of adolescent substance abuse. A teenager with an excellent

relationship with a single mom, the study says, has a far better chance of avoiding drug abuse than does one living in a two-parent household including a diffident father.

The WSJ reports on a new version of SAT scoring being developed by the ETS folks. The idea is to incorporate certain sociological background factors-- such as English isn't his/her first language, he/she went to a crappy high school, is from a poor family etc.--about the student, to come up with a likely score range for him or her, and if the person's actual score exceeds the likely one by at least 200 points, then the applicant is identified by admissions personnel as in the valued category of "Striver." The ETS is preparing race-blind and race-sensitive versions. The idea is that this would enable the identification of talented minority students in a way that will survive the recent negative rulings about affirmative action in admissions. But the piece isn't too clear on why this would work. Doesn't it just transfer the legally dubious extra-academic evaluations from the admissions committee to the test designers?

Sometimes you just know the editors are messin' with ya. The WP's "Names and Faces" column reports that Monica Lewinsky would like to launch her own lipstick line and recently tested the staying power of various lipsticks. She says, according to the Post, "the secret is opening your mouth 'really wide' when eating."

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Army Murder Hearing Continues

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SUMMARY: Past altercations between PFC Barry Winchell and the 2nd suspect in his bashing death are recounted; others report the 1st suspect's claims that Winchell had made passes at him.

August 31 would have been Private First Class Barry Winchell's 22nd birthday, but instead it was the second day of hearings for the second suspect involved in the July 5 bludgeoning at Fort Campbell, Kentucky that ended his life. It was also the first occasion on which testimony reported that Winchell's alleged killer, PFC Calvin Glover, told a jail buddy that Winchell had made passes at him. The attack on Winchell may turn out to be the first anti-gay hate murder since the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy was adopted, and is credited with spurring the Pentagon to issue restated guidelines on that policy this month -- guidelines that had been expected two years earlier.

A military "Article 32" hearing, combining elements of civilian grand jury and preliminary hearings, began August 30 to consider whether

Winchell's roommate, Specialist Justin Fisher, should be tried on four charges of inciting Glover to attack Winchell and of lying to investigators afterwards. A similar hearing was held August 10 - 11 to determine whether Glover should be tried for first-degree murder, but a decision has not yet been issued. Glover's defense had sought to redirect the inquiry towards Fisher; Fisher's defense testimony so far has almost entirely concerned Glover. Fisher's hearing continues on September 1.

Hearsay testimony is acceptable in Article 32 hearings, and there has been a great deal of it in this case. Appearing in Fisher's defense, Private Kenneth Buckler, jailed for drug distribution and forgery, repeated at length what Glover had told him while being held in a neighboring cell at Fort Campbell following the attack on Winchell. Buckler said that Glover had told him that, "The guy [Winchell] was homosexual and he had made passes at him before," and did so again during the barracks' Independence Day kegger party until Glover "ended up leaving because he was so mad." Buckler continued, "[Glover] ran into the guy again, and that's when he beat him down. [Glover] said he didn't want to kill [Winchell]. He wanted to teach him a lesson, but he could tell he was dead after he did what he was doing, so [Glover] left. He said he snapped and went back up to his room, and he changed [his clothes] real fast," putting his blood-stained jeans and gloves into a plastic bag in a cabinet in his room, where they were later found by investigators. Buckler said, "[Glover] told me he killed [Winchell], and he said he struck him more than once." Buckler testified that Glover said he "was sorry that the whole thing had ever transpired." Buckler also described Glover telling him how he hated gays and people of color.

The testimony of two jail guards at Fort Campbell had previously reported Glover telling them that Fisher had planned the murder, including a plan to dispose of the body in the river.

Other soldiers in the unit described frequent altercations between Fisher, portrayed as a clown, and his roommate Winchell. Alcohol was blamed for the worst of these flare-ups. They said that it was Fisher who had spread the rumor that Winchell was gay; testimony in Glover's hearing had described Winchell as being taunted with anti-gay verbal abuse on a near-daily basis for several months before his death. However, it was also Fisher who introduced Winchell to a gay bar in nearby Nashville, Tennessee, and the pre-operative transsexual drag entertainer Winchell would go on to date.

As in Glover's hearing, there was also testimony that there had been a fistfight between Glover and Winchell on July 3, in which Winchell prevailed. The trial counselors (equivalent to prosecutors) had previously portrayed vengeance for that loss as Glover's main motive. The testimony of Spec. Lewis Ruiz suggested that it may have been the rumors about Winchell's sexual orientation which sparked the fistfight in the first place. The soldiers said that Glover took a lot of ribbing for being beaten by a gay man. Men in their unit said that both Glover, a daily drinker, and Winchell became particularly drunk at the Fourth of July party.

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<http://www.planetout.com/news/article.html?1999/09/03/2>

Ft.Campbell Hearing Completed
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SUMMARY: Much of the evidence in the murder of a "perceived gay" soldier comes from what the alleged killer and alleged accomplice said about each other off the stand; now the brass must decide what's next.

The U.S. Army on September 2 completed its "Article 32" hearing to determine if Specialist Justin Fisher should be charged on several counts for lying to investigators and egging on Private First Class Calvin Glover to murder PFC Barry Winchell, who was believed to be gay by his co-workers at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Winchell was hit several times in the head with a baseball bat early on the morning of July 5 in his barracks and died of his wounds in a hospital the following day, in what may prove to be the first known gay-bashing murder in the U.S. military since the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy was adopted. Glover's Article 32 hearing, which combines elements of civilian grand jury and preliminary hearings, was held August 10 - 11, but the disposition of his case has yet to be determination; the hearing for alleged accomplice Fisher took four

days, twice as many as for alleged killer Glover, who reportedly confessed on three occasions while in detention.

The presiding officer at Fisher's hearing, Major Lee Miller, will make a written report within two weeks to 2nd Brigade commander Colonel Robert Caslen, who in conjunction with Fort Campbell commander Major General Robert Clark will determine the next step for both Fisher and Glover. Caslen and Clark can decide to dismiss the charges, recommend administrative action or convene a court martial, either on the charges as presented or as modified by the commanders. A conviction for Glover on the charge of pre-meditated murder could mean a life sentence or even the death penalty.

On September 1, Specialist Edgar Rosa testified as to his experience as an investigator interviewing Fisher. Rosa said, "He gave me different stories" -- and counted six different versions. "I could tell that he was lying; you don't change your story that many times." On September 2, Special Agent Howard Sander of Fort Campbell's Criminal Investigation Division, testified to administering a polygraph to Fisher on July 8, including the specific question of whether Fisher was involved in a plan to attack Winchell; Sander said Fisher flunked the test.

Fisher has emerged as a complex character in the testimony at the two hearings. He was Winchell's roommate but they were often at odds; according to testimony in this hearing, Fisher once had a physical altercation with Winchell that sent the latter to the hospital. Fisher is both the person who told others in the unit that Winchell was gay and the person who introduced Winchell to a Nashville gay bar. According to testimony in this hearing, Fisher also was one of those who taunted Glover for having lost a fistfight to Winchell on July 3, specifically for having been bested by a gay man. As viewed by their colleagues, Fisher was a clown and Glover was a daily drinker who was quick to pick fights, while Winchell was most often described as calm or mellow. It's believed to be Fisher's baseball bat that Glover allegedly used to attack Winchell, who may actually have been asleep at the time.

Fisher's defense presented witnesses to demonstrate that he tried to help Winchell after the attack, who quoted him as telling the unconscious victim "don't die" and "breathe, breathe" as Winchell was choking on his own blood. Fisher, in a rather hysterical state, reportedly did rouse other soldiers to come aid Winchell, eventually pulling a fire alarm, at a time when Glover was apparently disposing of his bloodied clothing and sitting in his own room. A soldier on duty first saw Fisher holding Winchell in his arms, covered with his blood, apparently trying to move him down a flight of stairs.

The defense of each of the accused has relied in large part on damaging the credibility of the other; even though neither man testified in either hearing, the allegations have rested to a considerable extent on what they said about each other, since there were no eyewitnesses to the bashing. Considerable physical evidence was collected in the case, but if it was presented in either hearing,

it was not reported; at the time of Glover's hearing, lab analysis had not been completed. Glover had reportedly told jail guards that Fisher had planned Winchell's murder, including a plan to dump his body in the river afterwards, but apparently things did not go as planned. Oddly it was in Fisher's hearing that a jailed soldier reported Glover telling him that Winchell had made sexual advances to him, something that was never mentioned in Glover's own hearing, where guards had reported him making denigrating remarks about gays.

Although the legal actions against the accused are on hold right now, there has been a tangible outcome of another kind, as the case is credited with spurring the Pentagon to issue restated guidelines on the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Those guidelines, awaited for nearly two years, were finally issued in the wake of Glover's hearing, where two sergeants testified to having "asked" Winchell (although neither seemed to recognize it was a violation of the policy), and to Winchell's having been harassed on a near-daily basis for four to six months with no superior ever making an effort to intervene.

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10 September 1999

'Excuse Fatigue': Clinton-Gore's 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Policy
Toward Yeltsin, Russian Corruption Won't Fly

(Washington, D.C.): Vice President Al Gore's pollsters tell him his campaign for the presidency is suffering from "Clinton Fatigue." An even more vexing problem for the Veep -- and the man he hopes to succeed -- however may be the source of much of that sentiment: the perception that no one in the Clinton-Gore Administration is responsible for anything; when things go wrong, they were never in-the-loop, it was always somebody else's fault. The American people's understandable ennui with such tripe might be called "Excuse Fatigue."

Unfortunately for Messrs. Clinton and Gore, the excuses with respect to their implication in what the Economist has called the Russian "climate of corruption"(1) are becoming so implausible as to render them not just fatiguing, but laughable. Their Administration's culpability is laid bare by two op.ed. articles that appeared earlier this week in the New York Times and Wall Street Journal (see the attached).

Authored, respectively, by Harvard's Jeffrey Sachs and a former State and Pentagon official, Wayne Merry, these essays confirmed a longstanding contention of the Center for Security Policy and its Casey Institute(2): The Clinton-Gore Administration's stewardship of U.S.-Russian relations has been defective from its inception. Matters have been greatly exacerbated by the Vice President's personally micro-managed and self-serving co-chairmanship of a non-transparent, out-of-channels bilateral committee that bears his name. Its lasting legacy has been to diminish the chances for real, systemic reform in Russia, accentuate conditions for

massive corruption and expose the United States to new, dangerous national security abuses.

The "Great Escape?"

With the scrutiny on "What did the Vice President Know and When Did He Know It" intensifying day by day,(3) high-level policy officials in both Washington and Moscow are trampling over one-another to find exit doors. Indeed, the sheer magnitude and suddenness of the Clinton-Gore policy meltdown vis ? vis Moscow has turned briefing rooms into political infernos and left leadership figures scrambling to blow the whistle on their fellow officials. Even the control-rod mechanism long represented by the so-called Gore-Putin Commission (the latest incarnation of the infamous Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission) has been rendered ineffective, and now it's everyone for themselves in the effort to scramble free of the politically radioactive perimeter.

Cases in point are the recent assertions by National Security Advisor Samuel Berger, and the Vice President's staff, that they only learned of the international investigations of the Russian connection to multi-billion dollar money-laundering/corruption schemes involving the Bank of New York when it was revealed in press reports. As Berger put it in his press conference on [8] September:

The first briefing that was received by the foreign policy community, including senior NSC officials, State Department, was soon after August 26th, when I believe the Attorney General first was briefed on this matter by the FBI, which I think was soon after the New York Times stories appeared....We contacted the Justice Department at that time [after the State Department was notified by a foreign government of an investigation of the Bank of New York-Russia connection] and said if there were matters here that we thought were pertinent to national security or foreign policy considerations, we would like to be briefed about them. The Justice Department did not feel that was either the case or appropriate at the time and did not brief us until, as I say, after August 22nd.

The Bottom Line

An editorial in yesterday's Washington Times puts this blather in its proper light:

"Given that the White House's National Security Council, as well as the State and Treasury departments, were all intimately aware of the money-laundering investigations conducted by the Justice Department, White House assertions that Messrs. Clinton and Gore learned of the investigation by reading their morning newspapers are simply, and utterly, preposterous. Congress' impending investigation has become all the more urgent in the face of the White House's incomprehensible explanation."

Amen.

1. See the Casey Institute Perspective entitled Message to Wall Street and Pennsylvania Avenue: Bank of New York's Russian Debacle is but a Symptom of a Larger Problem (No. 99-C 94, 1 September 1999).
2. For more information see the following Center Decision Briefs and Casey Perspectives Clinton Legacy Watch # 33: 'See-No-Evil' Security Policy-making (No. 98-D 189, 23 November 1998); S.O.S.: Save Our Space Station -- and More Tax-Dollars -- From Being Squandered in Al Gore's 'Russian Cooperation' Scam (No. 98-D 164, 21 September 1998); Clinton Legacy Watch # 19: Will Gore-Chernomyrdin At Last Put a Halt to Russia's Dangerous Nuclear Sales to Cuba, Iran? (No. 98-D 40, 6 March 1998); Clinton Legacy Watch # 6: Crises Involving U.S.-Russian Space 'Cooperation' Show Clinton-Gore Errors, Need for Changes (No. 97-D 139, 18 September 1997); Yeltsin Has Been Politically Terminal for Months; What Did AL Gore Know -- And When Did He Know It? (No. 96-C 89, 24 September 1996).
3. For example, presidential candidate Steve Forbes said today on the campaign trail in New Hampshire: 'Russia's ruling elite have siphoned tens of billions of dollars in Western aid into foreign bank accounts while Russia's government workers get no pay, or wait months for what they are owed....Why has Vice President Gore -- the point man for America's relations with Russia -- allowed this intolerable situation to go unnoted? He and this Administration give the impression that they are more interested in photo-ops than in taking bold, substantive steps to alleviate the distress of tens of millions of Russians. And this has been going on for months. In spite of warnings from U.S. intelligence organizations that the Russian kleptocracy was looting Russia, Vice President Al Gore feigned ignorance.'

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A 'WAVE OF EVIL,' OR THE EVIL OF GUNS?

The Fort Worth shooting will touch off another round
in the gun debate, with a flood of analysis pieces
and editorials sure to come in the weekend papers.
Already, this morning, the New York Times and
Washington Post seize the shootings as an excuse
to renew their calls for gun control. But George
W. Bush, cutting short a campaign swing to head
back to Texas, blamed the shootings not on guns
but a "wave of evil." The Times has that story.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/091799texas-shoot-bush.html>

NYT editorial: Grasping the obvious pathology

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/editorial/17fri2.html>

Post editorial: And the guns blaze on

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/WPlate/1999-09/17/0011-091799-idx.html>

Slate's Today's Papers, in an aside to its assessment
of the coverage, notes wryly how quickly newspapers are
able to turn around profiles showing these rampaging
shooters were unstable and, typically, feared by their
neighbors. "Since this sort of information can evidently
be put together in 24 hours," writes Scott Shuger,
"wouldn't it be better to require authorities to do so
before a gun purchase could legally be made, rather
than waiting for reporters to do so after a shooting?"

<http://www.slate.com/Code/TodaysPapers/TodaysPapers.asp?Show=9/17/99&idMessage=3642>

LET'S HOPE HE DOESN'T TRY THAT JANGLY DEADHEAD DANCE

The Clinton administration's reversal yesterday on the

export of encryption technology comes just in time to help Vice President Gore impress tech executives at a big fund-raiser tonight, says the Wall Street Journal. The administration now favors easing the encryption restrictions, a position opposed by law-enforcement types but welcomed by the high-tech industry. Gore, who has lagged in fund-raising from the industry, is hoping to pull in \$200,000 in donations tonight at an event featuring a performance by three members of the Grateful Dead.

<http://interactive.wsj.com/articles/SB937520947803639770.htm>
(subscription required for online access)

MAJOR ABORTION SHOWDOWN IN MISSOURI

Overriding a veto by Gov. Mel Carnahan, Missouri lawmakers have passed one of the country's toughest anti-abortion laws, threatening doctors and women with life in prison for causing the death of any "intact child" who is "partially born or born." The Los Angeles Times coverage of the story notes that the word abortion never appears in the legislation, and that the bill's sponsors claim it is aimed at so-called partial-birth abortions. But critics fear it could be used to stop abortions as early as six weeks into pregnancy.

<http://www.latimes.com/HOME/NEWS/FRONT/t000083287.html>

CLINTON CLAIMS EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE ON CLEMENCY

In another sign that the FALN clemency deal is a bottomless pit of bad politics, President Clinton is now asserting executive privilege as he refuses to comply with congressional subpoenas for background documents. Republicans are outraged, but happily so, reports the New York Times, which notes that this is the fourth time Clinton has claimed executive privilege in response to demands from Congress.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/politics/091799clinton-clemency.html>

QUAYLE SEES AN OPENING IN BUCHANAN DEFECTION

"My friends," Dan Quayle told a breakfast audience in New Hampshire yesterday, "a campaign without ideas is no campaign at all." And then he sat back down, speechless. No, that part's not true. Actually, reports the Washington Post, Quayle made a smart plea for Republicans to view Pat Buchanan's expected defection to the Reform Party as a wake-up call, claiming he is in the best position to keep all the Republican Party's factions together, without the splintering he believes would help elect another Democrat.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/campaigns/wh2000/stories/quayle091799.htm>

A PAY RAISE FOR CONGRESS AND NEXT PRESIDENT

Congress voted itself a third raise in seven years,

to \$141,300 a year, reports the New York Times. The bill also doubles the salary for the next president, to \$400,000 a year, the first raise for a president in 32 years. As the Times points out, if the \$200,000 paid to President Nixon had been adjusted for inflation it would now be nearly \$900,000.

<http://www12.nytimes.com/library/politics/091799congress-spend.html>

GORE ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: 'HOLA?'

Vice President Gore, speaking yesterday to Latino business executives, argued the case for affirmative action and won a standing ovation, reports the Washington Post. Noting the arguments that affirmative action is no longer needed, the Post said, Gore stepped away from the lectern, tilted his head "in a pantomime of puzzlement" and said "Hello? Hola?" That meant he thinks it is needed, apparently.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/campaigns/wh2000/stories/gore091799.htm>

BRADLEY SUPPORTS GAYS IN THE MILITARY

Bill Bradley, continuing to run to the left of Gore, tells The Advocate he believes gays and lesbians should be covered under the 1964 Civil Rights Act and allowed to serve openly in the military. The Advocate's story, due on newsstands Sept. 28, is not yet available online, but The Nando Times offers a preview.

<http://www.nandotimes.com/politics/story/0,1068,500034673-500055888-500010052-0,00.html>

IS BUSH GOING BOTH WAYS?

The Advocate raps George W. Bush's position on gay rights as two-faced, meanwhile, quoting a Texas state lawmaker -- gay Democrat Glen Maxey -- saying that Bush asked him not to take his anti-gay rhetoric personally. Maxey tells the paper that Bush said: "I want you to know, Glen, that no matter what I say publicly about gay people, it does not pertain to you personally." To which Maxey reportedly said, yes it does. Bush denies the remarks.

http://www.advocate.com/html/stories/795/795_bush_maxey.html

A WASHINGTON STATE JUSTICE CALLS IT QUILTS

State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Durham has abruptly resigned less than halfway through her six-year term, telling Gov. Gary Locke the job has been "taxing and frequently stressful." She didn't elaborate much in her resignation letter, says Seattle Times reporter David Postman, and didn't talk to the press. Durham has been on the court since 1985, served three years as chief justice and was re-elected in 1997.

http://www.seattletimes.com/news/local/html98/judg_19990916.html

HORSEY ON THE TAX CUT

Pulitzer-winning cartoonist David Horsey of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer has a great take this morning on the vanishing tax cut.

<http://www.seattlep-i.com/horsey/1999917.shtml>

CHAT WITH PAT

Pat Buchanan appears in an online chat at 2 p.m. ET today with ABCNews.com

<http://chat.abcnews.go.com/chat/chat.dll?room=buchanan990914>

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RESCUE OPERATIONS IN N.C., N.J.

North Carolina and New Jersey were the hardest hit by Floyd during the storm's run up the East Coast. At least 46 deaths are blamed on the storm and thousands of people are still stranded by flooding.

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/us/DailyNews/floyd990919.html>

READERS SHARE STORM STORIES

Thanks to all who wrote in to share their storm stories. Click here to read how some ABCNEWS.com readers rode out Hurricane Floyd.

http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/us/DailyNews/floyd_main990917.html

POLITICS

BRADLEY TAKES STRONG STAND ON GAY RIGHTS

In what's become something of a duel with Al Gore for the gay vote, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley tells The Advocate the 1964 Civil Rights Act should be expanded to protect gays and lesbians, and that "Don't ask, Don't tell" doesn't go far enough.

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/politics/DailyNews/bradley091799.html>

BUCHANAN COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR QUILTS

Pat Buchanan's now-ex communications director, Bob Adams, says his former boss' apparent interest in a third-party bid will harm GOP White House hopes.

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/politics/DailyNews/buchanan091799.html>

WORLD

RAISA GORBACHEV DIES

Raisa Gorbachev, wife of the last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, died

today in a German hospital after a battle with leukemia. She was 67.
<http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/world/DailyNews/raisa990920.html>

FIRST TROOPS ARRIVE IN EAST TIMOR

Hundreds of troops and pallet after pallet of supplies flowed into East Timor today, while militiamen who have wreaked havoc over the past two weeks watched in silence.

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/world/DailyNews/Timor990920.html>

B U S I N E S S

WILL IPOS GET HOT AS WEATHER COOLS?

Mark Basham tracks initial public offerings for Standard & Poor's. He'll share his thoughts on the climate for IPOs at this morning's conference call

with analysts. Listen at 8:15 a.m. ET.

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/business/index.html>

HOOKED ON STOCK TRADING

The Internet lets people track their stock portfolios 24 hours a day, and make trades at the click of a computer mouse. One result is a proliferation of stock market junkies obsessed with profiting from stock-price gyrations.

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/business/DailyNews/gamblers990916.html>

T E C H N O L O G Y

SUN SHINES IN NEW MARKETS

Is Scott McNealy's goal in life to crash the gates of the Microsoft empire? If so, his latest moves to drive Sun Microsystems into new markets could be the means to that end.

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/tech/DailyNews/sun990920.html>

S C I E N C E

TIDES MAY FLOW ON EUROPA

The curved lines rolling across the icy surface of Europa could come from the ebb and flow of 100-foot tides beneath the ice.

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/science/DailyNews/europa990917.html>

H E A L T H & L I V I N G

BLOOD SWAP HELPS FIGHT MS

It's not a cure, but doctors at the Mayo Clinic say they have a promising new treatment for the most severe cases of multiple sclerosis. By swapping bad blood for good, they've helped immobile patients get back on their feet again.

http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/living/DailyNews/wnt_ms990917.html

TRAVEL

AA FLIGHT ATTENDANTS REJECT CONTRACT OFFER

American Airlines flight attendants have overwhelmingly rejected a new contract offer from the airline.

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/travel/DailyNews/aapilots990917.html>

SPORTS

FLUTIE, BILLS DROP JETS TO 0-2 START

Doug Flutie did a little of everything in leading the Buffalo Bills (1-1)

to

a 17-3 win over the New York Jets on Sunday night, pushing the team favored to compete for the AFC title into an 0-2 hole.

<http://espn.go.com/nfl/1999/990919/recap/nyjbuf.html>

ENTERTAINMENT

'BLUE STREAK' TOPS 'GAME' AT BOX OFFICE

Martin Lawrence's new buddy cop comedy was a hot ticket at the nation's cinemas over the weekend, while Kevin Costner's "For Love of the Game" finished a distant second.

http://mrshowbiz.go.com/news/Todays_Stories/990919/boxoffice091999.html

ABC NEWS ON TV

JOHN STOSSEL: IS AMERICA # ONE?

What are the factors that make America a rich, powerful country? ABCNEWS'

John Stossel reports that of all the factors that contribute to the success of a nation -- climate, geography and luck -- nothing matters as much as economic and cultural liberty.

http://www.abcnews.go.com/onair/ABCNEWSSpecials/stossel990919_usa1.html

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"Gay Politics: Online & With an Edge"

September 22, 1999

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1. Did Barney 'Gore' Bradley?
2. Does AOL care about gay privacy?
3. Gay priest hounded by sex-crazed heteros
4. Son of shrub: There he goes again
5. Even your friends think you're a loser
6. Shepard murder accomplice trial date set
7. Shepard anniversary - what should we do?

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1. BARNEY FRANK CRITICIZES BRADLEY'S PRO-GAY STANCE

This week Democratic Presidential candidate Bill Bradley came out and said he supports amending the federal Civil Rights Act to protect gays from housing and employment discrimination, that he wants to lift the ban on gays in the military, and that he opposes the anti-gay Knight initiative in California. The gay news site Datalounge said "Bradley's Civil Rights Act proposal was the boldest any presidential candidate has made on the subject of gay civil rights". And how did gay and civil rights leaders respond to this historic event? They publicly criticized Bradley.

* Headline of the Datalounge Web site: "Frank Knocks Bradley on Amending Civil Rights Act"

* Headline of the Advocate Web site: "Frank calls Bradley's comments on ENDA in Advocate interview
?incorrect ? ?

What did they say exactly?

BARNEY FRANK

- Bradley was "well-intentioned but very incorrect"...in suggesting the Civil Rights Act

needed to be amended.

- "I admire his instinct...But he is mistaken about the way to do it. What Bill Bradley has proposed ignores the very careful legislative work we've been doing. I wish he had checked with us."

- Linking gay rights to the Civil Rights Act would feed into the conservative Republican argument that gays are "looking for quotas, looking for special rights," Frank said.

- Frank also criticized Bradley's linking gay rights to the discrimination blacks have suffered.

US CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION CHAIRWOMAN MARY FRANCES BERRY:

- Attacked the idea as "naive."

Now, call me "na?ve", but when a serious presidential candidate comes out and supports the gay community - further than V.P. Gore, I might add, who hasn't said boo about housing discrimination or lifting the ban - what could possibly possess us to help make this story a "scandal"? Even if it's a bad idea strategically to amend the Civil Rights Act, is the appropriate response to make the guy look stupid in public? If I were Bradley, or any other future candidate, I might take this as a lesson that supporting gay rights will only get you in hot water.

What do you think? Why not visit my Matthew Shepard Online Resources bulletin board -

<http://www.wiredstrategies.com/wwwboard> - and leave your comments about the Bradley Imbroglio - was the criticism of Bradley valid, or did Barney et. al. go too far.

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2. DOES AOL CARE ABOUT GAY PRIVACY

Imagine my surprise last week when no less than Newsweek reported on my never-ending privacy battle with America Online

(http://newsweek.com/nw-srv/issue/12_99b/printed/us/st/sr0812_1.htm).

As you'll recall, someone broke into my AOL account, enabling them to link me by name to all five of my screen names, and when I contacted AOL asking for them to investigate a serious violation of this gay subscriber's privacy, they not only refused to believe me (even though I had definitive proof), but instead they accused me - in writing, no less - of possible "criminal activity" because the jerk who stole my account apparently may have used it to trade in pirated software. Coincidentally, this all arose within hours of my issuing a press release

criticizing AOL for booting a gay man out of a chat room for asking a question about safe sex (you can read about that at <http://www.wiredstrategies.com/aids.html>)

After the intervention of you, the Associated Press, and a Member of Congress, I finally got a call from AOL's head of corporate communications, David Eisner. And while Eisner promised me - PROMISED ME - that I would soon be receiving a letter explaining that AOL would clear up my record, implement new policies to investigate reports of privacy violations "every time", and permit members to challenge and correct faulty information in their permanent AOL records, have I seen boo yet from AOL? Nope. It's been exactly six weeks now since that little promise, and repeated calls to Eisner's office get me only a voice mail or a secretary. With the US Senate and the American media on my side, I still can't get AOL to keep even one simple promise.

It's beginning to look like America Online has more important things on its plate than the privacy of its gay subscribers.

(Read more about what AOL did to me here: <http://www.wiredstrategies.com/mugged.html> - and stay tuned, I think it might be time for a new Web site to monitor and chronicle anti-gay actions by AOL, ranging from their destroying the 18-year career of decorated sailor Timothy McVeigh, to the scandal over their anti-gay thesaurus, to their stand against safe-sex speech, to their refusal to help gay subscribers who suffer privacy violations. At the rate things are going, it'll be a pretty large site.)



3. SEX-CRAZED HETEROS HOUND GAY PRIEST IN ENGLAND

According to the September 15, 1999 Electronic Telegraph, "The Rev Patrick Coombs, 34, fled the vicarage in the middle of the night after more than a year of threats, abuse and vandalism. Problems arose when he decided to make a moral stand about the Family Social Club, which had been run at St Cuthbert's Church, in Fir Vale, north Sheffield, for 17 years. Mr Coombs closed it down because he felt it had become a major centre for after-hours drinking and a place where children were left until late at night. Regulars from the club openly taunted him about his sexuality and tied placards to the church railings demanding: 'Open Our Club, Gay Boy.' . . . Mr Heafield said there had been reports of a fight in the 400-member licensed club, where one person lost

an eye. Condoms and empty bottles had often been found outside the club."

Now who's for family values?



4. THERE HE GOES AGAIN

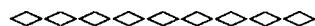
The latest report from the Associated Press, September 14, 1999, has Bush's staff commenting that:

"Governor Bush believes marriage is between a man and a woman and therefore does not believe in gay marriages," the statement said. He also opposed adoption by gay couples because "he believes children ought to be adopted in families with a man and woman who are married."

Bush told the newsletter that he believes the New Jersey Supreme Court "was wrong" when it struck down the Boy Scouts' ban on gays in the organization.

"He believes the Boy Scouts is a private organization and they should be able to set their own standards," Bush's statement said.

Can't get married, can't have kids, don't deserve hate crimes protections, and God forbid they join the Scouts. I for one am wondering about the governor's position on gay breathing?

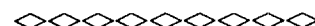


5. EVEN YOUR FRIENDS THINK YOU'RE A LOSER

According to a release from the Steve Forbes for President camp, "Charles Jarvis has resigned his position as Gary Bauer's National Campaign Chairman and today endorsed Steve Forbes for President."

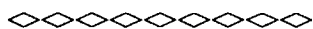
You'll recall that Bauer is head of the fringe-right and virulently anti-gay Family Research Council. Funny that Bauer's campaign is floundering so. He's always telling us he represents millions upon millions of family-values loving Christians, yet he can't even get extreme-right fundamentalists to support him over Forbes. Time to put a big "L" on that man's forehead.

Read more about Bauer and company's anti-gay positions at
<http://www.wiredstrategies.com/hate.html>



6. SHEPARD MURDER ACCOMPLICE TRIAL DATE SET

According to the September 17, 1999, Associated Press, Kristen LeAnn Price, 19 - former girlfriend of Aaron James McKinney, 22, one of two men charged with murdering Matthew Shepard - was charged with accessory after the fact to first-degree murder and is to go on trial Jan. 3, 2000. Price faces up to three years in prison and a fine of \$3,000. As for the others, McKinney is charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping and aggravated robbery, and his trial is scheduled for October 11 - he faces the death penalty if convicted. Russell Arthur Henderson, 21, pleaded guilty in April to felony murder and kidnapping, and received two consecutive life sentences. Henderson's former girlfriend, Chasity Vera Pasley, 20, pleaded guilty in December to accessory after the fact to first-degree murder, and was sentenced in May to 15-24 months in prison.



7. SHEPARD ANNIVERSARY - WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

With the one-year anniversary of the attack on Matt, and his subsequent death, quickly approaching, the question has arisen as to what we should do to commemorate all of this. A number of people are already planning vigils, but I thought I would throw the question to all of you. Last year we have over 70 vigils planned nationwide, and I'd like to see something as significant happen this year. Not only is it the one year anniversary of Matt's death, but it's also the beginning of the trial. This is a perfect time to show our anger and sadness, and also to make a political statement against anti-gay hate. If you have any suggestions, please feel free, again, to post them to my bulletin board at <http://www.wiredstrategies.com/wwwboard> - as you may know, a lot of the vigils were planned on the board last year, and I'd love to assist again this year. Thanks.

PS In response to my recent report on Mrs. Shepard's comments at the National Lesbian and Gay Journalist Association's conference in Atlanta, many of you asked for Mrs. Shepard's email address. She can be contacted at:
<mailto:matthewshepard@wyoming.com>

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<http://www.wiredstrategies.com/hitler.html>
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- * Sandals Resorts & Anti-gay Sweepstakes -
<http://www.wiredstrategies.com/resort.html>

"In Germany, the Nazis first came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, but I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time there was no one left to speak up for me."

- Martin Niemoeller, Berlin Lutheran pastor arrested by the Gestapo and sent to Dachau concentration camp in 1938; the Allied forces freed him seven years later.

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Dear DataLounge:

The American presidential election may be a year away, but gay rights issues were out in front of the national campaign this week. Democratic contenders Bill Bradley and Vice president Al Gore both came out against the anti-gay Knight initiative in California, though stressing their absolute opposition to same-sex marriage all the while.

Bradley also strongly criticized Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy governing gay service in the military, though Gore was predictably mute on this subject.

Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican front-runner, told the publisher of an anti-gay newsletter in Iowa that he opposed gay marriage, gay adoption and the recent New Jersey Supreme Court ruling on the Boy Scouts. Positions trumpeted by other GOP contenders except for Elizabeth Dole and John McCain.

Read more about it in this week's news summary.

NEW SURVEY

Sometimes just bringing up a controversial subject within the community stirs accusations of making trouble and rabble-rousing. New DataLounge survey questions this week on user perceptions of sado-masochism, its perceived origins and the impression it leaves on non-participants has provoked a quick response from members of the community. Add your voice to the debate.

<http://www.datalounge.com/templates/news/survey.html?record=3934>

VIRTUAL PRIDE

It's almost that time! The Grand Prize winner of the 1999 DataLounge Virtual Pride Contest is to be announced next week. We've got another surprise up our collective sleeve so prepare yourself. And if you haven't taken a tour of Pride submissions in a while, stop in and take a look.

There are more photos posted now than ever!

<http://www.virtualpride.com>

GOSSIP

Take a tour through a week's worth of snide asides and dirty dishes (Relax! You're soaking in it!) with our five-days o' gossip round-up. We've touched

on everyone this week from Matt Drudge to Liz Taylor and the very many (very, very many) people who fall somewhere in between. Go ahead. Jump in. <http://www.datalounge.com/templates/gossip/index.html>

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<http://www.gfn.com/index.cfm?from=Datalounge1000>

THE WEEK'S TOP STORIES:

Frank Knocks Bradley on Amending Civil Rights Act

Barney Frank says Democratic presidential contender is "well intentioned" but wrong to open landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act to gays.

<http://www.datalounge.com/templates/news/record.html?record=3936>

Bradley and Gore Go on the Record for Gay Rights

Effort to get the gay vote sewn up may prove much harder than making a few campaign pledges.

<http://www.datalounge.com/templates/news/record.html?record=3929>

Bradley Expands Remarks on Gays in the Military

Says that the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy on gays has failed

and should be withdrawn.

<http://www.datalounge.com/templates/news/record.html?record=3930>

Bush Provides Details on Anti-Gay Views

Asked his feelings on the Boy Scouts decision, gay marriage and gay adoption, Bush says he's against all of it.

<http://www.datalounge.com/templates/news/record.html?record=3922>

Republicans Angered Over Buchanan Threat

Buchanan's threat to leave the GOP for the Reform Party angers GOP faithful who fear net loss for Bush.

<http://www.datalounge.com/templates/news/record.html?record=3921>

ACLU Files Bias Suit Against Indiana Judges

Two judges are accused of anti-gay bias in refusing the promotion of a lesbian probation officer.

<http://www.datalounge.com/templates/news/record.html?record=3938>

Second Creech Trial Inches Forward

Bishop Martinez expected to announce decision on new trial this week.

<http://www.datalounge.com/templates/news/record.html?record=3939>

Decision Made to Return Dell to Congregation

July 2000 date set for minister's return to his pulpit, but suspension is likely to be reimposed.

<http://www.datalounge.com/templates/news/record.html?record=3931>

Baptists Move to Oust Pro-Gay Church

Oakhurst Baptist's long liberal tradition called "out of harmony and cooperation" with Georgia Baptist Convention.

<http://www.datalounge.com/templates/news/record.html?record=3923>

Scottish Anglicans Debate Role of Gays in Church

Debate once again pits the liberal Bishop of Edinburgh against the forces of conservatism in Britain and abroad.

<http://www.datalounge.com/templates/news/record.html?record=3937>

Shepard Accomplice Faces Jan. 2000 Trial

Lee Ann Price will be the last person tried in connection with the case.

<http://www.datalounge.com/templates/news/record.html?record=3932>

At the Data Lounge, we believe that staying informed is the best way for the lesbian and gay community to maintain its sense of commonality, advance its goals, and protect its interests. As an added service to our users, the Data Lounge provides weekly summaries of the most important lesbian and gay news from across the nation and around the world. Full text treatments are available in the news section of the Data Lounge (<http://www.datalounge.com>).

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<http://www.planetout.com/news/article.html?1999/09/26/3>

Clinton's Gay Liaison Resigns

NewsPlanet Staff

Sunday, September 26, 1999 / 09:35 AM

SUMMARY: Richard Socarides will leave the White House earlier than expected to take a juicy New York consulting job (where he can campaign for Hillary).

Open gay Richard Socarides, President Bill Clinton's liaison to the gay and lesbian community since 1996, announced September 22 that he's resigning his post as of October 15. Although Socarides had intended to finish out Clinton's term in his post as a special assistant to the President, he received a job offer he felt he couldn't refuse, and on October 18 he will begin providing communications consultation to major media companies as a senior vice president with New York City-based Robinson, Lerer & Montgomery. Socarides intends to continue in politics as a volunteer for the campaigns of Vice President Al Gore for President and Hillary Rodham Clinton for U.S. Senator from New York. No White House replacement has yet been named.

Most lobbyists for lesbigay and AIDS organizations feel Socarides did

an excellent job in his role, not only building working relationships between the White House and the community, but also advocating for the community within the administration on issues including civil rights and hate crimes. Socarides was Clinton's second liaison to gays and lesbians, following Marsha Scott in a role created in the wake of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military policy debacle. An attorney, Socarides had previously held a job in the Department of Labor as its liaison to the administration.

Ironically, Socarides is the son of psychiatrist Dr. Charles Socarides, a leading advocate of therapies purporting to change homosexual orientation to heterosexual.

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