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A ’Moving’ Violation

“I feel very, very sorry for those with AIDS who have contracted it medically. I think that’s an absolute tragedy...Those who contract it through their own performance I have not as much sympathy for. But the symptoms of the illness are so bad you still can’t help being moved by it.”

--Australian Premier Jeff Kennett, *The Sunday Age*, August 10

Who Let You In?

“We [Americans] have no guts. We are: ’Bring your sick, bring your terrorists, bring your homosexuals.’ We covet these people. We covet people with HIV, we covet homosexuals. Any excuse you have or any sickness you have, come on in!”

--WABC-770 AM’s Steve Malzberg, August 14

Getting Out the Kinks

“I will not see AIDS patients at my office because people in the waiting room leave when they see them. Sad but true. We have a lot of educating to do.”

--Cheryl Chapman, at the 1996 National Massage-Therapy Convention, *Massage Therapy Journal*, Fall 1997

Chicken Soup

“[Rep. Dan] Burton [R-Ind.] has proposed mandatory AIDS testing for every American citizen and,

this year, her called for the death penalty for anyone who knowingly transmits HIV. He is reportedly so afraid of catching the disease that he refuses to order soup in a restaurant."

--Mother Jones, "Blood Money," September/October 1997

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