

# Transformation

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## Women's Watchcare Network Log

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**T**he 1994 Women's Watchcare Log marks the fifth year the Women's Project has monitored bias-related incidents in Arkansas. We believe that violence by white people against people of color, by gentiles against Jews or Protestants against Catholics, by men against women, by heterosexuals against gay men and lesbians, etc., is institutionally supported violence because the perpetrating groups have power over the institutions of our society and control their policies, while the targeted groups do not have access to full institutional support for their lives.

As we prepare this log, the Judiciary Committee of the Arkansas House of Representatives is considering whether or not to send a proposed Hate Crimes Bill to the full House for a vote. Those opposing this legislation voice one of two reasons for doing so:

(1) because they believe hate crimes are no different from other crimes, therefore enhanced penalties are not necessary, or

(2) because it includes lesbians and gay men and they think this will expose their children to homosexuals.

Those opposing with the first argument believe there is nothing different about a crime committed out of hatred. We believe there is a

difference in crimes where people are attacked because they are part of a group that is the target of bias and discrimination.

We can only surmise the other opponents believe that including sexual orientation to describe a class of persons to be protected by a hate crimes law (along with race, religion, gender, etc.) would somehow cause gay men and lesbians to become more visible. Or that the victims are not victims because they "deserve" the crime based on their sexuality.

In the February 1995 issue of *Vanity Fair* magazine there is a 10-page article detailing the brutal murders of eight gay men in Texas since April of 1993. Ten of the thirteen arrested in these cases are teenagers.

In his confession to homicide detectives, which filled 103 pages when it was transcribed, convicted murderer Donald Aldrich said, "You could say I got a little bit of pleasure out of it." He decided to openly express his feelings about gays, stating, "if I produced the right air or the right attitude, knowing how a lot of the cops felt towards gays...it might get some of the charges dropped...I thought it might help me get a lesser sentence or a lesser charge."

He miscalculated and as investigators listened to Donald Aldrich, as they

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heard him laugh over the victim's humiliation and suffering, and watched Aldrich's body language, they saw not a man who was posturing but a man who truly had difficulty understanding why the victim really was a victim. As one investigator said, "He's not perceiving he's doing anything wrong, because this is a fag. This is not a store owner or a preacher. This is a fag."

Most of the Texas murders, preceded by torture, were committed by teenagers. These young men were not born with this kind of hate in them. They learned to hate homosexuals. Along with words like "nigger," they learned words like "fag" and "dyke." And where did they learn this hatred? At home, in school, and yes, even in church. Warren Chisum, a state legislator from Pampa, Texas, describes homosexuality as "demeaning to the natural nature of man. I mean, animals don't do that."

In a nationwide study of 152 murders of homosexuals between 1992 and 1994, as reported in the *Boston Globe*, December 21, 1994, almost 60% involved "extraordinary violence" and "overkill." These deaths were characterized by dismemberments, multiple stabbings and severe bludgeoning, reflecting "extreme hatred or disgust on the part of the perpetrator." The study was done by a consortium of 23 anti-violence organizations in 30 states—including the Women's Project in Little Rock—and coordinated by the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. The report, culled from police and news media reports, blamed the excessively violent killings on "messages of hate" and

intolerance toward gays.

The inevitable extension of this rhetoric of hate is the violence of hate. Children grow up believing it is right to despise a particular group of people, that they are justified in harassing them on the street and, if that escalates to even greater violence, they often relish the obvious terror they create in their victims. They are emboldened by the firm conviction that the Bible and their Lord Jesus are on their side. They are so sure of the rightness of their cause that they do not even bother to hide their identity, and often brag about their deeds.

**It is important to remember that hate crimes are not random acts... Violence and threats of violence are a key way to keep people from seeking their full civil rights.**

We believe that crimes based on hatred of the victim are equally vicious and dehumanizing when they happen to racial and religious minorities, people with disabilities and women. In 1993, the FBI found 7,684 hate crimes *reported* in a survey of only 56% of the U.S.

population. These statistics did not include gender as one of the motivating factors that can turn an "ordinary" crime into a hate crime.

The Women's Watchcare Network is one of the few groups in the country that documents gender-based violence, and last year gender-based violence was included in the crime bill passed by Congress. It is included in the proposed Arkansas legislation as well. This is important in that it forces us to take violence against women more seriously in this society where a rapist is more likely to escape conviction than a car thief.

It goes without saying that racial violence continues to be a steady pulse in this country. Also, according to the Anti-Defamation League, anti-semitic acts increased by 10% last year.

It is important to remember that hate crimes are not random acts. They target a person because of who she or he is; because of what she or he is taken to represent. As a result, entire communities are terrorized, provoking community unrest and retaliatory crimes. Violence and threats of violence are a key way to keep people from seeking their full civil rights.

We do this work because we believe that *all* people's lives should be free from violence.

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# The 1994 Women's Watchcare Network Log

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*A documentation of sexist, racist,  
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# The Women's Watchcare Network

The Women's Watchcare Network, formed in 1989, is a statewide project made up of more than 200 volunteers who bring their hope for social justice into the work of clipping newspaper reports of violence, organizing community discussion groups, staffing data collection, and responding, often at considerable risk, to acts of violence against people of color, Jews, Catholics, women, lesbians and gay men.

The Women's Watchcare Network has five purposes:

1. to monitor the activities of white supremacist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, the activities of the religious Right, and individual acts of racist, religious, sexist and anti-lesbian/gay violence;
2. to organize community responses to this violence in an effort to end it and create a society where all people can live in wholeness and safety;
3. to work with communities to provide support for victims of biased violence;
4. to provide community education about the nature of biased violence and systemic oppression;
5. to work to change the institutions in this society that give us policies and values which create a climate fostering such violence.

## About The Women's Watchcare Network Log

The Women's Watchcare Network Log, published annually, is a documentation of sexist, racist, homophobic and religious violence, the activities of the religious Right, and the activities of organized hate groups in Arkansas.

Our log only contains information that we can verify by naming the source. We have chosen this route to avoid getting into the debate over the truthfulness of our information.

While this approach simplifies matters on one hand, it also means that if a victim of a hate crime is the source of information (rather than a published report in a newspaper) and does not wish for his or her name to be divulged at any time to any person, we are unable to use the information. This approach results in verifiable information but also means that there are many incidents of bias violence that then go unreported by us.

The sources of information that we use for the log are *all* available to the public by reading newspapers, mailings from groups that are being monitored, talking with police and prosecutors, and developing relationships with community volunteers.

The Women's Watchcare Network is not an undercover network. We operate the Watchcare Network with the assumption that our work is being monitored by others.

All incidents are listed by the date of the first report to appear in the media. The newspaper cited most often is the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, which is listed as *AD-G*.

## Sexist Murders of Women

We do not log cases of rape, incest, abduction, battering or terroristic threatening of women. We do not document murders of women where robbery or drugs were the precipitating factors and we do not document murders of women by other women.

This log reflects the murders of 69 Arkansas women and girls in 1994. This represents a 27% increase from 1993. Of the 69 women murdered, 42 were killed by men who were known to them.

### Greenfield, January 5

**Cara Bess Hatley**, 30, was shot in the head with a semiautomatic weapon as she sat in her car.

According to police, **Bart Evans**, 34, shot Hatley just as she and a friend, **Teracia Traynom**, 23, pulled into his driveway. At the time of his arrest, Evans said he shot Hatley because "she was a devil worshiper." Police also reported that Evans said Hatley had put a hex on him.

Evans received a 25-year prison sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder. A prosecutor's spokesman said a negotiated plea was arranged that included the dismissal of one aggravated assault charge for shooting at Traynom. Evans previously had pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

1/5-9/29: *Jonesboro Sun*; *AD-G*; *The Modern News*

### Union Chapel, January 9

**Felecia Payne**, 29, was shot once in the abdomen with a Mack 11, 9 mm handgun.

**Michael Clemmons**, 20, and **Derrick Mitchell**, 24, were charged with first-degree murder, first-degree battery, aggravated assault and being accomplices.

Mitchell was arrested at his home, where he was found asleep with a Mack 11 with 16 rounds in a 30-round clip and one round in the chamber. There was a smoke grenade beside the bed.

Mitchell was sentenced to 40 years in prison for first-degree murder, 20 years for first-degree battery, and six years for aggravated assault.

1/9-1/12/94, 1/9-1/25/95: *AD-G*; *Conway County Petit Jean Country Headlight*

### Little Rock, January 10

The body of **Teresa Grays**, 28, was found in the yard of a residence at 2026 18th St. She had been stabbed once in the chest.

**James Charles Williams**, 39, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder. Police confiscated a 7-inch knife they believe was used in the stabbing.

Neighbors reported hearing a woman screaming and looked out their windows to see a woman lying on the ground. Police followed a trail of blood to Williams' room.

Williams told police that Grays had come to his apartment to have sex in exchange for crack cocaine. He claimed that she struck him once in the head with a bottle during an argument.

Records show that Williams was convicted in 1984 for the stabbing death of his brother and sentenced to 13 years in prison, but released in 1992 for good behavior.

1/10-1/11, 1/15: *AD-G*

### West Memphis, January 24

**Mary Stinnett**, 35, was found dead in a vacant apartment shortly after police received a call. The caller told police two people were seen carrying what looked like a body into the vacant apartment. According to West Memphis police, **William Harper**, also known as "William Shaw Cuai", was found guilty and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

1/24: *Evening Times*

### Houston, January 29

**Kathleen Meredith**, 38, was tied to her bed and shot to death by her ex-husband, who then killed himself.

Police found Meredith's body and the body of her ex-husband, **Richard Rogers**, 26, at their home off Arkansas 113. Kathleen Meredith was found with her hands and legs tied to the bed and a bullet hole in her right temple. Richard Rogers was found nearby with a bullet hole under his chin in the throat area. He was holding a .38-caliber pistol. Meredith and Rogers were divorced in December 1993 and friends said that Rogers had been causing problems for Meredith since the divorce.

1/29-2/2: *AD-G*; *Conway County Petit Jean Country Headlight*;

### North Little Rock, January 30

Police found the body of **Kendria LaShawn**

**Broadway, 17**, at the home of her boyfriend.

Anthony Abernathy, 23, called police from a pay phone a block from his residence and told them he and his girlfriend had argued and she was hurt. Broadway was dead when police and ambulance services got to Abernathy's house.

After further investigation, police arrested Abernathy and charged him with first-degree murder in the apparent beating death of Broadway. Abernathy confessed to hitting her with his fists and kicking her with the steel-toed boots he was wearing.

During Abernathy's trial, an associate state medical examiner said that Broadway died from "multiple blunt-force injuries". He was convicted of first-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

1/30-2/2,2/23-2/25/95: AD-G

Forrest City, February 1

**Dallas Humphrey, 36**, was shot once with a .22-caliber pistol during a confrontation with an ex-boyfriend while visiting a friend's house..

Bobby Sykes, 33, who shot himself in the back of the head after shooting Humphrey was charged with first-degree murder.

Police found Sykes lying on the kitchen floor with a gun in his hand. He was taken to Memphis Regional Medical Center where he was listed in critical condition.

Sykes pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

1/31-2/1: AD-G; Times-Herald

Ozark, February 17

The body of **Virginia Rains, 43**, was found along with two other bodies in the rubble of a burned house.

According to police, Rains' ex-husband, Bill Rains, 57, shot her three times and shot George Meador, 49, once with a small-caliber pistol before setting her rental house on fire and apparently committing suicide while the house burned.

Police found a .25-caliber semiautomatic handgun in the ashes of the house. Police also found letters in which Rains detailed his plans to murder Virginia and kill himself. These letters were addressed to several relatives and a minister and were given to a relative to mail if Rains failed to return to his home. The letters made no mention of Meador.

Bill Rain's pickup truck was found 1 1/2 blocks from the house. Meador's car was found about four

blocks from the house.

2/17-3/3: AD-G; Courier Democrat; Northwest Arkansas Times; Country Headlight; Ozark Spectator

Jonesboro, February 22

**Bridgett Ann Nosser, 23**, was shot in the face with a 16-gauge shotgun by her husband, James Edward Nosser, 25.

According to police, the call was initially phoned in to police as a suicide, but "evidence at the scene depicted to officers that this may be other than suicide."

Witnesses said Nosser and his wife had argued before the shooting and Nosser threatened to "blow her head off." Nosser told Detective Scott Roper he thought the shotgun was not loaded.

Nosser pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

2/22-9/10: Jonesboro Sun

Little Rock, February 23

**Tommie Wilbarger, 34**, was shot with a .357-caliber magnum by her ex-boyfriend.

Earl Edward Smith, 40, of Fordyce, gave a taped statement to police admitting that he shot Wilbarger. Police charged him with capital murder

According to police, Wilbarger left Geyer Springs Elementary, where she was a teacher's aide, at approximately 8:30 a.m with Smith and never returned. Smith said he shot Wilbarger, left her body in his car as he drove to Conway and back, checked into a motel and went to a movie. He said he later wrapped the body in motel bed linens and dumped it in a bin at an apartment complex.

When police searched the dumpster in which Smith said he had disposed of Wilbarger's body, they found it had already been emptied. Police had to sift through 300,000 pounds of soggy garbage at a landfill over several days to locate parts of Wilbarger's body.

Smith pleaded guilty and was sentenced under a conditional plea agreement to serve life in prison for a reduced charge of first-degree murder.

2/23-8/31, 1/15: AD-G

Lewisville, February 23

**May Dell Robinson, 70s**, died from stab wounds to the back of the head in her home. She had also been strangled according to police investigators.

According to the county sheriff, there was no sign of forced entry and nothing was missing from the

home. Police surmise that Robinson allowed someone in her home that night to use the telephone and felt comfortable doing so.

Eddie Gilbert, who lived with Robinson during the past year, called police about 10:45 p.m. after he found Robinson's body on the living room floor. Gilbert's name was removed from a list of suspects after he passed a polygraph test.

Police are still waiting information from the state Crime Laboratory.

2/23-3/2: *AD-G; Texarkana Gazette*

Springdale, February 24

The body of **Cynthia Joan Beal**, 39, was found in a drainage ditch. According to police, she had been strangled, stabbed and beaten.

Due to decomposition of the body, the medical examiner was unable to determine which of the injuries caused Beal's death or whether she had been sexually assaulted. Police said the stab wounds had been caused by a small knife, possibly a pocket knife.

Beal had been reported missing to the Rogers Police Department December 7th; she had not been seen alive since Nov. 30th. Beal was identified by her fingerprints.

Chief Gary Payne said police have a suspect who is an acquaintance of Beal.

2/15-23: *AD-G; Northwest Arkansas Morning News; The Morning News; Northwest Arkansas Times; Benton County Daily Record*

Fayetteville, March 6

**Joyce Sue Smith**, 26, was killed with a .22-caliber pistol by Michael Wayne Sheeler, 36.

When police arrived, Sheeler, who said he didn't know the gun was loaded, was trying to give cardiopulmonary resuscitation to Smith. Police charged him with second-degree-murder and bond was set at \$25,000.

Witness reports said Smith and Sheeler exchanged heated words during a "beer-drinking" game.

Sheeler was sentenced to 10 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to second-degree murder.

3/6-8/31: *AD-G; Northwest Arkansas Times; The Morning News; The Northwest Arkansas Morning News*

Augusta, March 8

**Shinika Ford**, 13, was shot once in the back with a 9 mm pistol and pronounced dead at the scene.

**Marko Donnell Humphrey**, 15, confessed to killing Ford and was charged with first-degree murder. Police also charged Humphrey with first-degree battery for shooting another girl in the leg.

Reportedly, Ford and the boy had been arguing earlier and as Ford and another girl walked down the street about two blocks from the boy's home, Humphrey began shooting.

3/8-11: *AD-G; Augusta Advocate; Brinkley Argus; Newport Daily Independent; Daily Citizen; McCrory Leader*

Hot Springs, March 8

The nude badly decomposed body of **Lisa Grizzard**, 17, was found by four boys near a shallow creek behind a school.

Grizzard was last seen by her mother in October and reported as a runaway. The decomposition of the body was so advanced that determining the cause of death proved difficult. Police said there were no leads, suspects or motives in Grizzard's death.

3/8-4/1: *AD-G; The Sentinel-Record*

Hope, March 15

**Elizabeth Cheryl Smith**, 28, was shot by her husband, Vincent Lee Smith, 31, who then shot and killed himself.

The couple's 10-year-old son heard the shots and called a neighbor, who found the bodies.

3/14-3/15: *AD-G; Hope Star*

Little Rock, March 16

The body of **Sunday Stanfield**, 30, was found by her brother in the basement of an unoccupied house with two gunshot wounds to the head.

**Billy Pike**, 40, also known as Bill Charles Phillips, was arrested and charged with capital murder. According to an eyewitness, Pike had been smoking crack before he killed Stanfield. He accused her of taking money from him, and beat her with the butt of a pistol. The witness told police Pike said, "Bitch, you're going to serve me," and then raped Stanfield and forced her to perform oral sex.

Pike was convicted in 1984 of manslaughter in the shooting death of Samuel Goodman and served 2 1/2 years of an eight year sentence. In 1987, Pike was acquitted of a first-degree murder charge in another shooting.

3/16-5/3, 1/15: *AD-G*

Newport, April 13

**Pamela K. Adams, 25**, died from a single gunshot wound to the right side of the head from a .410-gauge shotgun.

**Daniel J. McFadden, 18**, Adam's boyfriend, was charged with first-degree murder in Adams' death.

Officers recovered the gun at Adams' home.

4/13-14: *AD-G, Newport Daily Independent*

Hot Springs, April 18

**Geraldine Brizendine, 37**, and her fiance, **Robert Wallace, 39**, were shot and killed by **Paul Hauser, 34**, with a 9mm handgun.

Hauser, who was Brizendine's ex-boyfriend, apparently rammed his car into the back of the car Brizendine and Wallace were in, causing it to spin in the roadway. He then approached the car and shot Wallace as he got out of the car. Hauser shot Brizendine several times as she sat in the passenger seat.

Hauser then walked into the woods and killed himself. According to Hauser's father, Hauser had been in love with Brizendine and was very upset that she was planning to marry another man.

4/18-19: *AD-G; The Sentinel-Record*

Little Rock, April 28

The body of **Geneva Watson, 42**, was found in a bedroom closet of her home by a friend.

**Bobbie Jordan** told police that she became worried when she had not heard from Watson for an entire day, and went to Watson's house. Jordan said she knew something was wrong when she found her friend's house in a mess.

Police believe Watson was strangled and found no sign of forced entry. Police also said Watson's 1984 280ZX was missing. It was later found in a parking lot at 16th and IZard Streets.

A warrant was issued for **James Bennie "J.B." Lay, 43**, on charges of capital murder in Watson's death.

4/28-5/8, 1/15: *AD-G*

Mountain Home, May 1

**Elsie Slead, 53**, was shot by her husband with a .22-caliber handgun at the couple's home.

According to police, **Eldon L. Slead, 69**, shot his wife and then shot himself several hours later.

5/1: *AD-G*

Campbell, MO, May 4

**Mary Benefield, 68**, was shot with a .38-caliber revolver.

Police found Benefield's body and the body of **Clifford Redmon, 73**, in Benefield's 1984 GMC van. Benefield's body was found slumped over the driver's seat with her head laying in the floor.

According to a resident of the nearby apartments, the two were sitting in the van with the engine running when she saw the light come on inside the van. She said, "All at once, the man sitting in the passenger seat pulled out a gun from someplace and shot the woman. Then right afterwards, he put the gun up to his head and shot himself."

Police said several people had seen the couple earlier in the evening arguing and Redmon had pulled a knife on Benefield.

5/4: *Piggott Times*

Fort Smith, May 4

**Marcia Sims, 21**, was strangled to death.

Police charged her husband, **John Sims, 25**, and **Alan Doering, 30**, with capital murder. According to police, Sims offered Doering \$15,000 to assist him in killing his wife. Capt. J.C. Ryder said Sims planned the murder to collect his wife's life insurance policy, of which he was the primary beneficiary.

Sims initially told police that he came home and found his wife's body partially clothed on the bed, but police found no evidence of forced entry. In an affidavit, Sims told police that insurance money was the reason for the murder. Doering admitted aiding Sims in relocating the body after the murder.

John Sims and Alan Doering are scheduled for trial April 10, 1995.

5/4-5/12: *AD-G; Southwest Times Record; Times Record*

Fort Smith, May 4

The body of **Gloria Ward, 51**, was found bludgeoned to death in an alley near an abandoned building by police. The Sebastian County coroner said Ward suffered bruises on her head, back and upper body consistent with a beating.

Police charged **Scotty "Scooter" McDaniel Thomas, 45**, Ward's boyfriend, with first-degree murder after he allegedly used a cab to try to dispose of Ward's body. A witness said Ward and Thomas argued just hours before the body was found.

Thomas pleaded innocent to the charge of second-

degree murder. At the time of his arrest, Thomas was in violation of his 1991 parole. He had been convicted in 1981 for killing his roommate with a skillet.

Thomas was sentenced to 20 years in prison with five years suspended. His sentence will run concurrently with the 1981 murder sentence.

5/4-5/12, 12/23: *AD-G; Times Record; Log Cabin Democrat ; Southwest Times Record*

Heber Springs, May 4

**Shirley Carter**, 56, was shot with a .22-caliber semiautomatic pistol.

Police charged Etheridge Leon "Bill" Carter, 68, with first-degree murder. Carter was released on \$25,000 bond, which was then rescinded pending a psychiatric evaluation. Trial was set to begin on Nov. 28. Carter was found competent to stand trial and was released on bond. He was granted a change of venue to Fulton County for trial during the week of January.9th. On January 3rd, Carter's trial was rescheduled for January 30th.

Shirley Carter was the third of Carter's wives to die in four years under strange circumstances. Linda Carter, 52, died from a gunshot wound to the head in 1992. Carter said she shot herself. Louise Carter, 63, drowned in Greers Ferry Lake while fishing with Carter, who said she had fallen into the water. One of Carter's sons said that his mother told him that she woke up one night and Bill Carter was standing over her holding a .22 caliber semiautomatic rifle.

Shirley and Bill Carter had been married for nine months at the time of the shooting. Bill Carter was found guilty and given a life sentence.

5/4-11/17, 12/2, 12/7-12/8, 1/6-1/9, 2/1-2/2: *AD-G; Sun-Times, The News*

West Memphis, May 19

The partially clothed body of **Panda Bunnell**, 31, was found by a fisherman on the north side of Interstate 55.

6/19: *Evening Times*

Old Washington, May 25

**Pecola Taylor**, age unknown, was shot by her husband, Ralph Taylor, 75, with a .22-caliber rifle at the couple's home.

Arkansas State Police troopers shot and killed Taylor, who was holding his family hostage. Troopers entered the house after Taylor's son stumbled through the front door with a gunshot wound to the chest.

Pecola Taylor's body was found propped up in a kitchen chair.

According to family members, Taylor had a drinking problem and there were often fights in the Taylor home.

5/24-5/25: *AD-G; Hope Star*

Batesville, June 4

**Rita Passmore**, 29, was shot as she sat in a car.

According to police, Passmore and a passenger, Mark Williams, 21, were driving north on U.S. 167 when shots were fired at them from another car. The two cars were stopped on the highway's shoulder facing opposite directions when Passmore was shot.

Larry Earl Esmeyer, 48, was charged with capital murder in the death of Passmore. According to Lt. Marshall Taylor, Esmeyer fired six bullets into Passmore's car, hitting her with two. The shooting apparently happened because Esmeyer became angry with the way Passmore was driving.

Esmeyer, of Possum Grape, was scheduled for trial on February 21st in the Independence County Court. He was also charged with attempted capital murder in the wounding of Williams. During a psychological evaluation at the Arkansas State Hospital, Esmeyer contended that he shot Passmore because she had a gun.

6/4-8/36, 12/1, 12/8, 2/22/95: *AD-G, Batesville Guard, White River Current*

Strong, June 4

The ex-husband of **Barbara Ann Moore**, 37, turned himself in to police for her shooting death.

According to police, John W. Moore, 40, waited at his ex-wife's house and shot her in the street when she returned home from work. Afterwards, Moore went to the home of nearby relatives, who convinced him to turn himself in to police.

Police also said the two had had "domestic arguments" in the past. John Moore has been charged with capital murder.

6/4-6/23: *News-Times*

North Little Rock, June 7

The decomposed body of **Gwendolyn Simmons**, 23, was found in a field in North Little Rock. Two men found Simmon's skeletal remains May 15 while inspecting swampy property they had leased.

Simmons was last heard from on April 16, when she phoned her mother.

6/7-9: *AD-G; The Times*

Forrest City, June 8

The body of **Phyllis Coleman**, 32, was found by her 11-year-old son lying in a pool of blood and naked from the waist down on a living room couch. Coleman's throat had been slashed twice and there were numerous stab wounds to her stomach.

Police arrested **Tracy Louis Peters**, 25, and charged him with capital murder in the case. Peters' fingerprints were on the murder weapon recovered by police at the scene.

According to police, Peters was already in the St. Francis County jail when he was charged. He was being held for the attempted rape of a 13-year-old girl. Police said Peters entered the girl's room naked and held a butcher knife to the back of her neck. The girl was able to break free, cutting Peters on the hand in the struggle.

A trial will not be scheduled for Peters until his mental evaluation is complete.

6/6-9: *Forrest City Times Herald*; AD-G

West Memphis, June 9

The body of **Janice Martin**, 24, was found by police in an apartment.

Police also found the body of **Terrance Tillman**, 26, an acquaintance inside the apartment. Tillman, according to police, killed Martin and then killed himself. He left a recorded message, which helped police piece together the murder-suicide.

6/9: *Evening Times*

Hot Springs, June 9

The body of **Beverly Sue Patrick**, 52, was found by an employee in the back office of the convenience store where she worked

Patrick's nude body was lying face-down and she had been bludgeoned. According to police, the office walls were covered with Patrick's blood. Due to the nature of the injuries, police were not able to determine the exact cause of death immediately, but reported she had been beaten to death.

**John Wesley Howell**, 35, was charged with and pleaded innocent to capital murder. Howell claims he was Patrick's boyfriend until he ended the relationship and admitted hitting her on the head several times according to an affidavit.

6/9-7/27: *The Sentinel Record*; AD-G

Forrest City, June 20

The naked body of **Vicki Ladonna Collins-**

**Jackson**, 28, was found nude, lying at the foot of her bed on her back with small bruises on her cheeks, nose and eyebrow. Blood was coming out of her nose and mouth.

According to police, **Jerry Jackson**, 32, admitted that the couple had argued earlier in the evening and that he had slapped her three times and kicked her once. About 90 minutes later Jackson made a 911 call, reporting that his wife was having trouble breathing.

Jerry Jackson was arrested and charged with second-degree murder and released on \$75,000 bond.

6/20-6/24: *Forrest City Times-Herald*; *Evening Times*

Little Rock, June 21

Police found **Diane Russey**, 35, lying near the front door of her house with a large gunshot wound to her right arm and pellet wounds to her face and chest.

**Ira Russey**, 43, was charged with first-degree murder after his estranged wife died of the gunshot wounds. He was found guilty and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

6/21-7/4/94, 1/15, 2/14: AD-G

North Little Rock, June 22

**Belinda Hale**, 41, died, June 13th, at University Hospital a few days after she was admitted for multiple abrasions and contusions.

According to police, Hale told family members that her boyfriend had beat her with a two-by-four. Later she returned home with bad bruises, so family members took her to the hospital. Hale was treated at the hospital and released and then re-entered the hospital after her condition worsened. By then, Hale was no longer able to talk, and police were never able to interview her before her death.

Police arrested **Johnny R. Nash**, 41, for Hale's death. Nash entered an innocent plea to charges of first-degree murder.

6/22-7/6, 1/15: AD-G; *Northwest Arkansas Times*

Pine Bluff, June 25

The body of **Stacy Lashelle Johnson**, 22, was found in her home. She had been stabbed once in the chest and a telephone cord was wrapped around her neck. When police found Johnson, her 18-month-old daughter had been alone for 15 hours in the room with Johnson's body.

Prosecutors charged **Ivory Joe Love**, 30, the baby's uncle, with capital murder. Police documents

state that Love told police he and other relatives had spotted Johnson's body in a window, but police were not able to see it from that vantage. Love told police that he took Johnson's pants off and opened her blouse after she was stabbed but did not molest her.

Police obtained a confession from Love and arrested him on suspicion of murder. Love pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison.

6/25-30, 2/7/95: *AD-G; Pine Bluff Commercial;*

Yellville, July 19

The body of **Linda Macy**, 35, was brought to the Marion County Sheriff's Office by her husband. The body was enclosed in plastic wrapping and sealed with duct tape. He said his wife had drowned. Police are investigating the case as a possible homicide.

7/19: *AD-G*

Pine Bluff, July 26

The body of **Lisa Sanders**, 27, was found in St. Marie Park. According to the deputy coroner, Sanders died from an apparent gunshot wound to the chest.

Police arrested three men, aged 20, 21 and 22, in connection with Sanders' death, however their names were not released. One man received a 60-year prison sentence. A second man was placed on probation for five years. And charges were dismissed for the third man.

7/26-8/8: *AD-G; Pine Bluff News*

Trumann, August 1

**Betty L. Ballard**, 31, was found dead outside her home between her car and house. She had sustained two small-caliber bullet wounds to her back.

Harvey Michael Ballard, 38, surrendered to police in the shooting death of Ballard. According to police, Ballard said he killed his wife because she had filed a court order barring him from seeing his children unless under supervision. Ballard also told authorities that he tossed the weapon, a Ruger 10 .22-caliber automatic, into a ditch southeast of Trumann. He said he went to his mother's house, ate dinner, and then turned himself in. Betty Ballard had recently filed for a legal separation from her husband.

Ballard was charged with first degree murder. A trial date was set for Nov. 15.

8/1-3: *The Modern News; Trumann Democrat; AD-G; Courier News; Jonesboro Sun*

North Little Rock, August 7

**Iris L. Jones**, 21, was found shot in the head, along with Michael Jones, 24, and Betsy Annette McGuire, 31, just hours after the three attended a neighborhood party.

Jones and McGuire were found in the living room and Jones was found slumped against the wall in the bathroom.

Police said the victims may have argued with or been threatened by the killer or killers earlier in the week.

8/7-17: *AD-G*

North Little Rock, August 7

**Betsey Annette McGuire**, 31, was found shot in the head, along with Michael Jones, 24, and Iris Jones, 21, just hours after the three attended a neighborhood party.

Jones and McGuire were found in the living room and Jones was found slumped against the wall in the bathroom.

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8/7-17: *AD-G*

Petit Jean, August 24

**Chenelle White**, 21, was shot by her former boyfriend at a relative's home.

Police say the two were on their way to a relative's home when they began arguing and Mark Clinkscale, 21, shot White as she drove into the driveway. Clinkscale then got out of the car, which had crashed into the house, and shot himself in the head.

8/24: *County Headlight*

Little Rock, September 3

The body of **Evelyn Moore**, 22, was found partially dressed and wrapped in a sheet near Sixth and Rice streets. According to an autopsy report, Moore was killed by a single stab wound to the chest. Moore's mother said that she had been missing since June 6th.

9/3-9, 1/15: *AD-G*

Little Rock, September 3

The body of **Nancy Thompson**, 31, was found in a yard next to a vacant house on Chester Street. Police said the remains of Thompson's cranium showed

signs of injury.

Police suspect that a serial killer may be involved in the murders of Thompson, Terry Wilson and Nickolette Johnson (killed in 1993).

9/3: AD-G

Little Rock, September 3

The decomposed body of **Terry Wilson**, 32, was found by police searching for two girls washed down a drainage ditch during a flash flood.

According to police spokesperson Lt. Charles Holladay, the body had been lying in tall weeds for weeks and apparently had been strangled.

Wilson's mother told police that she last saw her daughter after Wilson dropped her children off at her mother's house.

Police suspect that a serial killer may be involved in the murders of Wilson, Nancy Thompson, 31, and Nickolette Johnson, 30, (killed in 1993). All three women were prostitutes and were found beaten or strangled to death in deserted areas of Central Little Rock.

9/3-9/21, 1/15: AD-G

Alabam, September 4

The 7-year-old son of **Billie Phillips**, 35, found his mother beaten to death at their home.

According to police, there was a struggle before Phillips died and she was beaten very badly about the head. Police also believe Phillips was killed by someone she knew.

Clothing belonging to two men, her ex-husband and the deputy prosecuting attorney for the area at the time of the murder, has been sent to the FBI lab.

9/4-11/16, 1/12-1/19: AD-G; *Madison County Record; Northwest Arkansas Times*

Piggott, September 9

**Candice Russell**, 35, was shot and killed with a .357 Magnum.

Police have charged William Russell, 36, with first-degree murder in the death of his wife, which took place during an argument at the couple's home. Mr. Russell's cousin, James Britt, witnessed the incident.

Williams Russell's trial will be held in Greene County. No date has been set for the trial.

9/9-9/21, 2/1: *Clay County Democrat; Piggott Times; Clay County Courier*

Little Rock, October 6

**Dana Morrison**, 22, was shot in the left eye as she wrestled with her boyfriend, Armon Houston, 22, over a 9mm gun at Houston's home.

At first, Houston told police that Morrison had shot herself, but later told detectives he accidentally shot her. According to a witness, the two were wrestling with the pistol when it went off and Houston was standing over Morrison saying, "I shot her. I shot her." The witness said Houston wiped the gun off with a towel and laid it on the floor, and then asked the witness to tell police she had shot herself.

10/6, 1/15: AD-G

Harrison, October 7

The body of **Christine Felicia Smith**, 31, was found in the swimming pool behind her home. An autopsy later revealed that Smith had been strangled and shot in the head with a small-caliber firearm.

Her husband, Anthony David Smith, 32, pleaded innocent to a charge of capital murder in Smith's death.

According to an affidavit, Christine Smith had a \$300,000 life insurance policy on her and Anthony Smith had made statements to investigators that the couple had numerous outstanding bills and a tight financial situation.

10/7-21, 11/24, 1/4: AD-G; *Harrison Daily Times; Baxter Bulletin; The Daily News; Mountain Echo; Boone County Headlight*

College Station, October 8

The decomposed body of **Tracie Kelley**, 23, was found by officials in a trash container in the back yard of a residence.

No charges have been filed in her slaying and police have not indicated whether they believe her death is related to the killing of three men for which her husband, Joe Kelley Jr., is charged.

10/8-10/20: AD-G

Rector, October 11

The body of **Aurora Carney**, 51, was found along with James Graves, 64, in his apartment by his daughter. Both had been shot at close range in the ear with a .38-caliber handgun.

Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation joined in the search for Walter Anthony Webb, 41, of Blytheville, who was charged with two counts of capital murder. Authorities said that Carney and Webb

had dated off and on for some time and had talked of getting married.

Webb surrendered to authorities on January 3, 1995. He will be tried in Greene County Circuit Court (Paragould). A trial has been scheduled for November 8, 1995. Authorities say that the death penalty will be sought..

10/11-10/30, 11/18, 1/4-1/31, 2/1, 2/11: *AD-G; Clay County Democrat; Jonesboro Sun, Courier News; Piggott Times*

Omaha, October 13

**Minette Maire Epps**, 49, was pronounced dead from a single gunshot wound. Boone County Sheriff Kenneth Foley said that the woman was brought to a local medical center by her husband, James Floyd Epps, who said she had shot herself once in the chest with a .380-caliber semiautomatic. Foley said that the body had been sent to the state Crime Laboratory, and an investigation into the death is continuing.

10/13: *Boone County Headlight*

Lonoke, October 19

**Nina Scott**, 14, was shot with a pistol in front of her grandmother's house.

According to witnesses, Kevin V. Barnes, 18, was brandishing a gun. Witnesses heard Barnes say, "This is how Russian Roulette is played." They told police they heard a gunshot and turned and saw Scott fall to the ground.

Barnes, a high school senior, already facing trial on one charge and named in a police affidavit involving a pistol in another case, was charged with first-degree murder. A trial has been scheduled for March 8, 1995.

Fayetteville, October 22

**Deborah Gayle Barnes**, 38, was shot with a .44-caliber revolver.

When police arrived to the scene, David Lee Williams, 40, was trying to revive Barnes, who later died at a local hospital.

Police have charged Williams with first-degree murder. No trial date has been set.

10/22-10/26: *AD-G, Northwest Arkansas Times; The Herald-Leader*

Ravenden, October 27

**Angela Faye Stahl**, 35, was found dead in her home from a gunshot wound.

10/27-11/2: *Ozark Journal; The Times Dispatch*  
Gurdon, October 31

**Cora Maurine Young**, 40, died from a gunshot wound to her head.

Police officers arrived at the scene and discovered Earnest Young lying on top of his wife with a pistol pointed to her head. Young had been shot once under the right eye with a .380-caliber handgun.

Young, 42, was charged with first degree murder. He pleaded not guilty. Bail was set at \$100,000.

10/31-11/3: *Daily Siftings Herald; The Gurdon Times*

Van Buren, November 1

**Diana Petree**, 18, along with her 15-month-old son Jonathan, were shot and killed with a .20-gauge shotgun.

Petree's boyfriend, Rafael Ojeda Camargo, 30, was charged with capital murder and held on a \$2 million bond. It was later determined that Camargo is an illegal resident of the U. S. and the bond was rescinded.

Family members said that Camargo had abducted, stalked and harassed Petree in the past. Petree had filed a complaint against Camargo on Oct. 17 for false imprisonment. She said he abducted her on October 15th and took her to New Mexico. She convinced him to return to Van Buren so she could get some money and her son. Petree filed the complaint on the day that she returned from New Mexico. The charge and an arrest warrant for Camargo were not processed until October 31st. Paperwork delays were said to be the cause for the delay in processing the complaint. A trial date has not been set.

11/1-11/5, 12/14: *AD-G; Van Buren Press Argus-Courier, Southwest Times Record*

Strong, November 8

**Annie Ruth McGee**, 59, was found dead in her front yard with an ax embedded in her head.

Authorities did not know how long the body had been in the yard. Thomas James Corley, 40, will be charged with capital murder. Corley was working as a handyman for McGee. Investigators believe that McGee and Corley may have argued.

11/8-11/9: *AD-G, El Dorado News-Times*

Hernando, Mississippi, November 11

The body of **Connie Mae Quinney Jones**, 33, was discovered about 40 miles south of Memphis.

Jones' body was found soon after her head was discovered in a yard about a quarter-mile from the body.

Jones had been missing from West Memphis for about two weeks. Police were unable to determine which jurisdiction would handle the case since the murder could have been committed in Arkansas, Tennessee or Mississippi. Police said that Jones was more than four months pregnant.

According to authorities in DeSoto County, Mississippi, the cause of death was determined as stabbing. Ricky Hopton, of Arlington, Texas, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

11/10-11/11: *AD-G, West Memphis Evening Times*

Little Rock, November 16

**Ogretta Mackintrush**, 39, died from injuries that suggested she was strangled.

Her husband, **Walter Mackintrush**, 42, told medical workers that his wife had felt ill for several days and fell out of bed on the morning of her death. Police learned of the killing from the Pulaski County deputy coroner after the victim died in a Little Rock hospital. Coroner's officials notified police after they examined the body and found evidence of violent death.

A judge issued a first-degree murder warrant shortly before Mackintrush's scheduled return from Navy Reserve training exercises; however, he did not return as planned.

11/16-11/19, 1/15: *AD-G*

Huntington, November 16

**Linda Emery**, 38, and **Tony Emery**, 44, were found dead in their home by a niece. Crime Laboratory results should help authorities determine whether Tony Emery used a .357-caliber handgun to shoot his wife in the face as she lay sleeping in her bedroom before turning the gun on himself.

11/15-11/16: *AD-G, Southwest Times Record*

North Little Rock, November 28

The body of **Stacy Rae Errickson**, 22, was found in a shallow grave in North Little Rock. According to police, **Marcel Wayne Williams**, 24, admitted that he abducted Errickson at a Jacksonville convenience store and robbed, raped, beat, and choked her.

In connection with Errickson's murder, police have filed a capital murder charge against Williams as well as one count of kidnapping and one count of theft

of property. He also was charged with two counts of kidnapping and two counts of rape in connection with the cases of two other women. Williams pleaded innocent to all charges.

11/28, 12/1, 12/6-12/9, 12/29: *AD-G; Jacksonville News; Cabot Star-Herald*

Waldo, December 1

**Tammy Carwile**, 34, died from a gunshot wound in the lower abdomen. Her boyfriend, **Charles Edwards**, 33, was charged with second-degree murder and felon in possession of a firearm (a .30-30 rifle). Bond was set at \$100,000.

12/1: *AD-G*

Fort Smith, December 6

The body of **Melissa "Missy" Witt**, 19, was found January 13, 1995, in northern Franklin County. She had been missing since December 1st. Witt parked her car in the Bowling World parking lot about 6:30 p.m. on the first. She had planned to meet her mother for dinner at the bowling alley. Witt's car was found three days later in the bowling alley parking lot.

Two witnesses said they saw a white woman and a black man, perhaps in his twenties, arguing about 6:30 p.m. on December 1st. Police considered the information as "a strong lead."

Sgt. **David Overton**, a Ft. Smith police spokesperson, said that someone who was hunting on December 4th reported seeing a white, college-aged man changing clothes next to a car in the area where Witt's body was later found. Police are now looking for someone of that description.

A \$1,000 reward for information about Witt's disappearance has been offered by Crimestoppers

12/6-12/10, 1/12-1/20, 2/1, 1/28: *AD-G; Ozark Spectator; Southwest Times Record; Northwest Arkansas Record; Morning News of Northwest Arkansas; Times Record*

El Dorado, December 14

The body of a woman found September 9th in Union County is believed to be the body of **Melvalyn Doris Washington**, 42, of Lewisville who has been missing since August. Police are investigating the death as a homicide.

12/14-12/16: *AD-G, El Dorado News-Times*

Pine Bluff, December 30

**Zena Reynolds**, 20, her mother, **Ernestine**

Halford, 44, and her father, Nathaniel Halford, 55, each died from a gunshot wound to the head. Roderick Lashaun Rankin, 19 was charged with three counts of capital murder. Rankin's former girlfriend, Sonya Reynolds, 17, and two toddlers hid in a closet during the attack and were unharmed. Police said Rankin had been threatening Sonya Reynolds since November that if she did not continue the relationship, he would "kill her and her whole family."

Rankin was arrested the day of the shootings and, according to police, confessed to the crimes. A 9 mm pistol believed to be used in the shootings was found.

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12/28-12/31, 1/4-1/15: AD-G; Pine Bluff Commercial; Pine Bluff News

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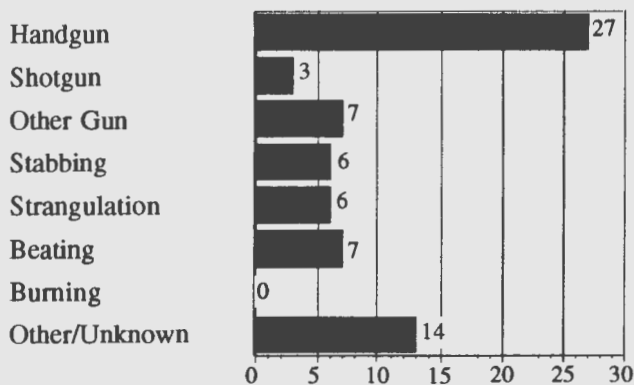
12/28-12/31, 1/4-1/15: AD-G; Pine Bluff Commercial; Pine Bluff News

Hope, January 1

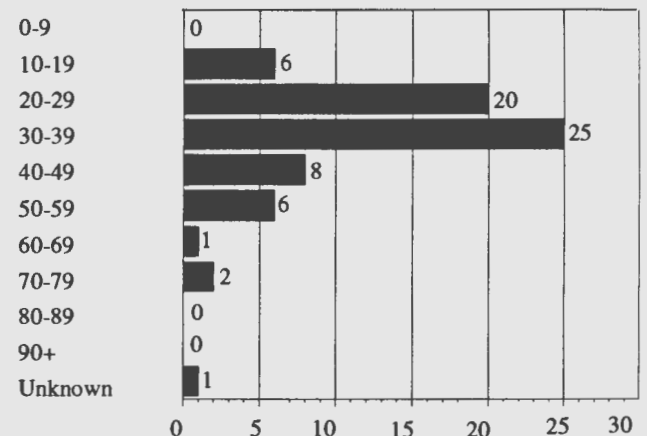
On December 31st, **Perline Peevy**, 74, was found dead at her residence by her granddaughter. Police are investigating her death as a murder.

## 1994 Murders

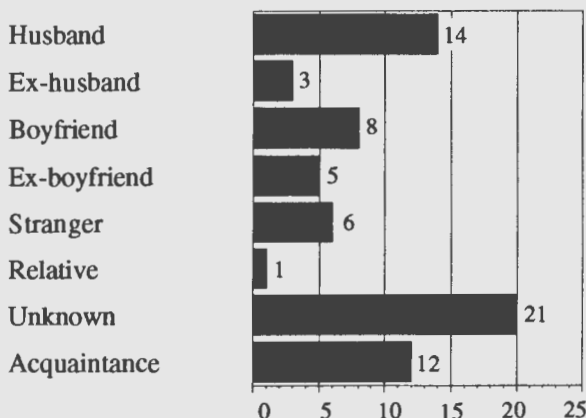
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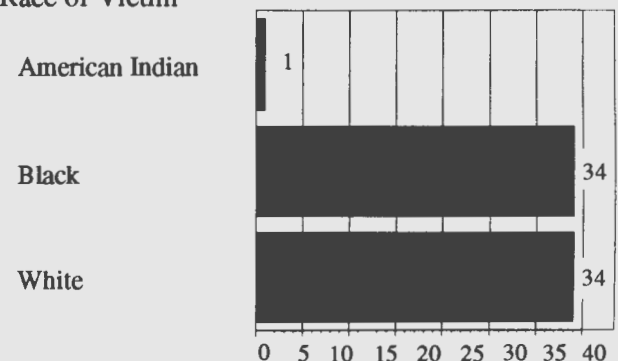
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### Relationship to Victim



### Race of Victim



## Sexist Climate

Jonesboro, April 18

John Mangieri, president of Arkansas State University, was fired after allegations of sexual misconduct and insubordination.

In public statements to the university's board, two secretaries said they witnessed Mangieri masturbating in his office on separate occasions. One of the secretaries also stated that Mangieri sexually harassed her by asking her about something he called the "test." She said he asked, "If you could have any person other than your husband laying next to you at night, who would it be?" Mangieri produced doctors' statements that stated he had been impotent since 1987 because of removal of a tumor from Mangieri's pituitary gland.

4/8-17: AD-G; *Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, April 15

A man emptied Diego's HogsBreath Cantina by spraying pepper spray because a waitress ignored his sexual advances. The man sprayed down the bar, but no one was directly hit.

4/15: AD-G

Little Rock, May 10

Joe Robert Wesson, 46, became the first person in Central Arkansas to be sentenced to five years in prison under the state's new stalking law.

Wesson was accused of threatening and making harassing phone calls to a former girlfriend from April 20, 1993, to May 10, 1993.

5/10: *Arkansas Times*

Fayetteville, July 23

A federal court jury awarded \$94,900 to three women in a sexual-harassment case against the Bobbiso club.

Debra Green, Holly Goff Thomas and Crystal Howard claimed the club's former manager, Scott Miller, made sexual comments to and about them and touched them inappropriately.

7/23-24: *Northwest Arkansas Times; The Morning News*

Little Rock, July 31

According to the director of a mental health agency, security guards at the State Hospital bungled

the investigation of an alleged rape. The incident, which occurred at Hendrix Hall, was not reported by officers in a written report and the crime scene was not preserved or protected in any way. Also, the hospital did not notify the state police until a week later.

7/31: AD-G

Little Rock, December 9

A Media column article in the *Arkansas Times*, took Wally Hall to task for asking in his December 7th *Democrat-Gazette* column "how many times does this have to happen before ladies understand the potential problems and danger of being alone in an all-male dorm?" The remarks are related to the incident in the University of Arkansas athletic dormitory that resulted in a charge of attempted rape against DeAnthony Hall. The incident is described in the next paragraph.

An 18-year-old woman accompanied two 17-year-old females to the dormitory where they were escorted inside by two members of the football team. The woman had consensual sex with one football player while three of his teammates watched through a bathroom door. Later the woman and Hall came into a sexual contact that led to the charged filed against Hall.

12/9: *Arkansas Times*

Berryville, December 24

Tim Miller, who serves as building inspector and supervisor of water and streets, pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor sexual harassment charge. An incident at the home of a Berryville woman on August 10th led to the charge.

12/24: AD-G

Lonoke County, December 28

Charges were filed against Doug Callahan, 41, of Crossett, alleging that he stalked his ex-wife. According to County Prosecuting Attorney Larry Cook, the Callahan case is the first Lonoke County stalking case filed in circuit court.

12/28: *Cabot Star-Herald*

Conway, January 4, 1995

The University of Central Arkansas fired a part-time sociology instructor who was accused of sexual harassment. Michael Davis was fired in December 1994. Michelle Crawford, who was a student in

Davis' class, filed the complaint.

The University Sexual Harassment Complaint Committee heard statements from both Davis and Crawford. The Committee unanimously determined that Crawford's ability to obtain an education was affected by Davis' actions.

2/4/95: AD-G

Walnut Ridge, January 5, 1995

Robert Jean, 34, pleaded guilty to a charge of first-degree violation of a minor. Jean was charged for having consensual sex with a 17-year-old female who was a student at the Walnut Ridge school where he served as football coach, athletic director, and physical education teacher. He received a 10-year suspended prison sentence and was ordered to pay a \$25,000 fine within 60 days, move from his neighborhood within two months, and avoid contact with the minor. Jean had been suspended from his teaching/coaching job last September and was arrested a week after his suspension.

1/5/95: AD-G

## Racist Violence

Included here are incidents in which people of color are victimized by white people.

Greenland, February 11

Frank Wimer, a Greenland Elementary principal was arrested and charged with endangering the welfare of a minor and second-degree assault. Authorities say Wimer allegedly grabbed a 10-year-old Chicano student by the throat, slapped his head three or four times, kicked him in the ribs and struck his head against the floor.

2/11: AD-G

Watts, March 4

Donald Beartrack was found dead on the roadside of U.S. 59 with two gunshot wounds to the head from a SKS rifle.

Brett Adams, 23, Russell Murray, 21, and Joe Dale, 25 were charged with first-degree murder.

On March 1, Beartrack left the Eufaula Indian School, where he was a student, and told friends he was going to hitchhike to his mother's home. According to investigators, the three men allegedly picked Beartrack up near Checotah at about 9 p.m.

March 3.

Police found the men's license plate number written on Beartrack's arm.

The Cherokee national Tribal Council and Principal Chief Wilma P. Mankiller have asked for an investigation to determine if the murder was based on racism.

3/4-4/6: *The Herald-Leader*

## Racist Climate

Jonesboro, January 12

Black parents voiced complaints to the local school board about the way in which black students are being treated in the Jonesboro school district. Robbie Lyle, organizer of the parental group RESPECT (Rights in Education for Students, Parents, and Educated Citizens of Tomorrow) said, "White teachers don't value black kids."

Superintendent Bill Beasley said the school's administration would establish a committee to look into the problem.

1/12: AD-G

Little Rock, January 13

Forty-two of the 111 public schools in Pulaski County do not comply with racial ratio guidelines set in the desegregation plans of the county's three school districts.

Thirty-one of those schools are in the Little Rock School District. According to the report on racial ratio compliance submitted to U.S. District Judge Susan Weber Wright, enrollment in all three school districts has declined over the past six years.

1/13: AD-G

Pine Bluff, February 27

African-American parents complained to the Pine Bluff City Council that their teen-agers are being harassed by mall security at The Pines mall.

Mall officials denied the allegation, and said there have always been mall rules, but they have been better enforced in recent years. Mall rules state that loitering, standing in groups larger than five people and wearing certain clothes, hats and accessories are prohibited.

Parents say these rules are geared toward African-American youth only.

2/27: *Pine Bluff Commercial*

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Conway, March, 16

An unidentified person painted racial slurs and anti-Jewish remarks on the north stairwell of Short Hall at the University of Central Arkansas.

3/16: *UCA Echo*

Little Rock, March 19

Lt. Ivan Whitfield, president of the Fraternal Order of Police, said that a recent vote to sell the FOP lodge was racially motivated. Whitfield said that rumors were spread that there were gang members present at a Superbowl party attended by officers at the lodge. After the party, white FOP members voted to sell the lodge, which Whitfield said "was a show of power to show they can dictate the motions and lock down the lodge so no one can attend."

Sam Brock, vice president of the group, said he did not see the vote as racially motivated.

3/19: *AD-G*

Arkadelphia, April 13

According to reports made to the ACLU, three INS agents in an unmarked car and five uniformed police officers forced their way into a local residence. They did not have any warrants and did not ask for consent to search the residence. Eight men were taken into custody, but no criminal charges were ever filed.

4/13: *ACLU*

Pine Bluff, April 11

Two patrolmen were placed on administrative leave with pay regarding an incident in which the two were accused in a complaint of beating an African-American teenager.

Wilma Reynolds filed the complaint against Officers Robert Rawlinson and Hershel Shipman after her son, Terjun Parker, said the two asked him to remove a baseball cap, handcuffed him, grabbed him by the neck, slammed him against a wall and kicked him. Parker also said Shipman took out his revolver and the two sprayed pepper spray in his face.

In police reports, the two officers said they had to use force to subdue Parker because he had threatened to shoot the officers and refused to leave the mall.

4/11: *Pine Bluff Commercial*

Little Rock, May 18

Mayor Jim Dailey and two city board directors wrote letters apologizing for statements made by another board director. Ward 2 Director Carl Scheibner

questioned the financial background of Chinese investors who attempted to buy the Camelot Hotel.

Scheibner based his questioning on the origin of the investors. Although the mayor has apologized, Scheibner says he will not. "I pointed out that a great number of them make their living from the drug trade. Anybody that's been in the Far East very much knows this to be true. Why stick our heads in sand and pretend like we don't know what's going on just because they're flashing millions of dollars in front of us," Scheibner said.

5/18: *AD-G*

Little Rock, May 26

A handwritten anonymous note was sent through interdepartmental mail to Sgt. Glenn King of the Little Rock Police Department, which included a picture of thousands of Rwandan refugees, stating they would make good recruits.

This incident follows criticism of a new affirmative action program by the Fraternal Order of Police earlier this year. The FOP sees the program as lowering the department's hiring standards.

5/26: *AD-G*

Little Rock, July 23

A new police unit intended to curb violent crime is being called racist by some city activists. Attorney John Walker labeled the 26-officer Zero Tolerance Task Force "a KGB type of response." However Police Chief Louie Caudell and city board member John Lewellen say the unit is what the city needs to stop the high crime rate and provide some type of relief to citizens. Lewellen disagreed with Walker's claim that the task force is racist, saying, "It's directed at criminal activity all over the city."

The task force ended its first week with 95 arrests, with 79 of those arrested being blacks. Walker said, "This is consistent with my predictions. It's a one-race arrest program. When you say zero tolerance, it's zero tolerance for black people."

7/23-30: *AD-G*

Springdale, July 24

Some members of the Springdale City Council and other citizens have put forth a very extreme idea to handle the recent influx of Hispanic persons moving into the town: hire an officer with a gun. Over the past few years, a large number of Hispanic persons have moved to Northwest Arkansas to work in the

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poultry industry. Many Springdale residents have been complaining, particularly about the number of Mexican people living in one house.

According to chief building inspector Bob Mayes, an "officer" is needed to enforce overcrowding code requirements because there will "eventually be a drug deal." Resident, Bonnie Martin said, "If they are going to live in Arkansas, they've got to learn to live like we do," in complaining about the Mexicans who live near her.

7/24: AD-G

Little Rock, July 25

A task force to address the issue of race relations in Little Rock is battling with City Hall because members of the group do not want a new Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission to work out of City Hall. The group also refuses to share the commission employee with the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Three members of the NCCJ resigned from the race relations task force after this refusal. One of those who resigned, Alfred Williams, said, "It didn't seem like we wanted to work together anymore. If it's not done as a community, it will not be successful."

City Manager Charles Nickerson said he believed the NCCJ would be valuable to the commission and that there is a fear of working with City Hall.

7/25-29: AD-G

Waldron, August 2

Mayor Jim Lassiter is worried that the upcoming move of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees from Oklahoma to Arkansas will bring gaming, tobacco, and liquor stores to his town. The mayor said these fears could be alleviated if the tribe were willing to sign a written agreement promising they would not engage in these types of activities.

Cherokee Chief John Ross says the mayor's fears are unfounded and he sees no reason why the tribe should sign any type of written agreement with the city.

8/2: AD-G

Little Rock, August 10

According to Eddie Collins, assistant superintendent for pupil personnel, minority suspensions in the Pulaski County Special School District increased 5 percent over the 1992-93 school year. While the district's racial makeup is only 30 percent black, 51 percent of suspensions involved

minorities.

8/10: AD-G

Little Rock, August 17

There has been a great deal of debate over Gov. Tucker's legislative package on crime. Many of the black House Judiciary Committee members feel portions of the bill would target blacks; in particular, House Bill 1005. This bill would allow authorities the right to question juveniles without the consent or knowledge of their parents.

8/17: AD-G

Morrilton, August 25

A federal magistrate ruled that the city discriminated against Gloria Leapheartt, an African American, when it refused to hire her for the Morrilton Police Department. The judge ordered the city to hire Leapheart and pay her \$23,923.24 in back wages.

8/25: AD-G

Pine Bluff, September 2

Black activists are demanding that a statue outside the Jefferson County Courthouse be removed. The statue honors David O. Dodd, who was hanged in 1864 for spying for the Confederacy, and many feel it is offensive to the black residents of Pine Bluff.

9/2: AD-G

Junction City, September 15

School Superintendent, Alvin Kelly announced that he had received a letter from the Dallas branch of the Office of Civil Rights which stated that the school district discriminated against black students.

According to the letter, the district was guilty of a number of discriminatory practices including: discriminating against black professionals in assignments, subjecting black female students to harassment and intimidation, discriminating against black students in the implementation of transportation policies, discriminating against black students in extracurricular activities by denying them the right to serve as cheerleaders, student council members or homecoming queens.

9/15: AD-G

Hot Springs, September 23

The local chapter of the NAACP and two Hot Springs city directors have said that City Director Pat

Patterson should resign for allegedly making a racist statement following an executive session.

According to Director Peggy Maruthur, Patterson made remarks following an interview with a potential city manager. Patterson expressed concerns that the candidate's wife might not be white and allegedly stated that it would be an embarrassment for the city if she were not white.

Patterson has not denied making the comments, but in a press conference said, "If my remarks offended anyone, I apologize."

9/23-10/13: *The Sentinel-Record; Little Rock Free Press*

Jacksonville, October 17

A federal judge has barred Jacksonville from providing inferior park services to its black residents. In his judgment, U.S. District Judge Warren K. Urbom also ordered the city's Parks and Recreation Department to keep a written record of work performed at Jacksonville's 10 parks. The judgment was issued three weeks after Urbom, a visiting judge from Lincoln, Neb., found Jacksonville guilty of race discrimination for allowing Johnson Park to deteriorate.

10/17-11/16: *AD-G; Jacksonville Patriot*

Hot Springs, October 26

Coy's restaurant and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission settled a race discrimination lawsuit. Coy's was sued by the EEOC in 1989 for allegedly refusing to hire black employees into the better positions at its restaurants, such as waiters. The consent decree required the restaurant to post a notice of its intent to comply with the settlement, offer Gary McVay a job as a waiter in the restaurant, pay \$20,000 in damages to McVay and 17 other blacks who claimed they were denied employment because of race and to employ at least two qualified black applicants among the next six restaurant hires. After that the restaurant will make a good-faith effort to employ blacks in the "front of the house" positions such as host, hostess, waiter, and cashier as they become available.

10/26: *AD-G*

Pine Bluff, November 19

A federal magistrate approved a \$5.5 million settlement in a lawsuit accusing the Army of discriminating against black workers at the Pine Bluff

Arsenal. U.S. Magistrate Henry L. Jones Jr. cleared the way for 220 people to eventually receive payments ranging from \$2,300 to nearly \$68,000. Jones made his decision more than 21 years after Richard E. Goldman opened the case against the Army and 11 years after U.S. District Judge Oren Harris found the Army had engaged in a pattern of discrimination in the placement and promotion of black employees.

11/19: *AD-G*

Conway, December 8

Keathley Enterprises paid \$5,000 to Henry J. Mitchell to settle a federal government housing lawsuit. Mitchell claimed that Keathley Enterprises offered to allow several of his white friends to pick up keys and look at available apartments but when Mitchell, whose is black, went to pick up keys to view apartments on two separate occasions he was told, on the first occasion, that no apartment was available and, on the second occasion, that he could not get a key because a tenant had left possessions in the apartment.

Mitchell complained to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The federal government then filed the lawsuit. Keathley Enterprises denies that it discriminated against Mitchell.

12/8: *AD-G*

Little Rock, December 16

The Little Rock School Board reaffirmed the provision in the existing teacher contract that gives teachers the option to bar disruptive students from their classrooms. The provision requires the teacher, a parent, and the principal to meet within 48 hours to discuss resolving the behavior problem. In 1993, 319 black students, about 90% of the 353 total, were barred from their classrooms.

12/16: *AD-G*

Little Rock, December 21

A federal discrimination lawsuit was filed by Capts. Richard Day, Pulaski County jail administrator, and Calvin Hollowell, the jail's official spokesperson and supervisor of several areas of the jail. Sheriff-elect Randy Johnson included the two African Americans on his list of officials not to be reappointed.

The suit claims that the captains' constitutional rights to equal protection and free speech were violated by the intended firings. Sheriff-elect Johnson,

County Judge Buddy Villines, and the Pulaski County Quorum Court were named as defendants.

Hallowell and Day allege that Johnson was displeased that they had informed U.S. District Judge George Howard, Jr., of overcrowding at the county jail.

Judge Howard temporarily barred Johnson from firing Hollowell and Day and set a January 6 trial date for the suit. Johnson requested additional preparation time. The trial was rescheduled for March 13th. Howard again barred Johnson from firing the two men until the outcome of the trial.

Both Day and Hollowell have successfully sued county officials on the basis of racial discrimination. Pulaski County agreed to pay Day \$7,000 in 1993 and Hollowell \$150,000 in 1988.

## Anti-Gay and Lesbian Violence

We document incidents in which lesbians and gay men are victimized by heterosexuals, where violence or the threat of violence are present.

Little Rock, February 26

Ronnie Hugh Smith, 58, was found dead in his home. He received 23 blows to the scalp and seven other wounds to the head area which left his jaw broken and his face bruised. According to authorities, Bobby Joe Kimble, 29, admitted striking Smith once with a hammer after Smith allegedly "made a pass at him." Kimble and Smith met at a tavern, Midtown Billiards. When Smith learned that Kimble was homeless, he felt sorry for him and invited Kimble to spend the night at his house.

Kimble entered a negotiated guilty plea to escape a possible death sentence if a jury convicted him of capital murder. The charge wasn't reduced, but he was given life in prison with no chance of parole, a sentence handed down by the Circuit Court Judge at the prosecutor's request.

2/26/94-2/4/95: AD-G

Fort Smith, March 11

A group of teen-agers in a car near a bar threw eggs and other items at a gay male who had come out of the bar.

The car had Oklahoma license plates.

2/11: NGLTF Abuse Report Form

Fort Smith, May 14

An 18-year-old male and a friend were attacked at Darby Junior High School after attending a play. As the two stepped outside the building, they were attacked by 4 or 5 black males and females and 1 white male because the group thought they were gay.

The two were bruised in the face and head and had to be hospitalized for up to a week because of a broken jaw, and other bruises from kicks with steel-toed shoes.

Two persons were arrested

5/12: *Eyewitness Account*

Dallas, Texas, August 25

Authorities arrested an Arkansas parolee, Edwin B. Perkins, in the murders of two Dallas-area gay men. Irving police found similarities in the deaths of Larry Allen and Paul Quintanilla, Jr. Both men were stabbed all over their nude bodies. Perkins was charged in the stabbing death of Allen and remained in the Irving City jail without bond.

Dallas Detective Tom Rowan said, "I don't think they are crimes of passion. I think it's someone who's got it in for the gay community."

8/25: AD-G

## Anti-Gay/Lesbian Climate

These indicate the prevailing anti-gay/lesbian attitudes in the state that imply it is not right to be gay or lesbian, not right to be the person you are. Arkansas is one of 22 states in which sodomy laws make same-gender sexual activity illegal. Such attitudes promote and legitimize the harassment, threats and violence perpetrated against lesbians and gay men.

Little Rock, January 9

In the "Announcements" section of the Fellowship Bible Church newsletter there was an announcement that there is a Little Rock chapter of Homosexuals Anonymous. This group "is a support for those who wish to find freedom from homosexuality," according to the newsletter.

1/9: *Fellowship Bible Church newsletter*

Little Rock, January 20

John Robert Starr writes, "...up until now, at least, most transmission of the AIDS virus has taken place while two individuals were sodomizing one another.

Heterosexual sex may be catching up, but usually there is a bi-sexual involved somewhere in the chain.”

1/20: AD-G

Little Rock, January 25

John Robert Starr reprinted the letter of a reader, who wrote, “I’m not homophobic, but I find it difficult to sympathize with a group that refuses to acknowledge that there is a consequence for their actions and can’t blame anyone but Ronald Reagan for the fact they’re killing themselves.”

1/25: AD-G

Springdale, February 24

Marcus McDonald mailed a letter around the state encouraging people to buy a book for \$5 that he advertises as “the most precise and complete book on homosexuality today.”

In the letter, McDonald states, “I want to share the truth with you concerning the most dangerous threat to our nation and our religious freedom since Hitler, Stalin, or the Clintons.”

2/24: *Witness Account*. 3/18-8/19: AD-G;  
*Arkansas Times*

Tucker, May 4

A prisoner filed a lawsuit against the state because he was denied access to *Penthouse* magazine. Alexander Stewart, 40, is asking for uncensored copies of the magazine.

He was denied the September 1993 issue because it depicted two women engaged in lesbian activity. Prison Warden Bruce E. Collins said the magazine wasn’t given to Jones because it depicted homosexual behavior he believed violated the state’s anti-sodomy law.

5/4: AD-G

Little Rock, August 18

The Arkansas prison system has declared that the September issue of *Playboy* magazine be barred from some prisoners because of a feature depicting two women in erotic poses. The article was titled “A Walk on the Bi Side.” Prison officials could not confirm the censorship of *Playboy* but did acknowledge that other magazines, including *Penthouse* and *Genesis*, have been barred from the prisons in recent months, due to contents ruled to be in violation of the state’s anti-sodomy law.

8/18: *Arkansas Times*

Jacksonville, September 20

In a June interview, Congressional candidate Bill Powell explained that discrimination was justified in some circumstances. “Homosexuality is not a natural state. It’s not morally equivalent. I don’t want any special legislation for gays.”

9/20: *Jacksonville Patriot*

Little Rock, September 22

After consulting with staff, board and community members, Children’s Museum of Arkansas director Putter Bert decided that the photo of lesbian moms should not be included in the museum’s current “Families: A Celebration of Diversity” exhibit. The photo is on display in Bert’s office and can be viewed on request.

9/22: *Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, December 30

The *Arkansas Times* included Rev. Fred Phelps of Topeka, KS, in its list of “worst boors.” Phelps was included because of his protest of President Clinton’s gays-in-the-military proposals. The protest was staged at the funeral of Clinton’s mother, Virginia Kelley

12/30: *Arkansas Times*

## Anti-Semitic Climate

Marshall, Minn., January 25

An ex-Arkansan has been linked to anti-Semitic fliers distributed to residents.

At least 1,000 Marshall residents have received anti-Semitic mail addressed to “postal customer” with a return address of Our Savior’s Church of Gainesville, Mo. Authorities believe the mailings come from Gordon Winrod, who was suspended from the First Lutheran Church in Little Rock in 1961.

Winrod has called for “killing all Jews” as the solution to America’s social and economic problems.

1/22: AD-G

Conway, March, 16

An unidentified person painted racial slurs and anti-Jewish remarks on the north stairwell of Short Hall at the University of Central Arkansas.

3/16: *UCA Echo*

Little Rock, August 1

The Jewish Federation of Arkansas received a newsletter from the Committee for Open Debate on

the Holocaust, a revisionist history group which denies that the Holocaust ever occurred.

8/1: *Copy of newsletter*

## Bias Against People with HIV & Other Disabilities

Conway, March 18

A judge ruled that the children of Lisa Mc Clung must not be in the physical presence of her brother, Anthony Bonds, because he has AIDS.

This ruling came after the father, Kim McClung, signed an affidavit alleging that his children were in danger at their mother's home. He also stated that Bonds had bruised one of the children and the child had tripped over a pole supporting an intravenous tube.

At that point Circuit-Chancery Judge Watson Villines of Conway ordered that the children be removed from the mother's home. Later, Judge Lynn Plemmons allowed the return of the children to the home but ordered they not be in physical contact with Bonds.

McClung filed a federal lawsuit contending that the judge violated the federal Americans with Disabilities Act by barring her children from their uncle. A chancery court judge ruled that the two children could have "casual contact" with their uncle. The judge's ruling left unresolved the issue of whether a court could remove children from a home of a custodial parent where a person with AIDS also lives.

U.S. District Judge Elsijane Trimble Roy dismissed McClung's lawsuit because Plemmons is no longer involved in the case.

5/28-6/23, 1/24/95: *AD-G*

Little Rock, July 7

Almost one year to the day that the original Ryan White Center in Little Rock was destroyed by fire, employees and volunteers arrived to find the center riddled with bullets.

7/7: *Little Rock Free Press*

Bryant, August 29

Bryant Elementary School officials began notifying parents that one of its kindergarten students has AIDS. According to the superintendent, the decision was the "best approach" to fight misconceptions about the disease.

However, Brenda Bell, president of the board of directors of the Arkansas AIDS Foundation, said the decision was unfortunate and could only lead to identification of the child.

Local school officials said that they have invited the physician treating the kindergartner to a meeting to address parents' concerns about the disease.

8/29-9/9: *AD-G*

Berryville, September 8

In the first AIDS-related crime to be charged in Carroll County, a 24-year-old Berryville woman was arrested for allegedly knowingly exposing two men to HIV. The woman has denied the charges.

9/8-10/26: *The Star-Progress; AD-G*

Hot Springs, September 23

A retired state policeman filed a lawsuit against the Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association and Cooper Communities Inc. claiming they are responsible for a list naming people who are ostensibly HIV positive. F.V. "Pete" Kimery claims the list was posted on a bulletin board at two Hot Springs Village fire stations and at the property owners association's headquarters.

9/23-9/30: *AD-G; Little Rock Free Press*

Little Rock, December 2

U.S. District Judge George Howard, Jr., granted a motion that resulted in a class-action lawsuit on behalf of all disabled Arkansan voters. The lawsuit claims that disabled voters in Arkansas are denied equal access to voting facilities because many of the state's polling places are not accessible to disabled voters.

Election commissioners in the state's 75 counties have been named as defendants in the suit which claims that the commissions fail to offer accommodations for disabled voters to cast ballots in secrecy. Judge Howard designated election commissioners in Pulaski, Saline, and Hot Springs counties as class representatives for the defendants.

12/2: *AD-G*

Little Rock, December 30

An article in the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* discussed the level of compliance in Arkansas with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a 1990 federal law requiring increased access for the disabled which included a January 26, 1995, deadline for compliance. In North Little Rock, five community centers as well as

three structures in Burns Park. Ft. Smith and Hot Springs will not have new park restrooms or elevators before the deadline. In Little Rock, the Capitol does not meet the law's requirements for emergency evacuation routes.

After January 26, 1995, disabled citizens can sue local governments that do not provide adequate access to all government services.

12/30: *AD-G*

Ft. Smith, January 13, 1995

On December 9, 1994, prosecutors charged Pierre Laverne Weaver, 30, with two counts of exposing someone to HIV. The charge carries a penalty of six to 30 years in prison, a \$5,000 fine, or both. It is the first such case filed in the Ft. Smith area.

Weaver had unprotected sexual relations with two women after he was informed by the Sebastian County Health Department in August 1993 that he had HIV. Police believe that Weaver may be living in Atlanta.

1/13/95: *AD-G*

## Police Brutality

Little Rock, February 22

A MEMS paramedic who responded to the shooting of Victor Cole by a police detective reported that he asked police twice to take handcuffs off of Cole so he could work on him. He also stated in the report that Cole's feet were also bound.

Cole had been shot by the detective after he shot another officer's dog and bit that officer's finger off.

The question of Cole's handcuffs surfaced after emergency personnel at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences reported having to get an officer from the hospital's staff to unlock the handcuffs.

Dr. Thomas Braswell, the doctor who treated Cole, said, "because of the handcuffs, paramedics weren't able to start IV fluids to help maintain blood pressure."

Lt. Charles Holladay of the Little Rock Police Department said, "We're trying to determine if proper procedure was followed in dealing with him and see if there's anything we could have done differently."

2/20-24: *AD-G; Arkansas Times*

Rogers, March 2

Retired police officer, Darryl Lee Brock was charged with one count of rape for raping a girl during

seven years while on the police force.

Authorities say that Brock had sex with a girl younger than 14 from 1979 to 1986. His arrest followed a five-month investigation by police and the Benton County prosecutor's office.

3/2: *AD-G*

Little Rock, March 26

Lt. Jason Shook, former chief investigator in the 6th Judicial Drug Task Force, was put on 90-day suspension for shoving a prisoner and allowing another officer to hit the prisoner.

3/26: *AD-G*

El Dorado, April 12

Officer Charles R. Smith was fired because he recently confessed to allegations of abusing his 13-year-old son. Although Smith was found innocent of misdemeanor child endangerment charges, the El Dorado Civil Service Commission upheld the decision to fire Smith.

Smith said the alleged abuse was his way of disciplining the boy. Smith said he made the boy smoke five cigarettes at one time while wearing a five-gallon plastic bucket on his head because he could not make him stop smoking. He also said he handcuffed the boy to prevent him from removing the bucket.

4/12: *El Dorado News-Times*

Pine Bluff, April 15

Two policeman were placed on suspension without pay during an investigation into a teen-ager's allegations that the two beat him at The Pines mall.

Terjun Tramaine Parker claims Officers Bob Rawlinson and Hershel Shipman beat him after he refused to remove a wool cap he had bought at a store in the mall.

Both officers admit that they may have "overreacted" in the situation.

4/15: *Pine Bluff Commercial*

North Little Rock, May 15

Samuel Lee Jackson, 40, was the second North Little Rock jail detainee to die in one week. Jackson was found on the floor of his cell just 10 minutes after jailers say they had checked on him.

Five days prior to Jackson's death, a woman detainee became ill in her cell, was treated at Baptist Medical Center and returned to her cell, and later died.

5/15: *AD-G*

Little Rock, June 1

Police fired 23 shots at Lavert Brown and killed him on his front porch. Police were called to Brown's home after his wife called 911. According to police, Brown cocked a .25-caliber pistol and pointed it at an officer before he was shot.

After the shooting, Brown's wife stumbled outside with a bullet wound to the leg. According to her and police, Brown may have been wounded by gunfire from the police and not her husband.

6/1: AD-G

Little Rock, June 7

The mothers of Antonio Mornes, 15, and Maurice Shavers, 14, filed a complaint with the Little Rock Police Department accusing two police officers of using excessive force and racial slurs while arresting the teen-agers. They also alleged that the officers arrested the teens without cause.

According to the complaint, the two were walking home when a police car sped up and Officers Charles Weaver and Stephen Gorbet arrested them for no reason.

However, the officers say they were responding to a fight in the area and saw the two fighting. They also admit spraying Mornes with pepper spray, but deny choking or hitting the two.

6/7: AD-G

Mena, June 29

Part-time policeman Gary Ray Martin, 31 is being held on \$100,000 bond in the rape of a teen-age girl.

According to Sheriff Mike Oglesby, Martin admitted to molesting the girl and "to having a problem."

6/29: AD-G

Little Rock, July 21

A black attorney is suing a jailer and Sheriff Carroll Gravett. Attorney R.S. McCullough says that he was not allowed to visit with a client at the Little Rock Jail because of his race. Apparently the jailer, K.C. Russell, asked the lawyer for identification and still refused to allow him in to see his client.

7/21: AD-G

El Dorado, August 19

A Union County man, Wesley Selmon, was killed by Union County Deputy Sheriff Trent Sinclair on July 29. The confrontation occurred inside Selmon's

residence. Selmon allegedly struck Sinclair in the face and aimed a .44 caliber rifle at the deputy.

An Arkansas State Police investigator concluded that Sinclair fired three shots. A preliminary state medical examiner's report indicated that Selmon had four wounds from at least three gunshots. Union County Coroner Ron Southall noted that "there are discrepancies in some of this that just have to be worked out."

8/19: *News Times*

Little Rock, August 30

Little Rock Police Officer Vincent Morgan resigned from the police force following charges that he raped a woman. While Morgan admits he had sexual relations with the woman, he denied having raped her.

According to the woman, Morgan pulled her over at 12th and Woodrow streets for having a broken tail light. She told Morgan her insurance papers were at home, and he agreed to follow her to her house. While inside, Morgan began allegedly kissing and fondling her breasts and then raped her.

In 1993 Morgan was suspended for 10 days for having sex with another cadet while on duty.

8/30-9/1: AD-G

West Memphis, September 11

Police are investigating the shooting of John Boone by a police officer. According to a police spokesperson, Officer David Fields and another officer came upon a drug deal between Boone and another person. When both ran, the officers followed and Field shot Boone after seeing what he believed to be a weapon. However, no weapons other than the officers' were found at the scene.

9/11: AD-G

Rogers, September 15

Richard A. Duffy, 34, filed a suit against Benton County Sheriff Andy Lee, Nelson Erdmann, and the county government claiming that excessive force was used while he was being arrested. The suit stems from a June 24, 1991, confrontation when Erdmann and another deputy served a warrant for Duffy's arrest on a charge of theft of property which was subsequently dismissed.

According to Duffy's wife, Erdmann grabbed Duffy around the neck, threw him down, and pounded his head against the concrete. Richard Duffy said that he required six stitches above his left eye.

Duffy is seeking unspecified compensatory damages and \$500,000 in punitive damages.

9/15: *Northwest Arkansas Morning News*  
Pine Bluff, September 24

Police Chief Joe Thomas released the results of an Internal Affairs investigation Friday he reviewed before suspending Officer Charles Motsinger for 30 days without pay. In a letter to Motsinger, Thomas wrote that Motsinger's explanation that he kicked a suspect in the head Aug. 2 near The Pines mall to stun and subdue him contradicted the training of the Police Department.

9/24: *Pine Bluff Commercial*

Forrest City, October 15

Army Sergeant David Rogers was arrested while visiting his sister in the Indian Hills Apartment Complex north of Forrest City. There was a brief altercation between Rogers and Lt. Bobby Carter, who identified himself as a policeman but did not show either a badge or ID card to Rogers. According to Rogers, Carter grabbed him as Rogers turned to walk away. Rogers admits that he reacted by body-slaming Carter who subsequently arrested Rogers.

The NAACP commented that Rogers' only crime seems to be "standing up for his first amendment right and not succumbing to intimidation because someone says they are police, but offer no proof." The organization had received a number of complaints about living conditions in the apartment complex with respect to infringement on the personal rights of residents.

10/15: *Homeland*

Little Rock, December 20

Debra R. Currens has filed a civil lawsuit accusing former Gould police chief, Robert L. Danzy of sexual harassment. Currens alleges that Danzy made lewd comments to her, touched her hair and shoulders in a "suggestive manner", and exposed himself on two occasions. She also said that city officials failed to discipline Danzy and also retaliated against her by changing her schedule and trying to suspend her. She eventually quit her job.

Currens is seeking reinstatement with back pay and other actual and punitive damages. Danzy, Mayor

A.B. Allen, and the city of Gould are named in the suit.

Danzy was previously convicted of two misdemeanor counts of indecent exposure. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail, with eight days suspended, and fined \$1,000. He is appealing his conviction.

12/20: *AD-G*

## Hate Group Activity

Conway, January 1

A newspaper published by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan which protested the celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday was handed out in a Conway shopping center. According to the paper, the Klan plans rallies in Springfield, Ill., Topeka, Kan., Austin, Texas, Columbus, Ohio, Denver, Colo., Little Rock, Ark., Montgomery, Ala., and Tallahassee, Fla.

1/1: *Witness Statement and Copy of Newspaper*

Little Rock, January 16

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan staged a protest rally on the steps of the state Capitol to oppose the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday but found themselves outnumbered about 15-to-1 by anti-Klan demonstrators.

Thomas Robb, the group's national director, said the group opposed the King holiday because "he shouldn't be considered a national hero."

The group was outnumbered by about 200 demonstrators who held silent vigils and jeered the Klan speakers.

1/6-16: *AD-G*

North Little Rock, February 6

An article written by Tony Alamo was left on cars at the Lakewood Apartments.

The literature accuses the government and the Catholic church of plotting to commit genocide on the Christians of the United States. Alamo states, "They believe they must destroy the world in order to save it."

2/6: *Intolerance by Tony Alamo*

El Dorado, March 27

Delta Press Ltd. is distributing a catalog with dozens of books on how to kill. One book "21

Techniques of Silent Killing”, gives instructions on use of the spike and the fighting knife.

The company lists its incorporator as Billy Blann. Blann became publicly known when he began selling a T-shirt showing a mushroom cloud and the words, “Made in America...Tested in Japan.”

3/27: *Cox News Service*

Little Rock, March 30

In issue No. 94 of the *White Patriot*, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan featured a report on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The report, written by Dr. Ed Fields, accuses King of sabotaging the Vietnam War, being a communist and “practicing bizarre sex acts.” The article also called for the “opening of the King file.”

3/30: *White Patriot*

Little Rock, March 30

Along with the *White Patriot*, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan mailed out flyers announcing its Patriots Day Picnic, to be held May 27-29. The fliers read, “The Patriots Day Picnic is open to anyone that wants to come... If you want to have a great time with other White Christians who love our race, faith and homeland, then you need to make plans to attend.”

3/30: *Ku Klux Klan*

Little Rock, April 29

A federal appeals court ruled that former American Nazi Party member Ralph Forbes had a First Amendment right to participate in a television forum for congressional candidates in 1992. Arkansas Educational Television Network asked the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reconsider its ruling. The Supreme Court let stand the circuit court ruling, which noted that “Forbes did have a qualified right of access created by AETN’s sponsorship of a debate, and ... AETN must have a legitimate reason to exclude him strong enough to survive First Amendment scrutiny.”

4/29-11/8: *AD-G; Log Cabin Democrat; Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, May 3

Former American Nazi Party member Ralph Forbes filed as an independent candidate for the 3rd U.S. Congressional District seat.

Forbes calls himself a “Christ supremacist” and said “I support white rights activities, but it doesn’t mean I hate people of other races.”

5/3: *AD-G*

Conway, May 24

According to KKK Faulkner County Coordinator Larry Tedford the KKK has had a 60 percent growth of members in Faulkner County over the last two years. “We had one of the first active klan dens in Central Arkansas at Vilonia and interest seems to be picking up rapidly throughout the county.”

5/24: *Log Cabin Democrat*

Vilonia, May 27

The Adopt A Highway sign along the stretch of highway adopted by the Ku Klux Klan has been the target of vandalism. Someone sprayed white paint over the signs. On four other occasions, the signs were removed.

5/27: *AD-G*

Little Rock, June 4

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was denied a permit to hold a rally at the state Capitol on June 18th. However, Secretary of State Bill McCuen says that the Klan will be allowed to hold the rally on another date if they rethink their plans to sue.

The Klan found allies in the Arkansas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, whose executive director said “What the Klan is planning may be offensive and obnoxious, all citizens have a right to free speech.”

McCuen said that the Klan will be allowed to hold its rally but must meet specific times and criteria.

6/4-11: *AD-G; Pine Bluff Commercial*

New York (Little Rock), June 9

According to a report issued by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), there has been a split in the ranks of the largest chapter of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Federated Knights are a newly formed group of Klansman who believe the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has grown too soft and wish to go back to some of the older tactics of the Klan.

6/4: *Arkansas State Press*

Little Rock, June 18

The following was handed out at a rally at the state Capitol:

KKK Hot Line!

Keep up with all the fast-paced news and events happening in the world of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

1-900-726-4896

The cost of this call is \$1.99 a minute.

6/18: *Eyewitness Account; KKK flier*

Little Rock, June 18

At a rally on the front steps of the state Capitol, members of the Ku Klux Klan handed out their newspaper.

The "introductory" issue carried headlines such as "Does the Klan hate Negroes?" and "Is the K K K violent?" in an effort to put forth the Klan's rhetoric of being concerned with preserving white heritage and American ideals.

One article states, "The Klan is based on love not hate."

6/18: *This is the Klan*

Little Rock, June 18

Fewer than 100 people attended the Ku Klux Klan rally, which was held at the state Capitol the same day the Juneteenth (annual celebration of the freedom of slaves) was being celebrated across town.

Robert "Say" McIntosh protested and spoke after the Klan rally, but there were no incidents of violence. The group held a similar rally in Conway earlier that day.

6/18: *AD-G; Log Cabin Democrat*

Conway, June 18

About 15 members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held a rally on the steps of the Faulkner County Courthouse and were met by a group of 20 counter-protesters.

6/19: *Log Cabin Democrat*

Little Rock, July

Issue No. 94 of the Ku Klux Klan newspaper *White Patriot* carried the picture of a black man convicted of rape and the headline, "This could be your grandmother." Another headline about immigration read, "Immigration will ruin America."

The paper also carried an article about the book, *Time on the Cross: The Economics of American Negro Slavery*. According to the author, Robert Fogel, slaves led better and healthier lives than free blacks in northern cities.

7/94: *White Patriot*

Harrison, July 31

Former national security director of the Ku Klux Klan, Ed Novak, has resigned the Thom Robb branch of the KKK after Robb accused him of credit card fraud. Novak has also accused Robb of embezzling \$4,600 of membership contributions.

Robb's daughter, Rachel Robb, has taken Novak's former position.

7/31: *Center for Democratic Renewal Activist Update*

Memphis, August 9

Evangelist Tony Alamo was convicted on income tax charges and is accused of preying sexually on the young members of his church.

8/9: *AD-G*

Bentonville, September 11

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan members held rallies at the courthouses of Washington and Benton counties. At the Benton rally Thom Robb, head of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, declared that American politicians have betrayed the nation by opening its borders to immigrants. Robb also stated, "Our forefathers gave us America, my friends. It doesn't belong to these faggots. It doesn't belong to the Mexicans. It doesn't belong to the Asians. It belongs to you!"

About 30-40 Klan members attended each rally. 75 counterprotesters faced the Klan in Bentonville and about 150 protestors faced the Klan in Fayetteville. A Clowns Against the KKK was held earlier in the day in Fayetteville to poke fun at the KKK.

9/2-9/11: *AD-G; The Morning News; Northwest Arkansas Times; Benton County Daily Record; Northwest Arkansas Morning News*

Fayetteville, September 11

An editorial in the *Northwest Arkansas Times* addressed recent rallies sponsored by the Ku Klux Klan. The opinion was offered that "much damage" is done any time the Klan publicly appeals for "support and acceptance and membership." The editorial raised the question of why organizations, such as the KKK, that are founded on hate still appeal to people in our society.

9/11: *Northwest Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, October 1

White supremacist Ralph Forbes lost a bid to get on the ballot as an Independent candidate for attorney general. After a hearing, U.S. District Judge Susan Weber Wright refused to order the state to either put Forbes on the ballot or delay the election until new ballots could be printed.

10/1-11/3: *AD-G; The Courier*

Greenwood, Miss., October 26

Thom Robb, National Ku Klux Klan director, is going to court this week on charges stemming from activities in Greenwood, Miss. Robb said that he will sign an affidavit against David Jordan, president of the Greenwood City Council, who led 75 people in a counterdemonstration. Robb said Jordan shoved him before Robb's news conference. Robb, who with another Klan member was arrested minutes after the face-off with Jordan, predicted he would be cleared of disorderly conduct charges.

10/26: *AD-G*

Harrison, October

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held their annual Klan Congress. According to Thom Robb, members representing Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Ohio, Arkansas, California, Washington, New Jersey, Mississippi, Colorado, Alabama, Louisiana, Missouri, Utah, Kentucky, Georgia, Oregon, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Kansas and North Carolina attended.

10/94: *White Patriot*

## Arkansas' Religious Right

The upsurge of the Religious Right in Arkansas is part of a disturbing trend nationally that moves beyond respect for individual religious beliefs into the creation of an agenda which attempts to impose the world view of one religious group onto all others. This political agenda is the creation of a theocracy – an attack on pluralism, religious freedom, and ultimately, democracy itself.

### AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Box 2440

107 Parkgate

Tupelo, MS 38803

Founded and led by Donald Wildmon, AFA specializes in leading corporate boycotts. The AFA's main interests are pornography, homosexuality, adultery, sex, art and the media.

### Arkansas Affiliate

### AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Box 9076

Jonesboro, AR 72403

932-5065

Arkansas Director: Bobby L. Hester

Jonesboro, February

AFA announced the airing of a weekly 30-minute television program, "Conservative Concerns," devoted to coverage of such issues as school "restructuring, Arkansas Governor's School, gun control and declining family values" on Northeast Arkansas cable television channels.

State director Bobby Hester writes that "our chief accomplishment has been to clear hard-core illegal pornographic videos from 71 of Arkansas' 75 counties." He also writes about AFA's ongoing campaign against the Governor's School, "We will continue to work on this project and we still hope to see the school shut down."

February: *AFA Newsletter*

Jonesboro, March

According to the American Family Association, an eleventh-hour blitz by Arkansans in support of home-schooling and private schools helped stop HR 6, a bill that would have required teachers to be certified under the jurisdiction of their state by July 1, 1998.

March: *AFA Newsletter*

Jonesboro, July

American Family Association testified before an Interim Joint Educational Committee meeting to protest the Governor's School. AFA was invited to address the committee again in September.

July: *AFA Newsletter*

Jonesboro, October

The October issue of the AFA newsletter contained a petition to Gov. Jim Guy Tucker asking that the operation of the Governor's School be halted.

October: *AFA Newsletter*

### CHRISTIAN CIVIC FOUNDATION OF ARKANSAS

8300 Geyer Springs Road, Suite 201

Little Rock, AR 72209

Executive Director: Larry L. Page

Associate Director: Bob Hayes

Formed in 1959, the Christian Civic Foundation focuses on pornography, gambling and alcoholic beverages. In 1989 the foundation enlarged its agenda to deal with "attacks on the traditional family,

abortion, euthanasia, secular humanism and other matters adversely affecting the morality of society." They work closely with organizations such as Family, Life, America and God (FLAG) and the Family Council.

They were active in the 1992 Legislature on numerous issues including resisting efforts to repeal the sodomy law and fighting efforts to include gays and lesbians in the civil rights bill.

The Christian Civic Foundation has a companion organization, the Christian Civic Action Committee, which is designed to serve as a legislative action organization that lobbies for the passage of laws that "uphold traditional values and will oppose legislation which will be harmful."

In 1994, the Christian Civic Action Committee took the lead in organizing opposition to three gambling-related ballot initiatives. All measures were stricken from the ballot prior to the election.

Little Rock, January 19

The owner of a Little Rock adult book and video store agreed to close the store's doors for good within 60 days in exchange for a fine and probation. Larry Page, director of Christian Civic Foundation, said "There's no need to stop now. There's an abundance of hard-core pornography in our area, and we're going to encourage the law enforcement entities within the community to continue enforcement of the laws."

1/19/94: ADG

Little Rock, April 28

An ad placed in the *Arkansas Times* urged Arkansans to vote against casino and lottery gambling amendments by refusing to sign petitions.

4/28/94: *Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, May 5

Rev. Don Moore, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist Convention and a member of the Christian Civic Foundation, sent letters to Arkansas Baptist pastors "urging them to ask their church members not to sign the (legalized gambling) petition," according to a May 5 edition of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

5/5/94: *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*

Little Rock, July 26

The last of four people arrested in a March raid on a Pulaski County adult video store was convicted on

obscenity charges. Arcade owner Jean Williams said that Larry Page, Christian Civic Foundation director, orchestrated the store's shutdown. Page acknowledged that "I, along with several others, had inquired about the enforcement of the obscenity laws. I certainly played a part in initiating the investigation."

7/26/94: ADG

Little Rock, July 28

In a letter asking for contributions, the Christian Civic Foundation laid out its 1995 legislative agenda. It detailed proposed actions related to alcohol, euthanasia, abortion, obscenity, sodomy, and gay and lesbian civil rights.

7/28: CCF Letter

### CHRISTIAN COALITION

Box 1990

Chesapeake, VA 23327

Founded in 1989 by Pat Robertson. Other Robertson groups include: Christian Broadcast Network and the American Center for Law and Justice, the 700 Club and Regent University (formerly CBN University).

### Arkansas Affiliate

#### ARKANSAS CHRISTIAN COALITION

Box 25922

Little Rock, AR 72221

State Executive Director: Bob Myshka

Pulaski County Director: Randy Schoening

The Arkansas Christian Coalition has local chapters in eight counties. The state chapter was organized less than two years ago. According to the Bob Myshka, the organization's only paid staff member, the Arkansas Christian Coalition does not know how many dues-paying members the organization has, but "something in excess of 5,000 Arkansans have been identified by the national organization." The Christian Coalition of Pulaski County meets monthly at the Terry Library in west Little Rock.

July

The Christian Coalition Congressional Scorecard was mailed to Arkansans and rated the Congress on issues such as school prayer, banning gays from the military, and the Elders nomination for surgeon general. According to the scorecard, Senators Dale Bumpers and David Pryor scored 14 points out of 100

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possible. Arkansas Congressmembers Blanche Lambert and Ray Thornton scored 36, compared with Tim Hutchinson and Jay Dickey who scored 100.

7/94: *Christian Coalition Mailing*

#### **EAGLE FORUM**

316 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Suite 302  
Washington, DC 20003

Founded and led by Phyllis Schlafly, the organization is best known for its successful campaign against the equal rights amendment.

#### **Arkansas Affiliate**

**FAMILY, LIFE, AMERICA, GOD (FLAG)**

Box 21065

Little Rock, AR 72221

227-5566

State Director: Marilyn Simmons

FLAG produces a monthly newsletter and provides educational information and lobbying on such issues as homosexuality and school prayer.

Little Rock, April

A flier announced the 1994 Central Arkansas FLAG Leadership Seminar, which covered such topics as "how your rights can be taken away by local government programs and how your child will be affected by Outcome-Based Education."

April: *Copy of Flier*

#### **FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH**

12601 Hinson Road

Little Rock, AR 72212

Pastor: Dr. Robert Lewis

Runs television spots on family values issues, led successful boycott of *Spectrum* over personal ads and worked with the Family Council to organize Little Rock's Life Chain.

Little Rock, January 21 and 22

In ads placed in the *Arkansas-Democrat Gazette*, Fellowship Bible Church invited Arkansans to join hands at the intersection of Capitol and Main streets as part of a Human Life Chain protesting abortion.

1/22: *ADG*

#### **FOCUS ON THE FAMILY**

Colorado Springs, Colo. 80995

Founded and led by James Dobson

Founder James Dobson is best known as an

advocate of traditional discipline and corporal punishment for children. However, his organization has also been active in anti-homosexual organizing since 1988.

Focus on the Family publishes a monthly newsletter and broadcasts radio programs throughout the country. Twenty-four radio stations throughout Arkansas carry Focus on the Family programming.

#### **Arkansas Affiliate**

**FAMILY COUNCIL**

1300 Westpark Drive

Suite 5-B

Little Rock, AR 72204

President: Jerry Cox

Newsletter inserted in Focus on the Family's publication, *Citizen*.

Sponsors the *Arkansas Citizen*, a monthly publication; the Family Council Resource Center, which gives Arkansans access to books, audiotapes and videos pertaining to the family unit; Family Forum Live, a monthly live satellite TV transmission of meetings of conservative leaders, Congress members, and policy-makers discussing traditional values; the Family Council Radio Program, currently in the planning stages; Community Impact Committees, to be established in churches throughout the state; The Action Chain, a computerized calling system that activates a statewide network of individuals who receive information on current pro-family issues, legislation and events; statewide pro-family advertising; and lobbying through the Family Council Action Committee

January

Family Council has launched a new project to compile and publish an "Index of Leading Cultural Indicators" for Arkansas. The report will offer an assessment of the social and moral health of Arkansas.

1/94: *Family Council Letter*

February 20

"Urgent, private and home school alert... Immediate action is needed," said a letter from the Family Council Action Committee in Little Rock, which opposed HR6, a bill that would require certification of the nation's teachers. Home-schoolers believe that the bill would affect children taught at home or in private schools.

2/20: *ADG*

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## February

The Family Council warned its readers about the activities of the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN), an organization that provides care teams for people living with AIDS as well as conducts numerous speaking engagements at area schools. The Council objected to RAIN talking about abstinence and proper condom use.

2/94: *Family Council Letter*

## February

Family Council helped a group of concerned parents in Amity (near Arkadelphia) win a victory in their school district that resulted in the passage of a policy prohibiting the dispensing of condoms at their school.

2/94: *Family Council Letter*

## March

Family Council will be working with other "pro-family groups" to conduct surveys of candidates running for the Arkansas Legislature and other statewide offices.

Additionally, the Family Council is mailing the *Arkansas Family Times* church bulletin to approximately 90 churches in an effort to expand work through its Community Impact Committees.

3/94: *Family Council Letter*

## May

The Family Council mailed "Decision 1994 – Primary Election Voter Guide." The guide was prepared in conjunction with Christian Civic Foundation, FLAG, Arkansas Christian Home Education Association and the Christian Coalition and asked candidates to give their views on such topics as school prayer, abortion and homosexuality.

5/94: *Copy of Voter's Guide*

## July

Family Council is considering distributing 500,000 copies of their voter guide as a two-page insert in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* on the Sunday before the November general elections as well as in every newspaper in Arkansas.

The Family Council is mailing the *Arkansas Family Times* church bulletin to approximately 200 churches on a monthly basis. The Family Council has also added another service called the Family News Alert, a weekly mailing with information from Focus

on the Family, Family Research Council, Heritage Foundation and the American Life League.

7/94: *Family Council Letter*

## September

The Family Council warned its readers about the activities of the Women's Project and said, "it is especially disturbing that we are funding an organization with our tax dollars that seeks to tear down the very institution we are trying to build up – the traditional family."

9/94: *Arkansas Citizen*

## October

The Family Council distributed almost 100,000 Family Council Voter's Guides through its network of churches, 400,000 were published in approximately 20 newspapers, and direct mailed 6,000 to households across the state.

10/94: *Family Council Letter*

## November

The Family Council hosted a free seminar for individuals interested in learning about lobbying. Featured speakers included Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee, state Sen. George Hopkins, state Rep. Phil Wyrick, attorney Rob Shafer and representatives from FLAG and the Family Council.

The Arkansas Family Forum featured guest speaker Thelma Moton, founder and director of Excel.

11/94: *Family Council Letter*

## **FRIENDS OF LIFE**

Box 882

Cabot, AR 72023

State Director: Theresa Qualls

In 1992, Friends of Life distributed 130 leaflets titled "A killer in your neighborhood" to neighbors of Dr. Curtis Stover of Little Rock Family Planning Services. Friends of Life also targeted Stover's clinic director, Carolyn Izard, and Carol Nokes from the Arkansas Coalition for Choice. The graphic anti-abortion leaflets are geared toward organizing neighbors against abortion rights advocates.

## January 30

Ten anti-abortion demonstrators picketed outside of a fund-raiser for Planned Parenthood of Greater Arkansas.

January: *Eyewitness Report*

**KVTN-TV, CHANNEL 25**

Agape Church  
701 Napa Valley Drive  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Pastor: Happy Caldwell

KVTN provides 24-hour Christian programming, including a Victory Message Board that lists the activities of church and Christian organizations.

Little Rock, February

"America's Godly Heritage," a program that encourages Christians to run for public office, was aired by KVTN throughout the state on February 8th and February 10th. The program's narrator, David Barton, is the founder of Wall builders, a ministry "dedicated to rebuilding God's principles in public affairs."

1/23: *Copy of Flier*, 2/94: Promotions on KVTN

### Other Religious Right Activities

Hot Springs, January 1994

Rev. Fred Phelps, minister of the Westboro Baptist Church and Library in Topeka, Kan., demonstrated at the funeral of President Clinton's mother, Virginia Kelley, to protest Clinton's stand on gays in the military. Phelps is well known nationally for disrupting the funerals of people who died from AIDS-related causes.

2/23: ADG

Little Rock, January

Approximately 10,000 abortion foes rallied against Roe vs. Wade at a march organized by Arkansas Right to Life at the state Capitol. March speakers denounced President Clinton's health-care plan.

1/24: ADG

Fayetteville, January 4

More than 40 people addressed the Fayetteville School Board concerning the district's proposed policy on prayer in school. Winston Simpson, Superintendent, said that the rough-draft policy he submitted to the Board is no different from current practice in the schools. Most of the people who spoke at the meeting contended that there is a difference between student-initiated prayers at school functions and school-sponsored prayer at school functions. Morton Gitelman, distinguished professor of law the

the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, said that student-initiated prayer disenfranchises students of minority religious beliefs and violates the First Amendment.

On February 24th, the School Board adopted a revised policy which addresses only school-sponsored prayer; the issue of student-initiated prayer at school events is not discussed. Rudy Moore, attorney for the School Board, advised that the "safest course is not to adopt a provision on student-initiated prayer."

1/4-2/24: AD-G

Jonesboro, January 13

Terry Riley, owner of the Magick Moon Bookstore, filed a lawsuit against four ministers including Rev. Terry Schakelaar, Wood Spring Church of the Nazarene; Rev. Stan Ballard, Nettleton Baptist Church; Rev. Robert Wortmiller and Rev. John Utley, Wood Street Assembly of God. He alleged that the ministers conspired to keep landlords in Jonesboro from renting him a building.

Riley and his wife, Deanna, lost their store, in which they sold books on witchcraft, tarot, potions and magic wands, when Steven Griffin evicted them from the space they had rented from Griffin's father. Riley is seeking \$10,000 in lost earnings and \$250,000 in punitive damages.

1/13/24: *Arkansas Times*; AD-G

Conway, January 20

More than 800 calls, only a handful of them complaints, were made to the Arkansas Educational Television Network after its airing Jan. 10-12 of a series set in San Francisco. *Tales of the City*, an American Playhouse series based on the writings of the same title by Armistead Mauphin, came under strong attack from the American Family Association. AETN, the local PBS affiliate, heavily edited the program, which drew the largest number of complaints. PBS later announced that it would not continue with plans for a second series based on Mauphin's works.

1/20: ADG

Little Rock, January 21

AIDS prevention courses taught in the Mountain Home School District do not conflict with state and federal law, the state attorney general's office found. In November, 1993 Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee requested an opinion on behalf of parents who

objected to the courses.

1/21: ADG

Little Rock, February

Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee proclaimed the week of Feb. 27 through March 5 Christian Heritage Week in Arkansas. Approximately 300 people attended a Feb. 27th ceremony in the state Capitol Rotunda including U.S. Congressman Tim Hutchinson, Lt. Gov. Huckabee, state Senators Stanley Russ and Jim Keet and state Representatives Mark Riable and Bob Fairchild.

The event was organized by Altheimer attorney Brenda Vassaur Taylor, a member of a loosely organized group called Arkansas Christians for America, which ran advertisements in newspapers during the 1992 presidential campaign criticizing Bill Clinton.

2/94: *Letter from the Family Council*; 2/14: ADG

Fort Smith, February 4

Fort Smith attorney Oscar Stilley began circulating petitions in January to place a proposed voucher amendment to the state constitution on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. Parents of private-school students would receive vouchers calculated from the average amounts spent on public-school students in their areas.

2/4: ADG

February 18

The first statewide convention for Arkansas Collegians for Life was scheduled for Feb. 19.

1/18: *Arkansas United Methodist*

Conway, February 19

Hendrix College officials are investigating an apparently bogus Republican group that solicited donations nationwide from abortion rights advocates. The solicitation, sent via Internet, a national computer network, asked that donations be sent to a Hendrix campus post office box rented by an abortion opponent and another student.

2/19: ADG

Fayetteville, February 24

The Fayetteville School Board has traded a confusing policy on prayer at school events for one that says nothing. Heeding the advice of its attorney, the board chose to "stand silent" on the issue of

student-initiated prayer while rewriting its policy.

Those decisions are now solely in the hands of school administrators.

2/24: ADG

Little Rock March

Oliver North is scheduled to be the keynote speaker for the Arkansas Baptist School Systems 1994 Partners in Excellence Spring Banquet on April 25.

March: *FLAG Newsletter*

Little Rock, March 3

Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee has invited Arkansas seniors to attend a town meeting on health-care reform and attend a reception for the United Seniors Association. United Seniors was founded by arch-conservative Richard Viguerie, known for pioneer direct-mail fund-raising to funnel cash to his own for-profit company. Other speakers at the rally were to include state Auditor Julia Hughes Jones and state Representative Mark Riable.

3/3: *Arkansas Times*

Beebe, March 16

An elementary school textbook is still on order at Beebe despite objections by 15 or more parents about references to supernatural influence and "globalism."

3/16: ADG

Little Rock, March 31

Arkansas and 10 other states are set to defy a deadline set by the Clinton administration to begin using Medicaid money for poor women's abortions in cases of rape and incest.

3/31: ADG

Little Rock, April 7

Lt. Governor Mike Huckabee said he would cancel a scheduled speech to the Council for Conservative Citizens if another speaker, Houston-based lawyer and holocaust revisionist Kirk Lyons, appeared. Huckabee said that the invitation was one of dozens of speaking requests he receives each week. "This is one we may not have known enough about." Huckabee sent a videotaped greeting to the council for its meeting last year.

4/7: ADG; *Council for Conservative Citizens Newsletter*

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Little Rock, April 16

Randall Terry, leader of the militant anti-abortion group, Operation Rescue, made stops in Little Rock and Texarkana on a nine-city tour aimed at scandals in the "wicked" Clinton administration. The group also protested at the Rose Law Firm and Clinton's Arkansas place of worship, Immanuel Baptist Church.

4/16: ADG

Harrison, April 24

About 75 people attended a rally sponsored by the Arkansas Teachers Association, a group whose purpose is to reassure conservative Christian teachers that they are not alone. The rally was attended by representatives from the American Family Association, Call for Action, Christian Coalition, Citizens for Excellence in Education, Concerned Citizens Action Committee, Family Council and FLAG.

A spokesperson said that although ATA is an independent association, it works closely with William Bennett's Empower America, the National Right to Work Committee, the Family Council, the Christian Coalition, Concerned Women of America, National Association of Christian Administrators and other conservative groups.

4/24: *Harrison Daily Times*

Benton, May 3

Arkansans have formed an affiliate of a national group opposed to abortion and euthanasia, according to an official of the national organization. The new group, Pro-Life Arkansas, is affiliated with the Stafford, VA based American-Life League, said Julie Wright, director for the league's five-state Southern region.

5/3: *Benton Courier*

Little Rock, May 6

A small group gathered at the state Capitol to commemorate the National Day of Prayer sponsored by the Colorado Springs-based, Focus on the Family.

5/6: ADG

Little Rock, May 8

About 50 people attended the Arkansas Right to Life Inc. Convention in Little Rock. David N. O'Steen, the executive director of the National Right to Life Committee said that President Clinton's health-care proposal would spell disaster for

Americans, particularly unborn babies and disabled people.

5/8: ADG

Trumann, May 19

Terry Riley, the high priest of a Wiccan coven in Jonesboro, purchased a 15-minute Sunday morning spot on Trumann radio station KERC-FM for a program tentatively titled "Children of the Circle." Riley planned to explain his coven's doctrine and to eventually introduce "pagan bands" on the show.

Riley also accused KLQZ-FM in Paragould, of religious discrimination because they did not run a 15-minute tape prepared by Riley's coven. He claimed he bought 15 minutes of air time for six Sundays, but the station later refused to broadcast the tapes and agreed to refund his money. According to the coven, about 20 people protested near the station in Paragould.

5/19, 5/30: AD-G

Little Rock, May 31

About 60 members of Arkansas Right to Life placed 200 small white crosses and held a memorial in Little Rock next to a women's health-care clinic where abortions are performed. A Little Rock Roman Catholic priest has bought the vacant lot to use "as the Lord wants," he said.

5/31: ADG

Fort Smith, June 22

Fort Smith lawyer Oscar Stilley has abandoned his effort to place a school voucher amendment on the November ballot. He said he has collected only about 1,000 signatures on the voucher petition since he started the drive in January. Stilley says he'll try again for Nov. 1996.

6/22: ADG

Little Rock, July 6

Anti-abortion protestors from around the country participated in the "Summer of Justice" in Little Rock from July 6th through July 9th. The organizations (and their representatives) sponsoring the event were Operation Rescue National (Rev. Flip Benham), the Pro-Life Action Network (Joe Scheidler), and Rescue America (Don Treshman). They targeted four clinics in Little Rock and also demonstrated at the home of at least one clinic director.

Counter-demonstrations were organized by a coalition of 25 Arkansas groups. The Alliance held

clinics for training in nonviolent defense techniques for counter-demonstrators with the help of members of the Feminist Majority, a groups based in Los Angeles.

Thirty anti-abortion demonstrators were arrested for blockading a clinic door. Of the 19 men, nine women, and two girls (ages 13 and 14) who were arrested, only three people were Arkansas residents. It was estimated that more than two-thirds of the anti-abortion protesters were from out of state. No women were denied access to clinics during the demonstrations. Little Rock police recorded the blockade with video cameras to provide evidence to submit to U.S. Attorney Paula Casey for consideration of charges under the FACE law. It was estimated that counter-demonstrators outnumbered anti-abortion protesters by a two-to-one margin. The "Summer of Justice" resulted in a cost of \$103,123 for on-duty police.

7/6-7/16, 9/16: *AD-G; The Good News Reporter, World; Arkansas Times; Little Rock Free Press; Arkansas Women's Journal*

Paragould, August 14

Greene County was reported to be the first county in Arkansas to consider a resolution that calls for voluntary prayer in public schools. The Quorum Court's Public Service Committee received the resolution from County Judge David Lange.

The head of the Committee, Don Lambert, said he has several questions he would like answered before making a recommendation.

8/14: *AD-G*

Little Rock, September 15

Critics of the Governor's School planned to tell lawmakers that the school brainwashes the students. The Arkansas chapter of the American Family Association wants to close the school or change its curriculum despite finding by a team of observers that the school is not a hotbed of anti-Christian leftist attitudes. AFA's Bobby Hester said that the school teaches anti-Christian thinking, embraces homosexuality and questions the authority of parents.

9/15: *ADG*

Little Rock, September 20

Abortion opponents asked the Supreme Court to ban almost all abortions at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences at Little Rock. The Unborn

Child Amendment Committee argued that even if a woman fully paid for an abortion, public funds would be involved if state-owned equipment or physicians whose salaries partly were paid by the state were used.

In October the Arkansas Supreme Court overruled the Pulaski County Chancery Court decision that banned the expenditure of public funds on abortions except to save a woman's life. Robert Shafer, president of the Unborn Child Amendment Committee, said that the decision was a "limited setback," and that the case could be tied up in the courts for a year or more. In December the Arkansas Supreme Court rejected an appeal by the committee, who contended that it was denied ample opportunity to present evidence dealing with the definition of "mother's life" during trial of the lawsuit.

9/20-12/6: *ADG*

Little Rock, September 27

The American Life League announced that it would file a friend-of-the-court brief in an Arkansas Supreme Court case involving the state Health Department and the Westark Christian Action Council of Fort Smith. The Westark Council requested abortion data for Sebastian, Crawford and Washington counties to verify the state's figures on abortion and to find out which doctors are performing abortions where. In December, Circuit Judge Don Langston ruled that abortion statistics compiled by the state Dept. of Health may remain in the agency's care until the state Supreme Court decides whether the records are public information.

9/27-12/17: *ADG*

Little Rock, September 28

Bob Burr, president of Arkansas Right to Life, Jerry Cox of the Family Council, and Fred Hart, a local attorney who represents abortion opponents, who believe that life begins at conception condemned the recommendation of a federal panel that the government finance research on human embryos.

9/28: *ADG*

Ft. Smith, October 13

Clinton Thomas sued the Ft. Smith School District in U.S. District Court seeking reinstatement of advertisements for his store, Talisman, in the Northside High School newspaper *The Grizzly*. Thomas is a Wiccan and said that the books in his store address the culture and history of various

religions and lifestyles. In 1993, the School District banned his advertisements from the school newspaper citing "overwhelming complaints" and an unpaid account. Thomas claims that the School District infringed on a shop owner's constitutional right to religious tolerance.

U.S. District Judge Jimm Larry Hendren Ruled that school officials have no obligation to take advertisements because the paper is not a public forum but serves as an educational tool. Thomas' attorney, Greg Karber, filed an appeal that will be heard in the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, Missouri. A three-judge panel will review all arguments and will rule on the case by mid-1995.

10/13-11/11: AD-G; *Times Record; Southwest Times Record*

Little Rock, November 2

Demonstrators who protested the Monday visit of Rev. Jerry Falwell were on hand to greet delegates at the first day of Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Followers of the Rev. W. N. Otwell of Nacogdoches, TX lined the sidewalk outside with brightly colored signs.

11/2: ADG

Booneville, December 2

Clara Wagner, 17, stopped attending classes at Booneville High School to protest the daily reading of a Bible verse. For at least 30 years, school officials allowed student office workers to choose a Bible verse to "motivate and encourage students."

Wagner missed 66 days of school and her parents, Carolyn and William Wagner, were charged with violating the state's compulsory attendance law. Judge Paul X. Williams, Jr., of the Booneville Municipal Court, ruled that the Booneville schools must stop the

reading of Bible passages in its daily bulletins. Williams also fined William and Carolyn Wagner \$500 each, with \$250 each suspended. In his ruling, Williams said "there is no place" for religion in a public school setting.

The school stopped the Bible passages in the daily bulletins on November 28th. However, students initiated a before-school Bible-study group on school grounds.

Carolyn Wagner said that she and her daughter will move out of state so that Clara can attend public school. She claimed that the Wagners have been harassed by local residents, including receiving a letter placed in their mailbox which contained the message "Stop or suffer in the name of Jesus."

12/2\12/9: *Southwest Times Record; AD-G; Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, December 3

Secretary of State Bill McCuen allowed the wooden Nativity scene to be exhibited inside the Capitol. McCuen said it was part of a craft show and sale held at the Capitol.

Earlier in the year, 25 clergymen signed a statement urging McCuen not to erect the Nativity scene at the Capitol as he had done in previous years.

12/3-12/8: AD-G

Bentonville, December 13

Some 21 people attended a preliminary organizing meeting for the new Benton County chapter of the Christian Coalition. Skip Gallagher, a local coordinator, said that, ultimately, the group would like to identify enough pro-Christian Coalition voters to influence school board elections and be a factor in the county's politics.

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With thanks to our many volunteer monitors,  
including special thanks to Linda Coyle, Denise Dorton and Andrea Cuchetto.

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# Our Mission...

Our goal is social change or, as the poet Adrienne Rich writes, "the transformation of the world." We believe this world can be changed to become a place of peace and justice for all women.

We take risks in our work; we take unpopular stands. We work for all women and against all forms of discrimination and oppression. We believe that we cannot work for all women and against sexism unless we also work against racism, classism, ageism, anti-Semitism, heterosexism and homophobia. We see the connection among these oppressions as the context for violence against women in this society.

We are concerned in particular about issues of

importance to traditionally underrepresented women: poor women, aged women, women of color, teenage mothers, lesbians, women in prisons, etc. All are women who experience discrimination and violence against their lives.

We are committed to working multi-culturally, multi- racially, and to making our work and cultural events accessible to low income women. We believe that women will not know equality until they know economic justice.

We believe that a few committed women working in coalition and in consensus with other women can make significant change in the quality of life for all women.

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In each issue, members and volunteers receive analysis of contemporary issues, information about Women's Project upcoming events and activities, book reviews, and more.

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## Current Projects

### ■ Prison Project

A support and advocacy project for women in prison that provides support groups for battered women in prison, a prisoner-led AIDS program and a transportation program for the children of incarcerated mothers.

### ■ Women's Watchcare Network

A project to monitor and respond to incidents of racial, religious, sexual, and anti-gay violence; and to provide education and strategies to counter the activities of hate groups and the Radical Right.

### ■ The Social Justice Project

Workshops on understanding racism and homophobia and developing methods to eliminate them; women's economic issues; organizational development for social change organizations.

### ■ Women and AIDS

A project to develop strategies for working with women and caregivers around AIDS issues.

### ■ African-American Women's Institute for Social Justice

A project which creates strategies for overcoming the barriers that hinder African-American women's efforts toward power and self-determination.

### ■ Communications and Events

A newsletter, a lending library, statewide and regional conferences, and production of women singers, poets and novelists.



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