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Women's Watchcare Network Log

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Over this past twelve months, Little Rock saw a record year for the number of murders committed in the inner-city. Most of us who work here also live downtown and so have reluctantly grown accustomed to gunfire, alarm systems going off, and people's growing mistrust of anyone under 18 years of age.

Like most people in this country, we have been following the nation's growing concern about crime with interest because for the last several years we have been consumed with the knowledge that most women in this country are threatened, injured or killed by someone that they know, and in many cases, someone that they love. While the nation debates getting guns out of the hands of criminals, we know that in the case of women shot and killed in their own homes, easy access to a gun has made the difference between their living and dying.

Our Women's Watchcare Network Log for 1993 has reaffirmed our thinking. In Arkansas, 60% of murdered women were killed by someone they knew. Twenty-nine percent

were killed by boyfriends and husbands. Nineteen percent were killed by ex-boyfriends and husbands. Fifty-five percent were killed by someone who used a handgun, rifle or shotgun. Eighteen percent were stabbed to death. In one case, a woman was murdered by an ex-boyfriend who purchased a handgun on the day of her murder.

Will new gun purchase laws remedy this situation? They might, but in only a small number of cases. Most guns used in the murders of Arkansas women were purchased legally and will continue to be purchased legally. The numbers of women killed in their own homes will only be reduced when the number of handguns found in our homes and places of business are reduced and when our nation addresses the root causes of this violence once and for all.

Our log, which is at a record length of 32 pages this year, is as remarkable for what it doesn't include as for what it does. Missing because of space limitations are 18 incidents of sexist climate and 48 incidents of racist climate.

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gay and lesbian climate and over 100 anti-gay and lesbian letters to the editors of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* are also not recorded here. Combined, these incidents reflect the tale of a gay and lesbian community increasingly under siege.

At the same time, the activities of the Radical Right have skyrocketed. By their own tally, they boasted 21 wins in the last session of the legislature on issues ranging from abortion to sex education to sodomy. Determined to stamp their imprint on every issue affecting Arkansans, just this month they initiated a major effort to elect Christians to city councils, school boards, and the State Legislature. As this log goes to print, the State commemorates Christian Heritage Week, proclaimed by a Lieutenant Governor who was elected by the Christian Coalition.

Arkansas is but one state in a growing wave of an effort to re-shape our thinking about our country. As the Radical Right

attacks democracy as we know it, so-called centrist politicians wage attacks on immigrants and on people of color through initiatives called the 'war on crime' and 'welfare reform.'

Often accused of being Chicken Little, and reinforced by our Log, we do see the sky falling all around us.

But we are also often accused of being the Pollyanna who looks for the bright side in everything, so we see hope for change as well.

Throughout our own state, we see people organizing in coalition to fight for fundamental fairness for all people.

An unprecedented alliance of more than 20 organizations has gathered to resist a planned descent on Little Rock by Rescue America. African-American women from throughout the state have gathered on a monthly basis to plan the state's second African-American Women's Conference through the Women's Project African-American Women's Institute for

Social Change. Just this month, 29 Central Arkansas restaurants donated 10% of their proceeds for one day to eight organizations that work on issues related to HIV and AIDS. Two demonstrations – one to speak out against the Ku Klux Klan and the other to support women's reproductive rights – were each attended by over 100 people.

This article began by talking about the number of homicides in the inner-city and that gets us to thinking about the persistent poverty that ravages so many of our communities and causes the cycle of hopelessness and despair to replace the wonderment of opportunity. This too, is where we need to speak out to make change.

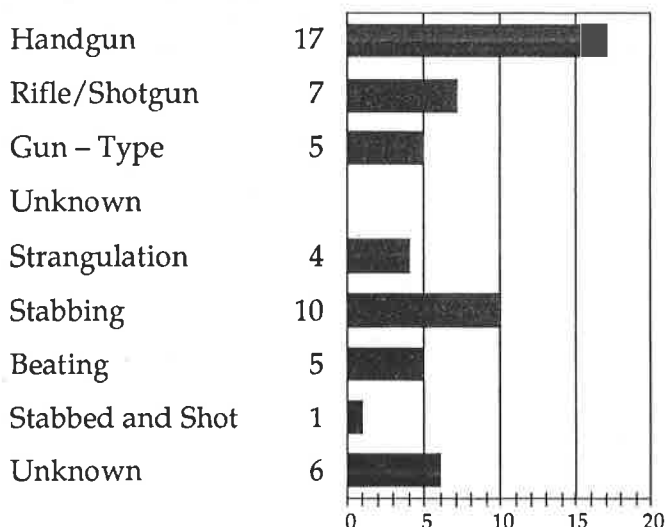
People, working together, can make a difference, in every community and on every issue. Now is the time for each of us to speak out in her or his own way. We must not only defend ourselves from violence but work to change the causes of it.

1993 Murders

Relationship



Cause of Death



The 1993 Women's Watchcare Network Log

*A documentation of sexist, racist,
homophobic and religious violence,
and the activities of the religious Right
and organized hate groups in Arkansas*

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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.

Sexist Murders Of Women

This log reflects the murders of 55 Arkansas women and girls in 1993. This does not include women killed in robberies unless there was also sexual violence. Of the 55, 33 were killed by men who were known to them.

Benton, January 2, 1993

Jacquelyn Kay Landreth Rusher, 36, was shot in the chest with a shotgun.

David Ray Rusher, 31, her husband, then shot and killed himself. The woman's two sons were at home at the time of the shootings. The couple had been married only since October.

1/2-1/4: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; The Benton Courier*

Heth, January 18, 1993

Evelyn Diane McShan, 27, was shot several times in the head with a .22-caliber semiautomatic rifle by her ex-boyfriend after an argument. John Logway, 32, was also shot but survived.

Terry Lynn Hardaway, 22, was charged with first-degree murder and first-degree battery in the shootings. Bond was set at \$50,000. McShan and Hardaway separated two weeks prior to the shooting.

1/18-1/21: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; St. Francis Times Herald*

Greenbrier, January 26, 1993

Jessica Kirkpatrick, 3, and her brother, Adam Kirkpatrick, 4, were shot and killed with a single gunshot wound to the head with a 12-gauge shotgun. Randy Thomas Kirkpatrick, 30, their father, then killed himself.

Randy Kirkpatrick was facing a divorce and custody hearing. Family members reported that Kirkpatrick said he would kill the children and himself before allowing his wife to have custody. At the time of the shooting Randy Kirkpatrick had temporary custody of the children. The children's grandmother, Helen Kirkpatrick, had been sent out to get groceries and discovered the bodies upon her return.

1/26-1/29: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Log Cabin Democrat*

Fayetteville, January 27, 1993

Patricia Faye Brown, 36, was found dead at her home by a male roommate. Police said they are not investigating the death as a homicide but there were enough questions surrounding the death to warrant an investigation. Brown's body was sent to the state medical examiner's office for autopsy.

1/27: *Northwest Arkansas Times; The Morning News*

Fort Smith, February 1, 1993

Charlotte Geiger, 50, was shot twice in the face with a .25-caliber handgun by her boyfriend, Paul Rankin, 47.

Rankin was convicted of second-degree murder.

10/22: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Green Forest, February 2, 1993

Helen Tennison, 23, was strangled to death.

Ramon Tennison, 26, her husband, first told police that he observed his wife's body tumbling from a moving vehicle and landing in the front yard of the mobile home. He said that she was dead when he found her in the yard.

Ramon Tennison was charged with capital murder.

2/2-2/11: *Harrison Daily Times; The Star Progress; Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Green Forest Tribune; Boone County Headlight*

Little Rock, February 3, 1993

Linda Kitchens, 28, was shot while in a car outside the Butler Apartments.

Eugene Donell Scott, 21, and Kitchens were arguing before the shooting. Scott went into an apartment, got a handgun and fired several shots at Kitchen's departing car, striking Kitchen once in the head.

Scott was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

2/3-12/23: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, February 3, 1993

Nina Frazier, 25, along with her boyfriend, James Maness, 31, was found dead on an isolated road in southeast Little Rock. Each had several gunshot wounds to the chest from a large-caliber handgun.

George Anthony Brown, 24, and his girlfriend, Tabitha Graham, 23, were charged with two counts

each of capital murder. They are scheduled to stand trial together in May. Brown was Frazier's ex-boyfriend.

2/3-4/10: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Jacksonville, February 10, 1993

Debra Lucky Reese, 26, was found dead inside a closet at her home while police were investigating a possible burglary. Jacksonville Police Chief Don Tate said that Reese apparently died after suffering a blow to the head from a blunt object.

Ledell Lee Jr., 27, was charged with capital murder and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to Chief Tate, Lee did not know Reese.

Lee pleaded insanity in the death of Reese as well as to the 1989 murder of Christine Lewis. Lee had also been questioned in the 1990 strangulation death of Carolyn Johnson.

2/10-10/21: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Jacksonville Patriot*

Arkadelphia, February 11, 1993

Cindy Smith, 32, died from a single shot "under her left ear," according to police officer Robert Johnston. Her 18-month-old son was sleeping in the next room at the time.

Johnny Rucker, 25, Smith's ex-boyfriend, was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for capital murder.

2/11-10/5: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Arkansas Crime Information Center; Arkadelphia police*

Little Rock, March 9, 1993

The nude body of **Nickolett Johnson**, 30, was found outside a Thayer Street warehouse under a pile of leaves.

Lt. John Martin would not identify the cause of death but Lt. Charles Holladay said, "There were some marks on her neck but that doesn't mean she was strangled." Police found black undergarments about 40 feet from Johnson's body, but are not sure if they belonged to her. The body was sent to the state Crime Laboratory for autopsy.

The two suspects in the murder, Phillip Chenowith, 25, and David William Harder, 21, have been arrested in an alleged attack on a 29-year-old woman. These two men are also under investigation in a number of other crimes against young women in the Little Rock area. (See *Racist Violence*: March 16, 1993)

3/9-3/31: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Hampton, March 17, 1993

Cynthia Martin, a Hampton City Councilwoman, 41, died 11 days after being shot at home by her ex-husband George Martin, 56, with a .22-caliber pistol. The Martins had been through a bitter divorce in late 1992.

Martin was charged with capital murder. Martin had been released on bail but the bail was revoked because he allegedly made threatening phone calls to UAMS and to Charter Hospital, where his son was receiving psychiatric treatment. He will undergo a 30-day psychiatric examination at the State Hospital.

3/17-4/1: *South Arkansas Accent; Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Lake Village, March 24, 1993

Alexis Jackson, 21, was killed by her former boyfriend George Newell, 23, with semiautomatic pistols after an argument. Jackson was pregnant at the time. Robert Dixon Jr., 21, Jackson's current boyfriend, was also shot by Newell, but survived. Dixon then shot and killed Newell.

Police are investigating the shootings as self-defense.

3/24: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; McGehee-Dermott Times-News*

De Queen, April 2, 1993

Carol Jean Heath, 25, died from a single knife wound to the throat. She had also been sexually assaulted. Her body was found inside her apartment. Heath's two children, an infant and a kindergartner, were asleep in one of the two bedrooms in the apartment when the body was found.

An arrest warrant was obtained for Stacey E. Johnson, 23, an assumed acquaintance of Heath. Johnson was arrested in Albuquerque, N.M., and was extradited back to Arkansas. Johnson pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for March 21 in Sevier County Circuit Court.

4/2-12/5: *De Queen Daily Citizen; De Queen Bee; Little River News; Texarkana Gazette*

Pine Bluff, April 2, 1993

Kathy Ann Bartlett, 30, was shot in the face and found dead at 4 a.m. outside the Holiday Inn-Convention Center. She was naked from the waist down. She had lived at the hotel for about a month, and her car was parked near the grassy area next to

the hotel driveway where her body was found. Capt. Sam Dockery of the Pine Bluff Police Department said investigators are working under the assumption that she was attacked by a stranger at the site, not by someone in her room.

4/2-4/7: *Pine Bluff Commercial; Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Danville, April 7, 1993

Christine Rayburn, 28, was identified as the person found in March off Highway 80 about 13 miles southwest of Danville. A state medical examiner's report showed that Rayburn had stab wounds and multiple gunshot wounds.

Police believe that missing portions of the body had been carried away by animals before it was found.

A 72-year-old Memphis, TN businessman was a suspect in Rayburn's murder, but drove to his wife's grave the morning he was to talk with police and shot himself in the head. Police have not released the name of the man.

4/7-10/27: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Post-Dispatch; Yell County Record*

Osceola, April 6, 1993

Estella Black, 85, was raped and murdered in her home. There were indications that the house had been broken into.

Robert Lee Jones, 34, was charged with rape and capital murder. He is being held on \$500,000 bond.

4/6-4/14: *Blytheville Courier News; The Osceola Times*

Little Rock, April 12, 1993

Nancy Jo Davis, 38, was shot to death after she refused to hand over her 5-year-old grandson to his father. Davis was shot twice as she stood in her doorway. The boy was not at Davis' home at the time of the killing. The father and mother of the child were in a custody battle over the boy.

Derrick Tiller, 26, was convicted and sentenced to 20 years on a charge of second-degree murder.

4/12-4/13: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Kensett, April 14, 1993

Janniece Jackson, 36, died as a result of several blows to the head and face from a small, kitchen-type meat cleaver or hatchet.

Cottrell Caldwell, 72, the boyfriend of Jackson,

pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and was sentenced to 40 years in prison. There had been a history of domestic abuse between Jackson and Caldwell.

4/14-4/15: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Daily Citizen*

Magnolia, April 15, 1993

Constance Fleming, 6 months, died of brain injuries sustained by a severe blow to the back of the head that doctors say she suffered while being shaken.

DeWayne Pugh, 21, the mother's live-in boyfriend, has been charged with first-degree battery in the case. The child's mother, Teresa Fleming, was charged with allowing child abuse.

4/15: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Dermott, April 21, 1993

Louisa M. Johnson, 92, was found on the living room floor of her home. Johnson had been raped and strangled. Her feet and hands were tied and a quilt had been wrapped around her head.

Allen Charles McGehee, 33, and Joseph O'Neal, 29, have been charged with capital murder. O'Neal had mowed Johnson's lawn in the past. Dermott Police Chief Jerry Melton said the initial motive for the attack was robbery. Only \$20 was missing. Both men had prior convictions for sexual abuse.

4/21-4/23: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; McGehee Dermott Times-News; Pine Bluff Commercial*

College Station, April 26, 1993

Edna Paulette, 43, was shot in her bedroom by her husband, Roy Charles Paulette, 51, who then shot and killed himself. A .38-caliber handgun was found in Roy Paulette's hand. Their son discovered the bodies. He was at the house sleeping at the time of the shootings. There had been a history of domestic abuse.

4/26: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Hope, April 27, 1993

Maggie E. Whitfield, 67, was beaten, sexually assaulted and suffocated in her home after an apparent burglary attempt.

Jackie McKnight, 20, and Chad Michael Williams, 16, were charged with capital murder and denied bail.

5/13-5/19: *Hope Star; Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Texarkana Gazette*

Harrisburg, April 27, 1993

Annie Gene McCuiston, 20, was found beaten to death on a farm south of Harrisburg. She was barefoot and dressed in night clothes. Jonesboro police said two sets of footprints led from some old grain bins near the road to where the body lay. Only one set of footprints returned. A missing person report fitting the description of McCuiston had been filed earlier by her sister.

Walter Ray Coleman, 39, was charged with first-degree murder in the case. He was the last person to be seen at her residence before the body was discovered.

4/27-4/29: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; The Modern News; Jonesboro Sun*

Little Rock, April 29, 1993

Tatulla Boykins, 17, was shot in the head with a .38-caliber semiautomatic handgun. Boykins' 13-year-old cousin was with her in the kitchen at the time of the shooting.

Roosevelt Butler, 20, was sentenced to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty to a reduced charge of second-degree murder. Butler was Boykins' boyfriend at the time.

4/29-1/27/94: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, May 23, 1993

Day Michelle Albey, 21, of Jacksonville was shot to death by her former boyfriend at McCain Mall in North Little Rock. Jimmy L. Sweeney, 41, of North Little Rock fired at least two shots at Albey before shooting himself. Both died at the scene.

Two months prior to the incident, Albey broke off the relationship with Sweeney, who then began sending her gifts and flowers and even bought her a ring. There had also been a prior history of abuse in the relationship. The .38-caliber handgun used in the shooting was bought just 45 minutes before Sweeney walked into the department store where Albey worked.

5/23-27: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Fort Smith, May 25, 1993

Verna Kaye Ellingberg, 40, was stabbed several times in the chest. Ellingberg was found on the floor of her home by her daughter.

Donald Ray Harris, 41, was charged with first-degree murder. Ellingberg and Ray had been living together for two months, and there had been a

history of abuse.

5/25-26: *Times Record; Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Searcy, May 26, 1993

Sara Gerber Taylor, 17, was shot once in the head with a .22-caliber revolver by Terry Marvin Hughes, 31.

Hughes was charged with manslaughter instead of murder because the shooting was the result of an argument and not premeditated, police said.

5/26-27: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Daily Citizen*

Wilmot, June 9, 1993

Yolanda Russell, 23, was stabbed to death at her home.

Johnny Ray Craft, also known as Johnny Ray Brown, 31, was arrested for the stabbing. Craft was sentenced to one year in prison and \$1,000 fine.

At one time Russell and Craft had lived together and on the night of Russell's death, they had been fighting.

6/9: *Ashley County Ledger*

Fort Smith, June 21, 1993

Juanita Wofford, 58, was found dead in her home with puncture wounds in the back of her head. A state medical examiner's report confirmed that Wofford was murdered from a blow to the back of the head.

Danny Ray Bennett, 39, was charged with Wofford's murder. Burnett was also charged in the rape of a 90-year-old woman.

6/21-2/1/94: *Times Record; Southwest Times Record; Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, July 6, 1993

Deborah Ann Rhodes, 26, was killed when three men walked to a vacant lot across the street from her house and opened fire with a shotgun and a large caliber pistol. Police have no suspects in the case.

7/6: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

England, July 14, 1993

Sylvia Boyd, 33, was stabbed to death by her estranged husband, Horachel Boyd, 34, with a large sportsman's knife. The two were in the process of a divorce at the time of the stabbing, and Sylvia Boyd had moved back to her parent's home.

She had gone back to her home with her father and husband to get some personal things when Boyd locked her father out of the house and killed her.

Boyd was sentenced to life in prison on a first-degree murder charge. He also received an additional 20 years for raping his step-daughter on two occasions.

7/21-1/19: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; England Democrat*

Garland, July 13, 1993

The body of **Jo Ann Kennedy**, 56, was found outside the E-Z Mart store where she worked as a clerk. Kennedy died from multiple stab wounds.

Police said robbery did not appear to have been the motive and that Kennedy may have been sexually assaulted.

Andrew Sasser was charged with first-degree murder in Kennedy's death.

7/13-14: *Texarkana Gazette; Banner News*

Russellville, July 19, 1993

Janice Solomon, 42, was shot to death by her husband, Bob Solomon, 46, with a 9mm gun.

Solomon, who was charged with first-degree murder, said he accidentally shot his wife during an argument while they were driving around in their pickup truck.

7/19-20: *Courier Democrat; Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, July 20, 1993

The decomposed body of **Nancy Marie Thompson**, 31, was found beside a vacant house at 19th and Chester streets. An autopsy revealed that Thompson died from a blow to the head.

Thompson's body was found by a man looking for the source of an odor neighbors had smelled since early July. Police learned the woman's identity after an experimental computerized system matched Thompson's fingerprints with a set in the computer's data base.

7/20-22: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Pine Bluff, August 8, 1993

The body of **Joyce Yvette Rauls Moore**, 27, was found with a gunshot wound to the chest behind the Acme Motel. Moore, who was pregnant, died 30 minutes later at Jefferson Regional Medical Center, but doctors were able to deliver the baby. The baby, Joycetta Moore, was airlifted to Children's

Hospital in Little Rock, where she died a week later.

8/2-15: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Hot Springs, August 21, 1993

Freida Suedmeyer, 83, was found dead in her apartment by a couple who own and manage the apartment building where she lived. The couple, who had gone to Suedmeyer's house to deliver groceries, found her lying on the bedroom floor with blood around her head. An autopsy revealed that Suedmeyer had been beaten, raped and strangled.

Gregory L. Wade, 42, was charged with capital murder. Wade was arrested after police began investigating burglaries similar to Suedmeyer's which occurred in her neighborhood, and the evidence from those burglaries led them to Wade.

Wade has pleaded innocent to all charges and has been ordered to undergo a mental evaluation at the State Hospital.

8/21-2/2/94: *The Sentinel-Record; Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Pine Bluff, August 25, 1993

Felicia Mothershed Ringo, 31, was found lying in a ditch with two gunshot wounds to the head from a sawed-off single-barrel shotgun.

Robert Gould III, 21, was charged with capital murder in Ringo's death.

Gould was arrested after police found blood on the front steps of his house, which is located near the ditch in which Ringo's body was found. Police later recovered the weapon at Gould's house.

8/20-25: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Pine Bluff Commercial*

McGehee, September 1, 1993

Earleane Shields, 49, was shot to death with a .25-caliber handgun by her husband, Robert Alonzo Shields, 59, at their home. The couple had been arguing in the carport of the home when Shields shot her. He was charged with first-degree murder.

9/1: *Dumas Clarion*

Smackover, September 9, 1993

Jamie Hodge, 49, was found dead inside her mobile home outside Smackover by a relative.

The state Medical Examiner's Office confirmed initial police reports that Hodge was shot in the back of the head with a .22-caliber weapon. Hodge

was also shot in the chest with pellets from a .410-gauge shotgun and severely beaten with a pellet gun.

Because of the use of three weapons, investigators said it is possible more than one person was involved in the killing.

Bob Calhoun, a sheriff's office investigator, said the state Crime Lab informed the office that a latent fingerprint found in Hodge's mobile home is usable as evidence.

9/9 -11/5: *Smackover Journal*

North Little Rock, September 22, 1993

Roslyn Reeves, 19, was stabbed to death with a kitchen knife by Tommy Allen Gentry, 42, who told police aliens forced him to stab Reeves.

Reeves was visiting friends at Parkway Village Apartments when Gentry, who was lying in the breezeway of his apartment, ran after her with a knife. Witnesses said Reeves tried to run to the parking lot, but fell on her knees, at which point Gentry stabbed her. While Reeves lay on the sidewalk dying, Gentry squatted about 30 yards away smoking a cigarette, one neighbor reported.

Gentry was enrolled in the Greater Assistance to Those in Need program, which helps mental patients live outside institutions. Gentry was tried in a 1985 Nashville murder and as a result was committed to a high-security mental hospital.

Gentry was charged with first degree murder and entered an insanity plea at his arraignment.

9/22 -12/8: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Camden, September 27, 1993

Geneva Jones, 48, was found stabbed to death in her home. Osborne also said that robbery did not seem to be the motive for the murder.

11/27: *Camden News*

Little Rock, October 2, 1993

Stephanie Jungkind, 23, died from a gunshot wound to the head in a drive-by shooting on Rodney Parham Road.

Michael Catlett, 26, Jungkind's ex-boyfriend pulled up next to her in a Honda CRX and fired two shots before driving away. Nearby police officers saw the Honda speed away north on Mississippi Street. Officers arrested him on Riverfront Drive and found a handgun inside the car.

Three hours before the shooting, Catlett had

made one of many harassing phone calls to Jungkind's job. Co-workers said Jungkind had complained about being followed by Catlett. Jungkind began attempting to gain a restraining order about three weeks before the shooting when she arrived at work to find the parking lot had been graffitied with the message, "Lucifer wants your soul. Stephanie B. Jungkind."

Catlett had fled the State Hospital three times in June, according to court records and mental health officials.

Catlett is to undergo a mental evaluation. A report is due in late March, 1994.

10/2-10/7: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Rural Pulaski County, October 10, 1993

Cheryl Phegley, 23, was shot twice in the back with a .22-caliber semiautomatic pistol as she tried to run from Timothy Wayne Kemp, 33, who allegedly opened fire on Phegley and three men in a mobile home. Kemp was charged with four counts of capital felony murder.

In January 1994 Kemp and three other men escaped from the Pulaski County Jail with the help of an outside person. He was recaptured in February, 1994.

9/10/93-1/12/94: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Cabot Star-Herald*

Malvern, October 15, 1993

The body of **Julie Diane Heath**, 18, was found by a hunter near Arkansas 171. Heath had been missing for approximately two weeks and her car had been found by police on U.S. 270 about four miles north of Interstate 30.

Eric Randall Nance, 33, was charged with capital murder and bond was set at one million dollars.

Nance refused to say anything during pretrial testimony, so the court entered a plea of innocent on his behalf. Nance's trial was set for January 11, 1994. Nance's sister turned the weapon that was apparently used to kill Heath over to police. Nance wanted his sister to burn the weapon, a retractable box cutter.

10/15-1/3: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Malvern Daily Record*

Sulphur Springs, October 26, 1993

Margaret Ramsey, 43, was shot in the head by her husband, Gary Ramsey, 47, at a mobile home park. Ramsey was charged with capital murder.

Ramsey told authorities that he picked up a shotgun and it accidentally fired, striking his wife in the head, however, authorities believe the two argued over Gary Ramsey's recent hunting purchases.

Ramsey will be tried in March, 1994.

10/26 - 1/5/94 *Benton County Daily Record; Northwest Arkansas Morning News; Northwest Arkansas Times; Gravette News Herald; The Herald-Leader*

Augusta, November 7, 1993

A body found on South Fifth Street has been identified as **Helen Delores Godoy**. Godoy had been shot four times with a .380-caliber pistol. Reports stated that Godoy was between 30 and 40 years of age.

An Augusta police patrolman reportedly heard shots in the area and immediately rushed to the scene, where he found Godoy.

11/7-10: *Woodruff County Monitor; Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, November 8, 1993

Karen A. Minor, 21, was shot with a 9mm pistol at her apartment.

Little Rock police arrested Eric Bearfield, 26, Minor's boyfriend and charged him with first-degree murder in Minor's death. A plea and arraignment has been set in Circuit Court for February 14, 1994.

11/8: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, November 10, 1993

Ella Sanford, 44, was found dead in her home lying under a pile of clothes on the couch. Sanford had been beaten and stabbed in her left side.

Detective Ronnie Smith said the fingerprints of Sanford's roommate, Chris L. Smith, were found in Sanford's ransacked bedroom and the end table where Sanford kept her purse. An affidavit said the police found Smith's jeans in the dryer and when the jeans were tested for blood stains, blood was found on the inside left leg.

Chris L. Smith, has been charged with capital murder and pleaded innocent to the charge.

11/10: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Pine Bluff, November 20, 1993

Mandy Leopard, 54, was found dead in her home.

According to a police spokesman, there were no signs of forced entry. Officials said she died from trauma to the body.

11/20: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Pine Bluff, November 21, 1993

Jennifer Poole, 24, was shot in the head by her boyfriend, Jeff Leopard, 29, who then shot himself.

Leopard and Poole had been living together for 1 and 1/2 years, and Leopard's mother, Mandy Leopard, was found dead in her home the day before Leopard shot himself and Poole (see previous entry).

11/21-12/05: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Huntsville, November 25, 1993

The body of **Karen "Kerby" Brown Little**, 35, was found burning in a ditch about 35 miles south of Huntsville. Police said Little had a bullet hole in her head. Little's torso was badly burned, with a leg and an arm burned off. Police also found a five-gallon fuel container, several .38-caliber bullets and casings, women's clothing and jewelry, and documents that identified the body.

Police found what they believe to be the murder weapon at the edge of shallow water near the twin bridges at the White River and Richland Creek on Arkansas 45 near Goshen.

Huntsville businessman Larry Gene Coger, 50, surrendered to police in the case, but pleaded innocent to first-degree murder. Police believe Coger killed Little at a condominium the two shared, approximately five miles south of where her body was found.

11/25-12/10: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Harrison Daily Times; Northwest Arkansas Times; Benton County Daily Record; Madison County Daily Record; The Morning News*

Little Rock, November 27, 1993

The body of **Tonia Riddle**, 29, was found beside a house at 2521 Arch St. Riddle had been shot to death. While police did not locate a suspect or murder weapon, they did find a spent 9mm shell casing at the scene. Police also found an umbrella punctured with what appeared to be a bullet hole, a crack cocaine pipe and penknife next to Riddle's body.

11/27: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Pine Bluff, November 28, 1993

The body of **Rita McNeely**, 35, was found by a deer hunter off Summers Road in northwestern Jefferson County. Jefferson County Coroner Havis Hester said McNeely had suffered trauma to the head, but he declined to say what caused her death or how long she had been dead.

11/28: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, December 26, 1993

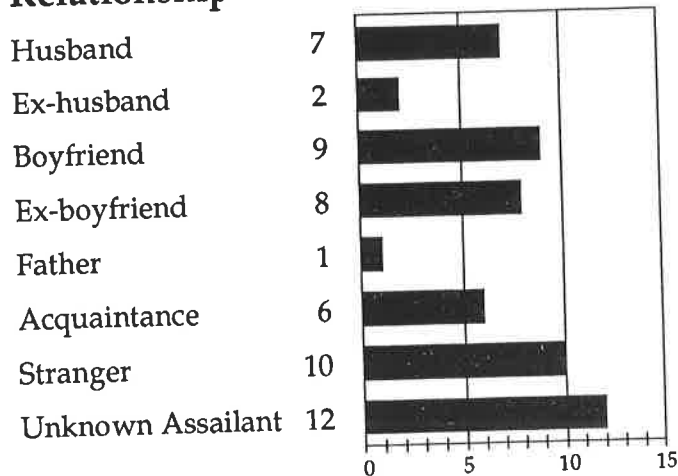
Christine Crane, 67, was found by police under her bed at her home.

Police were called to the house after family members were unable to contact Crane for a number of days. When police kicked in the back door, they found the month-old remains of Crane, as well as Robert Lanum Jr., 67, in a closet dying of self-inflicted gunshot wounds. Lanum was pronounced dead at the scene.

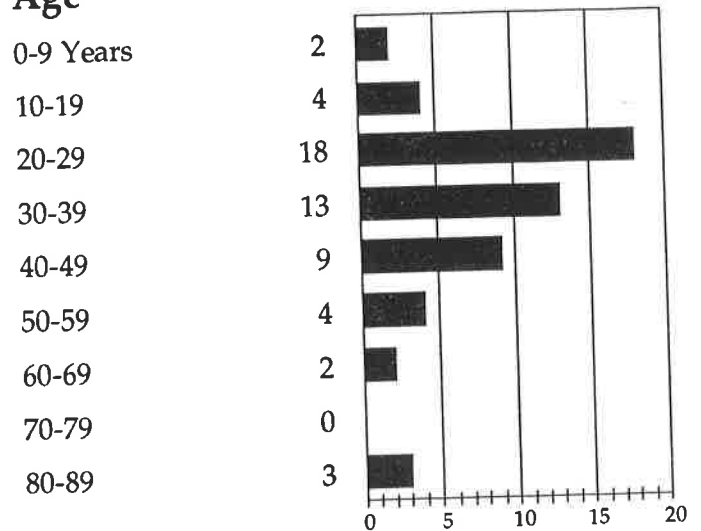
12/26: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

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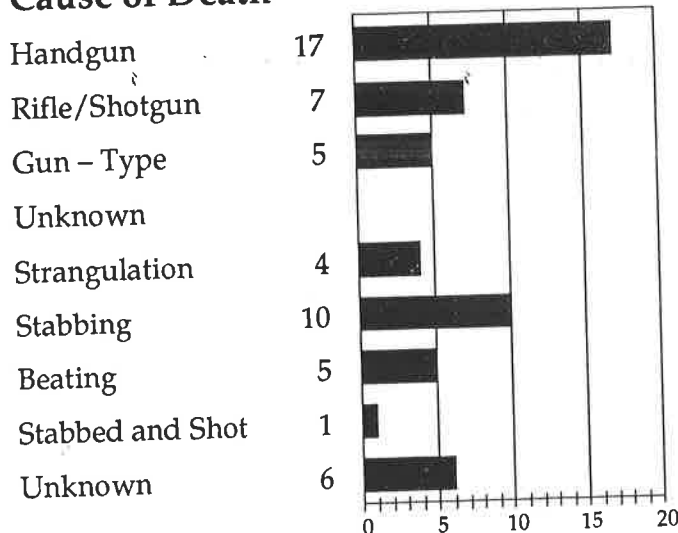
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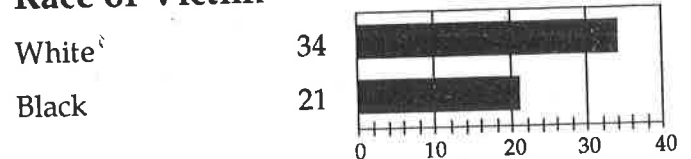
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Race of Victim



Racist Violence

Under the category of Racist Violence, the Women's Project documents incidents in which people of color are victimized by white people.

Texarkana, January 15, 1993

A white man is suspected in the rape of two black women. He is described as between 5-foot-5 and 5-foot-9 inches tall with a small mustache and brown eyes.

The victim was picked up by the suspect as she was walking home. Using a .38-caliber revolver, the suspect took her to a vacant building east on U.S. 82. The suspect was driving a black pickup truck. It is believed this man raped a black woman in March 1992.

1/15/93: *Texarkana-Gazette*

Fort Smith, January 24, 1993

Three boys leaving a basketball game at Ramsey Junior High School were assaulted by an unidentified red-haired man. One of the boys said that the man approached him and his friends and asked why "he had flipped him off." The boy said he told the man he had only waved, but the man began pushing all three of the boys. Finally the boy said the man swung at him. The boy ducked the first swing, but a second connected, leaving a gash under the boy's right eye. The man's companions then persuaded him to leave, the boy told police. The cut required five stitches.

1/24: *Southwest Times Record*

Little Rock, January 30, 1993

The family of Senate President Pro Tempore Jerry Jewell received racist phone messages after he released two felons from prison and pardoned two others. Sharon Jewell stated that callers said things such as "Niggers go home," "Niggers go back to Africa," and "We're going to burn you out."

In a terroristic threatening incident report filed at the Little Rock Police Department, one of Jewell's children told the police that a male called Jewell's home and asked for Jewell. When told that Jewell wasn't home, the caller said, "Well, from now on, he may not be in any more."

1/30: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, January 30, 1993

A fight at Robinson Junior High School resulted in 19 students being suspended. Principal Ray Bryan said, "I guess you could surmise that it was racial." Parents of Robinson High and Junior High school students formed Concerned Patrons of Robinson Schools following the incident to discuss their concern about school policies.

1/30-2/2: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Fort Smith, February 4, 1993

An African-American 16-year-old Southside High School student told police that she was threatened by a man with a knife as she left a basketball game at the high school. The girl said as she approached her car in the school's east parking lot, a dark-colored Camaro drove up. Three white females were in the front seat, and a white male was in the back seat, the girl said. As the car approached, the man leaned out the right window of the car and brandished a knife, saying, "Come on, come on." The girl said she pretended not to hear the man, got in her car and drove away.

2/4: *Southwest Times Record*

Little Rock, March 16, 1993

Two white men who said they like to kill black people reportedly raped a 29-year-old African-American woman, then threatened to drag her behind their pickup. The two men forced the woman into their 1980's model pickup as she used a telephone at Asher and West 29th Street. One of the men threatened to kill her with a .38-caliber pistol if she didn't get into the truck. They drove to an abandoned house on South Maple and forced her to disrobe on the porch where they both raped her. One of the men used a condom during the rape, and took the used condom with him. After the rape, the men placed a noose around her neck and threatened to drag her behind their truck.

David Harder, 21, of Clinton, and Phillip Chenowith, 25, of Leslie, have been charged in this case. According to police reports the two "threatened to kill her, place tires on the body and burn her." Chenowith was carrying \$7,925 at the time of the arrests.

3/16-4/2: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

North Little Rock, March 29, 1993

Tonelle A. Brown, a black 16 year old, told police that two white men drove up to him and

stole his bicycle and nachos while he was on his way home. One of the men, Perry Ward, got out of his car and told Brown that he was a police officer and that he should "assume the position." Ward also implied he had a gun in his coat.

Ward told police he picked up the bike that one of the black youths had dropped after breaking his windshield. No arrests were made in the case.

3/29: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Hot Springs, June 10, 1993

Nicolas Benavidez, 50, a Hispanic man, was gunned down in the front yard of his home. Two white men, Jeffrey William Miller and Kendall Moore, were charged with first-degree murder. Moore was found guilty.

According to prosecutors, Moore shot Benavidez in retaliation for an earlier altercation between the two.

6/10-12/8: *Sentinel Record*

Little Rock, November 7, 1993

A racial slur made by an employee at a Denny's Restaurant sparked a fight, which caused about \$250 in damages. According to a police report, three customers were in a back room making noise. When asking the customers to be quiet, the employee made a racial statement. While the employee admitted making the racial slur, she says it was made after the customer used a racial epithet toward her.

11/7: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Anti-Gay and Lesbian Violence

In this section, the Women's Project documents incidents in which lesbians and gay men are victimized by heterosexuals. What follows are incidents where violence or the threat of violence were present. Because they are too numerous to print here, we have not included incidents that contribute to a climate of lesbian and gay hating.

Conway, March 17, 1993

An anonymous note saying, "Come to my house and I'll give you a lesson about Feminism you Lesbian Bitch" was found on the office door of Lou Ann Norman, an English instructor at UCA.

Norman reported the note to the university's Human Relations Committee.

3/17: *UCA Echo*

Little Rock, March 25, 1993

During a showing of the film "The Crying Game" at Park Plaza mall someone released a canister of cayenne pepper-based "defensive spray" inside the theater, forcing the evacuation of the theater complex. The film has become quite controversial because of its portrayal of a gay female impersonator. No injuries were reported and no arrests have been made.

3/25: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Arkadelphia, April 23, 1993

A conflict between the Off Campus Student Association and the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Association at Henderson State University climaxed when OCSA distributed a pamphlet called "Murder, Violence and Homosexuality." The group said that the pamphlet was just a joke and was not meant to offend anyone.

4/23: *Arkansas Traveler*

Little Rock, July 31, 1993

Chris Miller, 23, was found dead near the driveway of his home. Police were called to Miller's residence by a friend. The friend told police that he and Miller had met three men in Boyle Park, and the men followed them back to Miller's house for drinks. He said, "After some time, the three suspects all jumped up and started beating him and Miller with anything they could get." One of the men stabbed Miller in the stomach.

Jeffrey Alan Swinford, 22, Bobby John Fox, 26, and Ronnie Lee Birchett Jr., 17, were charged with capital murder, aggravated robbery and first-degree battery.

Police arrested Swinford after Little Rock detectives got an anonymous tip that he had bragged about the killing to inmates in the Pulaski County Jail. Swinford's fingerprints matched those found by police in Miller's home. After his arrest, Swinford made a taped confession and identified Fox and Birchett as the other two men involved in the murder.

7/31-12/8: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Triangle Rising*

Little Rock, July 29, 1993

Two women leaving the Wimmin's Coffeehouse at Vino's restaurant were approached in the parking lot by 10 to 15 young white men who began shouting obscenities and throwing rocks at them. One of the women filed a police report after a rock shattered a window in her car. The other woman was hit in the neck by a rock. Apparently the men assumed that the women were lesbians.

7/29-8/11: *LR Free Press; Victim and Witness Statements*

Conway, September 22, 1993

A professor at the University of Central Arkansas found nine anti-gay and lesbian messages on his Voice Mailbox. The messages became more and more violent, for instance, "What you're doing is fucking sick. I'm a skinhead and if I catch any faggots or gay-lesbian bitches on campus, I'll tear their fucking heads off."

9/22: *Victim Statement*

Anti-Semitic Violence

In this category, the Women's Project documents the incidents in which Jewish people are victimized by non-Jewish people.

Little Rock, Late July, 1993

Someone spray painted swastikas on the back of the Temple building.

7/93: *Witness Statement*

Jonesboro, August 22, 1993

Someone set fire to a large shrub in an apparent act of vandalism at the Temple Israel Cemetery. The same weekend of this vandalism, 30-45 headstones were turned over at the Nettleton Cemetery on Airport Road.

8/22: *Jonesboro Sun*

Hate Group Activity And Climate

The most well known Arkansas group, Thom Robb's Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was fairly quiet on the home-front, but increased its national visibility. While there are dozens of Klan factions,

often competing with each other for members, according to the Center for Democratic Renewal, "Thom Robb's Arkansas-based Ku Klux Klan is the nation's only well-organized national Klan group. Robb emphasizes building a 'professional' Klan with increasing involvement in electoral campaigns. While Robb is trying to rescue the Klan from the backwaters of American politics by running for office and claiming to be non-violence, excerpts from his own writings emphasize that his organization continues marching to a racist, anti-semitic, and homophobic tune."

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and Thom Robb
Box 2222
Harrison, AR 72601
National Director: Thom Robb

Pulaski, Tennessee, January 23, 1993

An estimated 175 marchers joined Thom Robb and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Pulaski, TN, the Civil War-era birthplace of the Klan. Some Klan marchers wore hoods while others wore camouflage. A cross lighting on private property at dusk was attended by an estimated 125 Klan members.

2/93: *Klanwatch Intelligence Report*

Harrison, March 11, 1993

Thom Robb was interviewed in an *Arkansas Times* story about cults. Speaking about his KKK compound in Zinc, Robb said his group is not armed. The property is the site of an annual spring gathering, which is not Klan-related (according to Robb), a meeting of white supremacist Christian Identity members around Memorial Day, and a National Klan congress each fall. Dwain Lair, managing editor of the *Harrison Daily Times*, said Robb's guests include skinheads, neo-Nazis and, in past years, members of the violent Aryan Nations group. No one need worry about his guests, Robb assured. "Identity people don't necessarily advocate violence."

3/11: *Arkansas Times*

Weatherford Texas, June 5, 1993

About 40 members of the Knights of the KKK, led by national director Thom Robb and Michael Lowe, held a rally.

8/93: *Klanwatch Intelligence Report*

Zinc, June 11-13, 1993

Thom Robb, national leader of the Knights, held a Patriot's Day picnic at his Soldiers of the Cross Camp.

6/21: *Center for Democratic Renewal Weekly Update*

Harrison, August 1, 1993

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have started Klan Kid Korp, which, according to Thom Robb, is to "help steer children in the right direction." Parents can register their children (birth to 12 years old) by paying a \$16 fee. The child will receive a Klan Kid Korp T-shirt and certificate.

8/4: *Robb's Victory Report*

Harrison, August 4, 1993

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have adopted one mile of U.S. 65. Although the Klan had wanted their mile to start at the Missouri state line, their portion is one mile south of the Missouri line. The Klan sign was defaced a month later.

8/4: *AR Highway Department*

Fayetteville, August 18, 1993

A Hallmark greeting card was purchased at a local Kmart. When the card was opened, there was a KKK business card inside, which read, "we are bringing a message of hope and deliverance for America. Join the Klan or become an Official Supporter today! Your white children are quickly becoming America's new minority. Send \$2 to receive more information on how you can help give them a bright future."

8/18: *Women's Watchcare Network Incident Form*

Shreveport, Louisiana, August 20, 1993

The Knights of the KKK, led by national director Thom Robb, held a rally with an audience of about 100.

10/93: *Klanwatch Intelligence Report*

Huntsville, Alabama, September 4, 1993

The Knights of the KKK, led by national director Thom Robb and Alabama leader William Burchfield, held a rally for about 13 of Robb's followers. Klan members and the NAACP squared off in rallies on opposite sides of the Huntsville courthouse before an audience of 500. The rally attracted several neo-Nazi Skinheads. Gays and lesbians took the brunt of Robb's criticism. The

Klan group held smaller rallies in the Alabama cities of Athens and Decatur later in the day.

10/93: *Klanwatch Intelligence Report*

Eureka Springs, September 9, 1993

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan mailed out a flier "Are You," which asked 15 questions, such as "Are You A white American Christian who wants America to be the Christian nation God wants it to be?" The flier said that if the reader answered yes to the questions, they should join the Klan.

9/9: *Witness Statement*

Vandalia, Illinois, September 18, 1993

The Knights of the KKK, led by national director Thom Robb and Illinois Grand Dragon Ed Noyak, held a rally attended by 250-300 people.

12/93: *Klanwatch Intelligence Report*

Indianapolis, Indiana, October 16, 1993

About 40 Klan Members, led by the Knight's national director Thom Robb, gathered on the Capitol steps for a white supremacist rally. Barbs were traded with a crowd of hundreds. Seven people were injured.

12/93: *Klanwatch Intelligence Report*

Columbus, Ohio, October 23, 1993

Twenty-one members of the Knights of the KKK, led by national director Thom Robb, held a rally.

12/93: *Klanwatch Intelligence Report*

Harrison, November 20, 1993

Thom Robb and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan sent out flyers inviting whites to attend the "first annual" Homecoming Festival in Pulaski Tennessee. The flier asked all members to be on their "very best behavior... and be sure to smile" as they made their purchases from the local merchants.

11/20: *KKK flyer*

Pulaski, Tennessee, November 20, 1993

Poor turnout and unfavorable court decisions spoiled Knights of the KKK national director Thom Robb's plans for a day long "homecoming festival" in Pulaski, TN. A Nashville federal district court judge refused to overturn a local restraining order barring the Klan group from gathering longer than two and one-half hours in the Civil War-era birthplace of the Klan. About 75 Klan members

silently marched through the city. The turnout was about half the number seen in previous years. A cross burning ceremony was held in nearby Rose Hill after the rally. A handful of Skinheads attended.

12/93: *Klanwatch Intelligence Report*

Other Groups

Morrilton, January 27, 1993

A cross was burned on railroad tracks in the vicinity of 412 W. Broadway. Morrilton Police Chief Jim Williams said it was believed to be done by the uncle of a white young man who was killed in the community after an altercation with a group of black teen-agers.

1/27: *Petit Jean County Headlight, Morrilton Police Department*

Hickory Flat, February 18, 1993

\$400,000 in equipment was taken from the Heber Springs Armory. Ed Bryant, 49, pleaded guilty Feb. 25 in U.S. District Court to embezzling military equipment and property. According to police officials, Bryant said he was a survivalist but did not belong to any organized group.

2/18-3/4: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, March 3, 1993

Erika Rosenberg wrote that police and prosecutors would not say precisely how many predominantly white gangs they believe operate in Pulaski County, but they have said they know of two white skinhead gangs.

3/3-3/9: *Spectrum*

Bentonville, November 3, 1993

An inmate, who has frustrated jailers by refusing to eat, be fingerprinted, or photographed, has been found by the FBI to have nine aliases. The inmate says that his Christian Israelite beliefs forbid him to eat anything non-organic.

The man was booked under the name David Dean on possible charges for not having a driver's license, resisting arrest and carrying a weapon. He was freed on a bond that carried his correct name, Robert Neal Joos, Jr.

11/3: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Instances of Police Brutality

In 1992, many of our entries in this section of the log focused on misconduct and brutality directed toward people of color. In 1993, we saw a shift toward many more incidents of gender-based misconduct.

Fort Smith, February 27, 1993

The Arkansas State Police Commission upheld the suspension of Cpl. Alex Sylvester for contacting a female motorist after a traffic stop. Sylvester called Mary Knight at her job twice during a five-week period after he had issued her a warning.

2/27: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Wrightsville, March 11, 1993

Rita Perkins, 29, alleges that sheriff's deputies sent three police dogs into her home and burned her thigh with a stun gun. Sheriff's Capt. Jim White said that while dogs probably were on the scene, they were not sent into Perkins' home. The alleged attack occurred as police attempted to arrest Perkins' brother, Dewayne Campbell, on a charge of third-degree battery in a domestic dispute. Perkins said when she attempted to ask officers why they were arresting her brother, they sprayed mace in her eyes and threw her to the ground. Wrightsville Police Chief Crutchfield said Perkins was never stunned and was only sprayed with mace after she cut officers with a metal shank.

3/11: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, April 22, 1993

Steve Felkner, a former Pulaski County sheriff's jailer, was fired after a 17-year-old inmate was raped in the jail's juvenile section during Felkner's watch. Capt. Jim White said several inmates told investigators that Felkner did not leave his booth to make any security checks the morning the rapes occurred but sat reading a newspaper. Evidence shows the victim was raped by at least three suspects over a period of 4-5 hours.

4/22: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, May 27, 1993

A plainclothes police officer shot and killed Derwin Mendal Morgan, 24, at 22nd and Center streets during an undercover prostitution investigation. Lt. Charles Holladay said Sgt. Scott

Timmons was in a car negotiating a prostitution arrangement with Morgan when the man grabbed the officer's money. The officer fired three shots and Morgan ran 50 feet before collapsing at an intersection. Although medical personnel did not find a gun on Morgan, Timmons wrote in his report that Morgan said, "I want that money... I'll just kill you" and took a step back from the car and reached into his jacket.

5/27-28: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Earle, June 29, 1993

The state police are investigating an incident in which an officer shot a man in the neck while trying to arrest him. Patrolman William E. Roberts chased a pickup driven by John David Cantrell, 22, and the two had a minor collision. While Roberts attempted to arrest Cantrell, a bullet from Roberts' .357-caliber revolver hit Cantrell in the back of the neck. An officer's revolver is not supposed to be cocked while a lone officer makes an arrest.

6/29: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, July 9, 1993

Off-duty police officer Fabian Williams, 21, was stabbed by his pregnant girlfriend, Melissa Howard, 25, after he kicked her in the stomach during an argument. Witnesses at Eastview Terrace Apartments said that Williams was calling Howard derogatory names while Howard was throwing bottles and other objects at Williams' car.

7/9: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Danville, July 10, 1993

Jailers mistakenly placed a 41-year-old male in the same cell as a 17-year-old female. Sheriff Lloyd Maughn said he investigated the incident and found it to be only a "mix-up," and suspended Deputy Sheriff Burl Boyd for a week. Maughn said that jails in Dardanelle and Danville aren't big enough to have a separate section for female prisoners, but he would designate the Dardanelle jail for women and the Danville jail for men.

7/10: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Pine Bluff, July 30, 1993

During a trial on rape charges, Kenneth Bowens testified that Sgt. James Bacon put a gun to his head while Bowens was giving a taped statement in the detective's office. Bowens also said that a "short stocky detective" hit him in the back of the head

with a telephone book. Bacon denies the allegations.
7/30: *Pine Bluff Commercial*

El Dorado, August 30, 1993

Sgt. Keith Cooper and Lt. James Shannon have been suspended for 30 days without pay, placed on six-month departmental probation, demoted and transferred to the patrol division for violating the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure.

The efficiency board found that during a July 23-24 drug raid conducted by the officers, seven women were strip-searched, seven vehicles were stopped at gun-point, 22 people were held for "excessive lengths of time" and one person was "pressured" into consenting to a search of his home. The board's report stated, "The officers knowingly went beyond the scope of the search authorized by the warrant and without sufficient cause."

8/30: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Gould, September 13, 1993

Charges of indecent exposure have been filed against former Gould Police Chief Robert Danzy.

According to deputy prosecutor Corky Holthoff, warrants on two counts of indecent exposure have been filed in connection with allegations that Danzy exposed himself to policewoman Levette Riley and radio dispatcher Debbie Currens.

9/9-16: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*; 9/13: *Dumas Clarion*

Jacksonville, September 18, 1993

Police held a black family at gunpoint after arriving at the wrong house while chasing a suspect. Lisa Little said that a man ran into the yard where her family was having a 41st wedding anniversary party waving a gun. She said when officer Tommy Reshel arrived, he knocked her to the ground causing her to cut her lip.

The family said when the police realized they had made a mistake, they did not apologize and were rude to the family.

9/18: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Paris, October 16, 1993

Logan County will pay Harland Bennett \$90,000 because an undercover agent lied about having sex with him. Bennett recorded conversations with sheriff's undercover agent Karen Willhite after his

conviction of delivery of a controlled substance in which she admitted she had lied.

10/16: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Pulaski County, October 16, 1993

Deputy Ed Barnes, 33, was arrested after he admitted giving a woman marijuana and a .25-caliber pistol seized by police in a raid. There were also five other firearms from the property room found at Barnes' home.

After Barnes' arrest, police began an investigation that led to the arrests of Lt. Ron Tambruo, property room supervisor, and Deputies Johnny Permenter, 59, Nathan A. Ellis, 34, on felony theft charges. All four resigned.

10/16-19: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Bentonville, November 21, 1993

Gary McVay, 44, a former police chief, was arrested on charges of harassing his ex-wife, threatening to shoot her boyfriend and threatening to shoot a police chief.

Circuit-Chancery Judge Terry Crabtree ordered McVay to undergo a mental evaluation at the State Hospital.

11/21: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Arkansas' Religious Right

The upsurge of the religious Right in Arkansas is part of a disturbing trend nationally which 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

Little Rock, February 28, 1993

The American Family Association of Mississippi printed a full-page advertisement in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* calling for a response to the media industry's destruction of traditional family values and the encouragement of violence. The ad included a clip-out petition to send in to AFA offices and a solicitation for funds to continue AFA's work.

2/28: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Conway, March 5, 1993

The American Family Association of Arkansas asked Gov. Jim Guy Tucker to investigate allegations of brainwashing, profanity and anti-religious attitudes at the Arkansas Governor's School. Bobby Hester, head of the group, said that he and others are concerned about "impressionable teen-agers" being sent away for six weeks at a time when they are trying to find their own identity. In continued attacks on the Governor's School, the video "The Guiding Hand: The Clinton Influence on Arkansas Education," has been shown around the nation condemning the curriculum at the school. Jeff Botkin, famous for the Willie Horton commercials that targeted then-Presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, produced the film, along with the Family Council's Jerry Cox.

3/5: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*; 3/5-4/1: *Arkansas Times*

Jonesboro, March/April 1993

AFA has called for a statewide boycott of Hastings stores after asking corporate management to remove all pornographic and homosexual magazines from Arkansas stores.

March/April: *AFA Newsletter*

Conway, July 6, 1993

In an article about the Governor's School, Bobby Hester contends the institution attempts to indoctrinate teen-agers with liberal ideas. "Based on things I've heard about the school and what others have said about it, I think it amounts to

brainwashing," Hester said.

6/6: *Log Cabin Democrat; Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, July 9, 1993

The American Family Association of Mississippi printed a full-page advertisement in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* with a petition asking ABC "not to show soft-core pornography and to show respect for our families." The ad included a clip-out petition to send in to AFA offices and a solicitation for funds to continue AFA's work.

7/9: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Jonesboro, August 30, 1993

Sixty protesters from the Jonesboro-based Arkansas chapter of the American Family Association picketed KAIT-TV, Channel 8, in Jonesboro to protest the station's decision to carry the first episode of "NYPD Blue." While KAIT-TV originally had decided to air the program, it later decided to pull the show from its line-up.

8/31: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, September 1993

The American Family Association spearheaded attacks against "NYPD Blue" before its first episode with the result that three Arkansas affiliates declined to air the program. KAIT-TV, Channel 8, in Jonesboro, KHBS-TV, Channel 40, in Fort Smith, and KHOG-TV, Channel 29, in Fayetteville did not broadcast the show. Nationally at least 40 ABC affiliates rejected the show, criticized by AFA for violence, nudity and language.

9/23-10/6: *Little Rock Free Press*; 9/23: *Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, October 31, 1993

The American Family Association of Mississippi printed a full-page advertisement in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* with a petition blaming TV advertisers for destroying the traditional family. The ad included a clip-out petition to send in to AFA offices and a solicitation for funds to continue AFA's work.

10/31: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Jonesboro, December 1993

The American Family Association called on supporters to support the production of *Conservative Issues*, a program to discuss local and state issues

"which are of concern to Christians and conservatives."

12/93: *AFA Newsletter*

ARKANSAS CHRISTIANS FOR AMERICA

Box K

Altheimer, Arkansas 72004

State Secretary: Myra Taylor

In 1992, Arkansas Christians for America of Altheimer paid for an ad titled, "Christian Beware: Do Not Put the Economy Ahead of the Ten Commandments." The anti-Clinton advertisement said he promoted the distribution of condoms to teen-agers in public schools, which violates Exodus 20:12, Colossians 2:5 and Romans 1:28-32.

CHRISTIAN CIVIC FOUNDATION OF ARKANSAS

8300 Geyer Springs Road, Suite 201

Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

Executive Director: Larry L. Page

Associate Director: Bob Hays

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."

Little Rock, June 20, 1993

According to Don Moore, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Christian Civic Foundation is considering action against the Arkansas Governor's School, a program for gifted high school students.

6/20: *Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, September, 1993

Bob Hays, Associate Director of the Christian Civic Foundation, has written Governor Jim Guy Tucker asking him to investigate the Governor's School summer program for gifted high school students and make adjustments to align it "with the wishes of the Arkansas tax-payer." Hays' letter said the School "does not teach structure, discipline or respect for authority. It does not teach from any foundation of values or moral code. It does teach ideas and philosophies contrary to the majority of Arkansans."

11/18: *Little Rock Free Press*

Little Rock, September and October, 1993

In ads placed in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* on September 29 and October 3, the Christian Civic Foundation urged action against ABC affiliate KATV-TV for airing the television program, "NYPD Blue." The Christian Civic Foundation asked its supporters to boycott KATV-TV broadcasting, contact and boycott KATV-TV major local advertisers, and contact the FCC to complain about what CCF calls "NYPD Blue's" "soft-core pornography."

9/29,10/3: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, October 1993

Larry Page and the Christian Civic Foundation in Little Rock have been working with a committee of concerned citizens in Lee County to stop the building of a casino on Whiskey Island.

10/93: *Christian Civic Foundation Letter*

Little Rock, November 1993

Family Council, Christian Civic Foundation and Unborn Child Amendment Committee have appealed the lawsuit they filed against University Hospital in Little Rock. Their appeal to the Supreme Court asks that the hospital be banned from indirectly funding abortions.

November: *Christian Civic Foundation 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, Arkansas 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 his 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.

Little Rock, March 26 & 27, 1993

The Christian Coalition-led Leadership School offered participants a 12-hour, two day seminar on how to influence public policy at local, state and national levels; how to form and run grass-roots organizations; and how to elect candidates with Christian values.

March: *Copy of Flier*

Little Rock, June 1993

At its monthly meeting, Pulaski County chapter chairman Randy Schoening walked a tightrope between IRS regulations and his beliefs, especially when the subject arose of openly lesbian Clinton appointee Roberta Achtenberg, whose Senate confirmation vote for a Department of Housing and Urban Development post took place the following day. Schoening urged chapter members to call Sens. Dale Bumpers and David Pryor early the next morning about the Achtenberg vote. "I'm not telling you to call and oppose," he said. "I'm just telling you to call."

7/1: *Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, July 27, 1993

Robert Myshka, executive director of the Christian Coalition, said that there was no truth to the charge that lieutenant governor candidate Mike Huckabee helped prepare some of the group's material. Myshka said that the coalition distributed the "Christian Coalition Voter Guide 1993" on the basis of candidate responses. In some churches, such as the 500-member Bible Church of Little

Rock, the voter guide was part of the church's Sunday bulletin.

7/27: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Washington, D.C., September 12, 1993

U.S. Rep. Tim Hutchinson received a "Friend of the Family Award" from Ralph Reed, the Christian Coalition's executive director.

9/12: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

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, Arkansas 72221

State Director: Marilyn Simmons

FLAG produces a monthly newsletter and provides educational information and lobbying on such issues as homosexuality and school prayer. Recent issues included reports on the March on Washington, an article accusing Janet Reno of sex crimes, and a call for Eagle Forum chapters around the state. Working with the Family Council, Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas and Arkansas Right to Life, FLAG was very active in the 1992 Legislature. By their own count, they chalked up 20 wins and six defeats.

Little Rock, April 1993

FLAG's newsletter included reflections from the legislative session that included a summary of victories and defeats in the areas of education, homosexuality, alcohol and gambling, and pro-life issues. According to the newsletter, Carol Everett of Dallas, who testified on behalf of a so-called informed consent for abortions bill, is quoted as saying, "We will win, you know, because we are the only side reproducing."

April: *FLAG Newsletter*

Little Rock, May 1993

In an article titled "For Such A Time as This?" Michael Whitehead writes "What does God want you to do, Citizen Christian? Are you registered to vote? Do you vote your Bible-based values? Should

you run for public office, whether school board, city council or Congress? What difference can you make under the sovereign control of God? Who knows but that you have come to the place where God has you today for such a time as this?"

May: *FLAG Newsletter*

Little Rock, June 1993

In an article titled "Janet Reno Accused of Committing Sex Crimes," Jack Thompson says, "I hereby put my good name, my entire legal career, my duties as a citizen and as a Christian compelled to tell the truth, on the line in stating to you, and I hope to the judiciary committee face-to-face, that Janet Reno is a closeted lesbian who can be proven to be a closeted lesbian, who has been and who will continue to be blackmailed as long as she is willing to do anything, including suborning perjury, to stay in the closet."

June: *FLAG Newsletter*

Little Rock, October 1993

FLAG continued its opposition to Outcome-Based Education by reprinting "What's Wrong with Outcome-Based Education" from the *Phyllis Schlafly Report*.

October: *FLAG Newsletter*

Little Rock, October 1993

FLAG stepped up its attacks on the National Education Association by reprinting "The NEA Steps Up Its Anti-Parent Politics" from the *Phyllis Schlafly's Report* which criticizes the NEA for its stands on equal rights for women, protection from discrimination based on HIV status, and multi-cultural education.

October: *FLAG Newsletter*

FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

12601 Hinson Road

Little Rock, Arkansas 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.

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, Arkansas 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.

The Family Council was very active in the 1992 Legislature. By their own count, they chalked up 21 wins and eight losses. However, in their words, seven losses were efforts to pass pro-family legislation. They work very closely with FLAG, Arkansas Right to Life and the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas.

Little Rock, January 1993

The Family Council printed their 1993 proposed master plan. The master plan includes producing research reports on restructuring Arkansas' public schools; Governor's School; school-based clinics in Arkansas; school choice; abstinence-based sex education and self-esteem curricula. It also includes working for the passage of pro-family legislation

and defeat of anti-family legislation.

January: *Copy of Proposed Master Plan*

Little Rock, February 10, 1993

About 100 persons attended a meeting of the Family Council's Concerned Citizens' Action Committee at Baptist Medical Center to change or repeal a state law that dramatically restructured the state's education system. Critics of the law contend that it intrudes on parents' responsibility to teach certain values and that some of the law's elements smack of New Age and humanistic qualities. Several states have adopted similar programs and faced similar opposition, much of it led by such national organizations as Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum and Donald Wildmon's American Family Association.

2/10-2/16: *Spectrum*

Little Rock, February 20, 1993

Pulaski County Chancellor Annabelle Clinton Imber ruled that state law does not prohibit the use of state money to operate school-based health clinics that dispense contraceptives. This ruling ends a 1991 lawsuit that was developed by the Family Council and filed by U.S. Rep. Tim Hutchinson and two other Arkansans.

2/20 *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, March 28, 1993

The Family Council of Arkansas sponsored an ad in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* entitled "In Defense of a Little Virginitiy: a message from Focus on the Family." The ad speaks strongly against birth control, condom use and "safe sex" as methods for AIDS prevention.

3/28: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, April 21, 1993

The Family Council released their report on the 79th Arkansas General Assembly. According to Jerry Cox, the Family Council chalked up 21 wins and eight losses for the session.

4/21: *Family Council Letter*

Conway, June 6, 1993

"In Defense of a Little Virginitiy, a message from Focus on the Family," was distributed at the University of Central Arkansas under the sponsorship of the Baptist Student Union.

June: *Copy of the Flier*

Little Rock, June 10, 1993

The Family Council is making plans to start a radio program. This will likely be a 5-minute program that, in the beginning, will air once a week. The Family Council hopes to have their program on secular stations on a daily basis.

6/10: *Family Council Letter*

Conway, July 19, 1993

The Family Council sponsored a sex education seminar on August 9 featuring Thelma Moton, founder of Prim and Proper, a public school sex education program that teaches abstinence. Under Moton's program, a team of women conduct the Prim and Proper sex education with the girls while a team of men conduct Powerful and Pure, a similar program for boys.

July 19: *Family Council Letter*

Little Rock, August 23, 1993

The Family Council has entered into a joint project with the Free Congress Foundation in Washington, D.C. and Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock to begin taking part in satellite teleconferences broadcast by National Empowerment Television. The live broadcasts feature Washington insiders discussing current legislation and issues. These broadcasts, which will air on the third Tuesday night of each month, will begin at the end of 1993 at Fellowship Bible Church's new 500 seat conference center in Little Rock.

8/23: *Family Council Letter*

Little Rock, August 28, 1993

Four hundred and fifty Arkansans attended a Community Impact Seminar presented by Focus on the Family and sponsored by the Family Council. The day-long strategy session was aimed at strengthening Christian moral influence in the state through greater involvement in the political process.

9/26: *Arkansas Times*, 9/9-9/22: *Little Rock Free Press*

Little Rock, October 2, 1993

About 30 people attended a follow-up to an August seminar on how conservative Christians can remake society. At the follow-up meeting, held at First Baptist Church in Little Rock, the Family Council gave advice on organizing

community impact groups, selecting issues to focus on and involving church congregations in the process. Family Council President Jerry Cox recommended that local activists go outside the traditional Christian right causes of abortion and pornography to draw more people into the religious movement by including economic issues such as taxes and welfare reform.

10/17-10/20: *Little Rock Free Press*

Little Rock, October 4, 1993

The Family Council organized a Central Arkansas Life Prayer Chain, one of 14 similar events across the state. According to police 2,000 people were involved in the prayer chain and over 100 persons attended a counter demonstration organized by a coalition of abortion-rights supporters.

10/4: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, October 6, 1993

The Family Council's parent organization, Focus on the Family, took out a full-page ad in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* asking readers to boycott advertisers of the television program "NYPD Blue" and promoting the pamphlet, "15 ways to clean up TV in your home."

10/6: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, October 1993

The Conway School Board has approved "Excel," an abstinence-based sex education workshop for junior high students developed by Thelma Moton. The workshop is value-based and teaches sexual abstinence as well as other "positive behavior such as good dating practices and good manners." The workshop is taught by a team of individuals from the community and is held one period per day for five days. Relying on facts from Focus on the Family, it uses fear, shame and guilt to "glamorize abstinence." A group of individuals in Cabot is implementing a similar program there.

October: *Letter from Family Council*; *Little Rock Free Press*; *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*; *UCA Echo*

Little Rock, October 1993

The Family Council has received \$1,500 to pay for running the Focus on the Family "Virginity" ad. This full-page ad should run in the *Jonesboro Sun*.

October: *Family Council Letter*

Little Rock, November 6, 1993

Responding to an Arkansas Education Association special issues session on preserving public education which addressed attacks on the public school system, Jerry Cox, Director of the Family Council, said the session "was designed to teach teachers to break the law by practicing religious discrimination."

November 6: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Family Council Letter*

Little Rock, November 1993

The Family Council has added a new dimension to its work in churches. The Community Impact Starter Kit includes all the necessary materials for starting a Community Impact Committee at church. The committees work to educate and activate church members regarding social and economic issues that affect the 'stability of the family.' The Family Council also announced the publication of a church bulletin called *Arkansas Family Times*.

November: *Family Council Letter*

Little Rock, November 1993

Family Council, Christian Civic Foundation and Unborn Child Amendment Committee have appealed the lawsuit they filed against University Hospital in Little Rock. Their appeal to the Supreme Court asks that the hospital be banned from indirect funding of abortion.

November: *Family Council Letter*

FRIENDS OF LIFE

Box 882

Cabot, Arkansas 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.

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, July 29, 1993

The Agape Church TV station, KTVN-TV, is now broadcasting 24 hours a day in 78 communities on Storer Cable in Little Rock and North Little Rock, thanks to a new federal "must carry" rule and the church's agreement to absorb copyright fees. The station is carried on Channel 28 in Little Rock, Bryant and Cammack Village; and on 23 in North Little Rock, Jacksonville and Sherwood. Falcon Cable in Maumelle and Conway Cable will add KTVN soon, bringing the station's subscriber viewership to at least 170,000.

7/29: *Arkansas Times*

September 1993

KVTN produced the series, "The AIDS Answer." Changing the sexual preference of gays and lesbians was the final segment of the series. Viewers were asked to call a toll-free HIV/AIDS counseling telephone line staffed by the Living Hope Institute, a religious psychological service in Little Rock. Calls to the line found counselors interested in helping gays change their lifestyle.

9/1: *Good News Reporter*

RUTHERFORD INSTITUTE

Box 7482

Charlottesville, VA 22906

The Rutherford Institute distributes tapes from Christian reconstructionist R.J. Rushdoony and Phyllis Schlafly of Eagle Forum, among others. The institute is a nonprofit, legal defense organization associated with the far-right fringe of the Religious Right.

In 1992, Elm Springs Christian School and concerned local citizens purchased a full-page ad in the *Morning News* with the banner, "Is God Illegal in our Schools." The ad urged readers to become more informed and help to defend religious rights in public schools through support of the Rutherford Institute. While the ad was paid for by the Elm Springs School, it was produced by the Rutherford Institute.

WESTARK CHRISTIAN ACTION COUNCIL

7813 Yorktown Road

Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903

Little Rock, March 9, 1993

The state Supreme Court dismissed Westark Christian Action Council's demand that state Health Department Director Joycelyn Elders be investigated for speaking at an abortion rights rally. The group had alleged that Elders violated state law when she spoke at a January 18, 1992, abortion-rights rally sponsored by the Arkansas Coalition for Choice.

3/9: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Fort Smith, July 15, 1993

According to Dale Morfey, chairman of the Westark Christian Council in Fort Smith, Dr. Joycelyn Elders' surgeon general designee, is "undoubtedly one of the most overt anti-Christian bigots I have ever seen in the public sector."

7/15: *Dallas Morning News*

Little Rock, October 22, 1993

A lawsuit filed against Dr. Joycelyn Elders, U.S. surgeon general and former director of the state Health Department, and Pulaski County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Stodola was dismissed by Circuit Judge John Ward. A similar suit was dismissed in March by the state Supreme Court. The suit dismissed asked that a special prosecutor be appointed to investigate Elders' appearance at a January 18, 1992, abortion-rights rally. The Westark Christian Action Council had also asked that Stodola be investigated for his failure to pursue criminal charges against Elders for speaking at the event.

10/22: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

OTHER RELIGIOUS RIGHT ACTIVITIES

Greenbrier, February 1, 1993

Parents of Greenbrier High School students voiced objections at two school board meetings about the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network education program that was sponsored last November. Most of the parents objecting said they were upset that the program included a former prostitute and a homosexual.

2/1: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, February 11, 1993

Deborah Halter was dismissed from her duties as editor of the *Arkansas Catholic*. A male former diocesan employee called her dismissal evidence

of a national trend in which "the tenor of the church is becoming more conservative." A male caller to the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, long associated with the diocese, said Halter fell victim to a "very vocal vendetta against her and the newspaper," mounted by factions he identified as "pro-life, pro-war, pro-capital punishment, anti-black, anti-women's rights and the gay bashers."

2/11: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, February 12, 1993

Charlie Tuttle, a North Little Rock First Assembly of God official, drafted a proclamation defining the church's position against President Clinton directives on abortion counseling, fetal tissue research and the end of the ban for gays in the military. The statement says the president's orders are "in direct contradiction to basic human morals, personal welfare and scriptural principles." The District Assemblies of God represents about 440 churches and 60,000 members.

2/12: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Conway, February 27, 1993

A UCA student filed charges with the Conway city attorney for harassment after she reported a male student had been harassing her on campus. The female student said that he had sent her cards and letters. When questioned, the male student said he had been sending them as religious guidance and not as harassment, despite being warned not to do it. The male student was restricted from having any contact with the other student.

2/27: *UCA Echo*

Little Rock, March 3, 1993

A Senate committee rejected Bill 565, which would repeal the sodomy law. Only one senator on the seven-member Judiciary Committee, Mike Everett, voted in favor of the bill. The Rev. Rex Horne, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, spoke against the bill, saying "the erosion of the foundation of our society must be rejected."

3/3: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, March 7, 1993

The Rev. W.N. Otwell of God Said Ministries in Nacogdoches, Texas, went to Waco, Texas, to the Branch Davidian compound to question the motives of federal authorities who said they were concerned about the safety of women and children being held

at the compound. Otwell was famous in Little Rock during 1992 for his protests outside then president-elect Clinton's church.

3/7: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Conway, March 1993

The Hendrix College Republicans are distributing complimentary copies of "Heterodoxy" a paper with sexist, racist and homophobic articles published by the Center for the Study of Popular Culture out of California.

March: *Copy of Paper*

Newport, March 7, 1993

An ad in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* said, "Please send petitions to President Clinton in opposition of his views concerning gay rights and abortion. If each of us will respond by doing this our Christian views may have an influence on his decision. Your prayers and support is needed in this effort. In Christian Love, Organized Religious Citizens" The ad was paid for by Emmitt Campbell.

3/7: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Bee Branch, March 20, 1993

South Side School District Superintendent Waco Sutterfield said that parents submitted petitions to the school board outlining their concerns over district plans to offer an AIDS awareness program. Hazel Edwards, a parent involved in the petition drive, said parents also want any classes on AIDS conducted by someone "known by the community as morally upright." Edwards also said, "Homosexuals shouldn't teach the class."

3/20: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Searcy, March 30, 1993

After a two-week campaign to rid video stores from selling sexually explicit material, Teens Against a Pornographic Environment succeeded in getting 10 out of the 11 stores targeted to remove tapes that were rated above R or unrated and contained sexually explicit material. Stephen Edelhuber, youth minister at the College Church of Christ, is the spokesperson for the teens group. He says the group has more than 1,000 teens from all denominations participating in the project.

3/30: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, March 30, 1993

A coalition of "family values" lobbying groups won a victory in the state House of Representatives when it adopted a compromise amendment to the appropriation bill for the state Health Department. Marilyn Simmons, state director of Family, Life, America, God (FLAG), said her group "would have liked a stronger amendment." The amendment states that before any new school clinics are established, the school board in question must pass a resolution requesting it, and that any clinic distributing condoms must maintain records of teen pregnancies at the school and report their finding annually to the school board. It also states that it is a state policy to discourage premarital sex, and that any sex education or health class must emphasize abstinence from sex as the best and only sure means of avoiding pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases.

3/30-4/7: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, March 31, 1993

During a House Committee meeting on Senate Bill 500, the Arkansas Disabilities Act, Fred Hart of Arkansas Right to Life and Jerry Cox of the Family Council argued against the bill, saying it's "simply disingenuous to say AIDS is not related to homosexuality." The bill failed to pass.

3/31-4/15: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; UCA Echo, Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, April 1, 1993

Ann Dierks, past president of the Arkansas Right to Life Committee, told *The Washington Post* recently that Health Department Director Joycelyn Elders, President Clinton's choice for surgeon general, "is to me really a very dangerous woman because of her policies. I see not an extension of a pro-choice policy, but a pro-abortion policy." Elders' response: "I'm not about abortions. I'm about preventing pregnancy. Which would in turn prevent abortions."

4/1: *Arkansas Times*

Searcy, April 1, 1993

Some students at Harding University compiled a petition against President Clinton's plan to lift the ban against gays in the military. Reportedly, the president of the college made a formal announcement about the petition at chapel and urged students to sign it. Chapel is a required

activity for the approximately 3,000 students.

4/1: *Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, April 18, 1993

Several demonstrators were photographing women as they entered Women's Community Health Care clinic. Officers talked to the demonstrators, who would neither confirm nor deny that they were taking photographs. A police report noted "a camera lying on the ground where they (the demonstrators) were sitting."

4/18: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, April 15, 1993

The House Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee, amended an employment discrimination bill to exclude people with AIDS because Rep. Wayne Wagner (Manila) said he feared the unamended bill would stop his constituents from discriminating against homosexuals. When Rep. Bill Walker of Little Rock pointed out that children also get AIDS, Fred Hart (Family Council) replied, "Mr. Walker, as I understand, by the time that child is able to work, he or she would no longer be with us."

4/15: *Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, April 21, 1993

Gov. Jim Guy Tucker signed into law House Bill 1892 written by Rep. Jerry King of Greenwood (an Assembly of God minister). The bill rewrites the state Equal Access Act to expand the definition of school meetings to include graduation ceremonies and football games.

4/21-5/4: *Little Rock Free Press*

Fayetteville, April 21, 1993

University of Arkansas' Department of University Programs invited Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris, a married gay couple, to participate in the University of Arkansas lecture series. Bryce Thomason, the person who invited the couple, said he had received more than 50 calls about the lecture. Most of the callers were angered that student fees were being used to bring the couple to campus. The UA College Republicans took out a full-page ad in the *Arkansas Traveler*, the school's newspaper, encouraging students to call University Programs and complain about the use of the student activity fee. The group Americans for Decency and Morality took ads out in local newspapers: "You are paying

to advance the homosexual agenda. Homosexuality is a moral, not a social issue." Graffiti written on the sidewalk outside the lecture site said, "Kill them all," and "You are paying to advance the homosexual agenda."

4/21-5/18: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*; *Northwest Arkansas Times*, *Little Rock Free Press*

Little Rock, April 26, 1993

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* hired Tucker Carlson, 23, as an editorial writer. Carlson is the former assistant editor of *Policy Review*, the quarterly publication of the Heritage Foundation, an ultra-conservative public policy organization.

4/26: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, May 2, 1993

The Arkansas Right-to-Life organization's 7th annual convention was addressed by Republican lieutenant governor candidate Mike Huckabee, where he said that abortion opponents need to be less aggressive if they want to change abortion laws. Arkansas Right-to-Life also honored Rep. Frank Willems of Paris for his opposition to abortion. Participants in the convention were also encouraged to focus on keeping the abortion drug RU-486 out of the United States.

5/2: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Fayetteville, May 13, 1993

After weeks of controversy, a Springdale woman received a certificate of occupancy to open a condom store on the Fayetteville city square. The city certificate was issued despite complaints from other merchants on the square and a 400-signature petition circulated by a Springdale minister protesting the business. The business, Condom Sense, will offer an array of condoms, cards and gag gifts.

5/13: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Rogers, May 28, 1993

The school district this year will not sponsor the religious service that traditionally accompanies the graduation ceremony. Instead, the Rogers High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association will be the host for the baccalaureate service. Religious services in addition to the graduation ceremony have been a tradition sponsored by the school district for more than 80 years.

5/28: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Ravenden Springs, May 27, 1993

A federal judge denied the ACLU's bid to block a planned prayer at a high school graduation in Northeast Arkansas. Randall Watts, father of an Oak Ridge junior, asked the ACLU to file the suit but U.S. District Judge Stephen Reasoner ruled that hearing the prayer would cause no irreparable harm because the plaintiff was not graduating.

5/28: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Conway, May/June 1993

The student newspaper at the University of Central Arkansas is again under attack for its special section on AIDS prevention that was inserted into the April 14 issue. A member of the university's board of trustees, the school's governing body, has requested that the board discuss the funding, policies and practices of the paper, which gets most of its money through student fees. The paper has come under attack in the past for its coverage of sex and a story about death threats to black professors on campus.

5/20-6/2: *Little Rock Free Press*

Fort Smith, June 3, 1993

U.S. Rep. Tim Hutchinson urged about 100 people attending a day-long Christian involvement-in-government seminar to become actively involved in the political process so that their "thoughts and beliefs" as Christians are "part of the debate."

6/4: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, June 3, 1993

A group headquartered in Costa Mesa, Calif., is marketing last year's videotape denouncing the Arkansas Governor's School, billing the video as a "knockout punch to Bill and Hillary Clinton's plans for America's schools." Bill Simonds, president of Citizens for Excellence in Education, stated, "There are 15,700 school districts in America. When we get an active Christian parents' committee in operation in all districts, we can take complete control of all local school boards."

6/10: *Arkansas Times*

Wynne, June 10, 1993

The American Center for Law and Justice, the legal arm of the Pat Robertson organization, takes credit for the Wynne School District's allowing prayer at its graduation ceremonies. School

Superintendent Leo Wigginton said the center had lied about its role. All agree that the Wynne School Board had said it would adhere to an existing policy prohibiting prayer, then changed its mind. The ACLJ said in a report that the board reversed itself because of a "courageous student" and the efforts of ACLJ attorneys.

6/10: *Arkansas Times*

Conway, June 11, 1993

Mike Huckabee, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor gave the delegates to the 1993 Arkansas Boys State advice on sex. He appealed to the boys to be the generation to say "Quit throwing condoms at us and respect the fact that we can say no." Huckabee also said that the thousands of soldiers who gave their lives to preserve freedom "didn't die so we could legitimize a man-to-man marriage or woman-to-woman marriage."

6/11: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Houston, June 17, 1993

A Southern Baptist Convention committee unanimously rejected a motion requesting that the messengers from President Clinton's church, Immanuel Baptist Church, be unseated because the church allegedly has not taken action against the president for his views. Nineteen resolutions were introduced at the Southern Baptist Convention that addressed church members' unhappiness with President Clinton and Vice President Gore's stands on homosexuality and abortion.

6/17: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, June 17, 1993

New and significant opposition has surfaced to the Governor's School. Dr. Don Moore, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, which represents some 500,000 Baptists, wrote Gov. Jim Guy Tucker asking him to do what he could to end "this disgraceful waste of money and talent." Moore, relating comments from a Governor's School graduate and parents of other students, said, "They said they spend the first three weeks trying to destroy everything they had been taught to do with personal character and values." Moore said he expected the State Convention to take up a resolution on the Governor's School in the fall and added that the Christian Civic Foundation, more or less a political arm of the convention, is also considering action.

6/17: *Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, June 19, 1993

After an absence of 7 1/2 months, the Rev. W.N. Otwell and 60 of his followers returned to Immanuel Baptist Church protesting President Clinton's stands on homosexuality, abortion and women's rights.

6/19: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Searcy, June 24, 1993

After a three-month campaign of boycotts and threatened boycotts, Teens Against a Pornographic Environment (TAPE) have not been entirely successful in ridding Searcy of what they believe to be pornographic videos. One video dealer has defied the campaign and another store that had agreed to the demands of anti-porn campaigners has reneged and is renting objectionable videos. Steve Edelhuber, a spokesman for the anti-porn group is youth minister at the College Church of Christ in Searcy. Edelhuber said about 800 teenagers have worked in the campaign.

6/24: *Arkansas Times*; June issue: *American Family Association Journal*

Jonesboro, June 26, 1993

Terry Riley, who runs a shop for witches, is being told to leave and says his right to religious freedom is being denied. Steve Griffin, landlord and son of the owner of the building, acknowledged that religion as well as business was a factor in the decision not to renew the month-to-month lease. Terry Schakelaar, a youth pastor from the Nazarene Church, said he accompanied Griffin to the store for moral support. "Steve went in there and talked to the witch and said, We are taking back our building," Schakelaar said. Riley's business operation "is wrong," Schakelaar said. "We are not worried about his rights being violated."

In August, 100 self-proclaimed witches met a group of more than 2,000 Christian counter protesters and onlookers at a Freedom of Religion march.

6/26: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, July 20, 1993

Representatives from at least two conservative groups from Arkansas have traveled to Washington to lobby against the confirmation of Dr. Joycelyn Elders as surgeon general. "We spent Monday through Thursday banging on the doors," said Jay D. Cole of Fayetteville, a conservative broadcaster

heard primarily on religious radio stations. "We, generally, hit a rock wall."

7/20: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Magnolia, August 20, 1993

The Rev. W.N. Otwell and 30 other followers from Texas picketed Central Baptist Church in Magnolia. "Central is guilty as sin and is an accessory to the crime by inviting (Immanuel Baptist Church) Pastor Rex Horne to speak, and honor him as a great leader in the church," Otwell said. Horne's brother, a member of Central, had asked Otwell to address a gathering of Sunday school teachers. Otwell and his followers are vocal opponents on the president's positions on lesbians and gays, abortion and feminism.

9/1: *Triangle Rising*

Little Rock, October 21, 1993

Religious leaders who had hoped to persuade Secretary of State Bill McCuen to forego the Nativity scene at the Capitol this year apparently will be disappointed. After first indicating he would accede to their wishes, McCuen is now saying instead that he is willing to add a variety of other displays, such as a star of David and perhaps secular symbols, so as to meet the mandates of the U.S. Supreme Court on government-sponsored display of religious symbols. If McCuen merely opens the grounds to others who might wish to put up displays, rather than install a constitutional display himself, a lawsuit is a strong possibility.

10/21: *Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, October 21, 1993

Approval was given for a ballot title for a proposed state constitutional amendment to require public funding of private education.

10/21: *Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, October 21, 1993

Local organizations have begun preparing for a week-long series of protests in Little Rock next spring. Literature distributed by the Houston-based Rescue America calls on Christians upset with Clinton's positions on issues such as gays serving in the military, abortion rights, and sex education and condom distribution in schools to join the descent on Little Rock planned for April 17th through 23rd.

10/21-11/3: *Little Rock Free Press*

Conway, November 3, 1993

In a column in the *Log Cabin Democrat*, Dan H. Jarrell, pastor at Fellowship Bible Church, asked people with similar values to contact businesses that distribute *Little Rock Free Press* and urge them to discontinue it. Jarrell objected to the newspaper's advertisements for male strippers, "900 telephone numbers" and same-sex personal ads. "From front to back, *Free Press* is way out of the mainstream and is inconsistent with the values that have drawn many of us to the Conway community," Jarrell wrote. Partly as a result of Jarrell's column, Subway discontinued offering the *Free Press* at its two locations in Conway. It contains materials that "I would not like for my customers to be reading," Subway franchise owner Mary Reed said. "People need to take a stand because this country is becoming so morally bankrupt."

11/3: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Conway, November 4, 1993

An abstinence workshop taught as part of the Conway Junior High School curriculum is drawing criticism from Conway-area educators, who say it includes inaccurate information and promotes stereotypes about male and female roles in society. Betty Hubbard, a University of Central Arkansas health sciences professor told the Conway School Board that the program is biased in its approach to issues like abortion and condom use. The workshop, titled "Self Respect," uses volunteers to go into health education classrooms and employs skits and demonstrations to "glamorize abstinence," according to Thelma Moton, who organizes the workshops. This is the second year the Self Respect workshop has been part of Conway's health education. It is also used in the Mayflower school district and will be used in the Hot Springs district beginning in December, Moton said.

11/4-11/17: *Little Rock Free Press*

Fort Smith, November 4, 1993

The author of a proposal to provide state money for private-school tuition in Arkansas says the rejection of similar measures in California will make him work harder. Oscar Stilley of Fort Smith said, "California is a much more liberal state. It is not the Bible Belt. Like it or not, religion is going to play a role in this. There are a lot of Arkansans who do not like the Supreme Court's interpretations of

the First Amendment, particularly such things as forbidding posting of the Ten Commandments on school walls and prayer."

11/4: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, November 10, 1993

Ann Dierks, immediate past president of Arkansas Right to Life, said in an interview regarding a suit asking a U.S. District Court to overturn the state's constitutional ban on public funding of abortions for poor women who become pregnant from rape or incest: "The problem is that women would not be required to prove they were raped to obtain an abortion. Any woman could claim rape and the same with incest, say, My father attacked me, whatever."

11/10: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, November 19, 1993

A state Capitol Nativity scene, a decades-old holiday tradition, will be erected again this year despite the possibility of a lawsuit. Secretary of State Bill McCuen said, "Baby Jesus is not a political issue. It's a tradition."

11/19: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Conway, November 23, 1993

Some University of Central Arkansas students opposed a Conway Corp. committee recommendation to remove MTV from its cable line-up. The Conway Corp. Cable Television System Programming Committee recommended that the publicly owned cable system drop MTV. Committee members said they voted to remove MTV because of majority sentiment including 34 letters, and concerns over program content.

11/23: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, November 30, 1993

Oscar Stilley, the author of a proposed constitutional amendment to legalize spending Arkansas tax money for private education, has significantly altered his initial proposal. Stilley took that action partly to avoid a conflict with the U.S. Constitution's provisions for separation of church and state.

11/30: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, December 9, 1993

Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee signed his name to a letter prepared by a Mountain Home lawyer

arguing that the AIDS education program in the local school district is illegal for not stressing abstinence as the most effective form of sexual disease prevention.

12/9: *Arkansas Times*

Little Rock, December 21, 1993

Attorney General Winston Bryant has approved and certified a popular name and ballot title for a proposed private school voucher amendment, clearing the way for petitions to begin circulating.

12/21: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

Little Rock, December 30, 1993

Clutching signs that read "Proud virgin" and "Don't have sex til you tie the knot," about 900 young people marched through downtown Little Rock to encourage people to abstain from pre-marital sex. The march was part of a conference held by the Baptist Missionary Association of Arkansas.

12/30: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

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