

Gay National News

Glad Wins Right to Governor's Foster Care Documents

The Supreme Judicial Court ruled today that the Governor of Massachusetts cannot legally withhold documents from the public. The decision rejected a previous Dukakis attempt to deny access to internal memoranda from which he developed his controversial foster care policy.

Kevin M. Cathcart, Executive Director of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, one of two groups which have filed suit against the state and its foster care policy, applauded the ruling, saying, "The SJC decision clearly establishes the public's right to know how the Governor's foster care policy, which virtually excludes gay men and lesbians from consideration as foster parents, was formulated. It is ironic that the Governor would try to keep documents secret that the lower court found were highly relevant to our suit."

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders is New England's only non-profit law foundation dedicated to educating and litigating on behalf of the rights of lesbians and gay men.

GLAD celebrates its tenth anniversary this year.

NGLTF Lobbying Gets Hate Crime Bill Moving

Once again we can thank NGLTF for the unanimous approval by the Senate Judiciary committee of S702 a bill designed to collect statistics on crimes motivated by prejudice. Senator Paul Simon (D-IL) sponsored the bill. It will be referred to the full senate floor this fall.

To assist activists at the state level in passing inclusive bias crime laws, NGLTF has prepared the NGLTF Bias Crime Legislation Packet. Copies are available for \$10. Write to NGLTF, 1517 U St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

The National Coming Out Day Commemorative Journal

To Commemorate this historic event, and to support the on-going effort to make the first National Coming Out Day a huge

success, we are publishing The National Coming Out Day Commemorative Journal. The Journal will include coming out stories, letters, poetry, artwork, photos, memorial tributes, and a synopsis of "next steps" taken around the country, as well as information about future National Coming Out Days.

For more information about placing your Personal Statement in the Journal, please contact Nicholas Snow, Journal Coordinator, at (213) 650-6200.

AIDS Activist Mobilization Planned for October

ACT NOW (AIDS Coalition To Network, Organize, and Win) is organizing a four-day, national AIDS activist mobilization, including a teach-in and conference and an AIDS-related rally and civil disobedience, October 8-11 in Washington, D.C.

"Seize control of the F.D.A.," a massive civil disobedience action will take place at 7 a.m. on October 11, at the Food and Drug Administration headquarters in Rockville, Maryland.

For more information on participating in and organizing in your community for the conference, the direct action, and joining ACT NOW, please call 202/234-8801 or write ACT NOW, P.O. Box 73275, Washington, D.C. 20056-3275.

Circle K Corp Drops Employees with AIDS from Health Care Plan; AIDS Group Blasts Discriminatory Policy

Washington, D.C., August 4...Circle K Corporation, the second-largest convenience food store company in the U.S., has notified its employees that any Circle K worker with AIDS who contracts the disease as the result of "certain personal lifestyle decisions" will be dropped from the company's health care program.

"It's particularly appalling considering President Reagan this week called for anti-discrimination protections and responsible AIDS policy in American businesses," said Vic Basile, Human Rights Campaign Fund director. "This is big-

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