

national news

Neo-Nazis charged in stabbing death of gay man

Two self-proclaimed neo-Nazis who allegedly bragged they were going to "get a fag" were arrested and charged with the murder of a gay man in a Houston suburb.

Fred Mangione, 46, was stabbed 35 times in his van outside a gay bar. Two men from Columbia Falls, Mont., Daniel Christopher Bean, 19, and his half-brother, Ronald Henry Gauthier, 21, were jailed on \$50,000 bail.

The defendants told police they belong to a group called German Peace Corps. Authorities believe the group is based in California.

"These guys claim membership in an organization that by their own admission is a neo-Nazi organization that targets blacks and homosexuals for victimization," sheriff's Capt. Don McWilliams said.

The defendants claim they attacked Mangione because he and his companion, Kenneth Stern, made sexual advances toward them. Witnesses told police they heard the defendants talk about attacking gays before they had even met the victim.

"It's very obvious the victim was targeted because of the fact that he was homosexual," McWilliams said. "They demonstrated no remorse at all over this."

As a result of this attack, U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Houston) announced that she would seek federal action on hate crimes. Lee, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, will ask the committee to hold hearings on hate crimes.

"This community, this nation and certainly our legal system cannot tolerate these hateful acts of violence," Lee told the *Houston Chronicle*.

National youth HIV/AIDS conference set

The Third Annual National Youth Conference on HIV/AIDS—titled the Ryan White National Youth Conference on HIV/AIDS—will take place Feb. 17-19 in Washington, D.C. Conference co-sponsors are the National Association of People with AIDS, the Ryan White Foundation and Metro TeenAIDS of Washington, D.C.

Conference topics will include HIV transmission prevention, development of skills as peer educators, technical assistance and networking.

Texas group intensifies attack on advertisers

For the past several weeks businesses who advertise in the *Texas Triangle*, an Austin-based gay and lesbian newspaper, have heard their names broadcast over the radio by the leader of a radical-right Christian organization. Those attacks escalated to a new level in December.

Wyatt Roberts, executive director of the American Family Association of Texas, sent letters to all the advertisers giving them 10 days to tell him whether they intend to continue advertising in the *Triangle*.

Several advertisers say the letters are a threat by Roberts. One advertiser, First Texas Honda, was targeted by demonstrators after renewing its advertising contract with the paper.

Although Roberts' actions have cost the paper two advertisers, and many others are nervous, Kay Longscope, editor and publisher of the *Triangle*, said that others had been angered by Robert's tactics and have vowed to continue advertising in the newspaper, the *Austin American-Statesman* reports.

Jim Rigby, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, one of many Austin pastors protesting the American Family Association's anti-gay campaign, told the *American-Statesman*, "Attacking heterosexual businesses because they have dealings with gay people are not the tactics of a democracy. These are brown-shirt tactics."

Youth put heat on California Assembly

Nearly 300 youth descended on the California Capitol on Jan. 3 for the Golden State's first Youth Lobby Day. The event was organized by the LIFE

Lobby, a gay and lesbian organization.

Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight youth came to Sacramento to push for passage of two bills—SB 101, which would extend AIDS education to fifth- and sixth-graders, and AB 1001, which adds sexual orientation to the protections guaranteed by California's education code.

Legislators responded to the young lobbyists with varying degrees of warmth and support. Some legislators refused to even talk with their constituents, while others were welcoming and receptive.

Deneuve changes name

Curve, the lesbian magazine formerly known as *Deneuve*, hit the newsstands with its new name this month. The five-year-old publication changed its name after French actress Catherine Deneuve filed lawsuits in both Paris and Los Angeles to stop the use of her last name by the magazine.

Deneuve, the actress, alleged various trademark violations by Outspoken Enterprises, the company that publishes the magazine. Outspoken Enterprises insisted the magazine was named for the publisher's first love, not Catherine Deneuve.

Curve magazine is published bimonthly and distributed throughout the world.

Study says children of lesbians aren't different

A study that followed the development of the children of lesbian parents found that they are no different than the children of heterosexual parents. The study, reported in the *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, observed the children until they were in their mid-20s.

The adult children who participated in the study were found to be comfortable with their mothers' sexual orientation and with their family dynamics. They did express discomfort discussing their lesbian parents with others.

The study reports that the adult children of lesbians are no more likely than the adult children of heterosexuals to seek psychological help. All of the children raised by lesbians had had heterosexual relationships by the age of 23. About 25 percent of them also reported having had one homosexual relationship by the same age.

Clinton challenged by ACT UP member

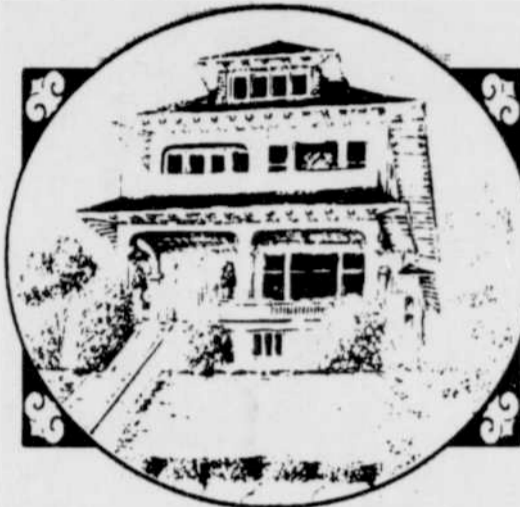
President Clinton is facing a challenger in the Democratic primaries. Steve Michael, a member of ACT UP in Washington, D.C., has already filed for the New Hampshire primary. He is now trying to secure the signatures necessary to appear on the New York ballot.

Calling his campaign the "AIDS Cure Campaign '96," Michael's goal is to "make Bill Clinton a better president on AIDS issues between now and the general election..." The campaign is also intended to send the message to politicians that AIDS is a primary issue.

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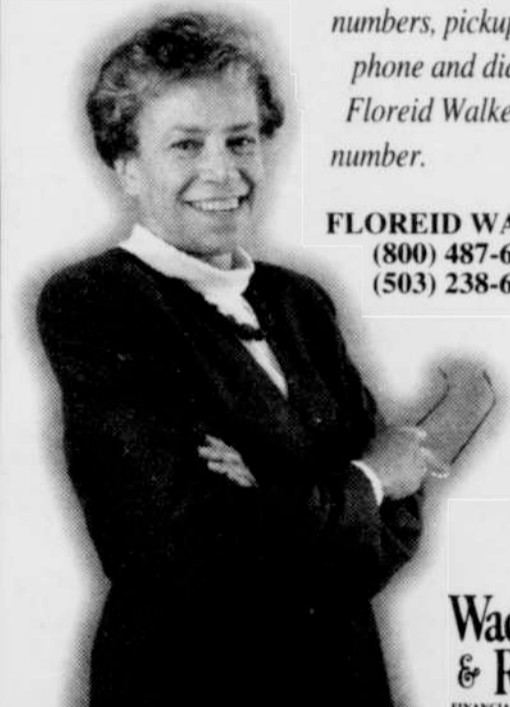
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