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national news

On the road for AIDS

During the weekend of Aug. 14 to 17, bicyclists from the Northwest and Canada will participate in Ride for a Reason, the first international fund-raising event to benefit AIDS organizations. The four-day event begins simultaneously in both Portland and Vancouver, B.C., with riders finishing their 200-mile treks in Seattle. Three-time Tour de France winner Greg LeMond is the celeb-



rity spokesman for the event, which is expected to attract 1,500 participants and raise \$2.5 million, making it one of the largest fund-raising efforts in the region's history.

Ride for a Reason is not a race; cyclists of all abilities are invited to partake in the excitement and enjoy the scenic routes planned for the bikers. Rider support along the way includes mobile villages providing all meals and nightly entertainment, hot showers, massages and mechanical assistance. Proceeds from rider pledges will benefit Cascade AIDS Project and other AIDS service organizations in Oregon, Washington and Vancouver, B.C. Some of the corporate sponsors of the event are AT&T, Fox 49 KPD, Adidas America, Amtrak and Willamette Week.

For more information about becoming a rider or a volunteer, call 1-888-89BIKES or visit the event Web site (<http://www.rideforareason.org>).

On the civil rights frontier

In 1994, former New Hampshire Gov. Steve Merrill wielded the Roman Catholic Church's influence and defeated legislation in the state Senate that would have provided discrimination protections for homosexuals. The issue has been tossed around the statehouse a few times since then, and finally won Senate approval May 5.

The bill, which bars discrimination against sexual minorities in housing, employment and public accommodations, has already been endorsed by Gov. Jeanne Shaheen. Her support and the backing of the church were instrumental in the bill's passage. Rep. William McCann (D-Dover), the measure's primary sponsor, told The Associated Press.

The bill, which adds sexual orientation to existing antidiscrimination legislation, gained the approval of the regional Roman Catholic diocese by striking a compromise: It provides the same protections as those proposed three years ago, but now includes a proviso indicating that the state does not approve of any sexual lifestyle "other than the traditional marriage-based family." Under the new law, complaints will be filed with the state Human Rights Commission, and existing exemptions, such as those for small businesses, will not be affected.

Montana tolerance rally is tense, peaceful

Demonstrators who gathered outside the Gold Bar in Helena, Mont., to protest the establishment's alleged intolerance of gay patrons were met with some harsh words and Bible quotes, but with help of local law enforcement officials and cooperative participants the rally and counter-demonstration remained peaceful. According to the *Helena Independent Record*, sexual minority rights activists and other concerned citizens converged at the bar on Wednesday, March 5, and marched and chanted for about half an hour. A smaller group

rallied across the street and hurled anti-gay epithets. Meanwhile, Gold Bar supporters held down the fort inside.

For the past several months, members of Helena's sexual minority community have been meeting at the bar on Wednesday evenings. Some of those people allege that the bar's owners were less than welcoming, and a former employee warned the police that there had been talk of hiring thugs to draw them into a brawl. Co-owners B.J. Holmes and Julie Proul have denied those allegations, but admit to being concerned about customer complaints regarding "inappropriate sexual activity" by gay patrons.

Dave Parker, who organized the protest, said, "We wanted to show that there is a broad, diverse support group against discrimination, hate and bigotry."

Representatives of PRIDE!, a statewide gay-rights advocacy group, attended the rally, along with members of the Montana AFL-CIO, the Montana Human Rights Network, the Lewis and Clark Democratic Central Committee Executive Board, the Montana Trial Lawyers Association and other local groups.

When queers enter the Golden Years

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Retiring Persons, an international nonprofit membership organization seeking to enhance the aging experience of gay men and lesbians, announced plans to build the world's first large gay-friendly retirement community. According to a story from the Los Angeles Business Wire, the group fills a void in the queer community and the mainstream senior advocacy sector by providing retirement-related information and services and conducting research into retirement issues for sexual minorities. Although the group is admittedly small at present, long-range plans include the establishment of nonprofit, independent- and assisted-living retirement communities in the United States and abroad.

Research will consume a significant portion of GLARP's first year of operation: Using computer surveys, questions on membership applications, focus groups and cooperative projects with



educational institutions, the organization hopes to pioneer an international collection of data on the retirement needs of lesbians and gay men.

GLARP has headquarters in Los Angeles and a Web site (<http://www.gaylesbianretiring.org>); in addition to a quarterly newsletter set to begin publication in winter 1997, members are entitled to discounts on legal services, auto rental, cellular phones, home exercise equipment and funeral services from selected providers. For additional information, call (310) 966-1500 or write GLARP, 10940 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1600, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Former aide comes out of Dornan's closet

Brian O'Leary Bennett, who was chief of staff for conservative ex-Rep. Bob Dornan from 1977 to 1989, publicly admitted his homosexuality in early May, bringing both men into the media spotlight. An article in the *Los Angeles Times* said the declaration was made in preparation for Bennett's installment on the board of a nonprofit group that runs the Gay and Lesbian Center of

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