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that the agency's employment policies will not be an issue.

AIDS treatment

CHICAGO — There's been another possible advance in AIDS treatment.

Government researchers say adding a cancer-fighting substance appears to boost the effectiveness of AIDS drug cocktails.

The researchers hope interleukin 2 will translate into better survival rates for AIDS patients. The treatment is still experimental.

The findings appear in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Though potent combinations of AIDS drugs in the past decade have made AIDS more manageable by subduing the virus, they are not a cure. Worried about drug-resistant virus strains, researchers tried adding interleukin-2 to the mix.

Interleukin 2 is a protein that regulates the body's immune response. The study involved 78 patients on various combinations of antiviral AIDS drugs. About half also got twice-daily injections of interleukin-2 periodically during the two-year study, which ended in 1998. The AIDS virus was suppressed in almost twice as many of the interleukin patients, 67 percent versus 36 percent.

WV murder

GRANT TOWN, W.Va. — There's been another ugly murder of a gay man.

Two teen-agers beat the man to death, then drove over the body several times to make it look like a hit-and-run, police say.

Gay rights groups demanded to know whether the victim was killed because of his homosexuality and the FBI is investigating.

Police said two 17-year-old boys confessed to killing Arthur "J.R." Warren Jr., 26.

Authorities have refused to specify a motive, but Sheriff Ron Watkins said, "All of them were longtime acquaintances. I think it was something done in a moment of anger. We have no indication that it was a hate crime."

The two teen-agers, whose identities were withheld because of their age, were charged with first-degree murder.

Warren's mother, Brenda Warren, said her slightly built son had been constantly harassed about being different in the small, rural town of about 700. "He would just accept it and not hold a grudge," she said.

NY hate crimes

PURCHASE, N.Y. — After a decade of trying, New York state now has a hate-crimes law.

Gov. George Pataki signed New York state's new hate-crimes law at the headquarters of the Westchester Holocaust

Commission at Manhattanville College. It came 10 years after a version first passed the Assembly.


"Sometimes, justice takes a little longer than we would have liked," the governor said.

Senate Republicans had blocked the bill in the past, arguing that singling out some crimes for higher penalties was unfair to victims of non-bias crimes.

However, pressure grew over the years and, when Majority Leader Joseph Bruno allowed it to come to the floor last month, it passed easily and with considerable Republican support.

"The people of New York are saying at last that all of us—black and white, gay and straight, Christian, Jew and Muslim—we will fight this battle together," said Matt Foreman, executive director of the Empire State Pride Agenda.

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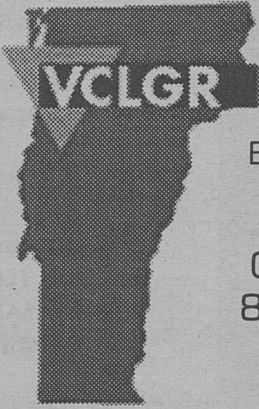
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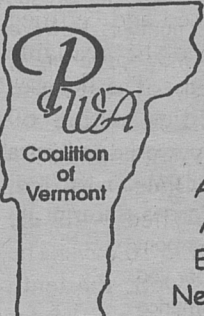
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