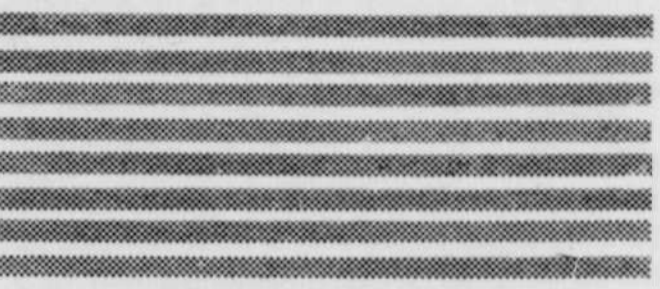


## Dog character tells children about AIDS

The federal government has used its cartoon dog character "McGruff" to educate children about crime, and now in California, another dog character, "Dr. Andy Answer," is helping elementary school children understand AIDS.

The video "A is for AIDS" is making the rounds of various school districts in the state with plaudits for helping kids rid themselves of misconceptions about the fatal disease.



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The part cartoon, part interview program with experts and patients, follows Dr. Andy Answer on an animated depiction of the virus' effects inside the human body. He meets with white blood cell "armies" that direct the body's immune system as well as fanged germs that attack the armies. Andy explains that once a person is infected it can take a long time to become sick.

Sexual contact and sharing of needles are mentioned as methods of transmission for the disease. Andy tells his young audience that AIDS cannot be spread by playing with, studying with, or casually touching someone who has it.

Other state school districts are showing interest in using the video to help kids deal with AIDS fears.

## Girls favoring untraditional careers

American girls aspire to a wider range of professions than did their mothers, but researchers say girls are still hampered by a conflict between traditional femininity and achievement.

A survey of fifth grade girls by Sandra Gill, a sociology professor at Gettysburg (PA) College, showed the majority chose non-traditional occupations, including veterinarians, doctors, lawyers, and even jockeys.

Gill's conclusions were based on studies over the past 10 years in association with Carol Ireson of Willamette University in Salem. Their findings appear in "Working Women."

Gill and Ireson reported that girls are less likely to choose homemaking as a primary career and are more likely to anticipate a combination of work and family roles.

They also found that sex-typed toys which are clearly associated with traditional male and female work roles also tend to hamper girls' career development, as compared to a boy's development.

The aspirations of today's girls, the researchers concluded, will have a definite impact on the future of American society. Gill cautioned, "If women become more career oriented without men becoming more family oriented, the outcomes could become unpleasant."

## Business aid for AIDS concern

The Oregon State Department of Insurance and Finance has produced a three volume set of workbooks aimed at helping businesses deal with AIDS in the workplace. The titles: "An Employer Response Plan for HIV in the Workplace"; "HIV/AIDS in the Workplace, an Employees Guidebook"; and "Basic HIV

Infection Control for the General Work Settings, a Complete Presentation Guide for Trainers, Supervisors and Safety Officers."

An HIV/AIDS "General Assembly" for Portland Chamber of Commerce members and others is scheduled for 7:30 a.m., February 22nd in the Chamber Board Room. There is a \$5 fee for Chamber members and a \$10 fee for all others. The three volume set of guidebooks will be sold there at \$8.50 a set.

## Injustice against one, injustice against all

If you are down and out and standing in line at the Salvation Army for a free meal, don't be surprised if an unmarked car pulls up across the street. And don't be surprised if someone leans out the window and snaps your picture. It is common knowledge that law enforcement agencies go "hunting" for lost felons in that manner.

And if you are a minority teenager cruising down Northeast Union Avenue, don't be surprised if a car full of cops pulls you over, lines you up against a wall and snaps your photograph, too. It is now common knowledge that city cops go "hunting" for suspected gang members in that manner.

Two Portland men who said they were held at gunpoint, photographed, and questioned by local police about gang activity have filed suit in US District Court seeking monetary damages and an injunction against police harassment.

Paul Bogdan, identified in the suit as being Hispanic, and Prentice Sewell, a Black, said they were interrogated and photographed by police on September 14, after police made accusations about gang ties. Both men are 20 years old.

The suit alleges that police procedures designed to harass minority youths with gang ties also target other minorities who have no gang ties and violate constitutional rights of free association, protection against unreasonable searches and seizures, and protection against discriminatory action by the government.

In addition to an injunction and unspecified monetary damages, the suit also asks the court to order a return of the plaintiffs' photographs so they are not circulated among law enforcement officers. The suit argues that subjects of such photographs become targets for further police harassment.

Ten officers were involved in the incident. None were named.

## How many gays out there? Government wants to know.

There is a growing need for federal health officials to determine the number of men who have had homosexual experiences in order to develop reliable statistics to assess the progress of AIDS in America.

Such information, first compiled by famed sex researcher Alfred Kinsey between 1939 and 1948, is illusive at best, because it's not known how many men are untruthful when asked about their past sex experiences (especially with other men).

A new survey conducted by scientist Charles F. Turner for the government suggests that at least 20 percent of American adult men have had some overt sexual experiences with other men.

"Because of what we know about the history of societal oppression of gay men, there is a very considerable reason to believe that a number of men will conceal the experiences they have had," Turner told the *Associated Press* recently.

The study, based on questionnaires in 1970 and in a 1988 national survey, suggests that the minimum number of American men who have had at least one homosexual experience is lower than the estimates compiled by Kinsey 40 years ago.



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