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national briefs

CALIFORNIA

Tony Miller, an openly gay man, became California's acting secretary of state in February. He is the first openly gay person to hold a major statewide office in the United States. He replaces March Fong Eu, who has been named U.S. ambassador to Micronesia.

Miller has announced his candidacy for the post in this year's election and is backed by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, a national donor network. Miller has worked with Fong Eu for 25 years and has a strong history of civil rights activism. California's primary race is June 7.

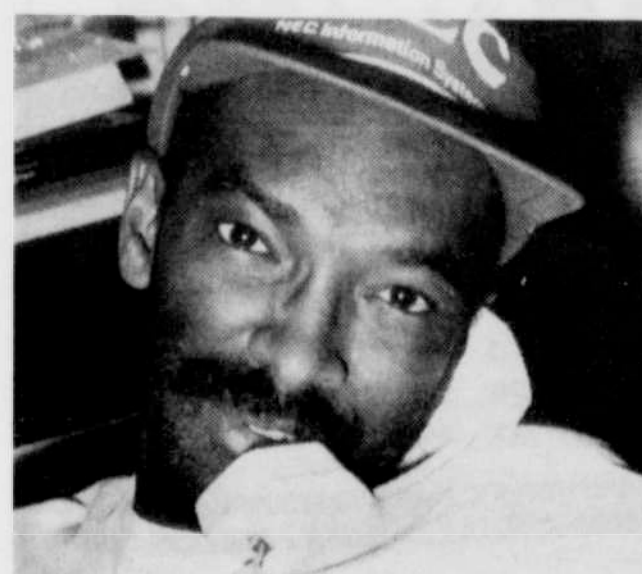
In San Jose, two neo-Nazi skinheads, Jeremiah Gordon Knesal, 19, and Wayne Paul Wooten, 18, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to bombing the Tacoma, Wash., office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on July 20 and a Seattle gay bar two days later. FBI investigators said they found evidence in the teenagers' car suggesting that the two men intended to murder rap-singers Ice T and Ice Cube to set off a race war.

In San Francisco, pro-choice women have formed the Sister Spirit Defense Committee to send groups of women to Overt, Miss., to help defend the feminist retreat camp being threatened by anti-lesbian residents. The defense committee was formed by women who have safeguarded abortion clinics targeted by Operation Rescue and other anti-abortion groups.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders and the Rev. Jesse Jackson will speak at the National Minority AIDS Council's second national public policy conference, "Our Place at the Table: The National Meeting," on April 28 and 29. The meeting will provide an opportunity for HIV workers nationwide to discuss and develop public policy initiatives around issues impacting the battle against HIV in communities of color. Other speakers include AIDS Policy Coordinator Kristine Gebbie, ABC News anchor-reporter Carole Simpson and U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.).

Black Jack, a safer sex and j/o club for African American gay and bisexual men, celebrated its eighth anniversary this February. Attendance at meetings has grown, from two at the first meeting in 1986, to a current average of 60. Black Jack was created in response to the AIDS crisis to provide a space for African American men to be intimate in a clean, safe and secure environment.



Alan Bell

"We get requests for information almost every day from black men across the country lamenting the fact that no Black Jack exists in their area," said founder Alan Bell. "They describe how they feel like outsiders at mainstream j/o clubs." The group has expanded its program to include travel and occasional non-sexual social outings.

In San Diego, a group called the DomiNo Pizza Theory is asking sexual minority communities nationwide to boycott and picket Domino's Pizza. The plea comes after Domino's chief executive officer Tom Monaghan awarded the company's Humanitarian Award to James Dobson, president of Focus on the Family. FOF, which recently opened its new \$27 million headquarters in Colorado Springs, works with fundamentalist organizations nationwide to exclude certain groups of people, including sexual minorities, from civil rights protections.

The U.S. Department of Justice has approved a temporary 10-day admission of HIV-positive people to enter the country for the Gay Games in New York City, June 18 to 25. Attorney General Janet Reno approved the move after the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said the exclusion of people with HIV "would be inconsistent with the policy of combating discrimination against individuals who have the HIV infection."



The decision is "an important step against discrimination and a defeat for the radical right," said Tim McFeely, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.) and U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) urged Reno to issue the waiver.

The board of directors for the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International appointed Tim Fisher of Montclair, N.J., as its first executive director. Fisher, who has worked with the group for two and a half years, describes it as a worldwide support and advocacy organization for families with gay or lesbian parents. The group networks with more than 265 parents' support groups in 11 countries. GLPCI can be contacted at: PO Box 50360, Washington, D.C. 20091.

A survey by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force found that while at least 50 percent of U.S. citizens "disapprove" of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals, about 75 percent believe that sexual minorities should have equal rights in employment.

The survey also found that women, younger adults, people with higher levels of education, and people who know they have sexual minority friends oppose discrimination more strongly and are more likely to support protective legislation.

On the basis of the survey, Susan Hibbard, NGLTF campaign specialist with the Fight the Right Project, offered recommendations to communities battling discriminatory measures. Civil-rights campaigns should frame debates in terms of "discrimination" and "equal rights," and they should clarify and quantify the real nature of discrimination against sexual minorities. "Short-term victories will more likely result from reinforcing the public's opposition to discrimination than from trying to change the majority's lack of acceptance," said a spokesperson for NGLTF.

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