



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 4, 1996

COUNCILLOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

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Bill to protect queer youth introduced in RI

by Ed Boyce

PROVIDENCE, RI — A bill has been introduced in the Rhode Island legislature that would add sexual orientation, religion, and national origin to the current law regarding discrimination in schools. (The current law protects students from discrimination on the basis of race, color, age and sex.)

The bill, entitled "An Act Relating to Schools Discrimination" (H 96-H8710), which is pending before the Special Legislation Committee of the Rhode Island legislature, is designed to give every student the right to attend school free from fear, harassment and discrimination.

It provides protection based on sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation. The bill's proponents say that any students who are treated badly are not actually gay or lesbian, but only perceived by others as being so.

"Ultimately, we're hoping this is the first step towards providing safer schools for gay and lesbian students," said Wendy Becker, Director of Youth Pride, a Rhode Island organization providing services to gay and lesbian bisexual and transgender youth.

The bill, sponsored by Nancy Hetherington (D-Cranston) and Sen June Gibbs (R-Portsmouth) gives all students the right to bring action if they feel they have been discriminated against in public schools. It also provides an added incentive for schools to enforce existing harassment policies or create effective ones, and gives all students access to additional opportunities including extra-curricular activities in schools.

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Anti-Gay..The AIDS Crisis Must End" when he was surrounded by approximately two dozen Buchanan campaign workers. The assault was captured by news cameras and was featured on NBC Nightly News, CNN, and Manchester's ABC affiliate WMUR.

Michael told reporters that "the incident dramatizes Pat Buchanan's vision for America, a fascist state, where people with AIDS, Queers, Blacks Jews, Women are routinely assaulted by Buchanan Brownshirts. It's worth taking a few bruises if we can expose the brutality of a potential Buchanan regime."

After his strong showing in the Iowa caucuses his first place showing in New Hampshire, "Buchanan could very likely win the Republican nomination," Michael postulated.

"If the White House Hearings tie Hillary B...

Buchanan's less sure that he's a real shot at actual Presidency.

"I think we're at a moment in our political where it appears that can politics it is OK to and blame gays and le every social ill under said Breslauer.

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Mass. mounts AIDS awareness campaign targeting black men

by Robin Estrin

BOSTON (AP) — "AIDS Awareness Is Love Awareness."

It's a message Massachusetts health officials and AIDS educators hope will reach the state's black male community — a group that is seeing its rate of HIV infection rise at alarming rates.

The new campaign is aimed exclusively at black men, and health officials say it comes none too soon.

Black men make up only 2.2 percent of the state's population, yet comprise 19 percent of all male cases of AIDS in Massachu-

setts, according to the state Department of Public Health. More than 1,700 black males in Massachusetts have been diagnosed with AIDS.

Nationwide, AIDS is the leading cause of death among black males ages 25-44.

As the director of an AIDS prevention clinic, Lawrence Robinson knows how difficult it is to teach young people — especially young black males — about the dangers of unprotected sex.

Once, he was preaching his message to a teen-ager on

Boston's streets. "What he said to me was, 'What do I have to look forward to? I'm having sex, I like it, and I'm not going to let anybody take that away from me,'" Robinson said.

"AIDS Awareness Is Love Awareness" is being trumpeted on posters, billboards, bumper stickers and T-shirts across Massachusetts. But organizers are focusing the campaign in Boston, Cambridge, Springfield and Brockton where more than 65 percent of the state's black males live.

The campaign, which kicks off Friday, features a drawing of a black man's face and the words "Wear It" printed above a condom package. The posters have a black background, an African print border and are printed in vivid red, green and yellow the colors of black liberation.

'Gay ball!'

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