

# National/International News

## United Airlines Adds Sexual Orientation to EEO Policy

San Francisco, CA - United Airlines, the nation's largest airline, recently revised its corporate Equal Employment Policy to prohibit discrimination against gay and lesbian employees. The new policy makes United Airlines one of the largest corporations and the first U.S. air carrier to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

(GLUE Coalition)

## Neighborhood Recruits Gays & Lesbians

San Diego, Ca - Residents of a San Diego neighborhood, Azalea park are passing out fliers as part of an aggressive campaign to attract gays and lesbians into the neighborhood to boost declining property values. A straight couple, Linda & Mark Pennington, were joined by about a dozen other gay and straight Azalea park residents who marched in San Diego's gay and lesbian pride parade carrying a banner reading "Gays Welcome-Azalea Park". Residents set up a booth at the parade festival and passed out hundreds of copies of a fact sheet with information about housing in the neighborhood.

(Outlines)

## Boston Police Recruit Gays

Boston, MA - The Boston Police Department is targeting the gay community in its recruitment drives to be held for the fall and winter police academy class. In addition to gays, women and minorities are included in the drive. "We do it (recruit gays) for the same reason we recruit Chinese officers", said Police Commissioner William Bratton. "Some people feel more comfortable dealing with Chinese officers who speak their own language." There are currently two openly gay officers on the force.

(The Washington Blade)

## Justice Dept. Sues Dentists for AIDS Discrimination

The government named dental offices in Houston and New Orleans on Monday in the first lawsuits it has filed to stop alleged discrimination against people infected with the AIDS virus. The Justice Department said the dentists are violating the Americans With Disabilities Act by withholding treatment from patients who have the virus. Castle Dental Center, a chain of dental and orthodontic facilities in Houston, was sued in federal court there. And Dr. Drew B. Morvant of New Orleans was named in a separate case in that city. Neither had any immediate comment on the suits. The Justice Department said the American Dental Association has found no medical or sci-

entific justification for not treating people solely because they are HIV-positive. (Chicago Tribune)

## Massachusetts Permits Joint Adoptions

Boston, MA - Massachusetts joined Vermont in approving at the highest state court level, joint adoptions by parents of the same sex. The action in Massachusetts follows by about three months, the Vermont Supreme Court's decision approving such adoptions; the first in the country at this level. In Massachusetts, the court ruled the same day on two separate cases, both involving the right of a lesbian to adopt the biological child of her partner.

(The Washington Blade, GLAD)

## Dentist Ordered to Pay for AIDS Discrimination

New York, NY - A dentist who denied treatment to a person with AIDS has been ordered to pay compensatory damages by the New York Commission on Human Rights. John Campanella informed the dentist, Dr. William Hurwitz, that he had AIDS at his first visit. He then received a letter from Dr. Hurwitz stating that he would not treat Mr. Campanella "due to the nature of your illness." Mr. Campanella, who filed his original complaint in 1987, has since died. The \$7,500 payment will go to his estate. (The Pink Paper) ▼



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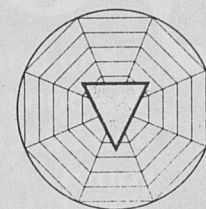


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