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Gay National News

Vic Basile to Leave HRCF

January 19... Victor J. Basile today announced his resignation as executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) after six years of lobbying, fundraising, strategizing and organizing for the nation's gay and lesbian community.

Basile, named HRCF's executive director in 1983, helped transform the gay rights group into the largest and most powerful lesbian and gay political action committee (PAC) and lobbying force in the U.S.

Last spring, the Federal Elections Commission ranked HRCF the ninth largest independent PAC in the U.S. and the 24th largest PAC overall (out of more than 4000). HRCF gave more than \$400,000 in political contributions to some 111 candidates for federal office during the last election cycle.

"Serving HRCF and the lesbian and gay community has been one of the most exhilarating and fulfilling experiences in my life," said Basile. "But now the time is right to move on."

HRCF co-chairs Rosen and Forester will form a search committee to select Basile's successor. Basile will be an active participant in the choice of his successor and will remain as executive director until a replacement is announced.

Lambda Lets Its Fingers Do the Walking

January 20, 198) Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced today that the New York City Human Rights Commission has made a preliminary determination that NYNEX Yellow Pages violated city law by refusing to create a Yellow Pages heading for gay and lesbian groups.

In May 1988, Lambda file a sexual orientation discrimination complaint against NYNEX on behalf on three New York-based gay groups, alleging that NYNEX's refusal to include a gay and lesbian heading in the Yellow Pages violated New York City law. The complaining groups are Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

(GLAAD), the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, and Heritage of Pride.

Just days after the Commission announced their intention to proceed to a public hearing, NYNEX announced an agreement to restructure its New York and New England directories to allow for a sub-heading for lesbian and gay organizations. The sub-headings would come under a general "Social and Human Services" heading and would include othe sub-headings for women's, disability and children's groups, among others.

Curtain Closes on Reagan AIDS Era

January 23, 1989...Former President Ronald Reagan has packed his bags and retired to California, ending a long, controversial era of White House response to the AIDS epidemic described by activists as a national "legacy of shame."

From 1982 and 1983, in which Reagan requested zero AIDS dollars, through the 1990 budget, Reagan requested substantially less than his own federal health agencies asked for and what Congress finally appropriated. The only exception was fiscal year 1989, when the budgets matched. However, the 1990 final Reagan AIDS budget is some \$400 million less than requested by agencies.

Vic Basile of HRCF and other activists are more optimistic about President George Bush. They point to Bush's endorsement of the President's HIV Commission report and his call for AIDS anti-discrimination protections as positive signs of a more sensitive White House AIDS response.

Vermonters Absent on Federal L&G Civil Rights Bill

January 25, 1989...The Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill was reintroduced in the US Senate today by Senator Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) and into the US House of Representatives yesterday by Congressman Ted Weiss (D-NY/17) and Henry Waxman (D-Calif/24).

Sixty-three Representatives signed up



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