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3. ABC (Australia) Tasmanian government rejects finding on transexuals in
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4. ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS Letter: Think Before You Write Or Sue
5. ASSOCIATED PRESS Gay Pride March - Candace Gingrich, ``Ellen's" mom
to
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Letter: Time for persecution of homosexuals to stop

About "the poster" . . . when will it end?

I refer to the flap over the now infamous poster at Chesterton High School.

I refer specifically to recent letters to the editor about some of the people on the poster being gay or bi-sexual.

Ed Gustafson of Chesterton writes that "Eleanor Roosevelt had five good friends who were lesbian."

I've often read you are judged by the company you keep. He further says "Michaelangelo was never married and fathered no children." That is a fairly good indication of his sexual identify. He further says "Errol Flynn was "seduced" by homosexual friends once or twice. Give me a break! One grown man does not "seduce" another grown man into homosexuality.

I think twice is enough to at least admit he's bisexual. Gustafson mentions

Virginia Woolf, whoever this is, that she had a brief lesbian affair with a famous lesbian friend, but she too, was not gay or bisexual. Come on people get real!

It takes one to know one and after reading his comments I definitely think the people on the poster were members of the gay community.

The problem, it seems, is heterosexuals want to believe that one must be straight to be of any value. They love to think all gay people are bad or worthless.

Some people are born left-handed; most are born right-handed. I can

remember when society tried to force left-handed people to become right-handed, so they would be normal.

I say there's nothing wrong with left-handed people or gay people or people with slanted eyes or various skin pigmentation. What is wrong is the notion that we all must look and act and think alike.

If I am homosexual and I treat people decent, hurt no one, love children and protect animals - why do you single me out to persecute? Why does who I love bother you so?

Enough of this hatred. I'll say it once more: Accept it that one in 10 people are gay, lesbian or bisexual. That's a lot of people. If you can't accept us, at least stop persecuting us.

-- Shirley Dronin, Valparaiso

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LOCAL COMPOSES REQUIEM AS HIS RESPONSE TO AIDS

Toby Tenenbaum is all too familiar with death.

His mother died in 1993, his nephew in 1994, his lover in 1995. He then learned that he is HIV positive.

As a member of the gay community, he has known many who have died of AIDS.

"I lost 20, 25 of my friends at a certain point," he said.

His response to the tragedies was to compose a requiem - music written

for
the dead.

During a vigil for World AIDS Day, he and a choir of almost 30 showcased part of that work, "Requiem for chorus a cappella," composed during the last two years.

The full requiem will be sung for the first time March 29. Dozens of community members showed up Monday at St. John's Episcopal Church downtown to listen to what Tenenbaum and his choir composed.

In the end, audience members - gathered in a candlelit room - rose to their feet, embracing the spirit of the piece.

"I know the people in there were really moved," Tenenbaum said later. He said he hopes the piece will be used for anyone who has lost someone they love.

"This is not about me saying, 'hey folks, I am dying of AIDS,'" he said. "I hope it is just a good piece of music."

Tenenbaum is not sure who the piece is dedicated to, but there were many times he wondered if he would live to see the work finished.

"I feel deep down that I was writing my own requiem," he said.

The most unique part of the work is that - unlike in most requiems - the choir is not accompanied by musical instruments. That's because Tenenbaum, a

41-year-old piano teacher, wants his music to be easily used by any church choir. He also hopes it will someday be available on CD, so it can be

listened

to at home or in a car.

ABC Australia - Online News, 4 December, 1997

TAS Govt rejects finding on transsexuals in sport

The Tasmanian Government has **rejected** the findings of a Senate report which recommends that transsexuals, who **were** formerly males, should be allowed to compete in women's sporting events.

Minister for Arts, Sport and **Recreation**, Sue Napier, says the finding of the majority report by Labor and **Democrat** Senators is outrageous.

Mrs Napier says it is well known that there are physiological differences between men and women, which are not altered by a sex change operation.

The Minister says if adopted, the Senate finding could see women competitors competing against athletes who were born male and have biological strength advantages.

ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS, December 5, 1997

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Letter: Think Before You Write Or Sue

A few weeks ago I received a mailing for an upcoming Out North Theatre

production which showed an energetic trio, two males and a female, with the female, unclad above the waist, discreetly unrevealing. The picture didn't bother me, but I realized Anchorage Assembly members, looking at next year's

funding assistance for this outstanding group, might hold other views.

Soon afterward, even closer to the Assembly hearing on FY99 recommendations from the Anchorage Arts Advisory Commission -- which would include the Out North stipend -- the local media began to cover the progression of the sexual discrimination lawsuit of Out North guiding lights Jay Brause and Gene Dugan.

"Good timing, you guys!" came across my mind as it became obvious Brause and Dugan had created an untimely controversy.

In its Sunday, Nov. 23, issue, the Daily News, in its main editorial and an arts editorial, seemed to be fanning the fire in a way certain to furnish no assistance to Out North, yet guaranteed to heat things enough to provide a negative spinoff for all cultural organizations and educational arts funding during the upcoming legislative session. "Good timing, you guys!"

Over the past five years or so I have been trying to explain to good friends who are liberals that the power of the right will continue to grow in the foreseeable future.

The editors of the Daily News should ask themselves this: If (as will

probably come to pass within the next four years) my tax money in the form of school voucher payments goes to a private school which teaches that God put dinosaur bones in the ground to test my faith, or that homosexuals are evil, or that Jews killed Christ and ought to be forever held accountable, or other such nonsense, should we protest this use of our tax money? Should we litigate? Should we work to get politicians more amenable to our views in office?

If the answer to any of the above reactions is "yes," then the stance of the ADN on the current Out North issue strikes me as hypocritical.

It's time for some hard, pragmatic thinking at Out North -- and at the Daily News.

-- Philip Munger, vice president

Arts for Healthy Alaskans

ASSOCIATED PRESS, December 5, 1997

Gay Pride March

Candace Gingrich, ``Ellen's" mom to attend gay pride festival

By JEFF SHAIN

Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) _ With a Village People concert banned by a developer worried about promoting homosexual values, House Speaker Newt Gingrich's

half-

sister said Friday she will attend this spring's gay-pride festival in

Myrtle

Beach to make a point.

``It's 1997 and denying people access to public accommodations should be a

thing of the past," said Candace Gingrich, who will be there with Betty

DeGeneres, entertainer Ellen DeGeneres' mother.

Ms. Gingrich, a grass-roots coordinator for the Human Rights Campaign in Washington, has openly declared her homosexuality.

Ellen Degeneres caused a stir this year when she said she was homosexual and her television character also declared her homosexuality. Her mother is a

spokeswoman for the Human Rights Campaign's National Coming Out Project, the

first heterosexual to have that role.

``I think these two are so significant," said Tony Snell, co-chairman of

the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement. ``It's a sister of one

of the most powerful men in America, and it's a straight mother of one of the most famous celebrities in America."

On Thursday, Burroughs & Chapin Co. Inc. nixed the proposed concert promoted by an association of nightclub owners at its Broadway at the Beach complex.

``It's still very disappointing to know that there are people in this country to forget what country we're living in," Ms. Gingrich said.

“The idea that they feel they have a right to put pressure on tenants and a right to dictate who they should be doing business with _ it's very disappointing to know that's still happening.”

The band once was known for drawing a large following among the gay community, but band member Eric Anzalone said it now appeals to a larger audience.

Festival organizers had worked for weeks to attract Ms. Gingrich and Mrs. DeGeneres, who was taping an episode of her daughter's comedy show on Friday and was unavailable for comment.

The ninth annual festival is scheduled for April 30-May 3. Last year it was held in Greenville, where the county council passed a resolution condemning homosexuality, and in Columbia previous years.

Festival co-chair Linda Robertson said organizers were trying to find another location for The Village People, the colorful six-man '70s band riding the wave of a disco comeback.

The group is best known for the songs “Macho Man,” “Y.M.C.A.” and “In the Navy.” Each member dresses in costumes of a macho-male stereotype: a biker, a serviceman, a construction worker, a cowboy, a police officer and an American Indian.

Anzalone, the biker, told The (Myrtle Beach) Sun News the group would be

willing to work out another deal to come to the festival.

``It's been awhile since we've had a cancellation," he said. ``We've never had anything like this happen."

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(Regarding website on Navy's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy)

Well, the lawyers have finally approved the web site and it is online and open to the public. I hope to start my e-mail campaign later on this week. I

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Civil rights leader Ralph Neas challenges Morella

Human Rights Campaign says it will stand behind Morella, despite her DOMA

vote

by Kai Wright

Civil rights activist Ralph Neas announced on November 17 that he will challenge five-term Republican incumbent Rep. Constance Morella next year for Maryland's 8th district Congressional seat. Both candidates have been strongly supportive of equal rights for Gay people throughout their political careers.

Neas will enter the Democratic primary in the Congressional district, which includes Montgomery County. Montgomery County Democratic Party chair George

Leventhal said one other person has expressed interest in entering that primary, a farm worker named Don Deichman. Deichman ran a grassroots campaign for the seat in 1994.

Human Rights Campaign political director Winnie Stachelberg told the Blade that HRC, the nation's largest independent Gay political lobby group, will endorse Morella in the race and that the organization has committed to making a financial contribution to her campaign. Stachelberg said that, while HRC does not have a "litmus test" in deciding which candidates it will support, the organization decided to support Morella because of her documented record of support for Gay civil rights during her five terms in congress.

Stachelberg pointed to Morella's support for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), of which she was an original co-sponsor, her role in blocking an amendment to the 1997 Department of Defense reauthorization bill that would have forced the discharge of HIV seropositive servicemembers, and her contributions to securing increases in federal AIDS funding over the years as proof of the moderate Republican's "solid record" on Gay civil rights.

During the 1993 debate on the ban on Gays serving in the military, Morella also voted for legislation which sought to block Congress' codification of the current 'Don't ask, Don't tell' policy in that year's Department of Defense reauthorization bill.

"The Human Rights Campaign has been a long time supporter of Connie

Morella, and will continue to support her," explained Stachelberg. "Connie Morella continues to be a very strong voice for the Gay community in Congress."

But Morella was among those who voted in favor of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). Neas told the Blade that he strongly opposes DOMA.

"[DOMA] represents the worst of how Congress works," said Neas, "and it's Gay and Lesbian bashing at its worst."

Neas also reaffirmed his support for ENDA. Since the summer of 1996, he has served as a "strategic consultant" on ENDA for HRC. In addition, Neas noted that he is opposed to the military's current policy of not searching for Gay servicemembers but forbidding them from engaging in same-sex sexual conduct or admitting their sexuality.

Maryland's Gay political action committee, Action in Maryland (AIM), has not decided which candidate the group will support in the race, said AIM chair John Bunting. Bunting said the group has been focusing on statewide races but plans to discuss the 8th district race in the coming weeks.

The chair of Montgomery County's Gay and Lesbian Interests Consortium (GLIC), Laura Butterbaugh, said GLIC had not taken a position in the contest either. But she noted Morella's support for the local Gay community.

"Connie Morella has been very interested in our community," said

Butterbaugh, pointing to her regular attendance at Gay events such as the county's Gay pride festival.

Neas worked on Capitol Hill as an aide to two Republican senators in the 1970s, until he fell ill with a disease called Guillain-Barre syndrome at the end of the decade. When he recovered in 1981, Neas left Capitol Hill and became the head of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR).

Under his 15-year tenure at LCCR, the organization helped successfully fight the U.S. Supreme Court nomination of Robert Bork and was involved in several progressive causes throughout the 1980s and early 1990s, ranging from the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act to the creation of family-leave laws in the workplace.

In a speech announcing his candidacy, Neas cited these battles and noted his support for Gay civil rights as LCCR's head.

HRC's Stachelberg acknowledged that support and noted that Neas was instrumental in bringing HRC into the 185-organization coalition. And, while noting HRC's "long standing relationship" with Neas, Stachelberg said the group was excited to see a race with two supportive candidates. She noted that one of HRC's goals is to create races such as this one.

In his announcement speech, Neas said that although Morella has "earned our admiration and appreciation" as a moderate voice within the GOP, she has failed to provide sufficient opposition to what he characterized as a drift to the right in the Republican party since 1994.

"The era of the moderate Republican is over. In today's Republican party there's no room for moderates or progressives," said Neas. "[The Republican party] is the sworn enemy of civil rights and women's rights. It revels in Gay and Lesbian bashing."

Until last year, Neas described himself as a "progressive Republican." In 1996, however, he registered as a Democrat.

The filing deadline for the 8th district will not come until next summer.

But, thus far, Neas seems to be the front runner for the Democratic nomination.

"Ralph Neas is clearly the leading candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 8th District," said party chair Leventhal.

Morella's Chief of Staff told the Washington Post after Neas' announcement that the representative does not plan to begin her campaign for several months.

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--> BRITAIN TO LIFT GAY BAN

Britain will move this winter to lift its ban on gays in the military rather than be forced to do so by rulings expected from the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice.

Proposed legislation reportedly draws on the U.S.' failed 'don't ask, don't tell' policy.

One of the European cases likely will open the floodgates for about 4,000 gays and lesbians who were kicked out of the military since 1978 to sue for damages -- at a cost to the British government of up to \$1.7 billion.

"As well as compensation for loss of pay and pensions, sacked gay personnel will get massive punitive damages for being put under surveillance, arrested, interrogated, imprisoned and humiliated," said gay activist Peter Tatchell of the group OutRage! "For every week the government continues to defy the [European Union] Equal Treatment Directive, the bill grows bigger."

--> BRITISH LIKE GAYS MORE THAN BEFORE

Forty-two percent of Brits believe gay sex is "always or mostly wrong" according to a new Health Education Authority survey.

That's down from 74 percent in a 1987 poll.

HEA spokesman Rodney Amis called the results "encouraging" because "a more tolerant attitude towards gay and bisexual men will enable HIV/AIDS health promotion to be more effective."

The survey questioned 1,442 people.

--> GAY GROUP PICKETS NAZI GOLD CONFERENCE {photo sent}

Members of the gay group OutRage! picketed the London conference on looted Nazi gold Dec. 2 demanding compensation for gay victims of Nazism.

They were greeted with a smile and wave from British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook as he entered Lancaster House.

"Robin Cook's friendliness was surprising because the Foreign Office has opposed gay participation in the conference," said OutRage's Peter Tatchell. "Invitations were refused to the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations and to the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC). In contrast, Jewish and Gypsy groups were officially encouraged to participate, and are attending."

Outrage demanded that where owners of looted gold cannot be traced, it should be used to compensate holocaust victims who have been refused reparations by the German government, including East European Jews, slave laborers and gays.

"Some of the gold should be set aside to finance memorials, educational programs and museums in honour of forgotten victims of Nazism, such as Gypsies, the disabled, homosexuals, and black people," the group added.

OutRage! also says gay community groups should receive a share of the looted gold to finance a gay holocaust memorial and museum, educational films about the Nazi persecution of homosexuals for distribution to schools, and a hardship fund to support elderly gay holocaust survivors.

IGLHRC Executive Director Julie Dorf called it "unacceptable that there [was] no gay and lesbian voice officially recognized" at the conference.

{Photo caption: IGLHRC Executive Director Julie Dorf. Photo by Rex Wockner}

--> ANTI-GAY AUSSIE MP CAUGHT BUYING GAY PORN

Anti-gay Member of Parliament Mike Reed, the deputy chief minister and police and fire service minister of Australia's Northern Territory, is doing some fancy talking after being caught buying gay porn on a trip to Sydney.

A Darwin man familiar with Reed's homophobic rants followed him into a sex shop and observed the purchases.

Reed claims he bought the two videos and the magazine as background material for parliamentary debate on lowering the age-

of-consent for gay sex.

But opposition MPs are not having it. "Nobody believed the deputy chief minister in terms of his research story," said Opposition Leader Maggie Hickey. "It was hypocrisy of the highest order [and] we call ... on the chief minister to sack his deputy."

--> GREEKS SUPPORT OFFICIAL WHO HAD AFFAIR WITH TRANSSEXUAL

Eighty-two percent of 20,000 Greeks who called a TV-station phone-in poll oppose the disbarring of Athens Deputy District Attorney Giorgos Sakellariopoulos for having an extramarital affair with a transsexual who used to be a transvestite hooker.

For his part, Sakellariopoulos, 44, is threatening to take his case to the European Court of Human Rights.

"I'm guilty, but I disagree with my punishment," he said. "My personal life concerns only me and nobody else."

--> SWEDISH MAN SUES EU FOR SPOUSAL BENEFITS

A Swedish man married under that nation's gay partnership law has filed suit with the European Court of Justice's Court of First Instance demanding that his employer, the European Union Council

of Ministers, grant benefits to his husband.

Gay-marriage laws in Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden grant all rights of matrimony except access to adoption, artificial insemination and church weddings.

The man, who chose not to be identified, says the council's inaction violates European law, the council's own staff regulations and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

--> HUNGARY HALTS ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING

Hungary's parliament has passed a law eliminating anonymous HIV testing, and the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission is mounting a repeal campaign.

"State medical authorities in Hungary have routinely failed in the past to respect the privacy of sensitive medical information," said IGLHRC Advocacy Coordinator Scott Long.

"Activists from the gay magazine MASOK have documented cases of persons -- whether testing positive or negative for HIV -- who were intimidated and threatened by staff at the State Institute of Venereology to reveal names of sexual contacts. They have also found evidence that medical files were conspicuously labelled to indicate the subject's homosexuality. This new policy will open

the door to still greater abuses [and result in] fewer people
being tested for HIV, driving them underground beyond the reach
of counseling and treatment."

IGLHRC urges protests to the Hungarian Parliament (Magyar
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Navy tries to oust sailor over AOL profile

HONOLULU Navy officials recommended the honorable discharge of the senior

enlisted official stationed aboard a Navy submarine in Pearl Harbor Nov.

7, after a civilian woman reported that the man described himself as "gay"

in a personal profile for America Online.

The man, Senior Chief Petty Officer Timothy R. McVeigh, said the Navy is

investigating him in direct violation of President Clinton's "don't ask,

don't tell" policy on Gays in the military. (This Timothy McVeigh is not

to be confused with convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy J. McVeigh).

"There is a procedure that they are supposed to follow under the "don't ask" policy, and clearly they did not," said Kirk Childress, whose Washington, D.C.-based Servicemembers Legal Defense Network monitors alleged violations of the policy and is assisting McVeigh.

Childress said McVeigh was charged with "sodomy and indecent acts" after a civilian woman who works with McVeigh read an AOL profile that she believed to be McVeigh's.

According to news reports, McVeigh's AOL profile included the word "Gay" under a category that asked for marital status.

Neither McVeigh nor his attorney, Lt. Cmdr. Derek Cole, could be reached for comment.

Speaking to a reporter last month, McVeigh said the charges against him have not been substantiated and that he has never acknowledged being Gay, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin reported.

McVeigh told the newspaper that he included the word "Gay" in his AOL profile because "I have dedicated so much of my life to the military, I really didn't want to get married and be out to sea all the time. Nor did I want to have children and not be there to see them grow up." He added, "To me, [Gay] is a word. It wasn't put there as a statement at all," the newspaper reported.

Cmdr. Betsy Bird, Navy spokesperson, would not comment on the charges against McVeigh and said only that the Navy "is involved in an administrative process" regarding McVeigh, according to the Star-Bulletin.

The Bureau of Naval Personnel is expected to issue a final decision

regarding McVeigh's status within the next 12 weeks, said Childress. ===== ATTACHMENT
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Thursday, December 18, 1997

PENTAGON REVERSES DECISION TERMINATING GAY YOUTH GROUP

New Policy For Youth Support Groups in Civilian Schools Worldwide

(NEW YORK, December 18, 1997) -- Lambda has just learned that a lesbian and gay youth support group is now safely back in place in Okinawa, Japan, after the United States Department of Defense issued a new policy allowing

such groups in DOD civilian schools worldwide, reversing an order that prohibited the group.

In October, 1996, a DOD official ordered the lesbian and gay youth support group to stop meeting at a Pentagon-operated high school in Japan. He cited the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in support of the order. The youth were devastated, and a supportive teacher called Lambda for help. Lambda, on their behalf, demanded that the Pentagon end the discriminatory treatment and reinstate the group.

Lambda argued that DOD has consistently claimed that "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is justified and applies only in the "unique circumstances of military life," not to any DOD-related civilian population.

Congressperson Barney Frank (D- Mass.) wrote in support of the effort to reinstate the group.

In October, 1997, the General Counsel of the United States Department of Defense announced new "group counseling protocols" that establish non-discriminatory ground rules, allowing for lesbian and gay youth support groups, and other such groups, in the Pentagon's civilian high schools worldwide. After following the new protocol, the Okinawa group now has been reinstated.

"The group's counselor has just confirmed that the group is indeed safely in place again," said David Buckel, one of Lambda's attorneys on the case.

"I got a note of thanks from the group this week, and one student said,

'This group helped me find out who I am, and now I'm finding out who I can

be."

"Especially so far from home, young gay and lesbian people need support to cope with discrimination and harassment," added Buckel. "This group, led by a teacher and a counselor, helps build self-esteem and enables the students to get the most out of their DOD education. Harming young people whose parents are in the military certainly cannot be justified by the harsh Don't Ask, Don't Tell' law that applies to service members."

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SECRETARY DEFENDS NAVY ON GAY POLICY

By Jean Christensen, Advertiser Staff Writer

Navy Secretary John Dalton yesterday said he does not agree with claims

that

witch hunts are being conducted to weed out gay and lesbian members of the military in violation of the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

During a question-and-answer session with reporters at Pearl Harbor, Dalton

declined to discuss a Navy investigation of Senior Chief Petty Officer

Timothy

R.

McVeigh, a Pearl Harbor submarine crew member who says he is being unfairly charged with sodomy because of information he included in an America Online

user profile.

But Dalton, who ended a four day stay in Hawaii yesterday, defended the

1993

Clinton administration policy allowing homosexuals to serve in the military as

long

as they do not disclose their sexuality.

Gay, rights groups have criticized the policy, saying it has resulted in

more service members being discharged for homosexuality than before it went into effect.

"I do know that we have not been engaged in witch hunts and have no intention to be engaged in witch hunts," Dalton said. "The policy that the president announced with the support of Congress several years ago is working, and I think working well."

McVeigh, a 17-year Navy veteran, has said investigators concluded he is

gay

based on an inquiry that was triggered when a civilian employee alerted

Navy

officials to his America Online profile. The profile, under the user name

"Tim," had

the word "gay" in the section for marital status.

McVeigh, 35, said his use of the term did not mean, he was claiming to be

homosexual. He has declined to reveal his sexual orientation.

Dixon Osburn, co-director, of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network in Washington, D.C., said Dalton's remarks about the "don't ask, don't tell" policy were surprising because Defense Secretary Cohen has expressed concern about allegations of witch hunts and asked for a review of the policy.

Cohen "has taken very seriously the allegations that the witch hunts continue, that the discharges continued," Osburn said. Osburn's group provides legal aid to members of the military who are identified as being gay and is assisting McVeigh in his appeal of a November recommendation that he be separated from the service and given an honorable discharge.

McVeigh's case illustrates that whatever the intention of 1993 policy, the military is aggressive in going after gay and lesbian members, Osburn said.

"Under 'don't ask, don't tell,' there is this concept of a zone of privacy," he said. "Service members were supposed to have a little more wiggle room. One would think that private statements that are made on AOL are not the sort of thing that the military should be interested in."

McVeigh could not be reached yesterday for comment. U.S. Rep. Neil Abercrombie, D-Hawai'i, who attended a breakfast with Dalton and 38 enlisted sailors yesterday, said he has received letters about the McVeigh case and

has
looked into it.

"I think it is being investigated in a straightforward way, and I have complete confidence in Secretary Dalton," Abercrombie said. "He is not a dissembler. He'll tell you exactly what he thinks and how it's going. I think the situation will be resolved."

Abercrombie said of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy: "It's the president's policy, period. And in some respects, unless the Congress wants to start micromanaging the policies of the services--I don't think they are--it's a question of making sure that, whatever the policy is, that it's followed correctly and there's not some kind of subterfuge or a nod and a wink as to how it's enforced."

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GAY HEALTH ACTIVIST CALLS FOR ABANDONMENT OF "GAY BOWEL SYNDROME"

Binghamton, NY - December 23, 1997 -- In the latest issue of the Journal of Homosexuality (Vol. 34, No. 2), gay health activist and scholar Michael Scarce calls for the abandonment of the medical term known as "Gay Bowel Syndrome (GBS)." First coined in 1976 by a group of New York physicians in private practice, Gay Bowel Syndrome was used to refer to any anorectal problem experienced by gay men.

The problems with the naming of GBS are numerous. None of the conditions that constitute Gay Bowel Syndrome are gay-specific, not all of the conditions are confined or specific to the bowel, and the collection does not meet the medical definition of a syndrome. As a misnomer, Gay Bowel Syndrome has lent itself to more than twenty years of stigma,

judgment, and discrimination against gay men under the thinly veiled guise of medical authority.

GRID (Gay-Related Immune Deficiency), the original name for AIDS, was abandoned in the early 1980s when it became obvious that AIDS was not specific to the gay community. However, GBS continues to be used today, even in medical textbooks published as recently as this year. The implications of this exceed the realm of pure semantics, however. Scarce cites a case study in which a gay man was misdiagnosed with GBS when in fact he had colon cancer. In addition, Gay Bowel Syndrome has provided fodder for anti-gay attitudes for more than two decades. In his research, Scarce notes, "The syndrome has been invoked in practically every gay-related controversy in recent years, including the Colorado Amendment 2 hearings, the gays in the military debate, proposed legalization of same-sex marriage, the Federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and more."

Until now, gay and lesbian political movements have failed to address Gay Bowel Syndrome or articulate an effective argument to counter the negative effects caused by this medical falsehood. Scarce's article sheds light on how social prejudices can be embedded in science: the case of GBS illustrates how homosexuality is often wrongly equated with disease.

To speak with Michael Scarce directly, contact (614) 292-0479.

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Window Media Purchases Houston Voice

Plans to Expand & Enhance Houston's Gay and Lesbian Newspaper;

Continues Window Media's Efforts to Boost Gay Media Businesses

WASHINGTON, D.C. - HOUSTON -- Crad P. Duren, M.D., and the principals of Window Media, LLC, announced today the pending sale of Houston's gay and lesbian newspaper, Houston Voice, to Window Media, owners of Southern Voice in Atlanta. The newspaper will change ownership effective January 1, 1998.

Duren, owner of Houston Voice since 1993, said he is very optimistic about the future of Houston Voice with Window Media. Since taking over with his late partner Tad Nelson, the newspaper has dramatically improved in content and advertising. Duren credits the talent and dedication of the

staff for this growth. Duren now looks forward to the Houston Voice continuing its expansion as part of Window Media. "This affiliation with Window Media will allow Houston Voice to become part of, at an early stage, the premier gay and lesbian news organization in the country."

Window Media is the creation of William Waybourn, President of Window Corp., a Washington, D.C. public relations firm. Waybourn most recently served as Managing Director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), a media watchdog group, and was founding Executive Director of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, a successful gay political action committee. In creating Window Media, Waybourn and his partners share a common goal of funneling capital to promising gay and lesbian media businesses. "Capitalizing on the successful acquisition of Southern Voice earlier this year, we wanted to act on our second purchase," Waybourn said. "Houston Voice fits our criteria perfectly and we were pleased that negotiations finalized quickly." "Other acquisitions are in negotiations," according to Waybourn.

"The model we will look to when managing Houston Voice is the same model that has worked well in Atlanta. A newspaper by the local community for the local community," Waybourn said. Waybourn emphasized that the Houston staff will manage the newspaper, and be responsible for its content, while Window Media will offer additional resources to continually improve its quality.

Waybourn is joined in Window Media by founding partners Chris Crain, Rick Ellsasser and Chad Johnson. Crain, editor and publisher of Southern

Voice, is an Atlanta attorney formerly with the firm Alston & Bird. Rick Ellsasser is a Vice President and partner in Window Corp., directing the public relations firm's West Coast efforts. Johnson is an attorney with the New York firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, in its Washington, D.C. office.

"Editorial management of Houston Voice will remain at the local level," Waybourn said. "We are fortunate to be coming to Houston at an exciting time. The recent election of Annise Parker as the first openly gay or lesbian member of the Houston City Council is the next step in the maturity of the Houston lesbian and gay community. We want to be a participant in that process," he said.

"If you look at the work we've done at the Victory Fund and GLAAD, the goal has always been to put national financial resources into the local community. Of course, we have a number of exciting ideas to expand and improve the newspaper. We believe Houston Voice has a strong role to play in the community," he said.

Waybourn is a native Texan, born in Houston in 1947. Waybourn worked for 10 years as an editor for two Texas daily newspapers. A former Dallas activist, he was president of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance, and instrumental in the growth of the lesbian and gay community there throughout the 1980's. While in Dallas, Waybourn was fundamental to the creation of gay and lesbian institutions including the community center, AIDS clinic, food bank, credit union, credit card, and a young adult's discussion and support group. In the early 1980's Waybourn, Bill Nelson,

Terry Tebedo and Craig Spaulding founded Dallas' Crossroads Market, a multi-purpose store serving Dallas' gay and lesbian community.

Subsequent to selling Crossroads Market in 1991, Waybourn moved to Washington, D.C., where he founded the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, a highly successful political action committee devoted to raising money for openly gay and lesbian political candidates and served as its executive director for four years. "Houston was an integral partner in the growth of the Victory Fund," Waybourn said. "Thanks to early interest on behalf of many Houstonians, including former board member Annise Parker, we were able to help elect numerous openly lesbian and gay candidates to public office," he said.

Three years ago, Waybourn formed a public affairs and marketing firm, Window, to assist with positive interaction between mainstream corporations and the lesbian and gay community. The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) subsequently hired Window for two years to restructure GLAAD from a loose confederation of chapters into a single cohesive national organization. Today GLAAD maintains fully staffed offices in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington, Atlanta and Kansas City.

Last year, Window Media LLC was formed with partners Ellsasser and Johnson -- who have worked with Waybourn since the early days of the Victory Fund -- and Crain, who began working with the team during Waybourn's tenure at GLAAD. Ellsasser manages the business aspects of Window Media, and previously managed the day-to-day operations of both the Victory Fund and

GLAAD. A graduate of Drake, Ellsasser is a degreed accountant and also serves as a partner in Window Corp.

Johnson, a graduate of Harvard Law School, serves as strategic and legal counsel for Window Media. He is also the General Counsel of the Victory Fund, national co-chair of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network and a Window Corp. partner.

Crain, also a graduate of Harvard Law School, manages the editorial and operations aspects of Window Media and serves as editor and publisher of Southern Voice. Crain's background in journalism, newspaper management and law serves him well as publisher and editor of Southern Voice. Crain edited three award-winning university publications, the Harvard Law Record, the Vanderbilt Hustler, and Versus Magazine, and was a reporter with The Tennessean, Nashville's morning daily paper. Crain has played significant roles in several major gay civil rights cases, including the first legal attack on the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy to reach the Supreme Court, and the child custody case of Sharon Bottoms, the Virginia lesbian whose mother sued for custody after learning of Sharon's sexual orientation.

A former attorney at Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. Crain moved to Atlanta in 1995. While an attorney at Alston & Bird, he served on the board of directors of Georgia's Stonewall Bar Association, was president of GLAAD/Atlanta, and served on the national GLAAD board of directors.

Since Window Media's August purchase of Southern Voice, the newspaper has

grown from an average of 48-52 pages to 60-64 pages, and continues to grow with increased advertising revenue and editorial content. In addition to increasing the content and quality of the paper, Southern Voice remains active in Atlanta's gay and lesbian community through event sponsorships including AID Atlanta, AIDS Walk, Georgia Equality Project, Positive Impact, AIDS Survival Project and many other community based organizations.

Outgoing Houston Voice owner Duren is a Houston physician specializing in internal medicine and HIV disease. He has worked in Houston since 1982. Prior to medicine, Duren studied journalism while attending college at Belloite College in Belloite, Wisconsin. Duren went on to receive his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. In 1993, Duren and Nelson purchased the Houston Voice, at which time Nelson took over as editor. Following the sale of Houston Voice, Duren plans to devote more time to his medical practice.

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you and will abide with your actions. "Don't ask - Don't tell" was a
particular soft spot for me,
but I do realize that the National Armed Forces may not be ready at this
point.

I have seen the picture of the White House and the Christmas Tree and you
and Mrs. Clinton and also "Socks"

I wonder if it would be possible for me to arrange to receive a copy of
your photo by the tree to add to my collection of the two post cards you
have already mailed me
to acknowledge my past correspondence with you.

I would like to wish you and Mrs. Clinton, the very best New Year ever.
May it bring you good health, happiness and good fortune.

Also, please Mr. President, could you see if you might make the media and
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It really ruffles my feathers, when I hear you and Mrs. Clinton referred

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Civil Rights Stakes Will Be Highest Ever for Lesbians and Gay Men in 1998

Lambda focus includes marriage, military, employment, and AIDS

(NEW YORK, December 31, 1997) -- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund

said Wednesday that the new year will see a record number of lesbian, gay,

and AIDS-related concerns in the country's highest courts.

Lambda, which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 1998, has regional

offices in Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Chicago, and a headquarters in New

York.

"The United States Supreme Court and other high-level courts are expected to address employment, the military, disability protections, family, and other fundamental constitutional issues for lesbians, gay men, and people with HIV in 1998," said Lambda Legal Director Beatrice Dohrn.

"Never have the stakes been so high for the civil rights of our community. We expect an unprecedented number of decisions from top-level state as well as federal courts, and they are likely to affect the way lesbians and gay men are treated across the country for many years to come," Dohrn said.

In 1998, among more than 50 cases on its docket, Lambda anticipates a ruling from Hawaii's highest court that may make civil marriage available to lesbian and gay couples for the first time in this country. State by state, Lambda also is fighting child custody and adoption rulings that discriminate against lesbian and gay families. In one such case, North Carolina's highest court is expected to rule on whether Fred Smith, who is gay, can have his two sons returned to his care, since his ex-wife won custody because of his sexual orientation.

In the U.S. Supreme Court this spring, Lambda is coordinating amicus briefs challenging a Maine dentist's refusal to treat a woman with asymptomatic HIV. The case, *Bragdon v. Abbott*, brought by the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, could determine whether the Americans with Disabilities Act covers hundreds of thousands of people who are infected with HIV but show no sign of illness.

Also on Lambda's Supreme Court docket is a case on behalf of an Atlanta lawyer, who was fired from the Georgia State Attorney General's office because she is a lesbian and had a private, religious wedding ceremony. Lambda and the ACLU are co-counsel for the lawyer, Robin Shahr.

Lambda awaits a Supreme Court ruling in another employment-related case, *Oncale v. Sundowner Offshore Services, Inc.*, for which it authored an amicus brief joined by the leading women's organizations as well as gay and other civil rights groups. In this same-sex sexual harassment case, heard by the Court December 3, Lambda urges that the federal law against sexual harassment at work be applied without regard to the sex or sexual orientation of the harasser or victim.

Another challenge to the widespread problem of anti-gay employment discrimination is one of the first cases to test California's protections for lesbian and gay workers. Argument against California Casualty Management's firing of salesman Dan Kovatch is expected before a state court of appeals in the spring.

In the only active federal appeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," Lambda, with the ACLU, has just filed its brief in *Able v. USA*. A district-level court rejected the policy as unconstitutional in July; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit is expected to hear the government's appeal early in 1998.

In a renegade decision last fall, a three-judge federal panel disregarded the Supreme Court's ruling against Colorado's Amendment 2 and upheld

Cincinnati's nearly identical Issue 3, which would prohibit legislators from approving discrimination protections for lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals. Determined to put an end to the country's last remaining anti-gay ballot initiative, Lambda and co-counsel have appealed for a hearing by the entire Sixth Circuit Court.

Lambda, the oldest and largest lesbian and gay legal organization, itself was born of a court battle. It incorporated in 1973 after defeating a New York state court judgment that there was "no demonstrated need" for a non-profit group defending lesbian and gay civil rights.

"Over the past 25 years, Lambda's lawyers have worked in courtrooms in every state in the country as well as on U.S. Supreme Court arguments to protect lesbians, gay men, and people with HIV," said Executive Director Kevin M. Cathcart. "There is no area of lesbian and gay life unaffected by Lambda's work from fighting discrimination against gay couples and families to working to stop anti-gay initiatives and overturn anti-gay

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TO NEWS EDITOR

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= QUOTE UNQUOTE #109 - Jan 1, 1998 =

= by Rex Wockner =

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"We have not been engaged in witch hunts and have no intention to
be engaged in witch hunts. The ['don't ask, don't tell'] policy
that the president announced with the support of Congress several
years ago is working, and I think working well."

--Secretary of the Navy John Dalton at a Honolulu press conference Dec. 17, according to the Honolulu Advertiser.

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"Ellen DeGeneres is Entertainer of the Year because, at a time when an acknowledgment of homosexuality has entered all aspects of popular culture, when diversity and acceptance are the words of the day but by no means entirely the deeds, and when more and more of the sizable population of homosexual men and women working in the entertainment industry today are weighing the risks of coming out themselves, DeGeneres allowed herself to become a poster girl -- not for lesbianism, but for honesty. She did good, important work, work that continues to shape the public discourse."

--Entertainment Weekly magazine, Dec. 26.

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"[The] new 'Ellen' ... is almost entirely about being gay in America. The result has made some heterosexuals queasy ('Can't she do a show that isn't about being a lesbian?'). But gay viewers are nearly unanimous, and plenty of heterosexuals agree with them, in the opinion that a candid 'Ellen' is much funnier than her confused and closeted predecessor, something critics have been saying in recent months as well."

--From The New York Times' "Television View" by Charles Kaiser,
Dec. 21.

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"I think the climate has certainly changed for gays since Ellen came out. I just went to the celebration of the 100th episode of 'Ellen,' and I stepped back and thought, this isn't just talking about it. She did it, and [the series] is still on the air, and it's 1997. It's a big thing, and we're right in the middle of it."

--Actress Kathy Najimy (Veronica's Closet) in a Dec. 21 commentary in the Los Angeles Times.

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"Callate ... maricon." ("Shut up ... fag.")

--Geri Halliwell (Ginger Spice of the pop group The Spice Girls) to reporters and photographers who were booing the group Dec. 18 in Madrid at the opening of the new film Spice World. The journalists were upset at being forced to sign over the rights to pictures and video footage they shot at a Spice Girls press conference.

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"I'm gay and I'm proud."

--Six-term Ypsilanti, Mich., City Council Member Pam Cuthbert
Dec. 10 at a gay-bar fundraiser for the city's gay-rights bill,
which later passed.

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"I was not making any announcement that anyone in the audience
didn't know. I didn't have any intention to make my personal life
a public story. ... I didn't want [this to result in] a [news]
story at all. I don't think it's the public's business. My
personal, private life is just that, personal and private. And
now it's about to be public."

--Six-term Ypsilanti, Mich., City Council Member Pam Cuthbert to
the Ann Arbor News, Dec. 24. Cuthbert said she spoke to the News
because two gay publications were preparing to report that she
mentioned her gayness at a fundraiser at a gay bar on Dec. 10.

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"I think it's the glamour and the theatricality of it all. It's
larger than life. It's the power of it, too; they like a strong
woman, I think. Gay men are very creative and they admire

creativity in others. They know when something is sincere, they don't just admire anybody. Look at Judy [Garland], she had a huge gay following. She was larger than life on stage."

--Singer Shirley Bassey in an interview with London's Gay Times, December issue.

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"The leader of the British Conservative Party, Opposition Leader William Hague, has been sent congratulations by the queer rights group OutRage! on the occasion of his wedding to Ffion Jenkins today, 19 December 1997, in the St. Mary Undercroft chapel in the crypt of the House of Commons. Mr Hague married rather late, at the age of 36. The announcement of his engagement to Ffion coincided with his campaign for the leadership of the Tory party in May 1997. He previously shared a house with another top Conservative MP, Alan Duncan, who remains one of his closest political advisors."

--From a press release from the London direct-action group OutRage!

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"The first gay person I saw on TV was a hero of mine, Liberace. Of course Liberace never said he was gay -- he didn't have to,

did he, dear? ... And Liberace's glamour! My mother was enthralled! He was what every straight person wants to think gay people are like -- so camp, not at all threatening. In 1972 I did the Royal Variety Show with Liberace. We shared a dressing room, and I thought 'God, I'd better make an effort.' I had two fabulous lurex suits run up. Then he wheeled in trunk after trunk of costumes, including a suit covered with electric light bulbs. I knew I was outclassed. How could he play the piano with all those rings on? Maybe that's why he missed some of the notes. He had fun. He said 'fuck you' to everyone."

--Elton John to London's Gay Times, December issue.

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"[Gay Times] Man of The Year? Well, obviously. But Elton John is the man of all our years. His life story has neatly mirrored that of all gay men: repressed in the Sixties, a model of Seventies hedonistic excess, a victim of the Right's homophobic backlash in the Eighties, then fighting his way forward to something approaching sainthood today. And he's done it all on pretty much his own terms."

--London's Gay Times, December issue.

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"When I left the convent, like a lot of women, I came out. I was fortunate that it coincided with Stonewall and the feminist movement. Today, I am convinced that if I go to hell, it ain't going to be because I'm a lesbian but because of some deficiency in my character. Certainly not because I happen to love women."

--Presidential adviser Virginia Apuzzo to the Advocate, Jan. 20 issue.

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"I understand from people close to him that he is not homophobic, but shit, he's the President of the United States. He's a lame duck. He could do anything he wants, so I question how deep the belief goes. I think he's soiled his own nest."

--Gay San Francisco Supervisor Tom Ammiano on Bill Clinton, to Boston's Bay Windows, Dec. 26.

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"In the case of marriage, we have always known it as between two people of the opposite sex and I think that is what it is. A door is a door and a marriage is a marriage, no matter how many names you call it."

--Canadian Member of Parliament Tom Wappel, Liberal-Scarborough,

Ont., as he introduced the Defence of Marriage Act to ban gay marriage, as quoted in Ottawa's Capital Xtra!, Dec. 12.

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"Marriage is not, whatever its enemies say, a means to tame or repress or coerce gay men and women. On the contrary. It is, in fact, the only political and cultural and spiritual institution that can truly liberate us from the shackles of marginalization and pathology. It is the critical institution in our culture related to the emotional and sexual attraction of one human being to another--guaranteed under the Constitution to anyone who loves another person, guaranteed to prisoners and rapists, to deadbeat dads and the mentally incompetent, to murderers and even aliens. And yet it is denied to gay men and lesbians. It is the institution more than any other that links the equality of politics with the intimacy of the heart. Which is why it is so strange--but so telling--that we have avoided it as an issue for so long."

--Writer-activist Andrew Sullivan, writing in the Jan. 20 Advocate.

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"There are plenty of people--especially among a few activist elites--who prefer to chant mantras of decades gone by and

pretend that somehow this is 1957 and straight America is initiating a Kulturkampf against sex in parks and that somehow this is the defining issue of our times. But this is nostalgia masquerading as politics. It is not a 'sex panic,' as they call it. It is a victim panic, a terror that with the abatement of AIDS we might have to face the future and that the future may contain opportunities that gay men and women have never previously envisaged, let alone grasped. It is a panic that the easy identity of victimhood might be slipping from our grasp and that maturity may be calling us to more difficult and challenging terrain."

--Writer-activist Andrew Sullivan, writing in the Jan. 20 Advocate.

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"Sex with a condom is artificial sex. [But] I want people to stop calling me an advocate of unprotected sex. It's about respecting people's decisions."

--San Diego activist and key Sex Panic! figure Tony Valenzuela to the Advocate, Jan. 20 issue.

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"I've been thinking about each of [my dead friends] so much

recently. Sadly, they come to mind as I've listened to younger men advocating their right to fuck without condoms. A part of me wants to support these individual choices (and I do), but another part sees a generation pissing on the graves of my dead friends who have already learned the truth about AIDS: it is a terrible way to die. Last week, rubbing salt in my wounds, I bristled from the latest mental breakdown of Larry Kramer (see the New York Times op-ed page, December 12, 1997 ...) and found myself puzzled at how fate would silence so many good and positive voices, but leave us with hate-filled men like Kramer. ... [M]any of us have learned the need to be respectful of our gay brothers, even when we stand on opposite ends of issues. It is a lesson Kramer needs to learn desperately."

--www.cruisingforsex.com Publisher Keith Griffith, in a Dec. 20 commentary.

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"If only he could be avoided. But it's impossible; every time we begin assuring ourselves that he has sunk forever into the gloomy miasma of his private demons, the manic half takes over and Larry Kramer thrashes and lashes to life, like a hungry, demented crocodile."

--www.cruisingforsex.com columnist John Fall, Dec. 20.

"I never cease to be amazed at the range of what are usually referred to as 'rules' by which gay men negotiate sex outside their relationships. There is the time-honoured route of dishonesty; don't ask, do it anyway. There's the sex with others is permitted, but don't ask, don't tell. There's sex with other men but only when both partners are involved. There are men in relationships who have other sexual lives entirely independent of their partners. There's sex with other men, but only when out of town. There's sex with other men, but keep it in the bushes, don't bring it home. And the list goes on."

--Sex Panic! supporter Steven Maynard writing in Ottawa, Ontario's Capital Xtra!, Dec. 12.

"The ANC [African National Congress] National Conference ... tasks its representatives in all levels of government to establish equality for lesbian and gay people in the following areas in particular:

"EMPLOYMENT -- Equal rights for all workers, including lesbian and gay workers in both the private and public sectors; The recognition of same sex relationships for worker benefits (e.g. housing, medical aid and bereavement leave). ...

"FAMILY RIGHTS -- Custody and access, maintenance, immigration and adoption rights for lesbian and gay persons and the recognition of lesbian and gay families; Establishing the equal right to marry for people of the same sex.

"YOUTH -- The appropriate inclusion of lesbian and gay youth in all youth programmes, policy and law; The protection of lesbian and gay youth from discrimination at home, at school, on the streets and in the media; Equalising the age of consent; Running programmes to counter anti-gay prejudice and inclusive sexuality education programmes for all scholars."

--From a resolution passed by South Africa's ruling African National Congress at their 50th National Conference, Dec. 20.

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Navy Times, January 5, 1998

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NEWS BRIEFS

Times Square OK for military

When a local politician declared war on military recruiters, New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani came to the Pentagon's rescue.

In September, New York City Councilman Tom Duane, D-Manhattan, an openly gay politician, decided that the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy violated city laws protecting homosexuals. Duane wanted to force Navy, Marine, Army and Air Force recruiters out of the Armed Forces Recruiting Center in Times Square, a kiosk recruiters have occupied since 1946.

Despite efforts by Duane and other gay-rights activists, Giuliani is safeguarding the military's rent-free stronghold on 43rd Street.

In a letter to Giuliani Dec. 16, Defense Secretary William Cohen wrote:

"For more than 50 years, the Department of Defense and New York City have enjoyed a common heritage in having the Armed Forces Recruiting Booth

located
in Times Square. Not only is it one of the military's most viable
recruiting
stations, it is also an important symbol of American patriotism for Times
Square visitors."

Responding to Giuliani's public comments about the center's rundown
appearance, Cohen agreed that the 360-foot center could stand a facelift.

Cohen wrote, "we have requested (that) the New York District of the
Army
Corps of Engineers oversee renovation efforts of the recruiting booth in
the
near future."

Plans to renovate the center aren't available to the public yet, but
Army
Corps of Engineers spokeswoman Sue Hopkins said that the kiosk is
structurally
sound. However, she said, "we are aware that it needs to be fixed up."

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I've gone through and created a list of the highlights from 1997 in the fight for equal rights. It makes for some great reading to get you in the mood for a New Years Eve party! Reading it through really makes a person see just how far we've come in one short year.

I've attached the list below. I don't know if this is something you might be interested in sending out as a "special" or whatnot. If you don't want to send the whole list out, it is also located on the web at <http://www.turnleft.com/out/1997.html>

January

- *Lacey, WA enacts anti-discrimination ordinances protecting gays

- *Tumwater, WA enacts anti-discrimination ordinances protecting gays

- *Over 200 polities now have laws banning anti-gay discrimination covering

1/3

of the US Population

- *Cobb County GA rescinds anti-gay resolution
- *Openly gay congressman Kolbe (R-AZ) chairs appropriations subcommittee
- *Fremont, CA schools ban anti-gay harassment
- *MA jury awards man \$1.2 million for anti-gay discrimination
- *Travis County Texas swears in nations first out lesbian sheriff

February

- *Christian Coalition denounces bombing of lesbian bar
- *US AIDS deaths drop 27% in past 6 months
- *CA court rules student newspaper may run ad for gay youth group
- *MCC admitted to Ecumenical Council
- *Washington marriage ban vetoed
- *LAPD forced to pay \$\$ for anti-gay harassment
- *Baseball great Al Kaline apologizes for anti-gay slur

March

- *Alaska court grants DP benefits for University of Alaska
- *First US Senator grants DP benefits for staffers
- *Bank of America announces DP benefits
- *St. Louis enacts DP registry
- *NY court expands gay parents' adoption rights
- *West Hollywood, CA elects gay majority to city council
- *Number of gay-straight clubs at high schools up over 10 times from 5 years ago
- *Gay/Lesbian liason to President gets status boost to "Special Assistant"

April

- *"Ellen" becomes first gay prime time lead, wins time slot
- *Arizona enacts hate crimes bill protecting gays
- *RI, WA, CA, LA anti-marriage bills all fail
- *Catholic Church calls homophobia a sin, says celibate gays are "holy"
- *Michigan man awarded 10 million in gay bashing suit
- *Gay candidates win municipal elections in San Mateo and Redwood City CA, as well as Oak Park and Erie Illinois.
- *SF 49ers become first pro sports team with DP benefits
- *Several studies confirm lesbians make good mothers
- *IL court strengthens lesbian adoption/custody in state
- *Court strengthens Chicago's anti-discrimination law
- *Court upholds New Jersey gay civil rights law

May

- *Anti-marriage bills die in conservative Texas and Nebraska
- *Santa Barbara, CA gains DP registry
- *Maine enacts statewide anti-discrimination law protecting gays (pending referendum scheduled for February 1998)
- *DNC announces DP benefits
- *University of Washington adds DP benefits
- *St. Petersburg Times adds DP benefits
- *City of Chicago adds DP benefits
- *Wisconsin court upholds Madison anti-discrimination ordinance
- *Chevron Oil adds DP benefits
- *Northern CA's major utility company adds DP benefits

*Alabama ban on gay school clubs struck down

June

*Pride month ends, over 50 US celebrations with several million participants

make it largest ever

*Clinton issues pride proclamation, first ever from US President

*Ohio court rules sexual orientation should not affect adoptions

*Florida court upholds lesbian "pre-nuptial" agreement

*New Hampshire enacts state-wide anti-discrimination bill protecting gays

*Colorado anti-marriage bill vetoed for 2nd time

*Los Angeles unified school district adds DP plan

*City of New Orleans adds DP benefits

*Blue-Cross, HealthNet and PacificCare add DP coverage to insurance plans

*Historic San Francisco Domestic Partner benefits law goes into effect

July

*Virginia court OKs lesbian adoption

*Evanston IL expands anti-discrimination ordinance

*Episcopalians apologizes for mistreating gays

*Wells-Fargo adds DP benefits

*Union Bank adds DP benefits

*Ellen receives 5 Emmy nominations

*Clinton has high-level meeting with gay activists

*Delaware enacts hate crimes law including sexual orientation

*Gay and lesbian weddings OKed at Harvard chapel

*Gay and lesbian youth conference in SF largest ever

- *Federal court strikes down ban on gays in US military (it is under appeal)
- *Montana court strikes down state's sodomy law
- *Connecticut bans anti-gay discrimination in school system
- *Hawaii statewide DP registry/benefits take effect

August

- *LAPD forced to pay for anti-gay harassment
- *For Better or for Worse with gay subplot runs in 1000+ papers
- *Chicago to spend 2 million on gay neighborhood
- *Focus on Family co-founder apologizes to gays
- *More gay characters on TV than ever, GLAAD reports
- *American Psychological Association condemns anti-gay "therapy"
- *Florida court OKs lesbian adoption

September

- *Nebraska court rules in favor of lesbian in custody case
- *MediaOne adds DP benefits
- *Recent report shows 1-3 companies add DP policies every week
- *MA court makes gay parents' adoptions easier
- *Michigan State adds DP benefits
- *Judge in Chicago upholds DP benefits law
- *Upjohn Corporation adds DP benefits
- *Pharmacia Corporations adds DP benefits
- *Clinton first sitting President to attend major gay-rights banquet
- *Knight-Ridder adds DP benefits
- *Oak Park IL enacts domestic partnership registry
- *Birmingham ABC station gives in and run Ellen's coming out episode.

*"In The Life" has 5th Anniversary

October

*EDS (Ross Perot's company) Offers DP Benefits

*New Jersey rules in favor of allowing gay couple to adopt

*Philadelphia Public Schools add DP benefits

*First openly gay ambassador nominated by President

*Lexington Herald-Leader offers DP Benefits

*Gay press fastest growing ad market for 3rd consecutive year

*Mass. court rules for gay male couple in adoption case

*"In and Out" is mainstream smash hit

November

*U. of California system (USA's largest state university system) approves domestic partnership plan.

*Emory University opens up its chapel to gay weddings (Harvard did this earlier in the year)

*GLAAD forces re-write of controversial scene in "The Jackal"

*Anti-gay Disney Boycott abject failure, profits up record levels during boycott.

*North Carolina court rules in favor of gay father in custody case for 2nd time

*Georgia Supreme Court affirms Atlanta domestic partnership plan

*Founder of largest gay Christian denomination honored at White House.

*Gays and lesbians big part of White House hate crimes summit.

*A US President addresses gay rights group dinner, first time ever.

*Gay candidates win 83% (12 of 15) elections on Election Day 1997.

*Reform Judaism (US largest branch) passes resolution in support of same-sex religious and civil marriage.

December

*US Military forced to allow gay clubs in civilian schools on overseas military bases

*NJ first state to allow joint adoption by gay couples

*Duke University gives benefits to same-sex partners of grad students

*Salt Lake City bans discrimination against gay city employees

*Ypsilanti, MI passes gay civil rights law

*Newton, MA passes domestic partnership law

*Pacific Exchange becomes first US Stock exchange to offer DP benefits

*Gay candidates win runoff elections in Houston and Atlanta.

*Madison, WI public school district grants DP benefits.

*Washington DC elects gay Republican coun

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CREATOR: rwockner (rwockner@netcom.com@INET@LNGTWY [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-JAN-1998 00:40:00.00

SUBJECT: NC5724: Timothy McVeigh, USN, seeks your help

TO: Richard Socarides (Richard Socarides@EOP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Stuart D. Rosenstein (Stuart D. Rosenstein@eop [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Subj: Request For Your Help

Date: 97-12-29 17:38:50 EST

From: NavyPress@aol.com

Hello,

Let me introduce myself. My name is Tim and I have recently been recommended for discharge from the United States Navy for merely having the word "gay" in one of my America Online profiles and someone else's interpretation of that profile. Because of the word gay in the profile, I was read my rights and questioned, with sodomy and indecent acts being the charges that were being investigated. With no other evidence, I was relieved from my job as the senior enlisted man on a nuclear powered submarine and transferred to Submarine Squadron Three. A print out of my AOL profile is the only evidence the government presented at the discharge proceedings. They contend that my profile is a statement of homosexuality and intent to engage in homosexual acts. I contend that a profile on AOL is not a statement of anything and that the proceedings are based on homo-phobic reaction and were discriminatory in nature.

I am currently fighting this action with the help of my Navy appointed attorney, LCDR Derek Cole, and Mr. Kirk Childress of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. I am also asking for your help and support to get this word to President Clinton and several members of Congress. To do this, first I ask that you provide this information to other people who are concerned with human rights and the military's strict adherence to the Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue policy.

While addressing the Human Rights Campaign on November 8th, President Clinton said "We have to broaden the imagination of America. When we deny opportunity because of ancestry or religion, race or gender, disability or sexual orientation, we break the compact. It is wrong and it should be illegal". I am confident that, with your help, this letter can make it across the U.S. and be overwhelmingly heard in the White House and Halls of the Capital Building. If you can forward it to just one person, you will help double this mailing. That will get the word out. If you have previously received this message, then you can be proud of the efforts of persons like yourself.

NOTE: I am in no way connected or related to Timothy James McVeigh who was convicted in the Oklahoma City bombing!

Then, I ask you to send the following message:

Dear Mr. President, Mr. Vice President and Members of Congress,

I am an informed and concerned citizen of the United States and am appalled to hear that ETCS(SS) Timothy R. McVeigh, United States Navy, has been removed from his job as Chief of the Boat on USS Chicago (SSN-721) and is being recommended for discharge from the U.S. Navy simply because the word gay appeared in one of his America Online profiles. Not a statement, and no acts, but merely the word gay. Isn't there enough for the military to do without wasting our time, money, and resources on "witch-hunts" for "suspected" homosexuals; a practice the military now adamantly denies it engages in after its long and well documented history of carrying out such abuses of people's rights. I am especially appalled that the investigation against ETCS(SS) McVeigh appears to violate the rules established by 'don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue.' This entire matter, due to the wholesale weakness of the evidence against ETCS(SS) McVeigh, appears to be yet another "witch-hunt" to perpetuate the existence of a "homo-phobic" mind-set in today's military. Please stop this travesty and correct this injustice and similar injustices which occur every day in our military. Discrimination of any sort should be eliminated in our country, and especially in our military. Let's find better things to do with our military, other than seeking to discharge some of our best and brightest, all because the military insists on conducting a clandestine and "homo-phobic" campaign to discharge those members it believes to be homosexual. The military should not be engaged in McCarthy-like tactics to identify and end the careers of its own members. We, the people, were promised that such actions would end - once and for all - by the implementation of Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

If I have provided my name and address below, I request to be provided with a written response, under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Sec. (1982), explaining why as a taxpayer, my tax dollars are being used to process cases like this. I understand that under the Freedom of Information Act, I must be provided with a response to this message from each of the offices I am addressing.

Finally, Mr. Gore, I desire to know, what your stance on this issue is, and what you intend to do about it. With an election coming up, there will be many thousands of voters throughout the country who will be interested in your response.

Sincerely,

Name or withheld:

Address:

Note: Name and address are only required if you would like a response to this letter. You will receive an auto-response acknowledging receipt of your message, but all reply mail is sent via snail mail.

To make it easier to send this message, I have included e-mail hyper text. Click below and it will bring up the properly addressed mail. Then copy

and paste the above message into the text box. If you haven't done this before there are instructions below.

To bring up the properly addressed compose mail box click here.

Please use Navy Violates Don't Ask Don't Tell as the subject line.

Instructions for copying and pasting the above message: After bringing up the compose mailbox with the hyper link above, highlight the above portion by holding down the left mouse button and scrolling through the message. Once highlighted, right click on the mouse and choose copy, Then go to the compose mail and right click in the text portion of the e-mail. Choose paste and the text should transfer to the outgoing e-mail.

For more information please visit my web site at http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/9241.

Thank you for your time in this matter. I am certain with enough response, a victory for all can be achieved and you will have played a large part. I will update home page in an effort to try to keep you informed of the status of this case.

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CREATOR: Doug.Case (Doug.Case@sdsu.edu@INET@LNGTWY [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-JAN-1998 19:09:00.00

SUBJECT: The Bay Area's iconoclast

TO: Richard Socarides (Richard.Socarides@EOP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Stuart D. Rosenstein (Stuart.D.Rosenstein@eop [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Bay Windows

Boston, MA

December 26, 1997

The Bay Area's iconoclast

By Peter Cassels

Bay Windows correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO -When Colin Powell, the former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, visited recently, the city wanted to thank him for his work in raising funds for youth projects. The Board of Supervisors entertained a resolution commending the nation's highest-ranking African American military man.

That's when the storm hit. Tom Ammiano, a gay comedian and former teacher who has been on the board since 1994, was having none of it. He gave the commendation the kiss of death. He sent it to committee. Calling Powell a homophobe for his remarks about gays serving in the military and his strong support of the Clinton Administration's "don't ask, don't tell"

policy, Ammiano is developing a reputation as the board's "bad boy," one he doesn't regret, he told Bay Windows during an interview. "I'd do it again," he says.

The action drew heat from Mayor Willie Brown and the San Francisco Examiner, among others, and was discussed on radio talk shows across the nation. Brown called Ammiano's vote a political faux pas. The Examiner said

Powell had been turned into a punching bag for the far left. Even some gays protested the action. The Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club sent its own thank you to Powell and wanted to make it clear that Ammiano doesn't represent every gay and lesbian in San Francisco.

"I felt it was a tremendous trivialization of the impact of homophobia," Ammiano says. "What the man said and how he said it was dehumanizing. The city has no justification in commending him. That aside, it was a reckless resolution and not abandoned even after I tried to broker it. "The irony is, the resolution commended him for work with youth. Let's get real. What about gay youth? What about the names they're called, the suicide rate? How does that jell with the things he won't recant on? "There are at least three other ways that Colin Powell could have got a commendation from the city and [still] give someone like me respect, after 30 years of fighting the gay civil rights struggle. I didn't invite the dissonance and didn't want the acrimony, but don't fuck with [me]." A Democrat, Ammiano still believes that President Clinton has betrayed the community, despite his recent historic speech to the Human Rights Campaign. When he was invited, along with other officials, to a function on one of the president's many visits to San Francisco, he declined. "The party doesn't seem to allow loyal opposition. Clinton's whole double message is

his refusal to file an amicus brief for Amendment 2 [in Colorado], his signing the DOMA in the dead of night, both gratuitous gestures to the right wing that in my mind did not have to be done or could have been handled more graciously, definitely more honestly. When we went to the White House and the guards wore those [rubber] gloves, I went ballistic because I looked at that as a metaphor. I felt we were being talked down to. I think he needed to be a little more forthright about that" What would he say if he met Clinton? "Nothing that he hasn't heard before. [I'd tell him that I have] a great dissatisfaction and a sense of betrayal on the military issue. Don't promise something that you're not going to do. How can we trust him? I understand from people close to him that he is not homophobic, but shit, he's the President of the United States. He's a lame duck. He could do anything he wants, so I question how deep the belief goes. I think he's soiled his own nest." Ammiano moved to San Francisco from his home town of Newark, N.J., in 1963, when he was 20 years old. He had tried to join the Peace Corps and "was deselected because I was somewhat feminine. They didn't quite use those words, but I knew what they meant. So I got on the Greyhound bus and continued my journey. It allowed me to be who I wanted to be and allowed me more parameters than perhaps any other city, even New York I think." San Francisco was a different place in the early Sixties. "It was pretty awful. Everything was very covert. Nobody was really gay. There were a lot of repressive laws against gays, but then there was a lot of looking away, too, particularly in the evening times. Lots of gay bashings and lots of police repression."

Then came the hippie antiwar movement and the Summer of Love. Even though the movement had some homophobia in it, it opened the way for questioning authority, he says.

Ammiano received a master's in special education from San Francisco State University and became a teacher. He taught in Vietnam for two years during the war. "To me in a way it was like Pee Wee's Big Adventure. But there was real suffering there and it was different for the people who had to be there. The military was extremely pervasive in every phase of life. I made friends [among the students] that I still have. A lot of them are now over here [and] are grandparents now."

He taught developmentally disabled elementary school students when he returned and became active in the gay movement. He joined Bay Area Gay Liberation, "a kind of lefty organization", and helped start the Gay Teachers Organization. And he was there for two gay community milestones that must seem like ancient history to many younger lesbians and gay men: Ammiano helped take on evangelist and orange juice maven Anita Bryant, and he worked with slain San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk. "We has big demonstrations at the school board in 1975."

He also worked with Milk on his campaign for supervisor. "We weren't intimates but we knew each other. I said to him once, eI don't see why you want to be elected. I'll never do anything like that.'Famous last words." After Milk's assassination, Ammiano ran for the school board in 1980 and did well, but didn't win. He tried stand-up comedy as an openly gay man. "We had a comedy club here called Valencia Rose. We started to have gay comedy night but if you were out, it worked against you even here in San Francisco. Lots of homophobia and fag baiting in the straight clubs." He made a decent living at it, playing clubs all over the nation and in Canada and was featured on PBS and Entertainment Tonight. He still performs occasionally, when time permits, at Josie's, a gay club in the Castro, and does college gigs. "I really enjoy it."

In 1988 he ran a "non-serious" campaign again for the school board and got 60,000 votes. He ran again as a serious candidate in 1990 and won. "I did a lot of things: set up a counseling program for gay youth, got condom availability, AIDS education. And that was all because someone who was open was on the school board. I had been a donor and so I had a kid who went to the public schools. So I had a real connection to the schools. And my lover was a teacher."

He ran for supervisor in 1994, and finished fourth out of the top six who won seats. It was a bittersweet victory, because his partner died five days before the election. "I'm still sorting through that." During his tenure, he has been a champion for people with HIV and has fought for women's health issues. But perhaps his greatest legacy thus far is authoring an amendment to the city's domestic partnership ordinance extending it to businesses with city contracts. It's been controversial. Small businesses say it's a burdensome expense and United Airlines has filed suit. However, there has been more than 90 percent compliance, according to Ammiano. He has witnessed much change on the board since his first election. Frank Jordan, the former mayor, was a moderate and had to deal with an often contentious, heavily progressive board. Things are different with Willie Brown in the mayor's office.

"Brown is perceived as being progressive and on many issues he is. He's an African American so you don't have to explain racism to him. You don't even have to explain homophobia. There are a lot of advantages there. But he also has circumstantially been able to appoint people to the board because of people leaving. And then there's an allegiance to him, although it would not be viewed that way. It makes it more difficult and he's a straight man, but he's a control queen. And so disagreements are not as

tolerated. I like him and respect him, but we have a number of different views on a number of different issues."

Brown will have the opportunity to appoint yet another supervisor in January, when Susan Leal, a lesbian, becomes city treasurer. He would like to see Brown appoint a gay to her seat. "But, no matter who is appointed, I think the mayor will have control over the person and that is not always good for me. I'm getting more uncomfortable with the mayor appointing who he thinks is a gay leader. There's a lot of that happening lately. People telling the gay community how gay to be and what's appropriate." He says the challenge of the gay community is that we are all so different. "We're pretty strong on class lines and lines of color and gender. It's not that that cannot be dealt with, but it is a challenge. But usually we are a community that under great crisis will come together."

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SUBJECT: [GLB-PRESS] Embargoed for Dec. 31 - Civil Rights Stakes in 1998

TO: Christian M. Grantham (Christian M. Grantham@EOP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Forwarded by Request:

Civil Rights Stakes Will Be Highest Ever for Lesbians and Gay Men in 1998

Lambda focus includes marriage, military, employment, and AIDS

(NEW YORK, December 31, 1997) -- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund
said

Wednesday that the new year will see a record number of lesbian, gay, and
AIDS-related concerns in the country's highest courts.

Lambda, which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 1998, has regional
offices in
Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Chicago, and a headquarters in New York.

"The United States Supreme Court and other high-level courts are expected
to
address employment, the military, disability protections, family, and other
fundamental constitutional issues for lesbians, gay men, and people with
HIV
in 1998," said Lambda Legal Director Beatrice Dohrn.

"Never have the stakes been so high for the civil rights of our community. We expect an unprecedented number of decisions from top-level state as well as federal courts, and they are likely to affect the way lesbians and gay men are treated across the country for many years to come," Dohrn said.

In 1998, among more than 50 cases on its docket, Lambda anticipates a ruling from Hawaii's highest court that may make civil marriage available to lesbian and gay couples for the first time in this country. State by state, Lambda also is fighting child custody and adoption rulings that discriminate against lesbian and gay families. In one such case, North Carolina's highest court is expected to rule on whether Fred Smith, who is gay, can have his two sons returned to his care, since his ex-wife won custody because of his sexual orientation.

In the U.S. Supreme Court this spring, Lambda is coordinating amicus briefs challenging a Maine dentist's refusal to treat a woman with asymptomatic HIV.

The case, *Bragdon v. Abbott*, brought by the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, could determine whether the Americans with Disabilities Act covers

hundreds of thousands of people who are infected with HIV but show no sign of illness.

Also on Lambda's Supreme Court docket is a case on behalf of an Atlanta lawyer, who was fired from the Georgia State Attorney General's office because she is a lesbian and had a private, religious wedding ceremony. Lambda and the ACLU are co-counsel for the lawyer, Robin Shahar.

Lambda awaits a Supreme Court ruling in another employment-related case, *Oncale v. Sundowner Offshore Services, Inc.*, for which it authored an amicus brief joined by the leading women's organizations as well as gay and other civil rights groups. In this same-sex sexual harassment case, heard by the Court December 3, Lambda urges that the federal law against sexual harassment at work be applied without regard to the sex or sexual orientation of the harasser or victim.

Another challenge to the widespread problem of anti-gay employment discrimination is one of the first cases to test California's protections for lesbian and gay workers. Argument against California Casualty Management's firing of salesman Dan Kovatch is expected before a state court of appeals in the spring.

In the only active federal appeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," Lambda, with the ACLU, has just filed its brief in *Able v. USA*. A district-level court rejected the policy as unconstitutional in July; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit is expected to hear the government's appeal early in 1998.

In a renegade decision last fall, a three-judge federal panel disregarded the Supreme Court's ruling against Colorado's Amendment 2 and upheld Cincinnati's nearly identical Issue 3, which would prohibit legislators from approving discrimination protections for lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals.

Determined to put an end to the country's last remaining anti-gay ballot initiative, Lambda and co-counsel have appealed for a hearing by the entire Sixth Circuit Court.

Lambda, the oldest and largest lesbian and gay legal organization, itself was born of a court battle. It incorporated in 1973 after defeating a New York state court judgment that there was "no demonstrated need" for a non-profit group defending lesbian and gay civil rights.

"Over the past 25 years, Lambda's lawyers have worked in courtrooms in every state in the country as well as on U.S. Supreme Court arguments to protect lesbians, gay men, and people with HIV," said Executive Director Kevin M. Cathcart. "There is no area of lesbian and gay life unaffected by Lambda's work from fighting discrimination against gay couples and families to working to stop anti-gay initiatives and overturn anti-gay military policies," he said.

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SUBJECT: NC5757: Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't AOL

TO: Richard Socarides (Richard Socarides@EOP [UNKNOWN])
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TO: Stuart D. Rosenstein (Stuart D. Rosenstein@eop [UNKNOWN])
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TEXT:
From a Newsclips reader.

Rex

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Date: Thu, 08 Jan 1998 11:08:47 -0500

From: John

To: Rex Wockner <rwockner@netcom.com>

Subject: Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't AOL

Rex,

GLO radio/planetout did a radio interview last night with Tim McVeigh, the
US Navy guy who's being kicked out as a result of his member profile on
AOL. The site contains the radio interview that you can listen to at
<<http://www.planetout.com/gloradio/index.html>>.

"On Hangin'OUT, John McMullen talks with Timothy R. McVeigh, who until
recently was the highest ranking enlisted man aboard the Navy's USS

Chicago submarine. McVeigh is now scheduled to be dismissed from 17 exemplary years in the U.S. Navy based solely on an AOL user profile, in spite of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and AOL's supposed commitment to confidentiality."

A rather shocking aside, I just got a copy of the court transcripts from his discharge hearing and the Navy says, in 5 pages of sworn testimony, that they had his AOL member profile but couldn't prove it was him, so they simply called AOL and asked for his name and state of residence and AOL gave it to them! If this is true, imagine the implications when AOL now controls over 50% of the nation's email market -- what if employers want to check up to see if their employees have raunchy (or gay) aol profiles, what if someone wants to find the name and address of a profile they find particularly interesting (or annoying), and what if someone decides they want to track down the profile of a 12 year old kid.

Of course, perhaps the Navy lied -- the profile is the only piece of evidence they offered at his hearing -- and in that case, the Navy would have perjured itself for 5 pages of testimony under oath in order to fabricate the only piece of evidence they had against this guy.

Pretty sick stuff.

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TO: Richard Socarides (Richard Socarides@EOP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Stuart D. Rosenstein (Stuart D. Rosenstein@eop [UNKNOWN])
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TEXT:
More from the same Newsclips reader.

Rex

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From: John

To: Rex Wockner: ;

Subject: Is AOL violating your privacy?

Is America Online violating your privacy?

If you're an AOL user and you think your screen name is secure, you might want to check out <<<http://www.planetout.com/gloradio/index.html>> and listen to an amazing RealAudio radio interview with one unfortunate 17-year highly-decorated veteran of the US Navy who says AOL basically outed him to the US Navy, resulting in his imminent discharge from the military.

Call this one: "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't AOL."

According to the report, the US Navy had seen an AOL "member profile" that they thought belonged to a gay US serviceman. But neither the screen name, nor the rest of the member's profile, provided the member's full real name -- they couldn't prove it was his. According to the sworn testimony of US Navy staff legalman Joseph M. Kaiser, he called AOL and immediately got the full real name and state of residence of the AOL member who owned the profile in question.

That unfortunate AOL member was Navy submariner Timothy R. McVeigh (yes, it's his real name, and no, he's no relation to the Oklahoma City bomber).

As a result of the information the Navy swears they received from AOL -- remember, this was McVeigh's personal civilian email account -- they are now discharging McVeigh after an exemplary and much-decorated 17-year service record.

Excerpts from the official court record, dated November 7, 1997:

US Navy staff legalman Kaiser: "I called AOL and talked to a gentleman named Owen at Tech Services. I said that I am the third party in receipt of a fax and wanted to confirm the [member] profile sheet, who it belonged to. They said it came from Hawaii and that it was 'Timothy R. McVeigh' on the billing."

....

McVeigh's defense attorney: "He gave you information that links [AOL] members screen names with the member's actual name? Sounds like that's what you have done."

US Navy staff legalman Kaiser: "Yes, that is correct."

[The transcript can be found at

<<<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/9241/KAIS.HTML>>].

....

If the Navy's sworn testimony is true -- and if it's not, they've committed perjury in order to fabricate the only evidence they offered at the discharge hearing -- then AOL provided the full real name and state of residence of an AOL member to a stranger on the phone. This could pose an enormous threat to the civil liberties and privacy rights of any of AOL's millions of members who might prefer that strangers phoning AOL not have access to their full real name and state of residence. Imagine the implications of such a breach of privacy for a woman living alone, a man who might prefer his employer not see his member profile, or a 12-year old child going online for the first time. If anyone saw their profiles and wanted to track them down...

While AOL's privacy policy seems to explicitly prohibit the revelation of such member information, the Navy has testified under oath that such a revelation did in fact occur.

If you're concerned about the information the US Government, your employer, or any stranger can obtain about you from AOL, perhaps you might want to contact AOL and ask them to confirm in writing exactly what happened in the McVeigh case, and more importantly, what their policy really is with regards to the sharing of confidential member information with strangers.

*** You can contact AOL's president Steve Case via AOL's Terms of Service office at <<TOSGeneral@aol.com>.

In addition, if this issue raises more serious privacy concerns for you -- not just about whether AOL is secure or not, but also about what the US Government is doing snooping around US citizens' private email accounts -- feel free to email the following and tell them that you heard about this case and you're concerned:

*** President Clinton, Navy News, Newsweek, Time Magazine, USA Today, and NBC Nightly News -- you can simply cut and paste the following addresses into the "TO" section of your email:

president@whitehouse.gov, navnews@mediacen.navy.mil, letters@newsweek.com, timeletter@aol.com, usatoday@clark.net, nightly@nbc.com

And finally, if you know of anyone else who might find this case of interest -- friends who use AOL, colleagues in the media, people who might have some clout with the Department of Defense or the White House, or anyone else who might want to get involved and help out, please pass this

message on to them.

Tim gets kicked out on January 16, and could use all the help he can get.

Thanks!

PS For more info, feel free to check out Tim's Web site at

<<<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/9241/>>. The site includes a number

of documents, including the transcript where the Navy swears under oath

that they got the member information from AOL

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Summary: Did America Online) with over 50% of the email market --

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Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't AOL

Did America Online) with over 50% of the email market -- illegally share

confidential information with the US military, getting one of its subscribers fired? That's the question millions of AOL subscribers are asking after the Navy testified under oath at a recent hearing that AOL divulged confidential subscriber information to the US military, costing submariner Timothy R. McVeigh (no relation to the Oklahoma City McVeigh) his 17-year career.

The Navy believed McVeigh to be the owner of an AOL "member profile" that they thought looked "gay" but had no concrete proof that it was McVeigh's. Navy legal staff testified that they called AOL, and without meeting any of the explicit exceptions detailed in AOL's written terms of service, were told by a Tech Services staffer that the profile in question belonged to Timothy R. McVeigh of Hawaii. The military is discharging McVeigh the end of next week for "sodomy," based exclusively on his AOL profile. In a new twist to the case, cyber civil liberties lawyers are today crying foul, calling this a clear violation of federal privacy law on the part of both the Navy and AOL. Federal law explicitly limits the manner in which the government can obtain information on citizens from private companies. Reportedly, the law's requirements were not met by either AOL or the Navy in this case.

McVeigh was until recently the top enlisted man on board the nuclear attack submarine, USS Chicago, stationed out of Hawaii. He is a highly-decorated veteran, having earned the Navy Commendation Medal, three Navy Achievement medals, four Good Conduct medals, three Battle E's, four sea service ribbons, and recognition for his service in Southeast Asia and the Arctic.

Internet industry experts fear the imminent discharge of McVeigh would set a dangerous precedent for cyber civil liberties. "If the US Navy is allowed to fire someone based on information illegally obtained from AOL, then who's next? Can a private company call AOL to investigate an employee, and then fire her?" asked John Aravosis, founder of Wired Strategies, a political Internet consulting firm in Washington, DC. "I use AOL every day," said Aravosis, "but I'm going to think twice before I risk getting mugged by the thought police in what I thought was a safe online environment."

Contact Information:

- 1) Timothy R. McVeigh - 17-year and highly decorated Navy veteran being discharged - email <navypress@aol.com>.
- 2) John Aravosis - Internet policy expert with Wired Strategies in Washington DC <202/328-5707>, <www.wiredstrategies.com>, <john@wiredstrategies.com> - online advocacy adviser to Timothy McVeigh, and commenting on the case's online privacy angle and implications for AOL and the online community at large.
- 3) Kirk Childress - one of McVeigh's attorneys with the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network in Wash DC, a non-profit organization assisting servicemembers caught up in the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy <202/328-3244>.
- 4) Derek Cole - McVeigh's military lawyer in Hawaii <808/474-6014 x303>.
- 5) Deirdre Mulligan - Center for Democracy and Technology - legal expert on online privacy, will confirm that Navy's and AOL's actions violated federal law <202/637-9800>.

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H.I.V. Negatives

Editorial by Doug Ireland

Just a few days after Bill Clinton announced that he was planning a tax cut -- obviously designed as a booster shot for Al Gore's presidential candidacy -- the Department of Health and Human Services said it was scotching a plan to extend Medicaid to provide those infected with H.I.V. the drugs that help prevent development of full-blown AIDS. The reason? The measure would not be "revenue-neutral." The H.H.S. decision came just seventy-two hours after Clinton, at a \$10,000-a-head fundraiser with gay fat-cats that collected \$275,000 for the Democrats, had promised to "do everything I can" to get the drugs to those who need them.

For his part, Gore told the audience at a dinner this past April sponsored

by AIDS Action that he had "ordered" H.H.S. to report back to him within *thirty* days on setting up a pilot project to provide the drugs. Eight months later, not only is there no pilot project but the life-saving initiative seems dead in the water.

The overwhelming majority of new H.I.V. infections occur among people too poor to afford the new \$15,000-a-year drugs (more than 70 percent of new cases are people of color, especially women). They're caught in a Catch-22: covered by Medicaid only if they're disabled or already dying from AIDS but not eligible for the drugs that can stave off or reverse the progression to full-blown AIDS. And although the Clinton Administration's decision could mean a death sentence for tens of thousands, it received infinitely less media attention than the choice of a name for Clinton's new dog.

In the wake of the H.H.S. decision came a blistering report from Clinton's own Advisory Council on H.I.V./AIDS that lambasted the "diminished priority for AIDS issues during the President's second term." On the drugs question, the council let out a collective scream of pain, proclaiming that it was "deeply disappointed" by the "absence of personal leadership from [H.H.S.] Secretary [Donna] Shalala and by the mixed and conflicting messages from the Administration of its true intentions."

The council charged that the White House and H.H.S. have "failed to exhibit the courage and political will needed to pursue public health strategies that are politically difficult but that have been shown to save lives." That's especially true of Shalala's stubborn refusal to lift the ban on federal funds for needle exchange programs. According the Centers for

Disease Control, the sharing of dirty needles and syringes for drug injection accounts for a third of new H.I.V. infections. Medical science has known since the eighties that trading dirty needles for clean ones dramatically cuts the spread of H.I.V. Take Los Angeles, where, with the support of Republican Mayor Richard Riordan, needle exchange programs have cut the rate of new H.I.V. infections from dirty needles to only 10 percent of the total, while in New York (where G.O.P. Mayor Rudy Giuliani militantly opposes such programs) the rate is 50 percent. Yet although she has had Congressional authority for five years to make a public health determination authorizing federal funds for such programs, Shalala has failed to do so) despite endorsement of needle exchange by the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the National Conference of Mayors and the national Institutes of Health.

Pointing out that 25 percent of all H.I.V. infections occur among those under 22, the President's AIDS council also criticized the Administration for maintaining "outdated restrictions" prohibiting explicit AIDS-prevention information for school-age kids, with the result that "many H.I.V. prevention educators must censor themselves with an eye to retaining their funding rather than providing the most effective prevention message possible." Or, as Sean Strub, editor of POZ (the national magazine for the H.I.V.-infected), puts it, "Remember when Clinton's H.I.V.-positive aide, Bob Hattoy, told the Democratic National Convention that America needed a President who wouldn't be afraid to say the word 'condom'? Clinton still hasn't said the word."

Gays raised millions of dollars for both Clinton/Gore campaigns, but except

for a gaggle of mostly low-level patronage jobs they've little to show for their money but broken promises, the failed Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy that has encouraged anti-gay witch hunts in the military, the gay-bashing Defense of Marriage Act (which Clinton featured in '96 campaign ads), the ban on H.I.V.-positive immigrants (which breaks up families) and a campaign of intimidation against doctors who prescribe marijuana to relieve the suffering of their AIDS patients. Yet much of the institutional gay leadership has been effectively co-opted. Perhaps the H.H.S. decision and the President's AIDS council's report will open their eyes.

Doug Ireland has been a columnist for _The Village Voice_, _The New York Observer_ and the Paris daily _Liberation_. His weekly "Clinton Watch" column is syndicated by the Minneapolis _City Pages_.

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Saturday, January 10, 1998 ú Page A3 ,1998 San Francisco Chronicle

DISCHARGE FOR ONLINE GAY PROFILE

Sailor says Navy got info improperly

Elaine Herscher, Chronicle Staff Writer

The Navy is set to discharge a highly decorated senior enlisted man after

he

anonymously described himself as gay in an America Online profile.

The Navy says it got the sailor's name from AOL, but the online service

insists there's no way it could have happened.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Timothy R. McVeigh (no relation to the man convicted of bombing the Oklahoma City federal building) said yesterday that the online reference was the only evidence the Navy had to accuse him of committing sodomy and discharge him for homosexual conduct.

McVeigh has served in the Navy for 17 years and had planned to retire in seven years. Until recently, he was the highest-ranking enlisted man aboard the nuclear attack submarine Chicago, stationed in Hawaii. His honorable discharge entitles him to some benefits but will leave the 36-year-old sailor, who joined the Navy out of high school, without a pension.

Internet industry experts allege that the Navy violated the 1986 Electronic Communications Privacy Act because, according to testimony from a Navy paralegal, the service obtained McVeigh's name by a simple phone call to AOL -- not through a court order, warrant or subpoena.

``If the U.S. Navy is allowed to fire someone based on information illegally obtained from AOL, then who's next?" asked John Aravosis, founder of Wired Strategies, a political Internet consulting firm in Washington, D.C. ``Can a private company call AOL to investigate an employee and then fire him?"

McVeigh said his case dates to the first week of September, when he sent an e-

mail to a civilian about a toy drive for his shipmates' children. The civilian, a woman who represents Navy wives, called up his screen profile, which is publicly available and contains such information as birth date and hobbies. She found the word ``gay" under McVeigh's marital status.

The woman showed the profile to the Navy's legal department. In testimony at

McVeigh's discharge hearing in November, legal assistant Joseph Kaiser said he

had called AOL and spoken to a man named ``Owen" at technical services.

Owen

said the account belonged to Timothy R. McVeigh, who lives in Hawaii,

Kaiser

testified.

But AOL spokeswoman Wendy Goldberg said there are so many levels to safeguard

privacy that the conversation the Navy describes could not have taken place --

and there is no evidence that it did.

``We don't release this information unless we're presented with a court order,

subpoena or an administrative subpoena," Goldberg said. ``We are confident

that all our internal procedures were followed. . . . The only way they could have obtained information from AOL is if it was publicly available."

McVeigh said his full name was not in his user profile, and he was shocked when the Navy confronted him with a printout of his screen profile when he returned to the mainland September 12.

"I was read my rights by a legal officer, and I was told I was being suspected of sodomy and indecent acts. I had no idea what she was talking about," McVeigh said. "I couldn't believe it. I knew there was no proof."

McVeigh will not say whether he is gay, but Kirk Childress of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, who is helping with McVeigh's defense, said it is irrelevant.

"What is important is that the Navy is using civilians to do investigations they can't do on their own," Childress said. "He has a chest full of ribbons. He's a really good sailor. What are they doing going through all this time and energy to get rid of him?"

Although McVeigh and his lawyers strongly disagree, the Navy views his case as

a straightforward application of President Clinton's ``don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy.

``Timothy McVeigh is being separated from the Navy because an investigation concluded a propensity to engage in homosexual conduct," a Navy spokesman said.

McVeigh said the only evidence against him was the word ``gay" in his profile. He said he was not asked any questions regarding his conduct or sexual orientation at his separation hearing. He said he created four other screen profiles that did not contain the word ``gay," which the Navy did not consider as evidence.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network has submitted an appeal to Navy Secretary John Dalton asking for a delay in McVeigh's discharge until there is a review of whether the Navy followed ``don't ask, don't tell" policies.

Childress said Dalton is the only person with the authority to reverse McVeigh's discharge. At least four of Hawaii's state legislators have asked the Navy to review McVeigh's case. They have received no reply.

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AOL ACCUSED OF PRIVACY VIOLATION

By Janet Kornblum

January 9, 1998, 4:45 p.m. PT

America Online (AOL) may have violated its own policy and perhaps the law when it allegedly revealed the identity of a member to a Navy investigator.

The United States Navy is recommending that a U.S. sailor be discharged for "Homosexual Conduct Admittance" because he typed the word "gay" on his member profile under "Marital Status."

But the sailor, Timothy McVeigh of Hawaii (no relation to the Timothy McVeigh convicted of bombing the federal building in Oklahoma), and his attorneys said that the Navy may never have been able to legally link him with the profile if an AOL employee hadn't provided his identity to a

Naval investigator, violating AOL's own privacy policy.

The Navy linked the profile to McVeigh, a 17-year veteran of the submarine force who held the rank of senior chief, after the military investigator called AOL and said he wanted to find out the identity of the person who had sent him a fax belonging to the screen name. Without identifying himself, he said an employee named "Owen" revealed the name of the account owner as McVeigh along with his state of residence, according to transcripts of sworn military testimony provided by McVeigh's advocates.

AOL spokeswoman Wendy Goldberg said AOL does not release the identity of a user unless it is "presented with a search warrant, a court order, or subpoena. Federal law prohibits release of any personal information. We take this in our members' policy very seriously.

"Our policies are all well-known by all our representatives and we believe our policies are followed by them," she added. "There is nothing in the transcript to suggest we gave out private information."

However, some who have read the transcript think otherwise.

"AOL appears to have violated its much-touted privacy policy and destroyed a subscriber's life," said David Sobel, an attorney with the Electronic Privacy Information Center. "Every AOL subscriber needs to be concerned about this incident."

The investigator said he called AOL and asked for the identity of the

person who owned the screen name, according to the transcripts. The investigator, who did not identify himself, said that on September 12 an employee in "tech services" revealed to him that the owner of the account was named "Timothy R. McVeigh" and that he lived in Hawaii.

That information was enough to get McVeigh drummed out of the military. On January 5, the chief of naval personnel approved the recommendation to discharge him. Privacy advocates now are concerned about other AOL members.

AOL's policy states it will "not to disclose identity information to third parties that would link a member's screen name(s) with a member's actual name, unless required to do so by law or legal process served on AOL, Inc. (e.g., a subpoena)."

Deirdre Mulligan, a staff attorney with the Center for Democracy and Technology, said that when the Navy investigator called AOL seeking to connect the screen name with McVeigh, it also violated a federal law: the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, which requires that a government agency seeking information about an individual's online communication or subscriber information must go through an "appropriate legal process in which, at the very least, they seek an administrative subpoena."

"The military clearly violated the law," she said. "They are not just allowed to call up and say who they are and seek information about an individual."

She added that AOL may also have violated the law, which prohibits private companies from giving that information to a government agency. According to the hearing transcripts provided by McVeigh's advocates, the Navy investigator said he called AOL and asked for the identity of the person who had sent an email message without identifying himself.

That may not matter when it comes to the question of the law, she said.

"From the transcript, this person said he asked for information and it was provided without any check of who he was and his right to get information," she said.

Sobel added that this incident underscores the need for Congress to pass laws that specifically protect privacy online. He worries that online companies can collect detailed information about people, such as where they like to surf, what they like to read, what kinds of goods they purchase, and even the substance of their conversations, and then could release it.

If AOL did reveal McVeigh's identity, as the Naval investigator testified, then this instance shows how that information can be used against people.

"A lot of people come to AOL and stay on AOL because they are given the option of using their own screen names that AOL tells them are anonymous," Sobel said.

In the debate over whether laws should protect privacy, "The industry

keeps saying you can't point to anyone who has been harmed by disclosure of personal information. We now have an unusual circumstance that has led to a sworn statement in a legal proceeding that demonstrates that harm. There's clear cause and effect here. It raises the point of how prevalent is this kind of disclosure. That's why every AOL subscriber needs to be concerned about this," Sobel said.

Both Sobel and Mulligan said that even if people don't care about the particulars in this case, they should worry about privacy issues in general.

"What if they had called up and asked for the identity of your kid's screen name?" Mulligan asked. "What if it was me and somebody wants to know who I was and where I live?"

AOL's Goldberg stressed that the online service takes privacy "extremely seriously," and that members should feel safe on the service.

But those involved in the case are far from comforted.

"Legally speaking, there was no proof that this was his email account," said John Aravosis, an Internet consultant helping to bring attention to the case. "This was his email account. They called AOL and AOL gave the absolute proof that this was his email account. That should never happen."

Kirk Childress, staff attorney with the Service Members Legal Defense Network, which is helping with McVeigh's defense, said that without the

link between McVeigh and the screen name, the government's case would be much weaker, and they might not have been able to make it at all.

"It is doubtful to me that a court would have issued a subpoena under these circumstances," he said.

As it is, he added that people make up information about themselves all the time when they write online profiles, and someone saying anything about themselves online does not necessarily mean it is true.

Plus, he added, using a person's screen name on AOL to toss him out of the military brings the so-called don't ask, don't tell policy regarding homosexuals in the military to a new level.

McVeigh, 36, was serving as chief of the boat on the USS Chicago, the head enlisted person on a submarine, when in September he returned from a brief tour out at sea to be confronted with allegations that he had declared his homosexuality and was under suspicion of sodomy and indecent acts based solely on the AOL user profile, said McVeigh, who developed a Web page to publicize his plight.

"They removed me from my job without anything," McVeigh said in a telephone interview. "They said they would commence an investigation and [the investigator] felt she had enough information to remove me from my job."

The profile, he said, "said marital status, 'gay.' I have five different

profiles. They didn't ask about any of the other screen names."

Just before he went out to sea he had emailed an ombudsman, a Navy wife who served as a contact for enlisted men sent out to sea, asking her to collect names and ages of children of the submarine crew so he could then help arrange for them to get Christmas presents, McVeigh said.

She then logged onto AOL and looked up the screen name under which McVeigh had sent the email message, he said. She found the profile with the word "gay." It also listed his occupation as the "military" and said his name was "Tim." There was no other identifying information, he said.

The ombudsman then turned over the profile to the military, McVeigh said. From there, the Navy conducted an investigation in which it linked the screen name in question to McVeigh. It also verified that McVeigh had never been married, a fact that it used as evidence, he said.

McVeigh would not discuss his sexual orientation. Saying one is homosexual is grounds for dismissal under military law.

But even if he were gay, the Clinton administration policy was not designed to seek out people who are private about it, Childress said.

"The policy was supposed to give people a zone of privacy," he said. "It was supposed to mean they weren't going to go out and hunt up information about you."

"A civilian took it upon herself to look up information and turn it in to his command," he said. "His profile didn't have his name on it. It was something that was private. It was a private communication."

To complicate matters, last night AOL canceled McVeigh's account, accusing him of writing chain letters, said his mother, Teri McVeigh. In fact, on his Web page, McVeigh offers people a way to request a letter to send to various officials, including the president. His mother said that several requests made this morning went to a dead AOL address.

Timothy McVeigh said he hasn't had time to call AOL's community action

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BY MIKE MCCURRY

The Briefing Room

1:22 P.M. EST

MR. MCCURRY: Thanks to General McCaffrey for that.

Where in the world do you want to start first?

Q Iraq.

MR. MCCURRY: Iraq.

Q What is the United States' reaction to Iraq's announcement that he will bar -- stop the rest of his team from carrying out their activities?

MR. MCCURRY: We have heard provocative statements from the government of Iraq on the constitution of U.N. inspection teams over and over again, and they have been made -- met with the same resolved response of the international community that has been expressed repeatedly by the United Nations Security Council.

Now, that said, what the government of Iraq says and what it does is very often different. And successful inspections have been conducted by UNSCOM and we will wait to hear from Chairman Butler as he reports to the Security Council what's actually going to be the status of inspections as they go forward. But we are clearly watching the progress that the inspection teams are making. We have a very significant force deployed in the region in furtherance of the President's determination to see that the United States can pursue its objectives in the region. And beyond that, I don't know -- I think it's a watchful period that we're going to be in as we see what happens as the inspections go forward.

Q When did Butler make that report?

MR. MCCURRY: He is expected, I believe, to report in coming days, and then if I'm not mistaken, he's scheduled to meet and Tehran with officials from the government of Iraq within the next

week -- Baghdad, Baghdad. Tehran has been on our mind recently, too.

Q Mike, wasn't the Ritter team composed specifically to provoke a reaction from the Iraqis?

MR. MCCURRY: The Ritter teams is composed as the United Nations sees fit. They draw on scientific technical experts from around the world, and the United Nations really has to tell you how they make the composition of those teams up. They break into units from time to time. There is a significant U.N. presence in Iraq now, and they constitute their teams differently depending on what the circumstances of an inspection are. So you really have to go to the U.N. and let them tell you what -- how they conduct their individual inspections.

Q But the Iraqis have complained about Ritter bitterly for many months now. Isn't this a predictable reaction from the Iraqis?

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MR. MCCURRY: I believe, as Mr. Ritter has indicated, he has been there for six years and has worked with many of these same people, and it's not quite clear what their complaints or their objections are based on.

Q Mike, you said that this is a watchful period as

these inspections go forward, so it's your understanding and your belief that these inspections would continue to take place even if the Iraqis were, for example, blocking one team?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, you've seen them try to provoke a response from the international community in the past. They have blocked inspections in the past. We've been there, done that. We'll have to see what kind of response we have in the days going forward.

Q But if I could follow up, what I'm saying is, if the inspections proceed with Iraq saying no to one team, aren't they dictating the terms of the inspections?

MR. MCCURRY: We've made it clear over and over again, and the United Nations has made clear, that the constitution of these inspection teams is not at the whim of the government of Iraq. The United Nations is the sole determinative of how those teams are constituted, and that will remain the case.

Q But you call these provocations; do these provocations continue? And is it your view that at the end of the day we will always get our way?

MR. MCCURRY: They continue, the provocations and the difficulty with which the United Nations has to conduct its operations continues. But that's been true really for years.

Q Do you think the American public will say that that's a policy that we should continue to pursue?

MR. MCCURRY: I think the American public is very supportive of the significant deployed force we have in the region, which is there to maintain options available to the President and to the United Nations.

Q But if I may just be allowed one more -- but you know there is some portion of the public that believes the administration is not acting firmly enough, that Saddam is getting away with murder.

MR. MCCURRY: Well, he is getting away with willful violations and harassment of U.N. objectives there. And the U.N. has responded to that and we have pursued what we think is a concentrated diplomatic effort to address the behavior that we've seen, working with others and doing it through the U.N.'s authorized inspection team there.

But at the same time, the President has made clear that we are determined to see the objectives of the world community fulfilled there because those are significant U.S. interests as well, and he has never ruled out other options that may or may not be available.

Q Will the President be making any phone calls to

world leaders to generate a unanimous U.N. Security Council resolution if it comes down to that?

MR. MCCURRY: He has been in contact with counterparts from time to time on this subject. I'm not aware that his foreign policy advisors have recommended that he do anything now in response to this, but we are watching very carefully the progress that the Chairman of the U.N. Inspections Committee makes as he both supervises the inspections that need to occur and as he conducts his own dialogue with the government.

Q Do you know, has there been any progress at all on the inspection of the Presidential palaces, irrespective of this current decision to block the --

MR. MCCURRY: Well, you should direct that question, more appropriately, to the United Nations, but I suspect that's a subject that Chairman Butler wants to pursue in his visit.

Helen?

Q Has the President heard anything, any report from his Asian delegation?

MR. MCCURRY: He has. Let me tell you a little bit about that. Mr. Bowles convened this morning kind of an update review of a team that's been meeting on and off during the period of

our work on the Asian financial situation consisting of, among others, the National Economic Advisor, Gene Sperling; the National Security Advisor, Sandy Berger; Secretary Albright; Secretary Rubin; Dan Tarullo from the National Security Council working on international economic issues; and others.

They were able to get a phone report from Deputy Secretary Summers in Asia on the status on some of his work. He has been in Singapore and arrived this morning, our time, to Jakarta, and expects to begin his meetings with Indonesian officials probably late tonight, our time, which would be the beginning of the work day in Jakarta. This was reported to the President. When he arrived here, he got an update from some of the same members of that working group. And he's following very carefully and closely the work that the IMF is doing in region, and the work, obviously, that the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury is doing.

Q Sounds like you're very concerned if you have that high level a meeting.

MR. MCCURRY: Well, it's on an off during this period. We've had roughly that same contingent of officials monitoring this, sometimes in person, sometimes through their chief deputies, depending on what other subjects they're covering. But it's a significant issue because the regional economic stability of Asia is something that impacts directly on the American people, with so much of our commerce directly tied up with the work that we do in that

region, that there are millions of American families that are affected by economic conditions in Asia. Thus, it's very appropriate for the President and many of his key advisors to be involved in this.

Q How serious is the problem, the Asian money problem?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, it's quite serious. As you know, in some sense, the markets have been telling us. At the same time, we believe that a very strong and potentially effective program of response has been developed through the International Monetary Fund. And the United States will continue to work with other industrialized nations and with the IMF to address exactly the things that we think have led to instability in the markets because, ultimately, the program that they've developed, the reforms they've recommended, the economic changes that some of these nations will make and many have indicated they are willing to make, will be the source of a return to long-term economic stability in the region.

Q But does the renewed instability in Asian markets indicate that perhaps those initiatives aren't working?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, it indicates that there's a lot of work that needs to be done by the governments that need to fulfill the obligations that they've rendered to the International Monetary Fund. And there's work that needs to be done by international

monetary officials and then the governments acting independently to work with these governments to encourage them to implement the type of economic reforms that will lead to stability.

Q Is the White House concerned about Congressional opposition to U.S. participation in these bail out programs? Senator Faircloth is having a Wednesday meeting for congressional staffers against it. Senator D'Amato has made statements against it. Jim Leach is going out this week to the region to investigate.

MR. MCCURRY: Well, we encourage members to explore for themselves the reality of what is happening in those economies and the significant interest we have in seeing the success of the international programs that have been developed carried out, because that is, ultimately, we believe, very important to the livelihoods of millions of Americans, certainly millions of constituents that many of those critics represent.

But at the same time, there will be a vigorous debate on this. I think members of Congress made that clear. And we will welcome being a part of that debate because we think the case for active involvement by the United States is a very good one. We have longstanding, deeply-held interests in that region that we have pursued very actively for many, many years now, and we're not about to give up what we think is the important sense of presence and strategic interest that we have in that region.

Among other things, in addition to having the Treasury Secretary in the region meeting with economic officials, as you know, the Defense Secretary is there now to remind governments in that region and the peoples of that region that we will remain engaged with them, and that the security of the Asia Pacific region is of vital U.S. strategic interest as well.

Q Mike, does Summers have any assurance from Soeharto, from any of the other officials in Indonesia, that they are taking the reform steps that the U.S. is demanding? And what is the level of concern here? As a follow-up, what is the level of concern here about social unrest in Indonesia and serious problems like that spreading even further to other Asian countries?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, without betraying the confidence of discussions that the President has had, he had a very good conversation with President Soeharto on exactly that subject. I think it's safe to say that we believe Deputy Secretary Summers' meetings would be constructive and useful. And we would not have believed that if there wasn't at least some indication that the government of Indonesia takes seriously the program of activity it has pledged to the IMF.

As to the internal political situation in Indonesia, that's really a matter for the people of Indonesia and for the leaders of Indonesia. They have elections scheduled in March, and it's up to them to make those determinations. But the conditions

upon what they would be able to exercise their judgments and make those kinds of decisions are certainly enhanced if there is a return to economic stability in the region, which is in our interest and ultimately in their interest.

Q Are Asian governments moving too slowly to implement the kinds of reforms --

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MR. MCCURRY: There are a number of different governments in the region that have made different sets of arrangements with the IMF and we are working case by case to address many of those situations. The Deputy Treasury Secretary will be in a number of places other than Indonesia, and we will work all those governments in the region to fulfill the kind of program that we think has the maximum chance of success.

Q Is the administration working on a fall-back position if the pace of reform is not satisfactory?

MR. MCCURRY: You've heard the Treasury Department describe what is sort of a second line of defense that is available, but at the moment we are encouraging people to make use of the IMF facilities that have been constructed and that are available.

Q Mike, with regard to the IMF facilities, it wasn't

enough in South Korea. The United States agreed to put in another \$1.5 billion because of their liquidity crunch. Is the United States standing ready to provide more funds from the U.S. Treasury for any of these countries that fail to proceed?

MR. MCCURRY: Do you want to see if I can move markets around the world? I can't answer that other than to say that we are in a position to work through the IMF and with other countries to address the type of economic market conditions that come about when there is a lack of long-term economic stability. But I think we've been pretty clear that we can't talk about specific commitments, but we can talk about the type of work that has been designed by the IMF and by the governments involved.

Q Over the weekend, Bruce Babbitt's interview with the Times, I think it was, was published, in which he said, "I've made a lot of mistakes" in this Indian casino business. Does the President still have complete confidence in him? And does the President believe that Babbitt handled the matter properly?

MR. MCCURRY: Yes, and yes, although he did instruct the Chief of Staff to explore the matter further and to get a better understanding. I would also point out over the weekend the Secretary of the Interior was applauded for his management of difficult water issues in the West, and he continues to do extraordinarily good work in addressing the nation's environmental resource management questions, even as he handles some of these other issues that have

been raised.

Q Well, help me out. Is this old that the President had instructed the Chief of Staff to explore the matter further?

MR. MCCURRY: That happened quite some time ago. We reported on it here.

Q May I just -- when is the Chief of Staff going to report to the President, conclude his investigation?

MR. MCCURRY: It happened some time ago.

Q Why can't he ask that?

Q Mike, is there any concern at the White House --

Q I'm unclear, Mike --

MR. MCCURRY: The point of what we told you back a couple months ago was that the Chief of Staff did explore this, did talk to the Interior Secretary, and did report back to the President. I think we covered that in some detail.

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Q So your answers did not come after the Babbitt

interview, this was something that came before?

MR. MCCURRY: No, no. This came up quite some time ago, and we --

Q So after the Babbitt interview, the President is still satisfied with the situation?

MR. MCCURRY: I haven't talked to him specifically about the New York Times interview, but I'm not aware of any change in his thinking.

Q Mike, is there any concern at the White House that this devastating ice storm in the Northeast may just be a precursor of a totally wacky weather year that's going to throw all the budgeting of emergency assistance funds --

MR. MCCURRY: You mean, with the arrival of El Nino and we've got a front coming in over this -- look, it's hard to talk about how isolated meteorological effects reflect overall climate changes. But we do know that there has been significant overall climate change and that is a source of concern. It does take us back to the need to pursue the kinds of regimes we talked about with other members of the world community.

A little update -- as you know, I think the President declared several counties in upstate New York disaster areas. And

while we haven't received any official requests from the governors of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, there are some preliminary damage assessments that are being done by FEMA in those states now that develops the kind of material that could be in support of a request for disaster assistance if one came, and we're working very closely and cooperatively both with the state government in New York and then with the governors and emergency response officials in the states that have been affected.

I believe also we've got some FEMA presence out in the Pacific Northwest, too, that's been looking at some of the storms there.

Q But the question was, are you sure that FEMA has enough money to deal with whatever might happen for the rest of the year?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, they've had a difficult year, but they've been able to, I think -- they got a supplemental, didn't they, Barry?

MR. TOIV: No, not for this fiscal year.

MR. MCCURRY: Not for this year. Last year, in the period when they've had to deal with floods, earthquakes, fires, they've had difficult taxing of their resources, they've been able to get the kind of supplementary appropriation from Congress that's

helped them do the work that's so important.

Q Can we go back to Iraq for a second? You folks have insisted for many months now that Saddam Hussein is in a box, and yet you just said a minute ago that he's getting away with willful violations and harassments of the U.N. weapons inspection team.

MR. MCCURRY: I did not say that. I said that we would be watching very carefully to see what he does. He has from time to time failed to fully comply --

Q You did say that.

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GENERAL MCCAFFREY: Well, he's failed to fully comply with the stipulations that have been placed on him by the U.N. That's been true now for six years.

Q Right, so how is he -- I don't get how he's in a box.

MR. MCCURRY: Well, he is motivated we believe in part by a desire to escape from the effect of the economic sanctions that are still placed upon him. Those sanctions remain in effect and there's absolutely no indication that there's any change in the

posture of the world community to keep those sanctions in effect.

Q Let me follow up if I may. To the extent that the American people care whether or not Saddam Hussein is in a box, they care because of the threats that you folks have articulated about weapons of mass destruction --

MR. MCCURRY: Absolutely.

Q So how is it -- has anything changed since late October until today in terms of our ability to find out what he's doing in chemical or biological weapons?

MR. MCCURRY: In a sense, yes, because -- I don't know the exact number, but at the time in October he had expelled certain U.N. inspectors from Iraq that had led the United Nations to withdraw the entire inspection team. We were in the middle of a significant problem at that point; inevitably Saddam backed down, the teams went back in, they've done hundreds of inspections since. But they are continuing to work on a problem that has not produced all the answers that they want or that they find sufficient. And there is going to continue to be that effort and they're going to continue to be pressed. And no doubt when Chairman Butler reports on his meetings, at that point we're going to have to make some assessments about what other steps need to be taken.

Q If the American team is pulled out, if the American

team is kicked out, is it the position of the United States that all the teams should leave again?

MR. MCCURRY: The position of the United States is at that point supportive of the United Nations. When that's happened in the past, the response of the United Nations and of the Chairman of the U.N. Special Commission has been quite swift and quite appropriate in our view.

Q Mike, the Iraqis allege that Scott Ritter is a spy.

MR. MCCURRY: He has said that is ridiculous and so have many others. And the United Nations has made clear that he is hired because of his technical background. He is someone who is indisputably an expert. And he works for the United Nations. He's not -- he is a U.S. national, but he works under the direction and the supervision of the United Nations at this point.

Q And does not work for U.N. intelligence at any level?

MR. MCCURRY: He's very clear that he does not. He has said so himself and others have said so as well.

Q Mike, to what degree was the White House aware of complaints from gay rights group about a legal loophole in the '86 Privacy Communications Act where a sailor was essentially outed from

the don't ask, don't tell policy and AOL apparently violated its own privacy standard by giving information to naval investigators which led to --

MR. MCCURRY: Chip, I saw that story this morning and I have to confess to you I failed to make an inquiries at the Pentagon about what their reaction is. I can -- we can see if we can take that and see if the Pentagon has said anything on that today.

Q On a totally unrelated matter, what is the White House position on Senator Kennedy's proposal to raise the minimum wage?

MR. MCCURRY: The Senator has made a number of interesting and important proposals and a number of them are being looked at at this point. You know, historically, this President's commitment to seeing that the minimum wage is a meaningful wage for people who are working. Very often -- people are working hard and very often doing so and staying off forms of public assistance, and we have had an interest -- we've successfully achieved an increase in the minimum wage, but at this point that's an idea that we have to be looking at carefully and have to be thinking about as we think of other things that we are pursuing with respect to macroeconomic policy.

Q If I could just follow up, do you anticipate that that would be something that's possibly going to be included in the

President's State of the Union?

MR. MCCURRY: I'm only anticipating at this point that it will remain under review.

Q Mike, the Northern Ireland peace talks resume today in Belfast. Do you think they have any chance of success given the recent violence there? And secondly, do you foresee any direct U.S. involvement in the talks in the weeks and months ahead?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, do I see any prospect for success? Yes, because the peoples of Ireland are so manifestly committed to peace and are so upset about the tragic return to violence that they've seen. At the same time that there has been violence and there's been a return to the kind of troubles that people in both families lament, there has also been very determined work by the government of the U.K. and the Republic of Ireland to advance common thinking about how progress can be made at Stormont. And the United States government applauds the work that both governments are doing to table a proposal. We think that that demonstrates the seriousness of purpose with which they take the talks, and we encourage the parties themselves to make best use of this inclusive process to address the issues that members in all sects face.

Q Mike, The Washington Post had a story this morning that it's being said that Mack McLarty is going to leave the administration after the Summit of the Americas. Is there anything

to that?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, you know, Mack has extended his stay here at the President's request and done an extraordinarily good job as an ambassador and envoy in that region. The President knew that 1997 would be a very significant year for our policy in Latin America and I think, using his powers of persuasion, encouraged Mr. McLarty to remain here so that he could help lead the agenda that we pursued last year. Now, that was all about preparing -- doing the work that we did in the President's travels through a lot of our other diplomacy last year to prepare us for the second Summit of the Americas in Santiago coming up in a few months.

What Mr. McLarty's plans will be beyond that will be up to him. But I know that he probably yearns for the life that he thought he was going to get after the end of the first term and as the President managed to subvert by getting him to stay.

Q In other words, he's leaving. (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: I think I said that very elegantly.
(Laughter.) You'd have to check with him.

Q Speaking of the President's powers of persuasion, has he had any luck convincing Senator Feinstein to run for governor of California?

MR. MCCURRY: I think he thinks very highly of her. But if they talked recently and had a conversation about -- talked to her recently and had a conversation about politics in California, I imagine that he would want me to keep it between the two of them.

Q But were she to run, his efforts out there would be pretty --

MR. MCCURRY: I think that people who know politics in California say nothing but that she would be a very strong candidate.

Q How about Panetta?

Q Can you confirm that the President's deposition with Paula Jones' attorneys will not be taken here at the White House?

MR. MCCURRY: I can't say anything about that subject.

Q Well, if the President were to travel from the White House grounds on Saturday, am I correct that a travel pool would necessarily go with him?

MR. MCCURRY: Usually, when he tries to travel around here people know about it pretty quickly, so I imagine they would.

Q Mike, one loose end on Iraq. If the American team

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MR. MCCURRY: Without necessarily saying that's what is going to happen. I don't, frankly, know the answer and I'm not even sure that there is an answer at this point. But the court would be the only one who would properly determine what kind of public comment can be made.

Q Well, our information is flatly it has been decided it will not be here at the White House.

MR. MCCURRY: You're giving out the scoop in public? What are you doing?

Q This isn't a big scoop. It's not like a big huge story -- don't you think?

MR. MCCURRY: I personally don't think so. But I'll leave you to make your own judgment. (Laughter.)

Q Has the President seen or talked to Bennett lately?

MR. MCCURRY: He's talked to him from time to time. I don't know -- I mean, they've had to have talked during this discovery period.

Q But doesn't he have to prepare for a deposition?

MR. MCCURRY: Normally, if you're going to give a deposition, you prepare with your attorney. I can't imagine the President wouldn't.

Q How did the President react to being in the same room with Paula Jones?

MR. MCCURRY: His attorney has addressed that. I don't really have anything to add to what he said.

Q Did you find out if Robin Williams was at Camp David with the President this weekend?

MR. MCCURRY: I do believe that's true. And I think they were up with some of the other cast members. And the President and the First Lady are going to be doing some more entertaining and socializing up there. So I wouldn't be surprised if they go up from time to time.

Q Why?

MR. MCCURRY: The main reason is they want to use -- they want to make more use of Camp David. They found it hard go up there when their daughter was still here because she'd be away from her friends and they didn't use it as much as they'd like. But they like being up there. I imaging they'll go up there more often.

Q Do you know what other members of the cast joined Robin Williams?

MR. MCCURRY: No, and I'm not -- to be honest with you, I think the President is entitled to invite who he wants to go up there to be his private social guests and I don't intend to report on the guest list on such occasions.

Q Why?

MR. MCCURRY: Because I think it's just good -- I mean, they do -- they have during -- when they screen movies and do stuff over at the residence all the time and we don't pester them about it and I don't intend to.

Q Well, just to tie up a loose end on that for interest of those who watch Show Biz Today -- (laughter) --

MR. MCCURRY: What time does that come on? (Laughter.)
When's that on?

Q It comes on at 5:30 p.m. Eastern. (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: At 5:30 p.m. Eastern. (Laughter.)

Q What time is that Central Time? (Laughter.)

Q Are you anchoring that now? (Laughter.)

Q No, I'm not. (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: You never know, Wolf, they might have already announced it. (Laughter.)

Q To the best of my knowledge. Do they have a movie theatre at Camp David? Where do they watch these kinds of movies at Camp David?

MR. MCCURRY: They have -- I think they do. I defer that -- I'm sure they do because I think previous Presidents have very often gone up there and shown movies and that sort of thing.

Q The Republicans have proposed appropriating money to fund 100,000 new teaching positions and I'm wondering what the White House reaction to that is and why you haven't proposed that yourselves.

MR. MCCURRY: We're in favor of teachers and we are in favor of thinking about --

Q -- 100,000 new ones on the street?

MR. MCCURRY: -- thinking about ways in which we might

do it. And, who knows. He's a very clever fellow, that Congressman Paxon. Maybe he caught wind of some things that we were thinking about.

Q Forget McLarty. Are you leaving anytime soon?

MR. MCCURRY: If you let me out of here, I will, yes.

(Laughter.)

Q No, I mean in the White House staff.

Q Hold on. Can we just finish the teachers thing?

MR. MCCURRY: No, I dropped a hint there. You've got to pursue it on your own.

Yes?

Q The race panel is headed to Phoenix this week where one of the things they're going to do is take up the concerns of Native Americans. There's been a lot of criticism that that's late in coming and incorporating them into the discussion. Can you comment on that?

MR. MCCURRY: There are many communities that the President has been reaching out and talking to. In fact, if I'm not mistaken, John Echohawk is one of the participants in the session

that we're having this afternoon with the President. I think the President does see this effort to understand and embrace the diversities in American, one that extends to many, many different kinds of constituencies and communities. And while there are some unique aspects to race that involve the relationship between black and white America, I think we've said all along that the rich diversity that's going to be America in the 21st century requires an approach and a willingness to listen to and hear many, many other communities. And so the President's session today is one such opportunity, and there will be others.

Q Mike, does the President support the DNC's action over the weekend to allow non-citizen residents in the U.S. to contribute to the party?

MR. MCCURRY: Yes, he does.

Q Did he say during the campaign, though, that contributions ought to be limited to those who can vote in elections?

MR. MCCURRY: He sees, as the DNC said, I think, yesterday, sees these people as likely potential new voters soon.

Q Does he feel like he made a mistake a year ago when he endorsed the DNC's --

MR. MCCURRY: Presidents don't make mistakes, they have

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Q Mistakes are made. (Laughter.)

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MR. MCCURRY: They have further thinking that is bought to a subject.

Q Seriously, Mike, he gave a speech and said --

MR. MCCURRY: No, I think the President agrees with a lot of what was said yesterday, that the unintended consequences of that policy has been to make some communities feel like they are not worthy participants in the political process. And I think the President feels that was a bad outcome of a policy that was well intentioned. And when the DNC approached the White House about the change in the subject, I think the President understood the rationale.

Q How much money can he get from them?

MR. MCCURRY: The DNC can tell you more about it. I don't know.

Q The United States has had very little luck convincing the French and the Russians in the Security Council to

take stronger action against Iraq. Is today's incident going to be something that the United States takes into the Security Council and uses as an avenue of argument to convince them to take stronger action now?

MR. MCCURRY: It will certainly be cited by the United States as reasons why we have to remain very firm and determined in dealing with the government of Iraq. That is not lost on the governments of France and Russia and others in the Security Council. They understand the provocations that Saddam has rendered, and they also have joined unanimously with the U.N. in supporting Security Council Resolutions 1134 and 1137. And that remains the stated position of those governments, and we will continue to work to pursue the objectives that are expressed in those recent unanimous declarations of the world community.

Q But isn't this exactly what the United States warned the French and the Russians was going to happen if they didn't take stronger action?

MR. MCCURRY: We've had a number of conversations with those governments stressing the need to remain resolved and united as we address this real issue.

Q There is a line of thinking that Saddam feels more ability to maneuver this month because of the Muslim holiday of Ramadan. Would you disabuse him of that notion?

MR. MCCURRY: Yes.

Q Well said. (Laughter.)

Q I'm just wondering after today if the President has run out of items to preview for State of the Union, or are they planning more --

MR. MCCURRY: No, we've got all kinds of boxes under the tree.

Q If you could tell us, is **there** anything more this week that he's going to unveil?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know. What is the status of our leaks these days? (Laughter.) Let's go call Rahm and find out where he's -- no, I think there's not -- I'm not anticipating this week additional discussions of things that have budgetary impact. The President in the State of the Union is going to be talking about a lot of things that are fundamentally important to the country. He will be talking later in the week about race in America and the struggle for civil rights, and acknowledging some of the heroic leadership of those that are going to receive the National Medal of Freedom. And that's the kind of thing that in a sense previews parts of what I think he wants to lay before Congress in January.

Q I was talking about policy initiatives.

MR. MCCURRY: In policy initiatives, I'm not aware at the moment of any, but who knows? You're all good reporters.

Q On the budget, you said this morning you would look into the report about the division of the revenues from a national tobacco settlement --

MR. MCCURRY: What I got back on that was pretty much the same answer that I gave you when we talked about the general question of tax incidence that would be reflected in the budget. We really are not going to be in a position to get into the specifics until the budget is delivered to Congress in February, although we would say that we credit the states' attorneys general for the very important work they did in bringing litigation, and it would stand to reason that we would want to share the proceeds from any settlement with the states. But exactly what the percentage would be or how we would do that, we're not at liberty to discuss until the President unveils his budget.

Q So are you saying the Wall Street Journal is wrong, or just that you're not in a position to confirm --

MR. MCCURRY: No, I sort of said that we weren't going to confirm what they had.

Q Can I come back to the DNC for a second? Are you saying that the President no longer supports a unilateral ban on this, or any ban?

MR. MCCURRY: I'll direct you to the DNC on that. He is supportive of the work that they did over the weekend.

Q The President's position on the acceptance of money from legal aliens, it's one thing to say we no longer will unilaterally do it, but still support legislation.

MR. MCCURRY: Legal permanent residents, I believe is the term we prefer.

Q Okay. Does he still support legislation that would ban them, or he no longer supports that either?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't believe that is part of the pending legislation that we've expressed support for.

Q He supported it in '96.

MR. MCCURRY: Well, I'll ask him what his views are on that specific question.

Q Mike, it's reported today that Dennis Scolabrini (phonetic), the FBI agent who testified on behalf of Billy Dale at

the Travelgate trial says he was harassed by Clinton aides in retaliation. What is your response?

MR. MCCURRY: If I understand correctly, that is a sealed deposition and we'll honor the court's decision to seal whatever testimony he gave.

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Q On to weapons of mass destruction and proliferation -- the conference committee has come out with a report talking about it, saying the problem is worsening, criticizing the White House, saying a lot of talking really hasn't backed it up. Has the White House been effective in this?

MR. MCCURRY: I'm not familiar with the report. I don't know specifically what area of concern they raised. But we spent most of this briefing talking about the various extensive work that the United States is doing, including the hard work that 37,000 young men and women are doing in the Gulf to pursue our concerns about weapons of mass destruction. And I think it's fair to say that there's not a question in the post-Cold War pantheon of foreign policy that the President takes more seriously than efforts by countries that are outliers in the world community to acquire weapons of mass destruction. We've spent a lot of time on that issue here and the President certainly has done a lot of hard work on the issue. But I'll see if anyone knows of the report in particular.

Q Do you expect the President to address the issue of employer based pensions prior to the State of the Union?

MR. MCCURRY: Expanding retirement income security opportunities for Americans, which it increasingly in the next century is going to depend on shoring up Social Security, making sure the people have got a variety of private sector based employer provided pension arrangements, and encouraging Americans to make their own savings and their own arrangements for retirement. It's going to be a very real key part of work. We've already done a great deal to address and underpin the strength of the private sector pension insurance system and I expect in the -- that we will want to say some more on that subject. I wouldn't rule out that there will be a -- some focus on that in the weeks ahead, but I don't know whether prior to January 27th.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

MR. MCCURRY: Thank you, Helen.

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