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THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE PLANNED

The National Third World Lesbian/Gay Conference will be held in Washington, DC October 12-15. It includes a special outreach to Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Afro Americans.

The focuses of the conference are to establish a national network for Third World lesbians and gay men, to establish an education network for and among Third World organizations of lesbians and gay men, and to confront the issues of racism, sexism, homophobia, and heterophobia among, by and against Third World lesbians and gay men.

The conference will be made up of caucuses and workshops, including those for non-Third World and non-gay persons.

The conference will be held at the Harambee House, 2225 Georgia Ave. NW. There is a registration fee of \$15, students \$5. Limited community housing and facilities for child care and the disabled are available.

It is sponsored by the National Coalitions of Black Gays and the National Gay Task Force (NGTF). The Washington Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gay Men and the Baltimore Coalition of Black Gay Women and Men are hosting the conference. For more information contact:

NCBG
PO Box 548
Columbia, MD 21045
(301) 596-5865

STUDENT RESEARCHES GAY HEALTH

HARTFORD, Conn.--A questionnaire has been developed and is now being circulated to better understand the quality of health care given to gay people. The project is being conducted by L. Dardick, a medical student at the University of Connecticut in Farmington.

In reference to persons responding to the questionnaire, Dardick said, "I, nor anyone else involved with this project will have access to your name, address, or any other identifying information. No attempt will be made to identify you. There will be no follow-up of respondents or non-respondents. Data, if published in the final report, will be in terms of groups, not individuals." Persons interested in filling out the questionnaire should write:

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70 Kenyon Street
Hartford, CT 06105

IRANIAN PURGE CONTINUES

HAMEDAN, Iran--A secret revolutionary court in Hamedan has tried and executed Hossein Amiri, described as the leader of a group of homosexuals. The group, the "Yellow Scorpions," were accused of raping several boys.

As revolutionary trials are being held in secrecy in Iran, without the right to counsel or appeal for the accused, the facts of any particular case cannot be fully determined.

Amiri's death brings to 300 the number of people known to have been executed by firing squads since Ayatollah Khomeini's rise to power in February.

Two dozen of the executions have been termed punishment for sexual offenses, although Khomeini said in May that only persons convicted of murder or torture would be executed.

RADIO REINSTATES BAPTIST

Southern Baptist evangelist James Robison, whose Sunday morning program was cancelled by Dallas station WFAA-TV after he criticized homosexuals has been reinstated by the station.

WFAA officials cancelled the program early this year, calling Robison a "continuing problem." In Robison's February 25 program he quoted a National Enquirer article that quoted a law enforcement official as saying homosexuals recruit and murder little boys.

According to the Durham Morning Herald, WFAA officials say they were forced to give the Dallas Gay Political Caucus free time to defend gay lifestyles following the broadcast.

Station president Dave Lane, also a Southern Baptist, says Robison has offered assurances he can stay within the WFAA policy bounds.

BOOKLET AVAILABLE

"Legal Aspects of Transsexualism 1979" by Joanne M. Clark is a 36-page source booklet containing up-to-date information on legal matters pertinent to transsexuals.

Topics include the armed services, civil rights, criminal and family law, health care, identification, veterans' benefits, and vocational rehabilitation.

Copies of the booklet are available at \$5 from:
Renaissance
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Mission Viejo, CA 92690
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