

national briefs

CALIFORNIA

By a margin of five to two, the city council in Santa Cruz has approved a new ordinance banning employment or housing discrimination based on height, weight, sexual orientation, or physical characteristics. The so-called "looks law" will serve as "a statement that bigotry will not be tolerated in Santa Cruz," said Corin Drummond, a 23-year-old resident who said he was beaten up recently because he is gay.

The first *Cookbook Against AIDS* is scheduled for publication in early 1993. It will be filled with favorite recipes from members and friends of the gay and lesbian community. Also included will be various articles, photographs, and dedications, with proceeds going to AIDS research. Submissions must be received by Dec. 31, 1992. They may be sent to *Cookbook Against AIDS*, 16105-8H Victory Blvd., #346, Van Nuys, CA 91406. Interested persons also may call (818) 909-9805.

Publication of *BLK*, the first monthly magazine for African-American gays and lesbians, has been suspended until a new editor can be found to replace Alan Bell. Bell, who was seriously injured in a car accident in April, is still unable to return to work, his doctors say. More information can be obtained by writing to *BLK Publishing Co.*, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912, or by calling 1-310-410-0808.

IDAHO

A Gay and Lesbian Center will be part of San Francisco's new Main Library, thanks to a \$500,000 donation and the acquisition of over 10,000 books, periodicals, and photographs. The donation was made by San Francisco civic leader James Hormel.

Some of history's most revered scientists have used science to justify racism, a Harvard University professor of geology and zoology said recently during a speech at the University of Idaho in Moscow. Stephen Jay Gould, who has written more than a dozen books, said the human species is too young for genetic differences to have evolved among the races. "That old cliché that differences are only skin deep really turns out to be so," he said. "Humans are astonishingly similar in genetic makeup from one racial group to another...."

ILLINOIS

The state legislature is considering two bills involving HIV disease. One, passed by a House committee in April, would require children under 18 to notify their parents before taking an HIV test. The other would require people convicted of patronizing juvenile prostitutes to be tested for HIV. AIDS groups generally oppose such measures, favoring safe-sex education as the most effective weapon against the spread of AIDS.

NEW YORK

Vice President Dan Quayle reportedly was red-faced after scrambling the alphabet soup of AIDS drugs during a visit to Manhattan AIDS ward. "Are they talking DDT?" Quayle asked during the visit, to which his hosts responded that he must mean AZT, DDC, or DDI. They pointed out that DDT is a bug spray. "The effect of an administration's AIDS policies is much the same as DDT," said Gregory King, communications director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "Quayle may be more right than he realized."

The American Civil Liberties Union has asked every major college and university president in the country to join other leaders of higher education in signing a resolution calling for an end to the military's anti-gay policy. James Holobaugh, coordinator of military issues for the ACLU, said that gaining the support of these leaders is crucial. The show of support from these educational leaders will be invaluable in changing opinions in Washington among legislators and bureaucrats," Holobaugh said. "Under the weight of this concrete evidence, the Pentagon will be forced to retreat." Each year, the Pentagon discharges more than 1,400 men and women for homosexuality, at a financial cost to taxpayers of \$300 million annually.

OREGON

A gay man from Portland was one of thou-

sands of people who responded to a question by columnist Ann Landers: "Are you glad you are gay, or would you rather be straight?" The man, who was not identified by name, was among a half dozen whose responses were published in the nationally syndicated column. In his response, the man said he had married and was the father of two before realizing he was gay. He initially tried to hide the reality, but eventually met another man and today is "extremely happy." Landers said of the 75,875 responses received, about 30 to 1 said they were "happy being gay."

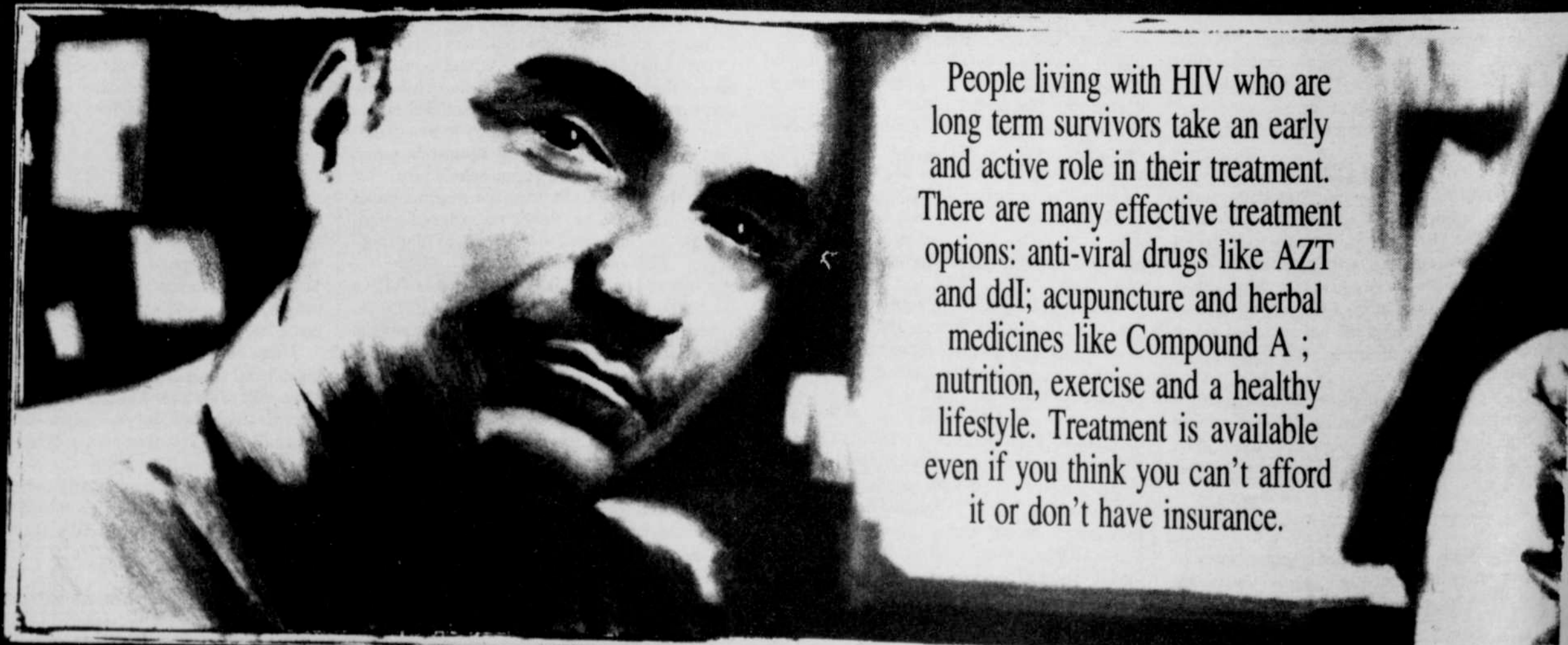
VIRGINIA

Fundamentalist television evangelist Pat Robertson, who four years ago failed in his bid for the Republican presidential nomination, has succeeded in buying United Press International. Robertson already is chief executive officer of a media conglomerate that owns and operates a number of broadcast and cable television franchises, including the conservative Christian Broadcasting Network. Some UPI affiliates are worried that reporting standards may have a conservative bias under Robertson's leadership. Robertson's empire is based in Virginia Beach.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Navy's inspector general has issued a scathing report that describes in graphic detail the sexual molestation of 26 women at a 1991 con-

"Those of us in health care are very hopeful...we've learned so much..."



People living with HIV who are long term survivors take an early and active role in their treatment. There are many effective treatment options: anti-viral drugs like AZT and ddI; acupuncture and herbal medicines like Compound A; nutrition, exercise and a healthy lifestyle. Treatment is available even if you think you can't afford it or don't have insurance.



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