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Massachusetts Governor William Weld signed an executive order September 23 giving unmarried couples, including gays and lesbians, bereavement and hospital visitation rights. The order applies only to the state's 3,000 managers, and so far not union workers.--*Southern Voice*, 10/1/92

Seventy-five people are the first to enroll at the LeVay Institute for Gay Education, an institute begun by Salk Institute researcher Dr. Simon LeVay and city planner Christopher Patrouch last spring. The primary goal is to offer education with a gay perspective.--*Southern Voice*, 10/1/92

The Proctor and Gamble Company has adopted an anti-discrimination policy for gays and lesbians.--*Southern Voice*, 10/1/92

The City of Cambridge, Massachusetts became the state's first city to pass an ordinance broadening the legal definition of families to include gay and lesbian couples. The new law extends health

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coverage to partners, as well as guarantees gay and lesbian couples visitation rights to hospitals and detention centers.--*Southern Voice*, 10/1/92

On September 10 Sabrina Sojourner became the first black lesbian to be elected to the Washington D.C. Democratic State Committee. Sojourner was the sixth lesbian or gay man to become a member of the 60-member committee--*Washington Blade*, 9/18/92

A panel of military and civilian experts on government security clearances recommended to the federal government agencies this month that Gay federal workers not be denied security clearances, even if they are closeted to their families, co-workers, or friends. The panel, the Security Practices Board of Review of the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA), approved the recommendations on September 4. --*Washington Blade* 9/25/92

Cambridge, MA - The Cambridge, MA City Council voted 5-4 last week in favor of a domestic partnership law that will allow lesbians and gay men to register as domestic partners. The law will require the city to provide benefits to domestic partners of city employees. --*Washington Blade*, 9/25/92

The Fulton County, GA Board of Commissioners voted unanimously August 19 to add sexual orientation to its Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. Commissioner Nancy Boxhill, whose district includes the highest concentration of openly gay people in Atlanta, introduced the legislation which covers county employees and businesses that contract with the county. --*Washington Blade*, 9/18/92.

A poll taken to measure a variety of attitudes on social issues for *The Salt Lake Tribune* showed that 64.5% of the people in Utah support legal protection for gays and lesbians in job and housing discrimination. Pollsters were surprised by the results in the typically conservative state. --*Washington Blade*, 9/18/92.

Twenty-one year old Military Policeman Jason Skerik came out in a press conference in Atlanta on Sept. 3, and is now facing military discharge hearings. Skerik says his unit fully supports him and that one of his superiors "told me that he didn't know any gay people before, and that I had opened his eyes for the rest of his life." --*Southern Voice*, 9/24/92.

Clothing manufacturing company Banana Republic is explicitly targeting gays in their new ad promotions. The September issue of *GQ* and *Vanity Fair* carry the ads featuring same-sex couples. Gay/lesbian publications such as *Out* will also carry the ads. --*Southern Voice*, 9/24/92.

In August, Archbishop Peter Carnley of Perth, Australia ordained David

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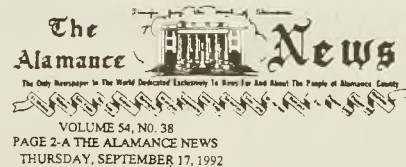
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What a terrible thing to have lost one's mind. Or not to have a mind at all. How true that is.

-- Vice President Dan Quayle winning friends while speaking to the United Negro College Fund

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Backlash against "gay rights"

The general public can usually be pretty tolerant, but if pressed too hard, or too long, they will respond -- mightily.

Thus, it is not too surprising to us that the "gay rights" movement is now meeting with a backlash of resistance.

Out west, homosexual activists have often succeeded in their efforts to establish special rights for homosexuals. But the public appears to be about fed up.

Four years ago, Oregon voters overturned their governor's executive order barring "discrimination" against homosexuals by 53 percent.

Now ballot initiatives are assured in Oregon and Colorado to reverse other protections granted for homosexuals. Oregon's proposal even goes so far as to call

homosexuality "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse." Shocking, indeed. That's what modern psychologists and psychiatrists called it until recent years. Earlier this year, Springfield, Oregon adopted a city ordinance explicitly opposing homosexual rights.

Also, in the nation's capital, efforts are under way in Congress to block the city's proposed new ordinance to permit homosexual marriages.

We think the Oregon initiative's leader has summed up most people's views: "most of society is willing to tolerate a subculture built around a homosexual lifestyle. What we want to do is establish a barrier. The state must ultimately say that homosexuality is wrong."