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Retaliation denied in sex harass cases

Army says women who complain aren't branded as lesbians

Eric Rosenberg

EXAMINER WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON - Female soldiers who file sexual harassment complaints in most

cases are not accused of being lesbians in retaliation, Army Maj. Gen.

Richard Siegfried has told Congress.

"We don't have women cowering in fear of being branded lesbian; it's just

not there," said Siegfried, who based the conclusion on eight months of investigation into sexual harassment in the Army.

"We did not find it to be a problem; it came up in three focus groups

out
of 200," he said after testifying Wednesday before a House subcommittee on
military personnel.

Both male and female troops often are isolated after reporting
harassment,
he said. "The bigger problem is that when you step forward, people don't
like
it - you're not being a team player."

Soldiers accused of homosexuality often become the focus of
investigations
and may be discharged from the military if they are found to have violated
the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays.

Rep. Jane Harman, D-Rancho Palos Verdes, who is helping run a
congressional investigation into sexual harassment in the military, said
this
form of retaliation against women might occur more frequently than
Siegfried
contended.

"I think we need to do more work on it," she said. "There are statistics
around that say the incidents are higher. I am concerned that unfounded
allegations of homosexual orientation are killing the system."

Harman was referring to anecdotal evidence compiled by the
Servicemembers
Legal Defense Network, a vocal gay rights legal group that says female
troops
frequently are accused of being lesbian in retaliation for rebuffing sexual
advances or for reporting sexual abuse.

Siegfried headed a seven-member panel on sexual harassment in the Army. The panel's report, released in September, concluded that "widespread sexual harassment exists throughout the Army, crossing gender, rank and racial lines."

C. Dixon Osburn, co-executive director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network in Washington, D.C., later said Siegfried's statement was "completely inaccurate." Osburn said his group regularly represented women who were accused by male colleagues of being lesbian after rebuffing advances. In 1996 alone, he said, the group represented about 77 female GIs who fell into this category.

"It's a well-documented dynamic," said Michelle Benecke, the co-director of the network.

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WASHINGTON (Reuter) - The Supreme Court Monday rejected a legal challenge to President Clinton's ``don't ask, don't tell" policy that allows gays to be discharged from the military.

The action marked the third time in the past year the high court has refused to get involved in the legal battles over the policy, which took effect after Congress adopted a law in 1993 relaxing the military's 50-year ban on gays.

Under the compromise reached between Congress and the Clinton administration, the military cannot question members or recruits about their sexual orientation, but overt homosexual acts or statements can lead to discharge.

The law allowed for openly gay members to remain in the

military only if they show they have not engaged in, have not attempted to engage in, do not intend to engage in and do not "have a propensity" to engage in homosexual acts.

The case involved Richard Richenberg, who joined the Air Force in 1985. He became a highly decorated officer, rising to the rank of captain and flying a number of combat missions during the Gulf War.

Richenberg told his commanding officer in 1993 that he was gay. At a later hearing, he testified that he had not engaged in any "prohibited conduct" in the past and would not do so in the future, but admitted he was attracted to men.

The Air Force recommended that he be discharged. A federal judge in Nebraska and then a U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the decision, rejecting Richenberg's arguments that the policy violated his constitutional rights.

In his Supreme Court appeal, Richenberg said the policy constituted an impermissibly broad, content-based restriction on speech in violation of the First Amendment.

"Government sanctioned bigotry and prejudice in the military should be unconstitutional," he said.

But the Supreme Court sided with the Justice Department, denying his appeal without any comment or dissent.

The court also denied an appeal by a conservative, non-profit citizens' group seeking access to President Clinton's videotaped testimony at the trial of his Whitewater business partners.

The group Citizens United had requested the unedited

videotape of Clinton's testimony last year in the trial in which his two former business partners and his successor as governor of Arkansas were convicted of conspiracy and fraud.

Clinton, who was not accused of any wrongdoing, was subpoenaed as a defense witness for James and Susan McDougal, the onetime Whitewater real estate partners of the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The McDougals were convicted of conspiracy and fraud in May 1996 in a Little Rock trial in which Clinton testified on videotape as a defense witness. The trial also resulted in the conviction of then-Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker.

The trial judge refused to release the videotape of the questioning, but ordered that the full printed transcript of Clinton's testimony be made public.

Citizens United and several news organizations, including the major television networks, appealed. But a U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the judge's decision.

Only Citizens United, a group based in Fairfax, Virginia, that described itself as playing a "crucial role in providing the public with information regarding the Whitewater scandal," appealed to the Supreme Court.

"The primary issue presented in this case is the public's right to judicial records, which always have been and must continue to be public information, especially when they concern the nation's highest elected official," the group said.

It argued in the appeal that the American public has the right "to see, hear and evaluate" Clinton's testimony.

But the justices rejected the appeal without comment or dissent.

The court also let stand Paul Hill's conviction and death sentence for the 1994 murders of a doctor and his escort outside an abortion clinic in Pensacola, Fla.

The court rejected an appeal by Hill, a former minister and a militant opponent of abortion who was convicted of gunning down Dr. John Britton, 69, and his escort, James Barrett, 74, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel.

The shootings took place on the morning of July 29, 1994 as Britton arrived to perform abortions. Barrett had picked up Britton at the airport with his wife and drove him to the clinic. June Barrett also was wounded in the attack.

Without comment or dissent, the justices declined to review the state Supreme Court's ruling in November that upheld Hill's conviction and his sentence of death to be carried out in Florida's electric chair.

Hill's lawyer argued in the appeal that the trial judge had erred in allowing Hill to represent himself and in barring him from using justifiable homicide as a defense.

During his trial, Hill presented no evidence in his defense. Hill sought to justify the killings on the grounds they were necessary to protect the lives of unborn children.

Hill's court-appointed lawyer, Roger Frechette, said Hill's constitutional rights to counsel had been violated because the judge failed to inquire if Hill had any knowledge of how to present his justifiable homicide defense.

He said Hill did not ask any questions of prospective jurors, did not make opening or closing arguments, failed to cross-examine any witnesses, did not object to any exhibits and made only a ``meaningless 67-word comment" at the trial's end.

``Hill did not receive justice in this case; Hill was not afforded his constitutional rights, and no man should die under these constitutional deprivations," Frechette said. He has proceeded with the appeal despite Hill's opposition.

Florida Attorney General Robert Butterworth urged the Supreme Court to deny the appeal, both on procedural grounds and on the merits.

On another issue, the court affirmed a ruling that struck down as unconstitutional a congressional district in New York

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ASSOCIATED PRESS, October 6, 1997

Don't Ask, Don't Tell Policy Stands

By RICHARD CARELLI

WASHINGTON (AP) - For the third time in a year, the Supreme Court
today
turned away a challenge to the Clinton administration's ``don't ask, don't
tell" policy on homosexuals in the military.

The justices, without comment, refused to revive a lawsuit by Richard

Richenberg Jr., a former Air Force captain.

Richenberg said the policy violates his free-speech rights and fosters government ``discrimination and bigotry."

The policy states that members of, and applicants for, the military will not be asked or required to reveal their sexual orientation.

Members of the military are discharged for homosexual conduct, and a service member's acknowledgment of homosexuality creates a presumption that the he or she is engaging in homosexual acts or has a propensity or intent to do so, according to the policy.

To avoid being discharged, the acknowledged homosexual must prove he or she is not engaging in, nor intends to engage in, any homosexual act while in the military.

Richenberg entered the Air Force in 1985. After he served in the Gulf War, he began training for special service in Saudi Arabia. While in training, Richenberg disclosed his homosexuality to his commanding officer.

The Air Force canceled his Saudi Arabian mission and reassigned him to Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, where discharge proceedings were begun.

Richenberg was given an honorable discharge in 1995.

He sued the Air Force, but a federal trial judge and the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against him.

``We find no constitutional infirmity in the ... military policy," a three-judge panel of the appeals court ruled by a 2-1 vote last year.

In the appeal acted on today, lawyers for Richenberg argued that the policy is based on prejudice.

“The real objective ... is to inhibit members from telling anyone that they are gay and to guard against the negative reaction that might be engendered if anyone expressly discloses that he or she is homosexual,” they said.

The case is Richenberg vs. Cohen, 96-1648.

ASSOCIATED PRESS, October 6, 1997

Newspaper Allowed To Bar Activism

By RICHARD CARELLI

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court today left intact a ruling that lets newspapers in Washington state bar their reporters from political activism even though a state law prohibits such censorship by most other employers.

The court, without comment, rejected an appeal by Sandra Nelson, who was transferred from her reporting job with The News Tribune in Tacoma, Wash., after refusing to stop her gay-rights efforts and other political activities while not working.

The Washington Supreme Court last May upheld the newspaper's authority to reassign Nelson, ruling that the paper enjoys a free-press exemption from a state employment-discrimination law.

The case, testing the scope of a news organization's right to protect its credibility by controlling the off-duty conduct of its editorial employees, has drawn national attention from journalism, labor and gay-rights groups.

From 1983 to 1990, Nelson worked as a reporter for The News Tribune, covering the city's schools and educational issues. Throughout that period, she spent much of her non-working time serving as a political activist.

Her causes included gay and lesbian civil rights and abortion rights. She also is a member of the Freedom Socialist Party.

In 1989, Nelson helped found a group dedicated to preserving a city ordinance that prohibited housing and employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

After city voters repealed the ordinance in a 1989 election, Nelson visibly promoted a ballot initiative to restore it.

In the summer of 1990, The News Tribune transferred Nelson from her reporting job to one as an editor because of her active involvement in the ballot-initiative drive.

After the election that November, Nelson was told her transfer would be permanent unless she would promise to refrain from her political activities.

She refused to make such a promise, and in 1993 she sued McClatchy Newspapers, which publishes The News Tribune.

Nelson's lawsuit invoked a 1992 state law that bars employers from discriminating against employees based on their off-duty political

activities.

A state trial judge threw out Nelson's lawsuit, and Washington's highest court upheld that ruling by a 7-2 vote.

The state court said a "fundamental goal" of a newspaper is "to appear objective in the eyes of its readers."

"Editorial integrity and credibility are core objectives of editorial control and thus merit protection under the free-press clauses (of the state and federal constitutions)," the state court concluded.

The two dissenters said newspapers should not have such free-press immunity "absent a showing of interference with the newspaper's right to determine what to print."

"Absent a showing of bias in Ms. Nelson's work, and a consequent interference with The News Tribune's right to editorial control ... the newspaper cannot claim First Amendment immunity here," the state court's dissenters said.

In the appeal acted on today, lawyers for Nelson argued that the newspaper wrongly has been granted the right to interfere with her legally protected off-duty political conduct because it "may cause some unknown hypothetical reader to react adversely."

The appeal noted that the newspaper "never received any complaints relating to Nelson's political activities."

"Prior to this case, no court has ever held that (the Constitution) allowed a newspaper to dictate the off-duty conduct of its employees, or that a newspaper was immune from the application of general employment

anti-discrimination laws."

The appeal was supported in a friend-of-the-court brief submitted by
The Newspaper Guild-CWA union.

Lawyers for McClatchy Newspapers urged the justices to reject
Nelson's
appeal.

"A newspaper's editorial discretion extends not just to what the
newspaper says, but to who may say it," they contended.

The publisher's response added: "The News Tribune, like most major
newspapers, seeks to protect the credibility in the objectivity of its news
reporting by requiring that news reporters not engage in political
activism.

"News reporting is credible only as long as it is perceived as
objective and unbiased, and credibility is central to a newspaper's
ultimate
product."

The case is Nelson vs. McClatchy Newspapers, 97-187.

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Straight Angle

Ownership of New Gay Newspaper Draws Fire

By Howard Kurtz

Washington Post Staff Writer

When the Washington Blade announced plans to launch a gay newspaper in

New

York, it sounded like welcome news for the nation's largest gay community.

But some New Yorkers have greeted the venture with a Bronx cheer. There is

grumbling that the Blade is teaming up with News Communications, a Manhattan-based firm whose chief executive, Wilbur Ross, oversees the Hill, the Capitol Hill paper, and nearly two dozen weeklies in the New York area.

In other words, can straight corporate owners do justice to gay journalism?

"I'm concerned the Blade is in bed, so to speak, with someone whose work is really questionable," said Larry Kramer, the playwright and gay activist.

"I don't understand what the Blade is doing. They want a timid piece of toilet paper that people can wrap their old fish in. I don't think the gay community will have an interest in it at all."

Said Troy Masters, publisher of LGNY, a gay biweekly in New York: "There is a concern any time a corporation comes in with big money and says it's going to set the terms of debate in a community. This is about selling ads .

. . [and] corporatizing gay culture."

Pretty rough stuff for a newspaper that won't even print its debut issue until later this month. But Don Michaels, publisher of both the Washington Blade and the New York Blade News, dismissed the carping as insignificant.

"The gay community has moved beyond the point of disdaining alliances with

the mainstream community," he said from Manhattan.

Michaels said the New York paper, like its Beltway counterpart, would

not

be an advocacy publication. "We follow the objective journalist style of reporting," he said. "There's a lot of news to cover [in New York] that isn't

being covered. There's not even a paper here that does obits of the common gay person on the street. Nobody here is covering city hall on a regular basis as far as stories with gay angles. We have a deadline mentality."

The 45,000-circulation Washington Blade is an employee-owned paper, with Michaels the majority stockholder. The New York version will be owned 50-50 by Blade people, who will have editorial control, and News Communications, which will focus on production and distribution. The Blade News plans a giveaway circulation of 50,000.

As for those who insist such ventures should be owned exclusively by gays, Michaels said: "So what? A paper like this has been needed in New York for a long time."

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Letter: Lasting unions

I was dismayed to read of Davidson County commissioner Larry Potts' lack of acceptance of gay marriages.

;;; As a heterosexual and married woman, I think we have a shortage of both families and communities where children can be raised in a secure environment.

;;; I believe that any desire to form a lasting union ought to be applauded instead of discounted.

;;; I don't understand how Mr. Potts, as a Christian, can turn away his neighbor.

-- SUSAN DEITZ, Durham

Letter: Gay-friendly religious group

While we greatly appreciated the thorough and relatively balanced coverage given to the Davidson County Commission's legal codification of heterosexual supremacy, we were disappointed by the one-sidedness of the religious views. You mentioned Commissioner Potts' 10 Bibles, talked about an affront to conservative religious beliefs, quoted Rev. Coy Privette on how "committed Christians and Jews won't surrender," and listed such quasi-religious organizations as the American Family Association and the Christian Coalition in your list of references.

;;; You limited your discussion of social acceptance of sexual minorities to legal protection, partnership benefits and TV roles.

;;; Truly balanced coverage would have included some discussion of the debate among people of faith over this issue, the growing acceptance of sexual minorities in our houses of worship, and the listing of at least one

gay-friendly religious organization.

;;; We suggest your readers visit our extensive Web site at

<http://www.libertynet.org/~iwg/> if they want "To Learn More." They will find

that there are committed Christians, Jews and other people of faith who support the legal and religious recognition of the equality of sexual minorities.

-- BARBARA PURDOM and CHRISTOPHER PURDOM,
Coordinators, Interfaith Working Group, Philadelphia, Pa.
(iwg@libertynet.org)

Letter: Defining family the key

You said it correctly when you asked for "your thoughts about family values and gay rights."

;;; It is written: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."

;;; When a "man" chooses his way it is ever changing -- just as a definition

of a word. How did Webster define "family" 100 years ago? What about 30 years

ago? Today? What of the word "gay"? Don't believe me, please, look it up.

;;; Without a "standard," the truth, something that will never change, man creates his own definitions, his own "truth."

;;; Red becomes blue, it become redefined, but does that make it true?

;;; If a gay family (same-sex partners) is natural, what is the result of the union? One man and one woman make a child. There is no way to redefine

that.

;;; The truth is there, as long as we have breath, we can find it.

;;; What are my thoughts on family values? It depends on your definition of family.

-- JOHN M. BALOG, Raleigh

Letter: God has already judged

Regarding the articles on family values Sunday, Sept. 14, a headline asks "Who is to judge?" No one is to judge since God has already judged, according to Romans 1:21-27 and this judgment gave birth to homosexuality.

In the innocence and order of creation, every living thing reproduced after its own kind.

;;; Lisa Morpew writes much about the family, but fails to recognize that this institution was also originated by God. She writes about the "visionaries who crafted our ideals into our constitution" without acknowledging these visionaries were men of God who never gave her the right to force society to accept her perverted lifestyle as normal.

;;; Homosexual activists are now calling this a civil rights issue and quote statements from Dr. Martin Luther King. The Defense of Marriage Act that passed overwhelmingly by Congress a year ago is being challenged by powerful and well-financed legal groups.

;;; Sen. Ted Kennedy has vowed to push ENDA (Employment Nondiscrimination Act) through Congress this year. This could force Christian bookstores, schools and churches to hire homosexuals. ENDA failed by one vote last year.

;;; Every day I pray for revival in our country. Should our nation ever humble itself and turn to God, this and other problems would begin to fade.

-- EVELYN HOLLAND, Cary

Letter: Hope for gay teens

In Lisa Morpew's article, "Gays also love, honor and cherish," she stated: "Today one out of three teen suicides is a gay or lesbian youth. We are asking each person to speak out to help save gay and lesbian youths. We are asking that each citizen initiate training in tolerance, inclusion, building bridges and celebrating diversity in the schools, churches and civic groups and that homosexuality be included in that diversity."

;;; To initiate training in tolerance and inclusion and to celebrate this type of diversity is to send the message of condoning unnatural and unacceptable behavior. Too many people have been set free from homosexuality for teenagers to believe they are locked in this perversion forever.

;;; ; How sad for them that deception caused them to be so desperate as to choose suicide for escape when they could be helped by such groups as Exodus International. Peace with God could be such a stabilizing force in these young lives.

; ; ; ; A better suggestion for schools, civic groups and churches is to find
ways to convey truth, which will not be found to any great extent in the
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U.S. Front Page Stories

- *** Clinton tries to weather coffee tapes storm

The White House Monday battened down the hatches against a storm of partisan criticism over videotapes showing campaign contributors attending coffee meetings with President Clinton at the White House. Clinton ignored two questions about the issue as he returned to the White House Monday morning. Lanny Davis, Clinton's spokesman on the controversies surrounding fund raising for the 1996 election, would

discuss the videos at showings later Monday afternoon, the White House said. The videotapes were released by the White House to congressional investigators Saturday and to the media a day later.

Full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5300671-310>

*** Neurologist says Nobel prize supports 'mad cow' work

American neurologist Stanley Prusiner, awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine Monday, said the prize added great weight to his theory that tiny proteins cause mad cow disease and its human equivalent.

Prusiner discovered and named the prion, the usually benign brain protein that mutates into a new form blamed for causing the brain-wasting illness Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) and its cousin, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE or mad cow disease). Prusiner's work provided an explanation for the epidemic of mad cow disease. For the full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5299881-291>

*** FBI nabs three for spying for East Germany

The FBI has arrested three people on charges of spying for East Germany in the 1970s and 1980s, the Justice Department said Monday.

According to a criminal complaint filed in the case, one of the them, union official Kurt Alan Stand, raised funds for the Democratic Socialists of America in the 1980s, while his wife Theresa Squillacote complained to a South African communist that bourgeois

parliamentary democracy was causing spiritual death. The third person in the case, James Clark, has a longstanding interest in Soviet and East European affairs, the complaint said. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5300657-dcd>

*** Big week for campaign finance reform ahead

A big week looms for campaign finance reform, with crucial votes expected in the Senate and new hearings on alleged abuses by the Clinton administration in both houses of Congress. Legislation that would end the massive, unregulated political contributions of corporations, labor unions and wealthy individuals known as "soft money" looks likely to die in the Senate this week, which analysts say could backfire for Republicans if they "don't play this right." Elsewhere, House hearings are slated to start Wednesday. Full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5298484-289>

*** Rockefeller Foundation names first non-U.S. head

British agricultural ecologist Gordon Conway has been named president of the Rockefeller Foundation, the first non-U.S. citizen appointed to the post. The foundation, established in 1913 by philanthropist and international businessman John D. Rockefeller, said in a statement that current president Peter C. Goldmark Jr. was leaving the foundation at his own request. Conway, 59, vice-chancellor of the University of Sussex in Brighton, England, will become the foundation's 12th president on April 1, 1998. For the full text

story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5300218-dd4>

Crime and Catastrophe

*** Two sought in slaying of 5 people in N.C.

Police were searching Monday for two men suspected in the shooting deaths of five people at a residence used by farm workers. The killings occurred about 10 p.m. Sunday near Mangum, a small town about 50 miles east of Charlotte, N.C., said Capt Kathy Nichols of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. The five men, in their late 20s or early 30s, were shot to death at a building used as a dormitory by farm workers in an area known for tobacco and cotton.

Full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5296731-798>

*** Guard, millions in cash missing in North Carolina

Authorities were searching Monday for a missing security guard and as much as \$15 million taken from an armored car company in North Carolina. It could rank as one of the largest heists in U.S. history, but the Federal Bureau of Investigation said the \$15 million was only an estimate. David Scott Ghannt, 27, of Kings Mountain, N.C., was reported missing early Sunday and Loomis, Fargo & Co. reported the

theft about two hours later. Local police are treating the theft as a larceny by an employee. But the FBI said it had not ruled out the possibility that Ghannt was a victim. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5299336-ac2>

*** Investigators probing E. coli outbreak in Iowa

An outbreak of food-borne illness in Iowa apparently was caused by E. coli bacteria but the source of the problem has not been identified, the state health department said Monday. About 15 high school aged children in the town of Parkersburg in northeast Iowa began showing signs of the illness more than a week ago, according to the Iowa Department of Public Health. All have recovered, including three who were treated at a hospital. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5301261-75d>

*** Golden Venture suspect appears in U.S. court

The alleged mastermind of a Chinese immigrant smuggling operation appeared in U.S. court Monday, capping a four-year quest to bring him before a judge on charges of smuggling and manslaughter. Lee Peng Fei, 47, pleaded not guilty in Brooklyn Federal Court just days after his extradition from Thailand Friday. On June 6, 1993, a converted freighter, the Golden Venture, ran into a sandbar off the New York City borough of Queens. The ship had traveled from Thailand to Kenya and then to the United States. At least six drowned and four others died when 300 passengers were ordered to swim to shore. Full story,

see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5301664-22f>

*** Puppy causes Missouri fire, barks to the rescue

An unruly puppy set a Columbia, Mo., house on fire by knocking over an oil lamp while playing with the family cat but saved his owners by barking loudly enough to wake them up, investigators said Monday. The smoke detector in the home, where two adults and a young child were sleeping early Saturday morning, was not working because the batteries were dead. The family had left on an oil lamp in the living room where Cody, a 9-month-old beagle, was playing with their cat when they went to bed. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5298945-ad6>

The U.S. Political Scene

*** Clinton vetoes 38 projects worth \$287 million

President Clinton wielded the line-item veto Monday to cancel 38 military construction projects worth \$286.7 million, saying the government must live within its means. The action was only the second time that Clinton has used the veto power, which went into effect in January and allows the president to block special interest tax breaks and cancel spending that he deems unnecessary. In contrast to past presidents who have railed against the "pork barrel" spending that

legislators insert to benefit their own districts, Clinton said many of the projects had merit but the nation simply could not afford them now. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5302160-029>

*** High Court allows New York City redistricting

The Supreme Court Monday affirmed a ruling that struck down as unconstitutional a congressional district in New York City drawn to consist mostly of Hispanics. A panel of three federal judges in February ruled that race and ethnicity had been the predominant factors used in making up the 12th Congressional District. Since the ruling, new boundaries have been drawn to comply with the decision. The district, which stretched from Brooklyn to Queens to a strip of lower Manhattan, was created after the 1990 census with the sole purpose of electing a Hispanic to Congress, according to the ruling. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5297742-829>

*** Supreme Court rejects appeal on Clinton testimony

The Supreme Court denied an appeal Monday by a conservative, non-profit citizens' group seeking access to President Clinton's videotaped testimony at the trial of his Whitewater business partners. The group Citizens United had requested the unedited videotape of Clinton's testimony last year in the trial in which his two former business partners and his successor as governor of Arkansas were convicted of conspiracy and fraud. Clinton, who was not accused of any wrongdoing, was subpoenaed as a defense witness for

since-convicted James and Susan McDougal. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5297689-a37>

The Courts

*** Supreme Court rejects gays-in-military appeal

The Supreme Court rejected Monday a legal challenge to President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy that allows gays to be discharged from the military. The action marked the third time in a year the high court has refused to get involved in the legal battles over the policy, which took effect after Congress adopted a law in 1993 relaxing the military's 50-year ban on gays. Under the compromise reached between Congress and the Clinton administration, the military cannot question members or recruits about their sexual orientation, but overt homosexual acts or statements can lead to discharge. See story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5297831-202>

*** High Court allows clinic shooting conviction

The Supreme Court Monday let stand Paul Hill's conviction and death sentence for the 1994 murders of a doctor and his escort outside an abortion clinic in Pensacola, Fla. The court rejected an appeal by Hill, a former minister and a militant opponent of abortion who was

convicted of gunning down Dr. John Britton, 69, and his escort, James Barrett, 74, in July, 1994. Without comment or dissent, the justices declined to review the state Supreme Court's ruling in November that upheld Hill's conviction and death sentence. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5297652-f8d>

*** Major Colombian drug case goes to Miami jury

One of the biggest cocaine cases to be tried in the United States went to a jury in Miami Monday, five months after the federal court trial began. U.S. District Court Judge William Hoeveler spent several hours over two days charging the jury before deliberations began around midday Monday. The jury was expected to take at least several hours to reach a verdict. The six defendants, one a top Reagan-era Justice Department official, face money laundering, drug trafficking and other charges in connection with Colombia's Cali cocaine cartel. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5300130-5b5>

*** Lawsuit filed for nurse over AIDS case reprimand

A federal lawsuit was filed on behalf of a Connecticut nurse Monday, saying she was unfairly punished for sharing her Christian beliefs with a patient dying of AIDS. Jo Ann Knight, a nurse consultant for the Connecticut Department of Public Health, said state officials violated her free speech rights after she showed "love and compassion" to the patient. The Virginia-based American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) filed the lawsuit on Knight's behalf against

the Connecticut Department of Public Health. The suit sought an unspecified amount of damages, as well as payment of lost wages to Knight. Full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5299693-932>

*** Supreme Court rejects immigration cost appeals

The Supreme Court rejected appeals Monday by California and Arizona seeking billions of dollars in reimbursement from the federal government for the costs of illegal immigration. The justices let stand a U.S. appeals court ruling that dismissed lawsuits by the two states against the federal government on the grounds that the dispute involved political questions outside the jurisdiction of the legal system. California sued the federal government in 1994 for its costs of education, medical care and imprisonment of illegal immigrants.

See story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5297765-53b>

*** U.S. High Court allows university graduation prayer

The Supreme Court Monday allowed prayers at a public university's graduation ceremony but rejected the appeal of a woman who was fired for mailing religious letters to other employees. Acting in two separate cases, the justices let stand a ruling permitting Indiana University in Bloomington to include an invocation and benediction as part of its official commencement ceremony. In the second case, the high court rejected an appeal by Charita Chalmers, a devout Baptist

who in 1993 was fired from her job in Richmond, Va., for sending personal religious letters to other workers. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5297817-cd>

U.S. Business and Financial News

*** Occidental to buy U.S. oil reserve

Occidental Petroleum Corp. has agreed to buy the Department of Energy's 78 percent stake in the Elk Hills Naval Petroleum Reserve, near Bakersfield, Calif. The sale price is \$3.65 billion, making it the largest privatization in the history of the U.S. government. Occidental was the high bidder in a two-year privatization process mandated by Congress. Chevron USA controls the remaining 22 percent of the reserve. (USA Today)

*** U.S. stocks push higher as oil jitters subside

U.S. stocks pushed higher Monday after last week's jitters over heightened tensions between Iran and Iraq subsided and investors turned their focus to upcoming third quarter earnings. The Dow ended up 62 points to 8100, its fourth-consecutive gain. Big Board advances led declines 17 to 10 on volume of nearly 500 million shares. Worries that higher oil prices would heat up inflation also eased Monday as crude prices gave back much of Friday's sharp gains. An upturn in

inflation-sensitive bonds supported stocks' rally. The benchmark 30-year Treasury was up 14/32, its yield dropping to 6.26 percent from Friday's close at 6.29 percent. In the broader markets, the S&P 500 picked up eight points to close at 973 while the tech heavy Nasdaq rose six to 1722. Dollar/mark closed at 1.7577, off slightly from 1.7589 at the open and dollar/yen was unchanged at 121.93.

*** FedEx to buy Caliber System for \$2.4B

Federal Express said it is buying the trucking company Caliber System Inc. for about \$2.4 billion in stock. The deal expands FedEx's ability to compete with package delivery rivals like United Parcel Service. Caliber System's subsidiaries include Roadway Package System Inc., which delivers packages between businesses. (USA Today)

*** Ahmanson to buy Coast Savings

H.F. Ahmanson & Co. said it is buying Coast Savings Financial Inc. in a \$900 million stock deal creating the second-largest thrift in the nation. The merger of Ahmanson, parent of Home Savings of America, and Coast, the Los Angeles-based parent of Coast Federal Bank, would also create the third-largest financial institution based in California, with \$56.6 billion in assets. The deal had been rumored for months and comes after Ahmanson's failed hostile bid to acquire Great Western Financial Corp. of Chatsworth. (USA Today)

*** Report: Digital may sell Alpha technology

Intel Corp. reportedly may pay \$1.5 billion to buy the rights to a computer chip it has been accused of stealing. The Wall Street Journal said Digital Equipment Corp. is negotiating the sale of its flagship Alpha chip to Intel. Digital had filed a patent lawsuit claiming Intel stole the Alpha chip's technology in order to build its Pentium line of processors. (WSJ)

*** Daewoo sales plan bypasses dealers

South Korean automaker Daewoo Motor plans to enter the U.S. market next year by selling cars without dealers. Daewoo's plans include selling cars direct from the factory through shopping malls, local storefronts and retailers such as Kmart or Sears. The automaker will use a one-price, no-haggle sales approach similar to General Motors' Saturn division. It also will service the vehicles but may contract with Sears or Pep Boys to provide authorized service. (USA Today)

World Front Page Stories

*** Hamas founder returns home in triumph

Militant Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin returned in triumph to Palestinian-ruled Gaza Monday. Shortly after Yassin arrived in Gaza, Israeli cabinet secretary Danny Naveh said two suspected secret

agents, arrested in Jordan for the attempted murder of another Hamas leader, had been freed and returned to Israel. A spokesman for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel would also release 22 prisoners. Yassin said before his trip home that Hamas would not halt armed operations as long as Israel occupied Palestinian land. Full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5298441-080>

Palestinians hail Yassin as teacher of generation, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5300029-215>

*** Croat war crimes suspects turn themselves in

Ten Bosnian Croat war crimes suspects, including one of the U.N. war crimes tribunal's most wanted men, were jailed in The Hague Monday after turning themselves in for trial at the tribunal. Bosnian Croat political leader Dario Kordic and his fellow suspects were flown in from Croatia then driven to their cells at the tribunal's detention center. The accused will make a brief initial appearance before the tribunal judges in the next few days to enter a plea to the charges against them. Trial dates have not yet been set. Full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5299228-3bc>

*** Mir undocking fails, next try Tuesday

A cargo craft failed to undock from the Mir space station Monday, forcing a delay in the arrival of another craft with fresh supplies. The Progress M-35 freighter should have undocked to make way for the

arrival of another cargo craft, Progress M-36, which left earth Sunday with supplies for Mir's three-man Russian-U.S. crew. But officials said the docking device failed. The Progress M-35 was due to undock at 7:24 a.m. ET Monday to allow Progress M-36 to hook up with Mir at 12:42 p.m. Tuesday. Space experts were at a loss to explain what had happened. The new freighter's cargo includes fuel, oxygen, water and scientific equipment. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5299603-63b>

*** Lockerbie hearings start next week in Hague

The International Court of Justice said Monday it would open hearings Oct. 13 on the dispute between Libya, Britain and the United States over the 1988 bombing of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. Libya asked the United Nations court in March 1992 to rule that London and Washington had no right to demand the extradition of two Libyan suspects for trial in Scotland or the United States. Britain and the United States contend that the U.N. court does not have jurisdiction over the case. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5298167-f0b>

*** Northern Ireland's feuding parties to talk at last

After nearly three decades of strife, Northern Ireland's feuding parties launch full-scale peace negotiations in Belfast Tuesday, hailed as the most important talks since the 1921 partition of Ireland. Old foes will tackle the tension that has festered since

partition left Northern Ireland as a British province. Unionists led by David Trimble are adamant that the union of Northern Ireland and Britain will not be surrendered. The talks are the culmination of a three-year peace drive by the British and Irish governments. Full text story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5298118-2cf>

*** U.K. nurses' risk of death penalty lifted - lawyer

The risk of a death penalty has been lifted from two British nurses convicted of murder in Saudi Arabia because the brother of one has received "blood money," their Saudi lawyer said Monday. Salah al-Hejailan said Frank Gilford, brother of slain 55-year-old Australian nurse Yvonne Gilford, had signed a deed of settlement under which he was legally obliged to waive any death penalty. Under Islamic sharia law, relatives of a murder victim can waive their right to insist on execution in return for payment of "blood money."

Full story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5297726-55b>

The World Political Scene

*** EU snubs U.S. over Total deal with Iran

The European Union thumbed its nose at the United States Monday,

reaffirming its stance that a unilateral U.S. trade law should not penalize French oil firm Total from signing a lucrative Iranian gas deal. French European Affairs Minister Pierre Moscovici said there was nothing to discuss with the United States over the \$2 billion gas contract. The United States argues that the Total deal contravenes its 1996 D'Amato Iran-Libya Sanctions Act requiring President Clinton to impose sanctions on non-U.S. firms investing over \$20 million a year in the energy sectors of the two states. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5299626-a5e>

France, U.S. say ties unharmed by Iran deal, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5299687-4cb>

*** Canada says Israel makes no promise on passports

Canada's Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy said Monday that Israel voiced its regret over the use of Canadian passports in an assassination plot by Israeli agents but gave no assurance it would not happen again. Axworthy said the Israelis had agreed to investigate the affair. But he said he viewed Levy's statement cautiously. Two Israelis using Canadian passports were caught in Amman after a bungled attempt on the life of Khaled Meshal, a leader of the militant Palestinian movement Hamas, on Sept. 25. After hedging at first, Israeli spokesmen now freely admit the men were their agents. Axworthy and opposition figures have voiced concern over the integrity of the Canadian passport, which wins easy access to most countries. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5300388-2a7>

***** Rwandan strongman Kagame arrives in Kinshasa**

Rwanda's vice-president and defense minister, Paul Kagame, arrived in Kinshasa on Monday for talks with Democratic Republic of the Congo President Laurent Kabila. Rwanda played a key role in the seven-month revolt that toppled veteran dictator Mobutu Sese Seko and propelled Kabila to power in May. Democratic Congo closed its border with Rwanda last week, saying it wanted to avoid a fresh influx of Hutus who flooded into the former Zaire in 1994. Kagame said the border issue could be discussed. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5298418-de0>

***** U.S. calls Serb presidential hopeful a fascist**

The United States called Serbian nationalist presidential candidate Vojislav Seselj a fascist Monday -- minutes after the country's election commission said the hard-line nationalist was ahead in the counting of Sunday's voting. The outcome of the election, however, remained uncertain because too low a turnout would render any result null and void. Election commission spokesman Nebojisa Radic said Seselj led Socialist Party candidate Zoran Lilic by 49.98 percent to 46.99 on the basis of returns from 85 percent of the polling stations. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5301260-186>

*** U.S. signs trade pact with HK, berates China

The United States and Hong Kong on Monday agreed to cooperate more closely to control trade in high-technology strategic goods. U.S.

Commerce Secretary William Daley, who was on a one-day stopover in Hong Kong before traveling to China, also took the opportunity to

berate China for maintaining trade barriers. The agreement would broaden information exchanges on strategic goods trade. The United

States also affirmed that it would continue to treat Hong Kong differently to China with respect to these matters. For full story,

see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5295791-17e>

Most Chinese see U.S. as competitive partner - survey, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5294200-de6>

World Business and Financial News

*** Asian markets mixed; Manila's market drops 3 percent

Asian-Pacific stock markets were mixed Monday. Hong Kong's drooping

property sector prompted a 2 percent loss in the key index, while

rising interest rates sent Manila's key index down more than 3

percent. In Tokyo, the market rose on buying among public pension

funds that apparently want to support the market before the initial

public offering of this week. Hong Kong shares fell more than 2

percent lower in a late-day sell-off, driven by losses in property

shares. Manila's key index fell 3.4 percent on the back of soaring interest rates, which were fueled by a tight money supply in the financial market. Taiwanese shares staged a minor rally on lower volumes amid tightened liquidity. Share prices on the Korea Stock Exchange were mixed with the index slightly down on jitters over troubled Kia Group's uncertain fate. (WSJ)

*** Markets close weak, but some manage to recover from lows

Share prices moved mostly lower across Europe Monday, but several markets managed to recover from their worst levels of the day, aided by a rebound in the dollar and higher prices early on Wall Street. Belgian shares ended higher, while Dutch shares closed mixed, helped in late trading by the recovery of the dollar, and a strong start to trading in New York. But French stocks ended lower amid political jitters. British shares finished in negative territory on a sharp decline in gilts and concerns about the United Kingdom's place in the European economic and monetary union. Spanish shares were weighed down by Telefonica de Espana, while concerns about the 1998 budget sank the Milan market. (WSJ)

*** Indonesian rupiah plummets

President Suharto has called an emergency meeting with his top economic ministers and the central bank chief after the country's currency, the rupiah, crashed to another record low Monday. The rupiah dropped 5.2 percent Monday morning, falling to 3,862 rupiah

against the dollar, after shedding about 8 percent on Friday. It rebounded to settle at 3,717.50 after Indonesia's central bank intervened on its behalf. (USA Today)

*** France Telecom shares to raise big bucks

France's finance minister said the partial privatization of France Telecom is expected to raise 49 billion francs, or \$8.2 billion, for the French government. The government hopes that privatizing a 20 percent stake in the telecommunications giant will allow the company to better compete with international rivals when the European phone market is deregulated next year. (USA Today)

*** German jobless rate dips

Germany's unemployment rate dipped last month to 11.2 percent but remained near postwar highs reached early this year. Figures obtained by The Associated Press show that in western Germany, the jobless rate fell to 9.5 percent from 9.7 percent, but in the formerly communist east it remained stuck at 18.3 percent - meaning nearly 1.4 million people out of work. Germany's government officially releases the jobless data Tuesday. (USA Today)

Sports

*** Yankees and Indians meet in Game Five Monday

The New York Yankees and the Cleveland Indians meet Monday at Jacobs Field in the deciding game of their American League Division Series, a contest that became necessary when the Indians scored runs in the eighth and ninth innings for a stunning 3-2 win in Game Four Sunday night. Omar Vizquel's one-out deflected single off pitcher Ramiro Mendoza in the bottom of the ninth scored Marquis Grissom with the winning run. Monday's contest sets up a rematch of Game Two starters as Andy Pettitte goes for the Yankees against Cleveland rookie Jaret Wright. After a rocky first inning in Game Two, Wright allowed just three runs on three hits over six innings in Cleveland's 7-5 win. Pettitte was hit hard in the matchup, yielding seven runs on nine hits over five innings.

*** Pats, Broncos meet in battle of NFL's remaining unbeaten teams

The National Football League's only remaining unbeaten teams -- the New England Patriots (4-0) and the Denver Broncos (5-0) -- battle on the Monday night stage to cap Week Six. The matchup marks the latest point that two unbeaten teams will meet in the 28-year history of the prime-time series. The Patriots have not won in the Mile High City since they were the Boston Patriots, earning a 20-17 victory in 1968. New England has dropped nine in a row at Denver and also has lost nine straight in this series, last defeating the Broncos in 1980. With a win Monday, the Broncos can match their best starts in franchise history, when they opened 6-0 in 1977 and 1986. New England

can also match the best start in club history, having opened the 1974 campaign with five straight wins.

*** Patriots' McGinest doubtful for Monday night with knee sprain

New England Patriot Willie McGinest, who made the transition from linebacker to defensive end and was named to his first Pro Bowl last season, is doubtful for Monday's showdown with the Denver Broncos due to a severely sprained right knee. McGinest suffered the injury in the Sept. 14 game against the New York Jets and missed the following game against Chicago before New England's bye week. The 6-foot-5, 255-pound McGinest played outside linebacker for his first two seasons and led the team in sacks with 11 in 1995. When the Patriots switched from a 3-4 defense to a 4-3, he moved to end and finished with 9 1/2 sacks and 67 tackles.

*** Giants' Brown uncertain with strained pectoral muscle

New York Giants quarterback Dave Brown aggravated a strained pectoral muscle in the first half of Sunday's 20-17 win over Dallas, and his status is uncertain for the Giants' upcoming game against Arizona. Danny Kanell relieved Brown, who was experiencing stiffness in his throwing shoulder, late in the second quarter and directed three scoring drives in the Giants' upset win over the Cowboys. Brown initially suffered the injury in practice last week, and attempted to play through it on Sunday, but he completed just 2-of-7 passes for eight yards.

*** Avalanche's Roy named first NHL Player of Week

Goaltender Patrick Roy of the Colorado Avalanche Monday was the first player this season to earn NHL Player of the Week honors for the period ending Sunday. Roy guided Colorado to a 2-0-1 record with an 0.97 goals-against average and .966 save percentage as the Avalanche jumped out to an early lead in the Pacific Division. Roy opened the season by recording 24 saves in a 2-2 tie against the Dallas Stars on Oct. 1 and turning away 26 shots in a 4-1 victory over Calgary. He celebrated his 32nd birthday by posting his 38th career shutout in a 3-0 triumph over Edmonton Sunday.

*** Hawks' Blaylock practicing Monday despite fractured finger

Atlanta Hawks guard Mookie Blaylock is participating in a team practice Monday despite suffering a fractured left finger Sunday. Blaylock injured the finger during practice at preseason camp Sunday, and X-rays revealed a fracture. A specialist will examine the injury Monday. Blaylock, who led the NBA in steals last season, agreed to a four-year contract extension with the Hawks in August. The 6-foot-1 point guard averaged 17.4 points, 5.3 rebounds and 5.9 assists in 78 games last season, his eighth in the NBA. He also led the league with 212 steals and was on the All-Defensive Second Team.

***** Bionic ear helps deaf children to experience sound**

A bionic ear implanted in profoundly deaf young children has enabled them to hear sounds and speak, British doctors said Monday. Results of the world's largest study of cochlear implants showed that 87 percent of all children aged two to 11 who had the implant before the age of five were able to speak functional language after three years. Unlike hearing aids which amplify sound, the cochlear, or bionic ear, is surgically implanted. Electrodes in the inner ear bypass the damaged area and create a nerve impulse which stimulates the auditory cortex of the brain. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5299721-4fd>

Technology

***** Sun to unveil new speedy processor chips**

Sun Microsystems Inc. will unveil a new generation of its Sparc processor chip with speeds that it said are up to three times faster than Intel Corp.'s top Pentium II processor. The chip, the third generation of the Sparc family, which are the brain chips for Sun's workstation computers and servers, will enable Sun to build even more powerful systems. Sun said that the UltraSparc-III microprocessor

will run at speeds of 600 megahertz, while the fastest Intel Pentium II chip currently runs at 300 megahertz. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5285618-597>

***** Free Java-based Internet publishing kit**

Hummingbird Communications Ltd. Monday announced the release of Common Ground Internet Edition, an Internet publishing kit that is being offered free to public web sites. Common Ground Internet Edition enables anyone to convert their documents to DigitalPaper, a Java-deliverable format that looks exactly like the original document, eliminating the need for HTML document conversion. A Java-powered DigitalPaper Viewer applet is included to deliver documents to any Java-enabled browser, eliminating the need for platform-specific plug-ins or document readers. Common Ground Internet Edition can be downloaded at <http://www.hummingbird.com/cg/cgie> (PR Newswire) For the story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5298794-111>

***** PointCast ships Business Network version 2.0**

PointCast Inc. Monday announced that the final shipping version of the PointCast Business Network 2.0 is available immediately as a free download from the company's Web site at <http://www.pointcast.com>. PointCast 2.0 has been completely redesigned to provide easier, more flexible corporate use and offers: Native, 32-bit application for faster performance when running on Windows 95 or Windows NT 4.0

computers; an open, standards-based architecture that lets companies create business-to-business extranet broadcasts by selecting webcasts from their partners and suppliers; native integration with Microsoft Internet Explorer for seamless Web browsing. (PR Newswire) For the story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5294639-4cb>

***** Compuware unveils Ecotools 5, centralized, cross-platform app**

Compuware Corporation Monday introduced EcoTOOLS 5, an innovative Windows NT-based solution for managing applications and their components -- including web servers, application servers, file systems, databases, networks, and operating systems -- for NT and UNIX environments. EcoTOOLS 5 allows users to centrally manage events across application components, reducing the costs associated with application downtime and application management by comprehensively monitoring and maintaining application availability. (PR Newswire)

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***** TimeStep introduces large-scale security solution for VPNs**

TimeStep Corp. Monday introduced PERMIT Enterprise, the first secure virtual private network (VPN) solution capable of large-scale business communications over the Internet. By integrating best-of-breed technologies from market leaders, PERMIT Enterprise allows service carriers, such as ISPs and telcos, and other large distributed organizations to create multiple secure virtual private

networks. Supporting the Internet Protocol Security (IPSEC) standard allows PERMIT Enterprise to operate within any network. (PR Newswire)

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Human Interest

*** Gift surprises South Carolina university

A retired nursing professor who apparently never returned to her alma mater after graduating almost 50 years ago surprised officials at the university by leaving it all of her \$1.7 million fortune. Furman University said Monday it had been told Rose Forgione was going to leave something for the school in her will. She had sent modest gifts of \$50 to \$100 almost every year since graduating in 1948. But the small liberal arts college was surprised at the size of the estate and that it was the sole beneficiary of her mostly real estate fortune. Story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5298769-57e>

*** Good news, Mrs. O'Leary - your cow didn't do it

A Chicago City Council committee Monday recommended approval of a resolution absolving Mrs. O'Leary and her cow of blame for the fire of 1871 that destroyed most of the city. The resolution, sponsored by

Alderman Ed Burke, cited new research pinning the blaze on Daniel "Pegleg" Sullivan, who went to the O'Leary barn to feed his mother's cow but probably dropped a match, pipe or lantern in hay or wood shavings. A published report shortly after the fire said the blaze appeared to have started in a barn where Mrs. Catherine O'Leary was milking a cow, which kicked over a lantern. The fire burned from October 8 to 10, 1871, and killed 250 to 300 people, destroyed 17,450 buildings and left 90,000 people homeless. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5301439-62f>

*** British tax inspectors target prostitutes

About 2,000 new British tax inspectors are to target prostitutes to ensure their earnings are fully taxed. The inspectors, dubbed "Ghostbusters" by the Inland Revenue, will even prowl around telephone booths to check the numbers of call girls advertised in them. But the crackdown on the world's oldest profession may not be all one-way traffic. Authorities say prostitutes may be able to claim that some of their expenses, such as protection money, bodyguards, medical insurance and "special work attire," are tax deductible.

*** Italians smoke their way to world team pipe title

Italians left Budapest's Ludwig arts museum in a cloud of smoke after winning both first and second places in the World Team Pipe Smoking Championship. Contestants could light their pipes, each filled with three grams of tobacco, only once and had to smoke it as long as they

could. The champions, Corsellini Club won the trophy with the three most successful team members smoking for a total 7 hours, 17 minutes and 12 seconds.

*** Fines for girls who stole flowers meant for Diana

Two teenage girls who stole flowers left outside a town hall in memory of Princess Diana were fined 90 pounds (about \$135) each by a court. Melanie Sharp and Bethan Sheldon, both 19, told the court they had been "drunk and stupid" when stealing eight bouquets from a mound of flowers placed at Chester Town Hall in northern England in the week after Diana's death in a car crash. Three foreigners were dealt with severely by courts last month for stealing flowers and toys from the tens of thousands of tributes for Diana left in central London.

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Don't Ask, Don't Tell Policy Stands

By RICHARD CARELLI

WASHINGTON (AP) - For the third time in a year, the Supreme Court today turned away a challenge to the Clinton administration's ``don't ask, don't tell" policy on homosexuals in the military.

The justices, without comment, refused to revive a lawsuit by Richard Richenberg Jr., a former Air Force captain.

Richenberg said the policy violates his free-speech rights and fosters government ``discrimination and bigotry."

The policy states that members of, and applicants for, the military will not be asked or required to reveal their sexual orientation.

Members of the military are discharged for homosexual conduct, and a service member's acknowledgment of homosexuality creates a presumption that the he or she is engaging in homosexual acts or has a propensity or intent to do so, according to the policy.

To avoid being discharged, the acknowledged homosexual must prove he or she is not engaging in, nor intends to engage in, any homosexual act while in the military.

Richenberg entered the Air Force in 1985. After he served in the Gulf War, he began training for special service in Saudi Arabia. While in training, Richenberg disclosed his homosexuality to his commanding officer.

The Air Force canceled his Saudi Arabian mission and reassigned him to Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, where discharge proceedings were begun.

Richenberg was given an honorable discharge in 1995.

He sued the Air Force, but a federal trial judge and the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against him.

“We find no constitutional infirmity in the ... military policy,”

a three-judge panel of the appeals court ruled by a 2-1 vote last year.

In the appeal acted on today, lawyers for Richenberg argued that the policy is based on prejudice.

``The real objective ... is to inhibit members from telling anyone that they are gay and to guard against the negative reaction that might be engendered if anyone expressly discloses that he or she is homosexual," they said.

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Tactics of gay-lesbian group undermine its credibility

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By Mike Cannon

Credibility is the premium commodity of a newspaper and any other source
of information. It also is an essential ingredient in a healthy

relationship.

Once lost, it is difficult to regain.

Honest communication is the foundation of credible interaction. It fosters trust, enabling two parties to disagree on principles, policies or practices without being unduly disagreeable. It breeds mutual respect in spite of even deep differences.

It is unfortunate when a credible source or trusted friend turns out to be otherwise. Yet some people and groups have no scruples when it comes to twisting facts to further their objectives, political or otherwise. One of these is the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

GLAAD will react to that charge with shrieks of ``homophobia," of course, as it hollers about anything or anyone not aligning with its political agenda. But if it would look honestly at its practices, it would be forced to acknowledge we are discussing differences in communication philosophy and not sexuality. Of honesty and dishonesty.

Recently, the Deseret News received notice from GLAAD that it had been featured in an edition of GLAADAlert, the weekly self-proclaimed ``activation tool" that goes to 40,000 people via the Internet and facsimile. Many others

view it at GLAAD's Web site.

Like many extremist social/political entities, GLAAD believes the end justifies any means. If facts, figures or details are twisted a bit, it is for the overall good of the cause.

The recent "alert" referenced what it called "two blatantly propagandist articles on the so-called 'ex-gay' movement under the auspices of news." It included several fragmented excerpts, taken out of context, to paint a biased and slanted portrait of a newspaper heaping oppression and guilt upon gays. It tossed in bisexual and transgender references to fan the flames.

These assertions were false, as anyone who read the articles objectively would agree. Ironically, a cover letter said GLAAD promotes "fair" and "accurate" representation as a "means of challenging all forms of discrimination." Does that include reverse discrimination?

The GLAADAlert charges went on to, in a quantum leap, loosely connect the stories with the recent tragic death of a gay youth leader in Salt Lake City.

It followed that misrepresentation with a directive that members flood the Deseret News demanding various forms of penance including follow-up stories on ex-ex-gays, etc.

The scripted e-mail letters voicing outrage poured into the office.

In fact, the two Deseret News articles in question examined religious-based groups that exist to help those who choose to live a heterosexual instead of a homosexual lifestyle. It was transparently

apparent

that the authors of GLAAD are extremely uncomfortable with that concept. It undermines their position that homosexuality is completely innate and that it

is accompanied by inalienable political rights as a special-interest group.

The Deseret News articles did not say that was or was not the case. They said that some gays want to change, citing several personal examples, and that two groups are available for those seeking change.

That set off an alarm at GLAAD, leading to false charges and allegations -

blindly accepted by GLAAD subscribers, who were told specifically and explicitly how and where to respond - that were extreme overreactions to two

straightforward and innocuous articles.

Questionable communication practices aside, there is a deeper issue here that may be relevant, one I have observed in gay and transsexual friends.

That is their seeming innate yearning to make peace with themselves concerning their sexual identity. Those not in harmony with self are unable to be at peace with others; those serene inwardly reflect it on the outside.

At a recent high school class reunion, a person approached me who had made

the physical transformation from male to female during the 20 years subsequent to graduation. My friend immediately broached the issue of religion - which was interesting - and then expressed appreciation for the attitudes of inclusion and non-condemnation from former classmates at the gathering.

That yearning plea for acceptance apparently was met that night in at least a temporary way, based upon emotional remarks this person offered to the group at evening's end.

I was glad someone so uncertain about self-identity found temporary respite, saddened the yearning seemed so deep - based upon our conversation - and hopeful that peace might be attained. I respected the candor with which this friend approached the evening, which enhanced and not diminished relationships that had been significantly and potentially awkwardly altered by the transformation.

Other gay friends have not been so straight in their communication tactics. One telephoned several years ago to discuss a major personal decision. He cited several reasons for his choice but primarily cast blame on other people and organizations for the path he was pursuing.

The root of the course he wished to follow centered in his personal choices. We talked about that, but his inability to level was an impediment to understanding and trust.

Principles underlying these two examples are no different than countless conversations with heterosexual friends and associates. But they underlie the need for honesty with self and others if meaningful interaction is to occur.

But playing it straight informationally and politically is something the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation is unwilling to do. Underhanded GLAAD tactics destroy dialogue and annihilate credibility, essential in any beneficial relationship.

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Clinton nominates gay as ambassador

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In a surprise move that may face entrenched opposition, President

Clinton

has named San Francisco philanthropist Jim Hormel, a prominent gay activist

and heir to the Hormel Meat Co. fortune, as U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg.

The nomination, announced by the White House Tuesday, could make

history:

If confirmed, Hormel would be the first-ever openly gay U.S. ambassador.

Standing in the way of the bid may be a hostile Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which must approve Hormel, and its conservative chairman, Jesse Helms, R-N.C. Helms recently blocked Massachusetts Gov. William Weld's

quest

to become ambassador to Mexico by failing to hold hearings. He was opposed

to

Weld's support of the legalization of medical marijuana, abortion rights

and

gay rights.

Hormel, 64, a deep-pocketed Democratic Party supporter who gave at

least

\$125,000 to the Clinton presidential re-election campaign, was considered

for

the post of ambassador to Fiji in 1994. When word leaked out that a gay

nominee was up for the post in Fiji - which has a criminal sodomy law on

the

books - officials on the island nation protested and the administration

withdrew the bid.

Hormel would not comment publicly on his nomination. His assistant,

Raymond Mulliner, said he was informed of the appointment by the White

House

on Monday.

Friends of Hormel said he is excited about the nomination, but aware

that

he may face an uphill battle getting confirmed.

"There are no certainties," said Mark Leno, a close friend who served with Hormel on the board of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay and lesbian political action committee and lobbying group. "I hope the process is seamless. But I think Jim enters the process with his eyes open, prepared for anything that might arise. If there is a battle, Jim is prepared to fight."

Desirable assignment

But even some supporters of Hormel question why Clinton would name a prominent - and once-rejected - gay activist to an overseas post at a time when Helms and his Republican allies dominate the committee.

"I have to be a little skeptical," said Leroy Aarons, founder of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association and a former national correspondent for the Washington Post. "We're coming off the Weld situation where Helms would not even give Weld the chance for a hearing. What is he going to do with Jim Hormel?"

Although a minuscule country with limited military importance, the wealthy nation of Luxembourg is a desirable post due to its setting in the heart of Europe, sandwiched between France and Germany.

The post would be a feather in the cap for Hormel, who has been a high-ranking member of the California Democratic Party, a trustee for the Democratic National Finance Council, and a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Switzerland.

Hormel, a multimillionaire who lives in a 15-room mansion in the Haight,

devotes much of his time to his charitable giving, donating roughly one-fourth of his income every year. He has made major gifts to a host of local and national groups - including a recent \$600,000 gift to the American Civil Liberties Union - and had the Gay and Lesbian Center at the new Main Library named in his honor last year.

Helms may be be obstacle

Gay and lesbian political groups have often suggested Hormel's name for an ambassadorship. In a 1996 interview with The Examiner, Hormel said that after backing Clinton in his successful campaign in 1992, he sought the ambassador's job in Norway.

"At the time, they were about to pass legislation that would acknowledge same-sex relationships; and they had indicated their reception, their receptivity to gay men and lesbians," Hormel said. "I knew that my appointment would be welcome in a country like that."

The great worry of most Hormel backers this time around is that Helms will block hearings on his nomination. Still others fear that Helms will stage hearings to attack Hormel for support of gay rights - as he did during confirmation hearings for Roberta Achtenberg when she was nominated for a Department of Housing and Urban Development post.

"Homosexual quota'

But Hormel has been approved at least once by Helms' committee, after he was nominated as an alternate U.S. delegate to the United Nations General Assembly last year.

The Rev. Lou Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition,
called

Hormel's appointment part of Clinton's attempt to fill a "homosexual
quota."

He said the coalition would work to block his bid.

"He may be an extremely brilliant person and he may do an excellent job
in

Luxembourg," Sheldon said. "What we're trying to avoid is putting in the
"rightness' of homosexuality. That's where the problem is."

David Mixner, a gay political strategist, said he doubts Clinton and
Secretary of State Madeleine Albright would have made the nomination if
there

weren't support for it. Mixner said he doesn't think Helms can get away
with

blocking the process simply because Hormel is gay.

"Call me an optimist," Mixner said. "But I don't think they'll allow
(Helms) to hold things up on the basis of discrimination."

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, October 8, 1997

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President Clinton's nomination of San Francisco tycoon Jim Hormel as
ambassador to Luxembourg, already likely to face resistance because he's
gay,

also may get hung up in the campaign fund-raising scandal that has

embroiled

the nation's capital.

Hormel, heir to a meat-packing fortune, gave at least \$125,000 to the Clinton re-election campaign and Democratic National Committee.

Most or all of the money came at the behest of Vice President Al Gore, who is facing both congressional and Justice Department investigations for his political fund raising.

According to documents in the hands of congressional investigators and other sources, Gore called Hormel, chairman of Equidex, Inc., in October, 1995, and asked him to contribute to a DNC advertising campaign touting Clinton's record.

"There was a sense of urgency that depended on timing because it was for a media buy," Hormel told the Washington Post at the time.

Hormel also attended a meeting the same month in a San Francisco hotel where Gore made another pitch for money to about a dozen business executives.

On Oct. 25, 1995, Hormel wrote a check for \$50,000 to the DNC.

A month later, on Nov. 27, a DNC "finance call sheet" sent to Gore by DNC staffer Scott Pastrick suggested the vice president make still another plea for funds to Hormel.

The memo noted the earlier media fund contribution and a \$25,000 donation in 1993 and told Gore to "ask Jim to contribute an additional \$50,000 to the

DNC media fund.

"He is very happy about the Administration's support for gay and lesbian anti-discrimination in the work place policy," the memo said. "Jim was in the small meeting on the media fund you did . . . in San Francisco. He agreed with you that if we win the media battle now we are ahead of the game next fall."

The pitch apparently worked. In a letter dated Dec. 1, 1995, Gore wrote Hormel: "It was a pleasure speaking with you today. President Clinton and I thank you for your continued support and contribution to the Democratic National Committee.

"We appreciate your dedication to our administration and your help at a time when needed. Thank you for your commitment to make an additional contribution of \$50,000. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future. Best regards."

The letter was signed "Al" and had a hand-written postscript: "Thank you, Jim! It makes a huge difference." Huge was underlined.

Hormel is a long-time supporter of the Democratic Party and there were no suggestions of wrongdoing on his part.

The investigations of fund-raising activities of Gore and Clinton focus on alleged influence-peddling and the illegal use of government offices for fund

raising.

Hormel was not available for comment on his donations.

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, October 8, 1997

Reactions to sex as varied as the readers

LOUANNE COLE WESTON, Ph.D.

Reader #1: I'm writing regarding your column, "Intolerance of homosexuals a gender thing."

A major aspect of the difference between how people react to male homosexuals and lesbian women involves the fact that women, not being possessed of a penis, do not fully grasp the physical concept of what male homosexuality is really all about. An almost total silence in the media (a silence which is very telling in its own right) does not help matters.

I refer, of course, to anal intercourse. This aspect of male homosexual practice generates a gigantic asymmetry between male and female homosexuality. It is responsible for the difference in attitude toward male homosexuals.

Let's put it directly - and from a man's point of view. Anal intercourse is pretty close to the ultimate in filth. Besides this, it is a kind of mockery of heterosexual intercourse resorted to by those who are desperate (sailors, prisoners and adolescent boys come to mind). It will be very hard for most heterosexual men to have any respect for another man who engages in

this activity by choice.

More esoterically, there is what might be referred to as the argument from nature. A vagina is designed, and therefore in some sense "meant to," hold a penis, whereas the rectum is not.

While I fully recognize that this method of argumentation is discredited in modern discourse, the mechanics of AIDS transmission in the real world between the organs pretty clearly points toward its validity in this case.

After some thought, I have decided that I cannot attach my name to this letter. It is too politically incorrect. I have to live in this town. And there is hate out there on all sides . . .

Reader #2: Thank you for your article, "Intolerance of homosexuals a gender thing," on Aug. 20. Your examination of the homophobia that the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy has created is very thoughtful. Few people have had the courage to challenge the homophobia of the military.

It has been my experience, as a gay man, that men who are comfortable with themselves and their sexuality are never threatened by my sexuality. Those who are somehow unsure of their masculinity are the ones who find it necessary to attack homosexuals.

Dr. Weston: I'll take it one step further. I believe that people of any sexual orientation who belittle or attack the sexual activities of others are unsure of their own sexuality.

Sex with a partner involves the creation and sharing of pleasure.

Penile-vaginal intercourse is equated with "sex" by many, but there are many

ways to "have sex." Kissing, caresses with one's hands, genitals rubbing against any body part - they're all sex. As soon as that is established, issues about what a body part was "meant to" do fade.

Because a penis may fit in a vagina, one might mistakenly think that it's the optimum sexual arrangement. As many women who find intercourse merely pleasant to downright uncomfortable would attest, it's optimum for one thing, procreation. And, shocking as it may seem, there are men (heterosexual ones) who don't find intercourse to be the optimally pleasurable sexual act either.

Arguments that rely on AIDS transmission to prove how "natural" penile-vaginal intercourse is ignore one sad fact. AIDS transmission is growing very rapidly among teenage females who are having sex the way it was "meant to" be done.

Individuals who can comfortably say, "I know I like this sexual activity," don't worry about whether others share their proclivities. They find a willing and appealing partner and they engage in consensual sex.

"Exploring Men's Sexuality: From Erection to Oral Sex" is an informative and straightforward audiotape that offers tips to enhance sexual

experiences

and techniques that may help both partners create more pleasure for one another. To order, send Visa / MC data or a check for \$14.98 (includes tax and postage) to Louanne Cole Weston at the address below.

Weston is a board-certified sex therapist and licensed marriage and relationship counselor with offices in San Francisco and Sacramento. Send questions to: Sex Matters, Style, San Francisco Examiner, P.O. Box 7260, San Francisco, CA 94120, or yo

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Star of 'Ellen' Threatens to Quit Over Advisory

By BILL CARTER

Ellen DeGeneres threatened to walk away from her ABC comedy "Ellen" yesterday after learning that the network has decided to add an on-screen advisory declaring that the show has adult content and warning parents to use

discretion in allowing children to view it.

ABC executives conceded that a battle between the network and the star over

the show's content could lead to the demise of the series.

Ms. DeGeneres' threat heightens a confrontation that began after she made television history last spring by declaring she was a lesbian and her character, Ellen Morgan, made the same declaration on the show.

"How can I go forward?" Ms. DeGeneres said in a phone interview Wednesday.

"This is blatant discrimination." She said her show was being singled out for its content solely because it has gay themes.

Patricia Matson, the corporate spokeswoman for ABC, said: "We are ultimately the ones responsible for maintaining the standards for our audience. The promise we have made to our audience is to provide them with as much information as possible so they can decide what is appropriate for their children to watch."

In the new content ratings added to television shows this season on every network except NBC, "Ellen" has been carrying a "TV-14" rating, meaning the material "might be inappropriate for children under 14." Ms. DeGeneres said Wednesday, "This advisory is telling kids something's wrong with being gay."

She made clear that she was personally offended by ABC's stance. "It's like if they had a black show," she said, "and put on a warning that said this

show isn't suitable for viewers who don't like black people."

Executives close to the show said ABC had made clear to the writers that they did not want a show that explored only gay story lines. Before the season started, ABC executives openly talked about taking "baby steps" with regard to gay themes.

Ms. DeGeneres and the writers, however, seeking to capitalize on what was the largest audience in the show's history for the episode in which the character declared her homosexuality, as well as to seize upon the stronger identity the declaration gave to Ms. DeGeneres' character, have promoted the gay themes in early episodes this season.

One script is to include a scene in which Ellen Morgan and a woman she has fallen in love with walk toward a bedroom, presumably preparing to have sex.

Ms. DeGeneres said that Jamie Tarses, the president of ABC Entertainment, called her manager on Tuesday to inform him that the network would not allow that scene.

She said ABC has opposed numerous scenes written for episodes this season, including one on the show broadcast Wednesday night, in which her character jokingly kisses her heterosexual friend.

"No other show on ABC, not 'Spin City' or 'Drew Carey' or 'Dharma and Greg,' would be forced to carry that kind of advisory for a scene like this,"

she said. "The only other ABC show that's ever had this label is 'NYPD Blue,' and that has nudity and violence."

Ms. DeGeneres said that she and the executive producer on the show, Tim Doyle, "are ready to walk off the show" over ABC's position. And ABC may be willing to let that happen, some executives close to the impasse said Wednesday, if they cannot agree with the star on how to handle the gay themes.

ABC is suffering through a poor season. "Ellen" is one of its few shows performing well in the ratings. Last week, it ranked eighth among all prime-time shows among viewers between 18 and 49, the most important group for selling television time to advertisers.

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Gay students in Vt. Fight harassment

Petition gains widespread support

By Associated Press

<RUTLAND, Vt. - The principal of Rutland High School says he and the faculty will try to address complaints from students that some gays and lesbians among them are being harassed.

That word follows a petition signed by 200 students.

"We are tired of watching our friends get harassed," read the petition sent to staff. "We are tired of seeing people depressed because they have

no
one to turn to. We are tired of students going to Rutland High School in
fear
and we want an end to it."

Administrators responded by allowing petition organizers to speak with
the
school's 70 faculty members at an afternoon meeting last week.

"Step one was to raise the level of consciousness," principal Bruce
Gee
said Monday. "The next steps include some type of education for the rest
of
the student body and, beyond that, perhaps the community at large."

The petition said although the school would not tolerate racial or
ethnic
slurs, the staff wasn't addressing attacks against students who are gay,
lesbian, or bisexual.

"Homophobia runs rampant at Rutland High School," the petition said.
"The word 'faggot' is shouted in the halls every day and yet there are no
repercussions. 'Dyke,' 'queer' and other such words and remarks, said in a
derogatory manner, are used on a regular basis by students, all too often
in
the presence of faculty members who do nothing to stop it."

The petition said gay and lesbian students were afraid to protest
because
of fear of further harassment.

Organizers Patrick Raymond and Kristen Nugent, both seniors, said they
were pleasantly surprised by the reaction at their 950-student school.

Said Nugent: "A lot of people came up to us and asked to sign it."

And Raymond added: "I was wondering if we'd even fill a page and we ended up filling four. Almost all our teachers have come up to congratulate us."

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Boy's murder casts light on fringe advocacy group

By Peter S. Canellos, Globe Staff, 10/09/97

There's a seasonal greeting on the message machine at the New York office of the North American Man/Boy Love Association.

"As we start getting ready for colder weather, try to find some time to bring some warmth into a young boy's life," a voice says. "The smiles he gives you back will make you all warm and cheery."

Horrifying? To most people, yes. To a handful of people on the fringes of sexual practice and civil liberties, no.

But to Robert Curley, whose 10-year-old son, Jeffrey, allegedly was murdered by two men with NAMBLA publications in their car and apartment, the obscure group of fewer than 1,000 members does nothing less than incite rape.

Curley's passionate missive to Acting Governor Paul Cellucci, displayed among flowers and stuffed animals at the sidewalk shrine for his dead son, accuses NAMBLA of "advocacy" of sex crimes: "I would like to hear some

type of response from the head of NAMBLA that would address and explain to society how they account for the 'love' they promote between men and boys."

The Curley murder, which traumatized parents and children across the country, casts new light on a group that, like others on the ideological fringes, is seeking a seat at the table of national debate by building a following through a web site and phone line.

Tracked by the FBI, condemned by law enforcement agencies, and repudiated by most mainstream gay groups, NAMBLA fuels its ideologically charged members, tracing the glories of love between men and prepubescent boys back to ancient Greece, and inveighing against the unfairness of age-of-consent laws with the passion of Martin Luther King Jr. decrying segregation.

But an FBI special agent contends that NAMBLA gives comfort to criminal pedophiles by endorsing their impulses, and Robert Curley demands that the state government clamp down on the group. His cry of anger is likely to be heard on Beacon Hill, even though most legal specialists believe not much can be done to short-circuit a group whose philosophy is expressed in words, not acts.

"I don't care where you are, or I don't care who you are, and I don't care if you are in your own home, if you are looking at pornography involving a child, you are very sick," Middlesex District Attorney Thomas F. Reilly declared yesterday.

NAMBLA, whose members generally shroud their identities, exists in the

shadows of mainstream gay life: There is a headquarters in San Francisco and an office in New York, but phones are answered by machines, and there is no official membership list.

There is a NAMBLA chapter in Boston, but members contacted by the Globe declined comment, referring inquiries to national spokesmen. When local adults are arrested for sexual offenses involving children, NAMBLA often issues press releases attacking the prosecutions as "witch hunts."

"NAMBLA is a sexual civil rights organization," said Chris Farrell, a spokesman from New York. "It believes all individuals are empowered to make sexual decisions about their lives."

Thus, he said, the murder of Jeffrey Curley, and the alleged molestation of his body after death, "are the most antithetical acts to NAMBLA's philosophy that anyone could imagine."

NAMBLA's great crusade is to strike down laws that set arbitrary ages under which people cannot consent to sex. In the group's opinion, even very young children can choose to be sexually active and draw warmth from the experience.

Whether the group endorses rape is a matter of perspective. NAMBLA doesn't advocate forced sex, but neither does it recognize laws characterizing sex with minors as rape.

"We tell people who are attracted to children that such desires are not monstrous, nor are the people who have them monstrous, and therefore they should not act out the monstrous portrait society has painted of them," Farrell said.

NAMBLA's appropriation of the language of other liberation movements to promote man-boy love rankles many civil libertarians and gay activists:

NAMBLA portrays prohibition of sex between adults and minors as just another

old prejudice to slough off in the name of personal liberty. In the public mind, they say, NAMBLA tarnishes the notion of sexual freedom.

"We've never taken a position that sexual-consent laws are beyond the state's power to legislate," said John Reinstein, attorney for the Massachusetts branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. Reinstein said of

NAMBLA, "I've never been able to fathom their position."

Mary Bonauto, director of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, said her group has never opposed the principle behind age-of-consent laws. "We believe children should be protected, period."

But she said the intense interest in NAMBLA after the Curley murder furthers false images of gay people as sexually interested in children.

"The focus on NAMBLA, which is a distant and tiny fringe of the gay community, and which doesn't exist in the lesbian community, is in some sense

playing on stereotypes of gay people as child molesters," she said. "... Individual acts... should not implicate a whole community."

Robert Curley, in his letter to the acting governor, agreed, saying, "There are wonderful gay parents who have children to whom this could have happened as well."

Indeed, an FBI specialist on sex crimes categorizes NAMBLA not with gay groups but other fringe organizations advocating sex with minors, gay or straight.

"The Rene Guyon Society, the North American Man/Boy Love Association, the
Pedophile Information Exchange, the Child Sensuality Circle, the Pedo-Alert
Network, and the Lewis Carroll Collector's Guild are all examples of groups
that openly advocate [hetero- and homosexual] adult-child sex and changing
the laws that make it a crime," wrote FBI Special Agent Kenneth V.
Lanning,
in a paper published by the National Center for Missing and Exploited
Children.

The groups, Lanning wrote, have not succeeded in making a dent in
public
opinion, but continue to function as clearinghouses for people attracted to
children, encouraging them to act on their impulses.

"Their greatest threat to society, other than the criminal acts of
individual members, is as a source of support and validation for child
molesters and pedophiles," Lanning wrote of NAMBLA and its ilk.

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The Reliable Source

By Annie Groer and Ann Gerhart

This Miss Is a Hit

The 20-year-old theater major from Northwestern University may develop
into our grittiest Miss America yet. Today on Capitol Hill, Kate Shindle
will

detail her year-long AIDS prevention campaign. Ignoring controversy, she intends to embrace prevention in all its forms -- abstinence, safer sex, condom distribution and clean needles -- and to focus on hard-to-reach populations.

Yesterday, the former Miss Illinois plopped down on a couch with a group of gay youths, ate cookies and wowed her audience with her frankness.

"Just talking to her dispelled a lot of myths that I had about Miss America," said Nathan Postell IV, 20, who met with her at the Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League, a Capitol Hill social service agency. "She's really smart. There wasn't some guy in the corner whispering to her what she should say."

Shindle recognizes her tiara comes with "a platform that is unique. I'll have access to audiences that other AIDS activists won't, and I hope to use this opportunity to the best of my ability." Last night, she buttonholed senators at a reception hosted by John Kerry (D-Mass.) and her own senators, Democrats Carol Moseley-Braun and Dick Durbin.

As might be expected, Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) was the first senator on the scene. He gave Shindle a big squeeze and smiled for the camera. Afterward, Kerry said, "I gather Strom Thurmond has already been here and Miss America has survived."

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Gays See Clinton As Belatedly Coming Through

Elaine Herscher, Chronicle Staff Writer

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President Clinton's nomination of James Hormel to the post of ambassador to Luxembourg is the latest sign that he is making good on his post-election promise to reward gays and lesbians for their support, national gay leaders said yesterday.

Last week Clinton appointed Virginia Apuzzo to be assistant to the president for management and administration. That makes Apuzzo, whose position is just below cabinet secretary, the highest-ranking openly gay person ever to serve in the federal government.

Clinton has also nominated M. John Berry for the position of assistant secretary for policy, management and budget at the Interior Department. Berry's post, described by the White House as "quite senior," is one of only five assistant secretary posts in the department. He will be responsible for guiding policy there.

Apuzzo's appointment requires no Senate confirmation, but Hormel's and Berry's nominations do. Berry's confirmation hearing opens today.

If confirmed, Hormel and Berry would rank with Apuzzo as the most senior gay people in government.

In addition to the recent appointments, the White House announced last month that the president would address a November 8 gala dinner held by the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay organization. It will be the first time a U.S. president speaks before a lesbian and gay civil rights group.

While Clinton has appointed several gays to jobs in his second term, his recent moves are likely to mean more both to gays and to Clinton's conservative critics. Hormel is on the board of the Human Rights Campaign's educational arm, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. Apuzzo used to head the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

In his first term, Clinton made some highly publicized gay appointments -- including that of San Franciscan Roberta Achtenberg, who was an assistant secretary in the Department of Housing and Urban Development -- but his record on lesbian and gay issues has been a disappointment to many.

His ``don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military has not resulted in fewer discharges of gay and lesbian military personnel. And last year he infuriated gay supporters when he signed the Defense of Marriage Act, which declared marriage an exclusively heterosexual institution.

There is a sense among gays that it was about time he fulfilled a promise he made to gay leaders last spring to give gays more power in his administration.

``I think it's the result of very hard work behind the scenes of

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gay and lesbian organizations that have been pushing and pushing and pushing

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Letter: Gays think they are blessed by God

My last letter to the editor dealt with the National Association for

Research and Therapy and Homosexuality in Encino, Calif., and its success
in
helping homosexual men and women change their sexual orientations. I also
mentioned that gay activists oppose this organization, "believing that
homosexuality is normal and healthy, even
blessed by God. Jesus, after all, was gay, or didn't anyone know?"

Regrettably, as least one reader and letter contributor didn't grasp my
meaning. She thought I was the one asserting that Jesus was gay. Actually,
this perversely unorthodox idea is just one of many such ideas expressed in
gay journalist Mark Thompson's 1994 book, "Gay Soul: Finding the Heart of
Gay
Spirit and Nature, with 16 writers, healers, teachers and visionaries,"
reviewed in the April 1997 NARTH bulletin.

I can well imagine that many wouldn't care to read Thompson's
presentation
of gay liberation theology, but they should at least take heed that his
interview subjects fully intend to evangelize the world into a celebration
of
homoerotic sexuality.

By the way, do parents approve of what their children are being taught
in
sex education class?

-- Michael Roderick, St. Albans

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FORUM: Larry Kramer to help city's gay center mark 1st anniversary

By John D. Allen

New Haven's first gay center is marking a milestone - a first anniversary.

The observance will be celebrated with a keynote speech from our own nationally recognized Connecticut native son, Larry Kramer, on Wednesday, Oct. 8, during the Fourth Annual New Haven Gay and Lesbian Town Meeting.

Marking much more than survival, the New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center (NHGLCC) has actually flourished while deeply touching the lives of thousands in the region.

The center became an instant success for the simple reason that its time was right.

Gay people everywhere were yearning for visibility and validation as full participants in society, which the center offers. We did our homework by identifying constituents and securing broad-based community support.

Additionally, there have been national debates over issues such as gays in the military, same-sex marriage, and unprecedented portrayals of our lives on television. Together, this combination helped prepare the vital support necessary from both the regional gay and straight communities for the center.

It is truly amazing to realize how many have rallied to create this new venerable institution. Consider some of the highlights experienced during

the

past year:

- NHGLCC is in full operation, with evening drop-in hours and fully staffed by volunteers.

- Twenty-five groups now call NHGLCC home, including several statewide professional organizations.

- There are 20 active board members representative of the diverse Greater

New

Haven community.

- NHGLCC has 200 paid members and a mailing list of 1,100.

- The bi-monthly newsletter began with one page and quickly grew to 16 pages.

- NHGLCC sponsored the state's most comprehensive June gay pride festivities.

- All major events - dances, coffeehouse, movie nights, lectures and town meetings - have been financial successes.

Part of the fun of working in a new organization is to observe how anyone with a reasonable idea can feel empowered and involved. The tangible results

are in the number of new groups that have formed and in the grassroots fundraising ideas brought into the center.

While it would be great to only deliver positive news, the fact is that there are also daunting hurdles ahead for the center which require attention.

These challenges are, no doubt, similar to the ones other organizations have faced.

Raising funds is constant, but it is unsettling having to motivate gay people to support gay causes.

Board members are still learning to work together in harmony.

Every day, gay people must confront the homophobia omnipresent in our society.

The top leadership was restructured into co-presidents, one male and one female, to balance the power between the lesbian and gay communities. It is hoped that this bold action offers increased access and a greater sense of ownership in the center.

Unlike any other minority, homosexuality crosses all racial, gender, age and political boundaries. This is our most difficult challenge - for the gay community to accept and celebrate our differences.

Since the town meeting is used as the forum to reflect on events from the past year and to chart a course for the new one, it is especially fitting that we host Larry Kramer, a giant in the gay community.

Kramer's story made international news this summer when his \$4-million gift to establish a gay studies program was refused by his alma mater, Yale University.

Even though the rejection of his gift was identified as the single most disappointing moment of his life, the talk will certainly be much more than a Yale-bashing.

Kramer is a true visionary and unapologetically gay. It was his voice that was among the first heard in the AIDS pandemic, and he is now championing

the

fight to have gay historical contributions taught in education.

Perhaps Kramer will be inclined to reminisce about his days as a 1957

Yale

undergraduate. We should all be concerned that the isolation and suicidal

thoughts he felt 40 years ago in New Haven would still be valid for too

many

of our young people today.

Surely, no one can underestimate the significance of a \$4-million offer,

especially since that is what caught the world's attention. However,

Kramer's

gift to Yale and to society will be measured far beyond an amassed

fortune.

His legacy, which shares a common bond with organizations such as the

NHGLCC, is in the power to be visible and - speak the truth.

(John D. Allen, a sales representative for Easter Seal Goodwill Industries

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Gay stance welcome

by Dan Scanlan

The spiritual leader of North Florida's Catholic community said he

welcomes

a ground-breaking document from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops that asks parents to love their gay children even though church doctrine condemns homosexual activity.

Bishop John Snyder, whose Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine encompasses an

11,000-square-mile, 17-county area of Florida, said he is grateful the bishops conference released the document, "Always Our Children," on Tuesday. It says homosexual orientation is not freely chosen and asks parents

not to reject their gay children in a world full of rejection because, "God

loves every person as a unique individual."

Copies of the pastoral letter will be distributed to churches Oct. 21, and

Snyder said he hopes pastors will make some available for parishioners.

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;Attacking gays rooted in bigotry

COLUMN BY BEN SMITH

"I think you ought to write an editorial about this," the guy told me.

It was midafternoon, Thursday, nothing much shaking. The phone line was scratchy. I had to keep asking him to repeat himself.

"This letter from the Catholic bishops about accepting your homosexual kids

as they are," he said again. "You ought to write an editorial about that."

And I knew, right then, what he wanted me to write. Through the static, his

disdain fairly dripped. Imagine, treating your children, gay or straight, as

gifts from God. Imagine showing them an outstretched hand, an encompassing arm. Imagine practicing all the biblical precepts, as opposed to only the harshest ones.

Why, somebody ought to write an editorial.

Somebody ought to write - again, forever, world without end, amen - that homosexuals are sick, pitiable misfits, most of 'em pedophiles, probably, and

that once they were all perfectly normal, until one day they woke up and decided to be gay. Sort of like you or I decide between Cheerios and Pop-Tarts in the morning, you know.

Not only that, but they want special rights, too, doggone it, like the right not to be denied employment simply for being gay. And they have a special agenda, which involves teaching your Johnny and my Sally that being gay is perfectly all right, and - doggone it - even recruiting them into their super-secret gay club.

There. Does that about cover it?

I hope so, because frankly I've had a bellyful of this stuff. It is bigotry on its face, plain, simple and without makeup. The biblical justification

for

it is both repellent and intellectually dishonest, reminiscent of those thundering amens from southern pulpits for George Corley Wallace and his stand in the schoolhouse door.

Here is what it is says in Leviticus 18:22: "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: It is an abomination."

Of course, here is what it says in Leviticus 11:12: "Whatsoever hath no fins or scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you."

Leviticus is fairly bustin' with abominations, in other words. It is the book in which God lays out all the dos and don'ts of a holy life, and as far

as I can tell, no one is given any more weight than the others.

But you'd never know it from those folks who delight in quoting Leviticus 18:22, while piling high their plates with a little finless and scaleless shrimp cocktail.

You ought to write an editorial about this, the guy told me.

Well, OK, but what do you want me to say, exactly? That I understand and even appreciate why some Christians must believe what they believe, but not how they can miss the obvious contradictions in their behavior?

I'm sorry, but I don't know how they can claim to "love" gay people, then vote for laws (See: Colorado) that allow gay people to be persecuted.

I don't know how they can do that, and then claim it's gays who are forcing their agenda on them.

I don't understand what people mean when they talk about the "gay lifestyle," when the gay people I know are decent, law-abiding individuals whose "lifestyle" isn't much different from mine.

And, mostly, I don't understand how they can say it's a manifestation of their love to boycott companies that treat gays kindly, like any other employees. Or that it's love that compels them to send gay relatives off to de-programmers, as if being gay were some particularly wretched form of mental illness.

Look how many we've "saved," these people say, when you ask about this. To which I say: As far as you know, anyway.

I guess what it comes down to is whether you believe God made some of us different and some of us the same, or if we really do choose our sexual natures like breakfast. I tend to come down on the former side of the fence, if only because this is what most gays will tell you - and, well, in these matters, I tend to go directly to the source.

Write an editorial, the guy said?

OK, then. In that case, I think admonishing families to love their children, gay or straight, is a fine idea. And I think the Catholic Church's long-held position that "Homosexuals . . . should have an active role in the Christian community" is far more realistic than the alternative, even if the church seems a little conflicted about exactly what that role should be.

We're all God's children, my Sunday-school teacher once told me. I don't believe there were any asterisks involved.

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Elaine Herscher, Chronicle Staff Writer

President Clinton's nomination of James Hormel to the post of ambassador to Luxembourg is the latest sign that he is making good on his post-election promise to reward gays and lesbians for their support, national gay leaders said yesterday.

Last week Clinton appointed Virginia Apuzzo to be assistant to the president for management and administration. That makes Apuzzo, whose position is just below cabinet secretary, the highest- ranking openly gay person ever to serve in the federal government.

Clinton has also nominated M. John Berry for the position of assistant secretary for policy, management and budget at the Interior Department.

Berry's post, described by the White House as "quite senior," is one of only five assistant secretary posts in the department. He will be responsible for guiding policy there.

Apuzzo's appointment requires no Senate confirmation, but Hormel's and Berry's nominations do. Berry's confirmation hearing opens today.

If confirmed, Hormel and Berry would rank with Apuzzo as the most senior gay people in government.

In addition to the recent appointments, the White House announced last month that the president would address a November 8 gala dinner held by the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay organization. It will be the first time a U.S. president speaks before a lesbian and gay civil rights group.

While Clinton has appointed several gays to jobs in his second term, his recent moves are likely to mean more both to gays and to Clinton's conservative critics. Hormel is on the board of the Human Rights Campaign's educational arm, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. Apuzzo used to head the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

In his first term, Clinton made some highly publicized gay appointments -- including that of San Franciscan Roberta Achtenberg, who was an assistant secretary in the Department of Housing and Urban Development -- but his record on lesbian and gay issues has been a disappointment to many.

His "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military has not resulted in fewer discharges of gay and lesbian military personnel. And

last

year he infuriated gay supporters when he signed the Defense of Marriage

Act,

which declared marriage an exclusively heterosexual institution.

There is a sense among gays that it was about time he fulfilled a

promise

he made to gay leaders last spring to give gays more power in his

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* Gays in the military: Clinton should 'admit his mistake,' jurist says.

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES -- A veteran federal judge issued a stern challenge to

President Clinton on Thursday, urging the president to "admit his mistake of judgment" and renounce the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

"Renounce it because it is wrong, it is evil -- as you surely know in your heart," declared 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge William A. Norris.

The liberal jurist issued the unusual challenge in remarks prepared for delivery at an evening ceremony at the Pacific Design Center, where he was to receive a "Liberty Award" from the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a national non-profit legal group working for full civil rights for gay men and lesbians.

"Discrimination against lesbians and gay men as official governmental policy has emerged as the most intractable civil rights issue of the '90s," said Norris, 70, who is perhaps best known for his strong opinion in a 1988 case in which he said the military's ban on gays violated the Constitution's equal protection clause.

"To be sure, other forms of discrimination, such as discrimination based on race or gender, persist as grave social problems in America," Norris said Thursday. "But at least they are no longer acceptable as official governmental policy. Regrettably, however, it continues to be acceptable for the government and government officials to promote hatred, fear and

intolerance against gay men and lesbians."

Norris, who is set to retire this month after 17 years on the federal bench, condemned "don't ask, don't tell" as a policy which "demands that gays and lesbians live a lie if they wish to serve in the military, and fight and die for their country."

In response to Norris' prepared remarks, a White House spokesman, speaking on condition that he not be identified, said "the so-called 'don't ask, don't tell' policy is the law of the land and the president and the Department of Defense maintain a keen interest in ensuring that the policy is fairly enforced."

The policy evolved from a lengthy debate about the rights of gays to serve in the military. Until 1993, there was a ban on gays and lesbians serving in the U.S. armed forces. As a presidential candidate, Clinton said he supported repeal of the ban. But shortly after his election, the Pentagon and some members of Congress vociferously objected to an outright repeal, and Clinton came out with "don't ask, don't tell," which permits gays to serve in the military so long as they do not publicly state their sexual orientation.

Clinton called the policy an "honorable compromise." But gay rights organizations immediately denounced it, and there has been considerable

litigation over the policy. Thus far, four federal appeals courts -- including the 9th Circuit -- have upheld the policy. Norris was not one of the judges who considered that case, but in his remarks Thursday said that the policy's constitutionality is "highly suspect."

The Chicago Tribune, October 17, 1997

INC COLUMN (excerpt)

By Judy Hevrdejs and Mike Conklin

INC. hasn't heard of any Southern Baptist protests of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" here. The musical's openly-gay director Robert Jess Roth, in Chicago's weekly Outlines newspaper, has this response to the church's call for a Disney boycott: "I'd say don't go to any theater, don't watch TV, don't go shopping, don't do anything. Because there are gay people everywhere. So just get over it!"

The Arizona Republic, October 1, 1997

GUEST COLUMN

By David Horowitz

Special for the Republic

Today is National Coming Out Day. I am openly gay. I don't hide my sexual orientation; I embrace it. I am "out."

These profoundly personal statements raise significant social and political issues.

Social structure provides little assistance to gay people.

Heterosexuality

dominates the world view. Gays face misunderstanding, fear, hatred, discrimination and often violence. Like other minority groups, we rely on others' fair-mindedness to achieve equality and civil rights. Families, friends and co-workers who know someone gay overwhelmingly favor equal rights. Unfortunately, most people believe that they don't know anyone gay. Achieving equality therefore, requires coming out.

I call "coming out" a process rather than an event. In childhood we learn society's heterosexual constructs. At age 6 or 7, I realized that my personal feelings didn't coincide with these teachings. I didn't call myself gay; I just knew I was different. Early coming out is very personal - we discover sexuality and attempt to understand it. Everyone goes through this process; heterosexuals simply benefit from social structures and guidance.

Society presumes heterosexuality. When presumptions don't fit, we must explore, define, accept and hopefully embrace our personal sexual orientation.

Sexuality, however, doesn't occur in a vacuum. We can't pursue our sexuality unless others know about it.

Heterosexuals find societal support for meeting people, dating and establishing relationships. Gays get support from people only when they know we want it. Important relationships get infinitely closer with complete honesty.

Coming out invites people fully into our lives yet often involves fear

of

rejection. Some regard homosexuality as sinful or abnormal. Many want us to remain silent. People who come out, however, almost universally express contentment with their decision. Some experience rejection, pain and frustration, but most report improved relationships and self-esteem.

Why talk about being gay? Why make it a public and political issue? As long as gay people experience discrimination and hatred, I must continue to come out.

As long as gay teenagers commit suicide at alarming rates, I must continue to come out. As long as gays have no federal or statewide employment protection, I must continue to come out. As long as gays cannot legally marry, I must continue to come out. Where injustice and inequality thrive, we must seek justice and equality.

When I come out, I place a human face and personality with the word homosexual. I shatter myths. I am a lawyer and a teacher. Gays are doctors, business people, waiters, social workers, accountants, etc. My co-workers know and respect someone gay. I fully participate in life - seeking only equal rights, not special rights. Since most people are heterosexual, equality requires support and acceptance from the heterosexual community. When my heterosexual family members, friends and colleagues know my sexual orientation, they provide love and support beyond my highest expectations.

Today, coming out reveals more than sexual orientation. As public personalities come out - Martina Navratilova, Congressmen Barney Frank, Steve Gunderson and Jim Kolbe, Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano, Candace Gingrich - we

recognize that sexual orientation has a profound political, social and personal impact. We don't choose to be gay, but we can openly and honestly embrace our sexuality. Facing the consequences of this revelation takes courage and deserves support.

The founders of National Coming Out Day recognized the importance of coming out for personal and political empowerment. Because sexual orientation

isn't visually obvious, like race or gender, people know only when we tell them. Our event encourages everyone to come out today and everyday.

If you are gay, come out. If someone comes out to you, honor and respect them. Ask questions; get additional information; seek and offer emotional support.

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against Initiative 677 this week. A mailing, signed by state Rep. Val
Stevens

and Bob Larimer of the Traditional Family Values, was recently sent out.

The NOPE committee has concentrated venom in their verbal rhetoric in
recent weeks as well. Larimer appeared on KIRO radio Oct. 9 and he quoted
Dan
Savage in opposition to I-677.

"This is a very active, aggressive, political group that will use this
[I-677] as a legal hammer over employers," Larimer said.

Larimer said Gay people are rich and powerful and don't experience
discrimination and quoted Dan Savage as "proof" that Gays and Lesbians
don't
need protection from discrimination.

"Dan Savage wrote recently in the Seattle Times that in spite of Hands
Off
Washington's claims, homosexuals and Lesbians are not living in fear of
losing their jobs in Washington. There is no crisis," Larimer said.

Larimer and Stevens also distributed a letter to fundamentalist
Christians
throughout the state maligning the Gay/Lesbian community with
misinformation.

"Your children are a target! We don't know how else to say it. Your
children
are at serious risk. They are being led into the homosexual kingdom - it's
as

simple as that. And there is now nobody left to protect them - except you."

Larimer and Stevens continued their lies with: "Many former homosexuals who have come out of the lifestyle say that older men are not desirable to Gay men. They want 'young' boys and men. That's why there's an organization you're probably heard about called NAMBLA. This organization has been around for many years...and wants your boys!

"If I-677 passes we will no longer be able to teach our kids that homosexuality is wrong," they wrote. "Furthermore, our kids will be told that people (like their parents) who disagree with this teaching are nothing more than bigots and hate-mongers. Children will be taught that homosexuality is a normal, healthy, sexual activity. Moreover, state government will be using our money to do it with! That's right, our tax dollars will be used to teach our kids to like homosexuality! And you will be unable to do anything about teachers who may be cross-dressers - even in the classrooms!

"Homosexuals want public acceptance of their sexual deviancy. Do you know why?" the letter asked. "Because the only way homosexuals can ever feel good about themselves is when this abnormality is viewed as normal - by normal

people! And they plan to get your approval - whether you like it or not!

They

see nothing wrong with using the power of civil government to force you -

AND

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"Friends, homosexuality is not a race or ethnicity issue. It's a behavior.

And it's a behavior that still repulses the majority of Americans today.

Sodomy is at the root of the largest major health epidemic this nation has ever known. And it wasn't very many years ago that people with AIDS and related homosexual diseases would have been quarantined to protect the health

of others. But not today. Now it's not

politically correct. We are left unprotected by government in order to protect a lifestyle and its plague. In fact, government won't allow us to protect ourselves by allowing us to know who has this deadly disease. If I-677 passes, it will get worse. You can bet on it."

Larimer warned that if I-677 passes in November "it may be the end of the

war and we may never be able to stop this assault by the radical homosexual

community....The homosexuals are on the offensive, on our doorstep, close to victory."

"Christian counseling?" No thanks! Anti-Gay activist Robert Taylor, director of Seattle-based Metanoia Ministries, has stepped up his activism against the local Gay community. Metanoia Ministries attempts to "change"

homosexuals into heterosexuals through "Christian Counseling" - an approach the American Psychological Association has condemned as unethical. Taylor has called for an anti-Gay rally in downtown Seattle on National Coming Out Day on Saturday, Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day. His rally is titled National Coming Out of Homosexuality Day in which he intends to urge homosexuals to accept Jesus and become heterosexual.

"That it is the same day the pro-homosexual community has its coming out day," Taylor informed readers of his newsletter. "We're going to have our day. A day that not only shows Washington that change is possible but also shows love and compassion to the Gay community!

"Never before has an opportunity like this happened in Seattle or Washington! Christians publicly demonstrating their love and publicly praying for those struggling with homosexuality is unprecedented!!!" Taylor said.

"Many in the Gay lifestyle believe that the Christian community hates them. This simply isn't true. We love them, not their sin. Many have had bad experiences with churches. This is an opportunity to undo some of the hurt that has admittedly occurred.

Taylor, who claims that Jesus "delivered" him from the homosexual lifestyle is, of course, an aggressive opponent of Initiative 677.

"Washington state is being regarded as the forerunner in this type of legislation for the Gay agenda," Taylor said. "We have to stop this from going any further. Granting homosexuals minority status is a serious

problem

not just for small businesses but for Christians too. You see, if the

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; ; ; ; Norris said the "don't ask, don't tell" policy was equally worthy of condemnation. "It is also evil. . . . Just as the racial policies of Gov. [Orval] Faubus were evil."

; ; ; ; The federal judge urged Clinton to renounce the policy "before it

becomes a permanent stain on his legacy."

; ; ; ; ;In the same vein, Norris denounced the 1986 U.S. Supreme Court's
Bowers

vs. Hardwick decision, which upheld a Georgia law making sodomy a crime--a
ruling that reversed a federal appellate court decision which held that the
statute violated fundamental rights and that engaging in such conduct in
private was beyond state regulation.

; ; ; ; ;Norris delivered a particularly blistering critique of then-Chief
Justice Warren Burger's concurring opinion in the Bowers case. Burger said
that according gay people "the same rights of privacy enjoyed by straight
people" would be "to cast aside millennia of moral teaching." Norris said
Thursday that it was "surely one of the most gratuitous and vicious
opinions
ever written by a federal judge."

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; ; ; ; ;Norris predicted that the Bowers case and the "don't ask, don't tell"
policy would eventually be buried in the "national cemetery of shame,"
along
with earlier Supreme Court decisions that permitted slavery, segregated
public facilities and the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during
World War II.

; ; ; ; ;"As dark as each of these chapters in our history has been, each
ultimately has been renounced," Norris said. "Each is now dead and buried,
but we must never forget them, for they serve both as a reminder of our
past
mistakes and as a reference point for measuring our collective progress
toward a truly just society."

; ; ; ; ;Norris said he took comfort from the 1996 U.S. Supreme Court decision that struck down an anti-gay initiative in Colorado, giving gays and lesbians their first major high court victory.

; ; ; ; ;On a broader note, Norris said the nation is undergoing "a fundamental shift in the way Americans think about gay men and lesbians and the roles they play in our everyday lives. We see this change manifested in the popularity of Ellen DeGeneres' out-of-the closet TV show, and the current box office sensation 'In & Out,' with its memorable moment of passion between the characters portrayed by actors Kevin Kline and Tom Selleck."

; ; ; ; ;After Norris concluded, comedian Bruce Vilanch, the master of ceremonies, joked: "We'll send a video of Judge Norris' speech to the White House, but of course it will take them six months to find it."

; ; ; ; ;Asked why he was making such a strong statement about gay and lesbian rights, Norris, who is normally cautious in his off-the-bench remarks, said simply, "I'm honored to get this award and it occurred to me this was an appropriate occasion to say what is in my heart."

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Letter: Gay Rabbi

Having just completed High Holy Days for a fourth year at Kol Simcha, the Orange County gay, lesbian, bi- and heterosexual synagogue where our eldest child is a cantor, I am thrilled to read of Rabbi Donald Goor's ordination at

Temple Judea (Oct. 13).

; ; ; ; I believe my late father-in-law, Earl Morse, former chairman of the board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (3 million, Reform) and aunt, Norma Udall Levitt, former president of National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, would join us in congratulating the courageous Temple Judea and Reform movement. We should all bear witness to vision, compassion and integrity: providing houses of ongoing learning and prayer, respondent to the changing needs of increasingly complex societies, for all those desiring Judaism, the laws of tzedaka (justice) and with respect for all life.

-- BEVERLY SIMONS-MORSE

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Letter: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES

Although I am not a member of the Roman Catholic Church, I want to commend the U.S. bishops on their sensitive and caring letter regarding the treatment of homosexual children.

Especially noteworthy was their recognition and acknowledgment that

homosexual orientation is inborn and therefore is not in itself sinful
because it does not involve free choice.

Now, it's time to take the final step.

If the orientation is not sinful, why is the behavior, in the proper
circumstances, sinful? It's not for anyone else.

Christianity has long held that sexuality is proper and right in a
committed and lasting relationship, that is, in marriage, but not
otherwise.

Why not apply the same logic to homosexual unions and marry those who wish
to
live in that type of relationship?

Some might say that the Bible expressly forbids homosexual behavior.

But,

the Bible forbids many things that we now place in their cultural context.

If

we truly followed all of the Bible's "forbids," women could not speak in
church (and certainly could not be clergy), and most of us would go through
life minus one or more hands and eyes.

From Galileo on, we have learned to understand many Biblical passages as
metaphorical as modern science has steadily expanded the frontiers of
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In his address, the judge pointedly reminded Clinton of his recent commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock, Ark., public schools, where speakers denounced the bigotry that had kept blacks in separate, unequal schools until then.

Norris said the "don't ask, don't tell" policy was equally worthy of

condemnation. "It is also evil. . . . Just as the racial policies of Gov.

[Orval] Faubus were evil."

The federal judge urged Clinton to renounce the policy "before it becomes a permanent stain on his legacy."

In the same vein, Norris denounced the 1986 U.S. Supreme Court's Bowers vs. Hardwick decision, which upheld a Georgia law making sodomy a crime-a ruling that reversed a federal appellate court decision which held that the statute violated fundamental rights and that engaging in such conduct in private was beyond state regulation.

Norris delivered a particularly blistering critique of then-Chief Justice Warren Burger's concurring opinion in the Bowers case. Burger said that according gay people "the same rights of privacy enjoyed by straight people" would be "to cast aside millennia of moral teaching." Norris said Thursday that it was "surely one of the most gratuitous and vicious opinions ever written by a federal judge."

Norris predicted that the Bowers case and the "don't ask, don't tell" policy would eventually be buried in the "national cemetery of shame," along with earlier Supreme Court decisions that permitted slavery, segregated public facilities and the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

"As dark as each of these chapters in our history has been, each ultimately has been renounced," Norris said. "Each is now dead and buried, but we must never forget them, for they serve both as a reminder of our past mistakes and as a reference point for measuring our collective progress toward a truly just society."

Norris said he took comfort from the 1996 U.S. Supreme Court decision

that struck down an anti-gay initiative in Colorado, giving gays and lesbians their first major high court victory.

On a broader note, Norris said the nation is undergoing "a fundamental shift in the way Americans think about gay men and lesbians and the roles they play in our everyday lives. We see this change manifested in the popularity of Ellen DeGeneres' out-of-the closet TV show, and the current box office sensation 'In & Out,' with its memorable moment of passion between the characters portrayed by actors Kevin Kline and Tom Selleck."

After Norris concluded, comedian Bruce Vilanch, the master of ceremonies, joked: "We'll send a video of Judge Norris' speech to the White House, but of course it will take them six months to find it."

Asked why he was making such a strong statement about gay and lesbian rights, Norris, who is normally cautious in his off-the-bench remarks, said simply, "I'm honored to get this award and it occurred to me this was an appropriate occasion to say what is in my heart."

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