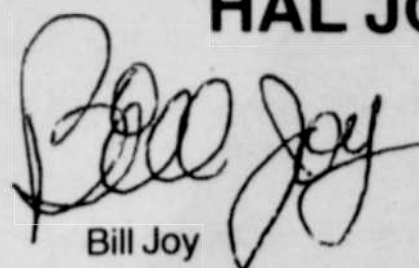
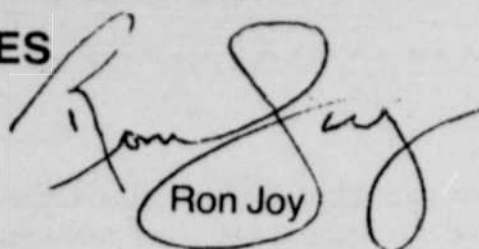


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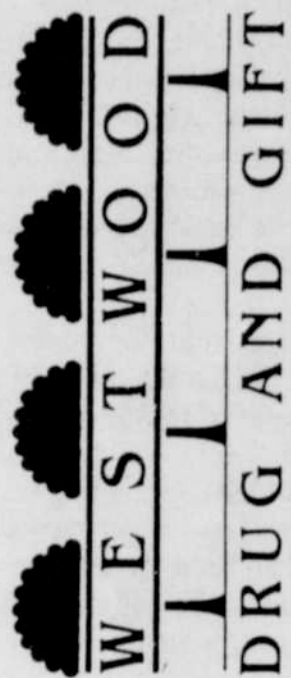
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Federal hate crimes bill includes sexual orientation

HB 1048, introduced recently with broad bipartisan support, would require the Justice Department to keep statistics on crimes of prejudice committed because of race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity. A floor vote on the bill is expected in the next few months in both houses of Congress. A similar bill introduced last year survived an attempt to remove "sexual orientation" but was ultimately killed by Jesse Helms (R-NC). Sponsors of this year's bill include Congressmen AuCoin, De Fazio, and Wyden.

Bill seeks end to immigration discrimination against gays

HB 1280 was introduced recently in the United States House of Representatives to end discrimination against lesbians and gays in immigration proceedings. Currently, one may be denied a visa or be deported for "sexual deviation." This is rarely enforced but the 45 co-sponsors of HR 1280 believe it should be removed from the law.

Oregon representatives doing "just OK" on gay rights

According to Alyson Publications, Inc. of Boston, the Oregon Congressional delegation ranks twenty-first of all fifty state delegations on votes supporting gay interests. First ranked was Massachusetts, second was Washington State. Worst were New Hampshire, Idaho and Wyoming. These ratings are based upon how often these delegations voted in line with the position of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Lesbian and gay health conference in San Francisco

"The most talented and accomplished lesbian and gay health care and AIDS service providers in the country," according to one organizer, will be brought together in San Francisco on April 5-9 for the Eleventh Annual National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference. Over 400 presentations will be given on topics including lesbian-health care, substance abuse, co-dependency, recovery, people of color, youth, and holistic health care. Speakers and trainers will include Joann Loulan, author and lesbian sex therapist; Dr. James Curran, head of the Centers for Disease Control AIDS program; Laura Davis, author of *The Courage to Heal: A Guide for Women Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse*; and Dr. David Smith, founder and medical director of the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinics. Registration fees are \$175 regular, \$100 student, and scholarships are available. For more information, call the George Washington University Medical Center at 202-994-4285.

March this month for women's equality and women's lives

On April 10 in Washington, DC there will be a "National March for Women's Equality and Women's Lives," organized by National Organization for Women (NOW). It is hoped the event will draw 100,000 participants from around the country. A local rally will coincide with the national march, on Sunday, April 9 at 1 pm at Terry Schunk Plaza, SW Third and Madison in Portland. For information, call Oregon NOW at 223-6722 or Oregon NARAL at 223-4510. If interested in helping with the local rally, call PSU Women's Union at 464-4452 or Oregon NARAL at 223-4510.

AIDS group circumventing FDA, importing drugs from Europe

The AIDS Health Group in New York announced recently it has set up an elaborate network to help PWAs by importing prescription drugs not yet available in the United States. The FDA allows people with life-threatening illnesses to import personal supplies of unapproved drugs; "buyers' clubs" for non-prescription drugs have existed for some times. The AIDS Health Group makes it possible for people to procure prescription drugs without making personal contact with a doctor in another country. Some of the drugs which the group plans to import include fusidic acid, roxithromycin, azithromycin, immuthiol, ribavirin and hypericin.

Photographs of lesbians needed for book

Our Right to Love: a Lesbian Resource Book (1978, Prentiss Hall), an anthology edited by Ginny Vida, is being revised. Photographs of lesbians are needed depicting "affection, friendship, outdoor scenes, indoor scenes, lesbians at play, lesbians at work, individual portraits, lesbians engaged in sports or other activities, black, white, Asian American, Latina, and Native American lesbians, younger, middle-aged and older lesbians, abled and differently-abled." Nude and erotic photos will not be used. Photos of non-gay supporters of gay rights, such as public officials, are also needed. Photographers will be paid \$35 for each photo accepted for publication. Submit photos (or high quality photocopies for initial consideration) to Ginny Vida, Editor, *Our Right to Love*, 45 Plaza Street, 1G, Brooklyn, NY 11217. If you use express mail or UPS, send to Ginny Vida, c/o Commission on Women, 52 Chambers Street, Room 207, NY, NY 10007. Deadline for photos: May 15, 1989.

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