

Gay AF officer loses fed appeal

WASHINGTON — A federal judge Dec. 15 turned down an Air Force officer's attempt to halt the service from discharging him for alleged homosexual acts.

The suit was brought by an unnamed Air Force officer who was scheduled to go before a board of inquiry later in the day.

Citing the rulings in the case of Sgt. Leonard F. Matlovich who was ousted from the Air Force on homosexual charges five years ago, the officer's attorney argued that the service has not established adequate standards for such discharges.

In the Matlovich case, the courts held that because the Air Force had not spelled out its standards it could not discharge Matlovich.

A judge ordered Matlovich reinstated, but he recently reached a financial settlement with the Air Force instead of re-entering the service.

Attorney Dan Schember argued before U.S. District Court Judge Charles R. Richey that the current case is similar to that of Matlovich and thus the Air Force should be prevented from taking action against his client.

But government lawyer John Maclay contended that no decision on discharging the officer has yet been made, only a hearing schedule on a recommendation that he be discharged.

Maclay said that since the Air Force has not yet acted there is nothing for the court to review, and Judge Richey agreed.

Transsexual wife killed in spat

HOWELL, N.J. — A 41-year-old truck driver who barricaded himself in his home for 12 hours Tuesday was charged with murder in the shooting death of his transsexual wife, officials said.

Robert Fox surrendered shortly before midnight, giving himself up to a brother who was not immediately identified.

Shortly afterward, the body of Fox's wife, Jeanie Shelley Boushard Fox, the former Donald Shephard, was removed from the home, said Monmouth County Prosecutor Alexander Lehrer.

Mrs. Fox was shot Monday, but police didn't learn about the incident until Tuesday, Lehrer said. An autopsy was scheduled.

Authorities said the couple began fighting as Mrs. Fox, a native of Toronto, was packing to go to Canada for a third and final stage of transsexual surgery. The \$5,500 operation was to be financed by Fox, who had taken out a second mortgage on his house to get the money, Lehrer said.

As he helped his wife pack, Fox discovered letters the woman had written to a former lover, a Toronto man, and an argument followed, Lehrer said.

Lehrer said Fox and his 34-year-old wife were married two months ago after a "whirlwind courtship" in Montreal last summer.

Fox, who talked with police over a direct phone line during the standoff, surrendered after asking that his brother enter the home and speak with him.

Anita loses out as admired woman

Readers of Good Housekeeping for the last 12 years have participated in a "most admired women" poll. For the first time in three years, according to the results in the January issue, Anita Bryant, the singer, has not won top place.

Miss Bryant, who became a controversial figure when she led the fight to overturn a homosexual rights measure in Miami several years ago, was displaced by Mother Maria Theresa of Calcutta, who won the 1979 Nobel Peace prize.

Miss Bryant dropped to third place