WASHINGTON (AP) — In his first speech since the Republican convention ratified his opponent, President Clinton told gays and lesbians in a videotaped message that "we must put aside our differences and focus on what unites us, on our common ground."

Bidding for support in the presidential election, Clinton said his administration "has taken more steps than any other to bring the gay and lesbian community to the table."

The speech was taped before the president went on his summer vacation for showing at the Human Rights Campaign's first national political convention Saturday in Chicago.

"All Americans face a critical choice this November," Clinton said "I believe we must put aside our differences and focus on what unites us, on our common ground."

The Human Rights Campaign endorsed Clinton for re-election in February. He has said since then that he opposes same-sex marriages.

In a statement released by the organization, executive director Elizabeth Birch acknowledged the president does not support every issue important to lesbians and gays, but said, "The best friend we have in the presidential campaign already lives in the White House."

Detailing his support, Clinton mentioned his signing an executive order that prohibits taking sexual orientation into account for denying security clearances, his orders banning sexual orientation discrimination in government, his administration's commitment to fighting HIV and AIDS, and opposition to anti-gay ballot measures.

"When I ran for president in 1992, I told you about my vision for America — a vision you were and are very much a part of," he said. "I'm especially proud to be the first president ever to endorse a civil rights bill that specifically includes gay and lesbian Americans."
**AIDS PROGRAMS**

AIDS patients in Washington, D.C., are being told they can no longer apply to receive drugs from the city's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) due to the high demand for promising new treatments. The problem is similar in states across the country, as funding for the federal program is being depleted. ADAP provided AIDS drugs for 65,000 insured and poorly insured patients last year, about one out of ten people with HIV. The number of drugs provided under the program has doubled since last year and more HIV-infected patients and their doctors are electing to start treatment sooner, often with a combination of drugs. As a result, the programs are starting to restrict enrollment, the drugs they offer, or both.

**SAFE SEX?**

Even people who practice relatively safe sex are contracting HIV, researchers reported Wednesday in the Annals of Internal Medicine. Timothy Schacker of the University of Washington, and colleagues found that in a study of 46 people, almost half said they had sexual contact with only one partner in the month before their infection was detected. Oral sex, widely thought to be less risky than other sexual contact, was the most common form of sex among the participants. For four patients, the researchers were able to determine that oral sex was the route of transmission. Researchers reported in June that rhesus monkeys could be orally infected with a virus similar to HIV and cautioned that oral sex is not necessarily safe sex.

**ACT UP**

ACT UP SF recently invaded a meeting of the San Francisco Health Commission to protest Department of Public Health Director Sandra Hernandez's proposal to institute DOT using AZT and other drugs. Her hope is that by dosing the HIV-infected with these unproven experimental compounds they will become "less infectious."

The big news to emerge from the international "AIDS" conference in Vancouver July 8-12 is, according to press reports, the too-good-to-be-true ability of a new class of anti-"AIDS" drug "cocktails" to rid the bloodstream of all traces of HIV and to cause, in some individuals, remarkable clinical improvement. The "cocktails" are composed of combinations of a new class of toxic drugs, called protease inhibitors, with older toxic drugs like AZT, 3TC, and ddC.

There are, however, very serious caveats to this "miracle cure" story. The extraordinary toxicity of protease inhibitors is one. Another is the fact that no one has any idea what the long-term effects of either protease inhibitors or the three-drug "cocktails" might be. Despite suggestions that people with "AIDS" might have to take these drugs for the rest of their lives.
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HATE CRIMES

Washington, D.C., Aug. 21, 1996...The man charged with the killing of Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill of Medford, Oregon, has said he killed them because he hates homosexuals and bisexuals. The recent development in the case has been reported in the Associated Press and local Oregon media today. The statements by the alleged killer, Robert Acremant, have refocused attention on the case and reopened wounds in the Medford community.

Ellis and Abdill, an openly lesbian couple and local activists, were murdered "execution style" last December in Medford. Their bodies were found bound and gagged in a pick-up truck. Soon after his arrest, Acremant made a variety of statements regarding the killings, including at first that it was a botched robbery. Later he said he knew the women were lesbians and that it made it "easier" for him to kill them. Although Medford law enforcement has always kept open the possibility of a hate crime motivation for the killings, debate has ensued, especially in some gay and lesbian media and other parts of the community, around the actual motive for the murders.

The recent statement by Robert Acremant indicating he killed Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill because they were lesbians refocuses the spotlight on this troubled case and the possible hate crime motivation behind the murders. Regardless of Mr. Acremant's rantings and attention-getting antics, numerous facts in the case have all along affirmed suspicions of the anti-gay bias motivation for the murders. Ellis and Abdill were proud and highly visible activists in the local gay, lesbian and bisexual community. The accused killer knew they were lesbians.

OUTING DELIGHTS?
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Just how diverse is the Florida Democratic Party's delegation to Chicago? Just ask Ray Zeller, a gay delegate who is in a 27-year relationship with another man. The state party included Zeller's private life in its media guide to the delegates. Only trouble was that it forgot to ask Zeller whether he minded being "outed" to the news media when his own neighbors didn't know he is gay.

Zeller of Miami didn't want to comment on the matter Wednesday, but he told The St. Petersburg Times he was shocked when he learned of the news release.

"What difference does it make?" he asked. "And why should I be singled out because of my sexual orientation? It really tees me off."

State party spokeswoman Jo Miglino prepared the four-page release as a way to match all the publicity the Republicans received by loading its convention program with black and women speakers.

She said she apologized Wednesday to Zeller if his description of him caused him any trouble. She said she thought Zeller was openly gay.

"I myself am a gay person, and I would never target someone, never out someone," she said.

Miglino said the guide was to give reporters answers to frequent questions, such as who was the oldest delegate, who was the youngest delegate, which delegates have been to the most conventions, and so on.

She said the guide was to help reporters find material for their stories, not serve as the story itself. "It wasn't released as an official document," she said.

Most of the descriptions of the 31 listed delegates were straightforward and noncontroversial.

Ormond Beach's Mary Bennett, for example, was described as a "teacher" and "long-time activist."

Jacksonville clergyman Frank Cummings was listed as a "Bishop of African Methodist Episcopal Church."

Miglino said she also apologized to two other legislators who took offense at their descriptions: Rep. Annie Betancourt — who was called "an endangered species" for being a "Cuban Democratic State legislator" — and Rep. Cynthia Chestnut — the chairwoman of the House Education Committee who "Hates Charter Schools."

"I told them I'm sorry if this caused them any trouble at all," Miglino said.

MELISSA ETHERIDGE

Lesbian rocker Melissa Etheridge and her lover, Julie Cypher, are expecting a baby.

Cypher is four-months pregnant, Etheridge revealed Aug. 19. The baby is due in January.

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Why ‘MACARENA’ IS THE BEST DANCE RECORD...
BY RON SLOMOWICZ

This is the column that I never thought I would write. Who would have thought that I would spend a whole column extolling the virtues of “Macarena” by Los Del Rio.

A bit of history: Approximately 3 years ago, a cute little Spanish song started making waves in South and Central America. BMG, the global conglomerate, snatched up the rights to it almost immediately.

The song reappeared a few months later at vacation spots with a special line dance to get everyone involved. The Bayside Boys remixed the English version by Los Del Rio to make it more accessible for the line dancers. The song quickly became a hit in resorts and vacation areas. Hotel and suburban nightclubs jumped on the trend as well.

This initial club success led to some radio support and fueled initial sales. The Los Del Rio version was included on RCA’s Club Cutz compilation along with hits by Scatman John’s “Scatman,” Dreamworld “Moving Up,” and Kim Mazelle/Jocelyn Brown “Love Me the Right Way.”

The song stayed popular in mainstream nightclubs but fell off the chart. “Macarena” was such a huge international hit that RCA gave it another chance this summer. With a full throttle publicity campaign i.e. “Let’s Macarena again, like we did last summer,” top 40 radio jumped on the song and embraced it as a summer anthem. This leads to where we are today...total market saturation. MTV playing the video. The American Women’s Gymnastic team leading the crowd at the Olympics. Even school children are learning the dance in physical education classes.

As a “progressive” dance disc jockey, I should be quick to dismiss this song as a cheesy record that the tacky heteros like. Tatjana’s “Santa Maria 96” will be the Bayside Boy Mix. They are NOT playing the Los Del Rio version (the Spanish language version) as they keep announcing.

I foresee Saturday Night by Whigfield as the next big dance record to cross to mainstream dance clubs “since it has its own line dance similar to the Macarena (and is just as cheesy.) I wonder if lightning will strike twice and the country dance clubs will start playing another euro song. Heck, it worked with kednex; mg the video. The American Women’s “Cotton Eyed Joe.”

Upcoming Releases

Last week’s column was full of rereleases...and the trend continues. We can all look forward with desperate anticipation to September 9th, when Tatjana’s “Santa Maria 96” will be released in England. Other upcoming rereleases include Jennifer Holliday’s “No Frills Love” and Viola Wills’ “Always Something There to Remind Me.”

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Tennessee Vais: 7:00 p.m. 15th & Holly Street at East End United Methodist Church in east Nashville 227-3361
Metropolitan Community Church: 7:00 p.m. 1808 Woodmont Blvd.

TUESDAY
MTSU Lambda Association: 6:30 p.m. Fall & Winter 780-2293
Southern Country Dance: The Chute 7:00 p.m. 2535 Franklin Rd.
P-FLAG: Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays 1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m. 1808 Woodmont Blvd
Married and Gay Network: 1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m. At the Center for Lesbian & Gay Services located at 703 Berry Rd 297-0008
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One in Teen: 6:30 p.m. 703 Berry Rd 297-0008
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THURSDAY
Music City Rollers II: Bowling League 6:30 p.m. Donelson Plaza Lanes 227-3543
The Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice: The Board meets 7p.m. the 1st Thurs. & the general membership meets 7p.m. the 3rd Thurs. At St. Ann's Episcopal Church 5th & Woodland. Info 298-LGCJ (5425)
INTERACT: Gay men's discussion group 7:00-8:30 P.M. on 2nd & 4th Thursday 703 Berry Road 297-0008
Vanderbilt Lambda Association: 7:30 p.m. Winter & Fall 322-0376

FRIDAY
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**FINANCIAL FREEDOM**

BY LINDA GOSS

Your life insurance purchase is one of the most important financial decisions you’ll make. Your purchase can have a vast effect on your family’s security if you die, and your quality of life if you live. You can’t afford to “turn your head” from something this important.

In the event of your untimely death, a wise insurance purchase can mean the difference between maintaining the family’s current standard of living and financial disaster for those left behind.

The life insurance sales person is rated at the bottom of the scale of people who are trustworthy. They fit in with car sales persons and politicians. Part of the problem is most people do not understand their policies and have trusted insurance agents to do what is best for them and their family. This has been a bad experience for many people.

Only about 50% of the people in the United States have life insurance. Of the 50% that do, 85% either have inadequate coverage or the wrong kind of coverage. The average face amount of all individual life insurance policies in force in 1993 was $48,952. (The 1995 Life Insurance Fact Book Update, American Council of Life Insurance, page 16).

How many years of family income would that protect in your case? What would you do once your insurance money was gone?

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**XENOGENY DELIVERS!**
Debra L. Meeks said Thursday night after a military court acquitted her of sodomy. She refused to publicly discuss her sexual orientation, setting the stage for the court-martial to continue to lose gay voters to the Democrats if ultra conservatives keep control of the GOP's ideology.

"This is not the party of Lincoln, the party that fought for personal freedom. We need to return to our roots," Gunderson said.

Although both the convention and its sponsor, the Human Rights Campaign, are non-partisan, many of the 600 activists at Saturday's session wore T-shirts advertising their Democrat loyalties. The convention runs through Monday.

President Clinton addressed the convention by videotape, bidding for support in the presidential election.

"All Americans face a critical choice this November," Clinton said. "I believe we must put aside our differences and focus on what unites us, on our common ground.

The Republicans have made gay rights a Democratic issue," said Sheila Kuehl, the first openly lesbian Assembly member of the California Legislature. "If one party demonizes a minority group and the other accepts it, what do you expect?"

"The radical right uses us as a wedge issue, a way of discrediting opponents."

**GAY ADVERTISING**

*by The New York Business Wire*

Tanqueray, Glaxo Wellcome, Barnes & Noble, Subaru, and America Online enter market; Ad pages mirror life stream press and other niche markets alike.

Tanqueray — a clear effort to counter Absolut’s dominance of the liquor category within the gay press — placed brand-image ads, along with special-event sponsorship ads (i.e. for the Tanqueray AIDS rides, a series of fundraising bicycle rides across the country). In the automobile category, Subaru not only introduced its first brand-image national auto campaign to ever feature a same-sex couple, but also signed on as sponsor of the “Rainbow Card,” a special Visa affinity card offering benefits to gay and lesbian shoppers.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, August 26th:
"Women's Equality Day"

Tuesday, August 27th:
"Women in Integrity" An Open Forum sponsored by Integrity of Middle Tennessee, 6:30pm at St. Ann's Episcopal Church, 419 Woodland St. Nashville. Potluck dinner to follow. Call (615) 383-4512.

Thursday, August 29th:
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Monday, September 2
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Saturday, September 7th
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WHAT'S THE PROBLEM HERE?

BY BILL TURNER

I heard on the radio this morning that local television stations 2 and 4 have refused to run an ad from the Human Rights Campaign on the subject of same-sex marriages. Channel 5, by contrast, has agreed to run the ad.

We need to call the general managers at channels 2 and 4 to ask them what the problem is.

No doubt they’ll come up with some reason that sounds very high-minded and compelling on the surface. But whatever that reason is, it won’t be good enough.

No doubt they’ll try to claim that they have some duty to their viewers not to upset them, or that the HRC’s ad is somehow inappropriate.

Of course, they really have a duty to provide their viewers with accurate information about major public policy issues, such as same-sex marriages. And there can be no question that same-sex marriage is a major public policy issue. Lesbian/gay newspapers have already outed two members of Congress because they voted for the “Defense” of Marriage Act. The Republicans, who claim to favor less government, want to expand dramatically the reach of the federal government by making it responsible for definitions of what makes a proper marriage—even though there is no real reason for the federal government to take on such responsibility now.

Even though the only reason the Republicans want to do this is that they saw it as a golden opportunity to create problems for President Clinton.

So, during a presidential election year, an organization representing a minority group that has suffered, and continues to suffer, significant discrimination and scurrilous attacks from religious political extremists cannot get air time on two television stations in Nashville in order to address a public policy issue that has already had a significant impact in this state, several other states, Congress, and the presidential election.

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

ROBERT, RULES BY SHELLY ROBERTS

I have met the enemy, and they are nuts. This is, I’ve been told, a word-for-word account of a portion of a Bob Dole appearance at a cotton cooperative in Bakersfield, California.

“My wife was here six days last week, and she’ll be back next week, and she does an outstanding job...” and when I’m elected, she will not be in charge of anything. Or in charge of anything. (Muffled crowd gasp.) ’” didn’t say that. It did sort of go through my mind. But she may have a little blood bank in the White House. But that’s all right. We need it. It doesn’t cost you anything. These days, it’s all you give at the White House - your blood. You have to give your file. I keep wondering if mine’s down there. Or my dog. I got a dog named Leader. I’m not certain they’ve got a file on Leader. He’s a schnauzer. I think he’s been cleaned. We’ve him checked by the vet but not by the FBI or the White House. He may be suspect, but in any event, w’ll get into that later. Animal rights or something of that kind. But this is a very serious election.”

Jack Kemp said, in 1987: “I believe in civil liberties for homosexuals.” I bet he won’t say that again any time soon.

Someone on the Internet, in the all. Bush Limebaugh news group, a Republican, I suspect, because who else would go there, said: “I heard somewhere that Jack Kemp is gay...is this true? Not that it matters a hill of beans to me, but wouldn’t a homosexual VP candidate give Ralph Reeds the willies?” I wonder how Dole got that one past the Christian Coalition, since they’re obviously the ones pulling the strings in San Diego.”

And at the first night of the Republican convention: “I was born a Republican and I will die a Republican.” said activist, Mary Fisher. Said White AIDS Activist, Mary Fisher. Said White, Female, Rich, AIDS activist Mary Fisher. Said White, Female, Rich, Republican Activist, Mary Fisher. Mary Fisher, not yet learning the obvious lesson that she has to become a safe, acceptable token, thinking, instead, she was doing something for her AIDS community. In proof, she summoned another “innocent token” to the stage. “I am America, And I have AIDS.” Said the Adorable, Dismissible, Object-Of-Upper-Class-Condescending-Charity, Female, Black, Child Token. Not being American at all, through the Republican looking glass. We know how seriously rich, powerful white men have always taken women and especially black children. So acceptable AIDS is dealt with early and acceptably. Without a single, nasty homosexual infecting the platform. Not even a Republican one. CBS showed a clip of an interview with pro-choice delegates, and the only thing you heard was a single, accent-less male anchor, meaning it as color commentary.

Make sense?

I find this even more puzzling given the specific stations involved. When the Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice held our press conference to respond to the Southern Baptist Convention, reporters from channel 2 and 4 covered the event, asking astute questions and providing good coverage. Channel 5 sent no one. Now the situation is just reversed.

This incident reveals the continuing problem that many people still consider anything having to do with lesbians and gay men necessarily controversial. Even mentioning the subject seems somehow vaguely disputable.

We need to know better than non gay people, of course, because the idea even seeps into our minds and makes us doubt the legitimacy of our claims to equal treatment. That’s precisely why we have to fight back in situations like this, making clear for ourselves that we don’t intend to let anyone get away with sweeping our issues under the rug, or into the closet, as the case may be.

So call the station managers at channels 2 and 4 if they are not in, they probably have voice mail that you can use to leave a message. Ask them to call you back. Don’t make this easy for them. We need to explain to them why they made a poor decision, and persuade them not to do so in the future.

We need to be polite, of course. This is still Nashville, and we don’t get anywhere by being rude. Don’t scream at or threaten these people. Indeed, you might treat them just like the Christian Coalition treats us—try to feel compassion for people who can’t quite seem to get it straight.

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WSMV-Channel 4’s General Manager is Frank Detillio at (615) 353-4444, or fax him at (615) 353-2343.

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A New Center

N.L.C. Capital Fund Campaign

strengthening our community

The Center for Gay, Lesbian, Bi, and Transgendered Life in Nashville has just entered into an historic two-year capital fund campaign to raise $1,000,000 for the purchase of a building and the endowment of a full-time staff position.

The work of the center

If you have not been to the Center, or utilized one of its many services, you may not be aware of the need for such a campaign.

- Each week the Center receives over 100 calls to its switchboard
- The Center's Resource Library holds over 200 books, and many more periodicals.
- The Center is home to over 16 groups and organizations working for our community.
- The Center provides a safe place for people to gather.
- The Center is a clearinghouse for information, such as educational brochures and literature for our community.

The proposal

The Center for Gay, Lesbian, Bi, and Transgendered Life in Nashville can be an even greater resource for the mid-South region which includes Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas. While drawing primarily from residents of Middle Tennessee, we have the opportunity to provide resources far beyond our community — in the same way that the service centers in New York City, San Francisco, and Los Angeles provide services to people hundreds of miles from their doorsteps.

The Center for Gay, Lesbian, Bi, and Transgendered Life in Nashville will have five basic functions: Education, Community Building, Strategic Development, Counseling / Care Providing, and Outreach. All of these functions will be firmly grounded in a caring tradition of hospitality. Our center will be a friendly, welcoming space where all its guests are valued and nurtured.

Case for the campaign

Over the past five years, the Center has been a quiet, sustaining force within our community. Today, Middle Tennessee is rapidly changing, and the Center must grow in order to meet the new challenges.

- Dramatic growth in the Metro Area, resulting in 15,000 new residents each year.
- Rising numbers of women and men coming out.
- Increasing numbers of family and friends seeking to understand "out" loved ones.
- Limited space for meeting and parking at the current site (703 Berry Road).
- Need for offices and additional meeting space for groups and organizations within our community.
- A renewed vision for the Center.

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An endowment

In addition, one of the major problems facing centers across the country is the lack of paid staff people. While much of the Center's work can be, and is, done by volunteers, there is a definite need for someone to be responsible for the day to day activities of the Center. Therefore, as part of this fund-raising plan, twenty percent of all monies collected will be set aside as an endowment for a full-time staff position.

Let's work together

The N.L.C. Capital Fund Campaign is a great opportunity to strengthen our community. We hope you will join us in the effort to raise $1,000,000. Let's work together to change our community and history.

I / We hereby indicate my / our intention to join others in helping to strengthen our community through the N.L.C. Capital Fund Campaign for the Center.

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SISTER SAGE’S ASTROLOGICAL READINGS

Aries
March 21st - April 20th
This week continues to be a favorable time for love, maybe even to
the extent of making you consider a permanent partnership. Well, why
not? Most people form a twosomes, eventually, and this just might be
you time. Listen to your heart any your will pick the right one.

Taurus
April 21st - May 20th
If you are looking for love you could meet someone who seems to
be just your type this week. So enjoy this person’s company, but go slow
on commitment. It takes more than one date to get to know someone. A
profound change may be going on with you and you will need to make
some adjustments in your lifestyle.

Gemini
May 21st - June 20th
A romantic partner from you past may resurface and you’ll be urged
to give your relationship a second chance. It is unlikely that you will be
lured back. Once you have put water on the fire it is very hard to get it
started again. Make up your mind not to be a victim at all; take no
chances, and act only after slow, careful deliberation.

Cancer
June 21st - July 22nd
This week you will go about pursuing your romantic objectives
with total confidence, but hurry because this favorable state of affairs
will end after this week. Face it, you have a tendency to be somewhat
jealous or suspicious at times. Even though your lovelife is actually
going quite well. Remember if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it!!

Leo
July 23rd - August 22nd
Before you jump start your love life again this week, maybe you
need to get a new battery. You have a chance now to review past rela-
tionships and figure out how to do better in the future. Then you can
experience love that is stable but also fun. What a novelty. Be sure to
discuss finances with your lover before they get out of hand.

Virgo
August 23rd - September 22nd
You will find yourself in a romantic situation this week, with a partner
who likes to socialize as much as you do. Use your charm and glam-
our so you can let yourself go. Wear your most attractive outfits, get
your hair restyled. You can be sure this rather showy partner will notice
and appreciate all the extra effort you went through to make them feel
special. It will be a lot more fun than you think.

Libra
September 23rd - October 22nd
If a glittering career or financial offer comes your way, be sure to
get the specifics before making any moves on the basis of it. The offer
may be based on projections which have little reality at the moment,
though they may work out later on. Be wise enough to keep all your
options open, so if and when something develops you can grab it.

Scorpio
October 23rd - November 23rd
A little bit of practicality is creeping into your romantic picture
this week. You might have to stop billing and cooing for awhile and
give more attention to your job. You can’t help but find success in any
venture in which you engage. You’ll be noticed and admired at every
turn, better seize every opportunity to promote your own agenda.

Sagittarius
November 22nd - Dec. 21st
Undoubtedly this will be your best week of the year, romantically
speaking. It’s especially favorable for getting together or for forming
any other kind of permanent arrangement that appeals to you. You may
be involved with someone who inspires you to more passion than you
usually feel. Hopefully there will be love after lust here.

Capricorn
December 22nd - January 19th
An old flame may be in touch, but unfortunately you will not want
to get back together. While you may be genuinely glad to see them
again, it won’t be long till you realize why this association didn’t work
out in the first place. This isn’t a really good week for love but the sav-
grace is that you and your partner will express deep feelings for each.

Aquarius
January 20th - February 18th
You particularly enjoy romances that start out as friendships, so if
some individual interests you, now is the time to get them to open up
and find out if you have anything in common. Then let nature take it’s
course. Communication is the key to success now. You may be sur-
prised!!!

Pisces
February 19th - March 20th
Love should be breaking out all over. Grab all the fun and romance
you can this week. It seems that all the goodies fall into your lap. Try
not to let all the flattering attention go to your head. They may have
used the same lines on many others before you. You are the flavor of
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GALINDO ARRESTED
By Associated Press

LOS GATOS, Calif. (AP) - Defending national figure skating champion Rudy Galindo was arrested Tuesday when he drove his BMW over a curb as he left a bar-room and later failed a breath test, police said.

Galindo, 26, was arrested for investigation of drunken driving and must appear in court for a determination of whether he will be charged with drunken driving. Michael Rosenberg, Galindo’s agent, said the skater was drinking with a friend and “drank way too much.” He left the club to take the woman home because she felt sick.

Police pulled Galindo over 2 a.m. after he drove out of the parking lot at the Last Call Bar and his 1996 BMW bounced over a curb.

“It has never happened before, and it will never happen again,” Rosenberg said. “He is extremely sorry it happened.”

Galindo won the men’s title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships earlier this year.

KEMP’S OLD RUMOR RESURFACES
By Associated Press San Francisco

What’s with all these rumors about GOP vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp being a closet gay?

The old rumors, which resurfaced when Bob Dole picked Kemp as his vice presidential nominee, have refused to die — even conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh weighed in yesterday by accusing the “militant gay and lesbian community” of running a smear campaign against Kemp.

Apparently the rumors date back to a friendship that Kemp had in 1967 when the then-NFL quarterback landed a job as a summer intern with California Governor Ronald Reagan.

According to Lyn Nozgizer, who was Reagan’s communications director at the time, Kemp fell “under the wing” of Reagan’s chief of staff, Executive Secretary Phillip Battaglia.

Kemp accompanied Battaglia on a couple of trips to Washington, D.C. Then up popped rumors that Battaglia was gay. The rumors were spawned, in part, by a series of parties Battaglia supposedly threw for staffers at Lake Tahoe. According to rumor, the parties evolved into all-male gatherings by evening’s end.

Six months after taking office, Reagan abruptly forced Battaglia to resign.

Nozgizer—who didn’t get along with Battaglia at the time—said there was never any evidence that Battaglia was gay.

“Jack’s name got into it, even though there was never any proof,” Nozgizer said. “I will guarantee you this: Jack likes girls — he doesn’t like boys. It’s just one of those very unfair things, and very hard to stamp out.”

STONEWALL
HOLLYWOOD (Variety) — “Stonewall,” a movie currently in theaters based on the late ‘60s clash between gay activists and cops outside a Greenwich Village bar, will be released on home video by BMG Independents.

“Stonewall,” which made its debut at this year’s Sundance Film Festival, is directed by Nigel Finch and produced by Christine Vachon (“Go Fish,” “Poison,” “Safe”). Finch died of AIDS during the post-production phase.

AIDS will be an issue in 1996 Presidential Campaign as ACT UP members get on Tennessee Ballot!!!

Tennessee election officials last week informed AIDS activists that sufficient signatures were gathered to place the names of Steve Michael of ACT UP Washington and Ann Northrop of ACT UP New York on the presidential and vice-presidential ballot in the Volunteer State. Nashville’s James Mesa will serve in the Constitutional role of Presidential Elector.

“The Republicans do harm on AIDS issues while the Democrats do nothing. It’s time to put AIDS on the ballot. That’s why we have placed the names of Michael and Northrop on the Tennessee ballot,” states Wayne Turner, national chair of the AIDS Cure Party. “Their inclusion on various state ballots guarantees that the failed AIDS policies of Bill Clinton and Bob Dole will be exposed.”

Allen Ritter, party organizer concludes, “It is a crime that thousands of people with AIDS, facing their last presidential vote will be forced to choose between Bill Clinton, Bob Dole and Ross Perot. The opportunity to vote for Steve Michael and Ann Northrop means that people with AIDS will have a reason to vote on November 5.”

Michael adds, “People aren’t voting for Ann and I, they are voting for a real national AIDS policy, like the one Bill Clinton and the Democrats promised us in 1992. Bill Clinton looked me in the eye and promised to hire a cabinet-level AIDS czar, implement real HIV prevention programs, support needle exchanges where local communities approve, and supervise a Manhattan-Apollo style Project to cure AIDS.”

Steve Michael, a founding member of ACT UP Washington, and it’s Presidential Project ran as a Democrat in the New Hampshire Democratic Primary. That effort drew extensive media attention and included AIDS in news stories during most days in the last week of the Granite State’s primary. Michael chairs the Fiscal Oversight Committee of DC’s HIV Planning Council and is a member of DC Mayor Marion Barry’s Gay and Lesbian Advisory Panel. He lives in Washington with Turner, his lover of five years.

Ann Northrop, is co-anchor of Gay Cable Network’s news program, Gay USA, a leader in ACT UP New York, a former broadcast network journalist and one of this nation’s premiere advocates for the equality and liberation of Lesbians and Gay Americans. Northrop was also the only openly Lesbian or Gay member of the New York delegation to the 1992 Democratic National Convention.

Ritter said, “Plans include running our ticket and party on about 10 state ballots. Our focus will be in the swing states that Bill Clinton needs to get re-elected. We will organize, build our own party and force Bill Clinton, Bob Dole and that crazy billionaire from Texas to deal with AIDS.”

In addition to qualifying in Tennessee, activists plan to get their candidates on the ballots in states as diverse as Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Utah, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

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