

## S278 Hearing *from page 1*

One woman claimed that it was well known that typically gays have 500 to 1000 sexual partners in their lifetimes. This brought a burst of laughter from the crowd. Over and over the opposition recited similar unfounded "facts". One group had gotten a hold of an article from the Gay Community News that threatened that homosexuals would "sodomize your children in the locker room", and warned that homosexuals would eliminate heterosexuals. "It is not the gays in this room we are worried about," one woman said late in the evening, "it is the militant gays with a hidden agenda that we worry about."

Proponents of the bill marched forward with accounts of violence against them. There were doctors telling the unnecessary cost of tests performed when a person's sexuality is not known. Ministers testified that the lack of this bill was unconscionable. "Most people who are different are not dangerous. Most people who are dangerous are not different," testified John Weston, intern minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington.

Anne Wallace read a letter signed by a  
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## 1988 Gay Pride March in Jeopardy

To date OITM has received no responses to its February questionnaire about Gay Pride 1988. At this time it appears the energy is not out there for another annual March and Rally. If you feel differently, please contact OITM and we'll put you in touch with any other interested organizers. Remember, it's up to you this year.

### Gay Pride Survey: we need your response!

It's the time of year again, folks, to start thinking about this year's Gay Pride celebration. To make sure 1988's celebration is as successful as it has been in previous years, we're asking our readers what they'd like to see happen. We will tabulate and publish your responses in next month's issue.

**REMEMBER: your responses and participation will determine whether or not there is a 1988 Gay Pride Celebration. Help make it happen!**

1. Should a Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration (march, rally, etc.) be held in 1988? yes  no

2. Where should it be held?

Burlington   
Montpelier   
Rutland   
Brattleboro   
Other

3. If you live in the Burlington area, would you travel as far as Brattleboro? yes  no

4. Would you be willing to help plan the event (attend meeting, make arrangements, plan fundraisers, etc)? yes  no   
if yes:  
name   
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## Gay National News

**Names Project Quilt to Come to Boston**  
The Names Project, also known as the AIDS Memorial Quilt, will be coming to Boston the weekend of June 18. The New England Chapter of the Names Project was recently formed to bring the quilt to Boston as part of its national tour.

The New England Chapter is seeking help in the hosting of the quilt by asking for donations of money (expenses are estimated to run in the tens of thousands of dollars); of new panels to add to the already existing 3,000 panels dedicated to someone who has died of AIDS; and of volunteers who can help spread the word about the quilt and what it means to the Gay and Lesbian Community.

If you would like more information

about the tour or on donating, contact Names Project/New England, P.O. Box 1798, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. The telephone number is (617) 451-9003.

### Loring AFB and U.S. Military Spend Millions in Gay Witch Hunts

According to their own records, all branches of the U.S. military spend well in excess of \$22,000,000 every year to search out and identify lesbian and gay military members. Over \$375,000 is spent annually to process discharges of otherwise honorably-serving members of the U.S. military. There are nearly 2,000 discharges in all branches of the U.S. military every year, discharges of soldiers who are doing their job but who happen to be lesbians and gay men.

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