

UNMARRIED AMERICA, the Newsletter of the American Association for Single People

Unmarried Households Soon a 'New Majority'

The 2000 U.S. Census reported that unmarried adults headed up a majority of households in more than 300 cities. The same was true for six states: Louisiana (51.1%), Massachusetts (51.0%), Mississippi (50.2%), Nevada (50.3%), New York (53.4%), and Rhode Island (51.8%). In March 2000, 48.3% of the nation's households were labeled "unmarried."

More recent statistics show a continuing decline in married-couple households with a corresponding increase in those headed by single or unmarried adults.

According to the 2001 Annual Survey of more than 700,000 households in the nation, the Census Bureau estimates that during 2001, approximately 49.4% of all households in the United States were headed by unmarried Americans.

The Census Bureau now estimates that 13 states fall into the "unmarried majority" category. During 2001, seven more states were added to the list: California (50.5%), Florida (51.1%), Illinois (50.7%), Maryland (50.9%), New Mexico (50.6%), Ohio (50.3%), and South Carolina (50.1%).

Four other states which were on the verge of having "unmarried majority" households in 2001 may have already crossed over by now: Arizona (49.9%), Colorado (49.6%), Oregon (49.8%) and Washington (49.8%).

The transformation of the nation's households from a "married majority" to an "unmarried majority" has implications

for businesses, government programs, and political campaigns.

Businesses giving discounts to families - such as gyms, community recreation centers, auto insurers, membership groups, and auto clubs -- will need to broaden the definition of "family" to include household members not related by blood or marriage. Costco, AAA, AARP, and Ballys have moved in that direction.

Employers will need to readjust employee benefits programs so that solo singles, unmarried workers living with relatives, single parents with adult children at home, and domestic partners are not shortchanged.

Government programs which impose taxes or confer benefits will need to be reevaluated for fairness to members of the new unmarried majority. This includes income tax exemptions and deductions, joint filing privileges, social security taxes, and the so-called federal death tax.

Political parties and candidates will need to target audiences beyond married couples and traditional families. Politics of inclusion should include the reality that a new unmarried majority is emerging.

AASP has been studying these demographic trends and monitoring the needs of unmarried Americans for several years. We are ready and willing to assist political leaders and corporate executives as they prepare for a new era in American living arrangements - an era in which unmarried Americans are treated fairly as workers, consumers, and taxpayers. ΔΔΔ

Housing Bias is a Persistent Problem

Federal law does not prohibit marital status discrimination in housing and public accommodations and most states lack legal protections against such bias.

As a result, single people are often without a legal basis to protest such unfair practices by landlords, condominium associations, motels, and zoning administrators.

AASP has become aware of many cases of housing bias in recent months. Each shows a need for consumers to be aware of their rights under existing law and to lobby for new laws where there is an absence of current legal protection.

Consider these cases:

Two Alabama law students sharing a house were forced to move due to a zoning law limiting occupants to members of a "family".

An Oregon bed and breakfast inn blatantly discouraged unmarried couples from renting a room; a sign in front of a motel in Idaho exclaimed "no unmarried couples".

A "single family" zoning law in Provo, Utah prohibits a home owner from sharing a residence with more than two other unrelated adults.

A heterosexual man in New York complains that his condo association won't let him share his three bedroom unit with a roommate because they are not members of a "family".

Marital status is an arbitrary basis to deny housing to tenants, homeowners, and consumers. That is why all federal, state, and local laws should prohibit such unfair practices.

Garamendi Sworn in as Insurance Chief



John Garamendi was sworn in on January 5, 2003 as the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California. He won the position in November 2002 when almost 3 million voters cast their ballots in his favor, nearly 300,000 more votes than his closest rival in the political race.

Garamendi is expected to move forward quickly with his agenda for reform, considering that he had four years experience as California's first elected Insurance Commissioner in the early 1990s.

Among the pledges he made in his campaign, Garamendi promised to convene a Task Force on Marital Status Redlining to suggest responsible alternatives to the use of marital status for setting insurance rates or issuing joint policies.

He also promised to:

- Assign department staff to assist the Task Force in its research;
- Immediately audit the practices of a representative sample of companies; and
- Prepare a brochure to inform agents and the public about current legal protections against marital status discrimination in California.

During the campaign, Garamendi indicated that he would ask AASP Executive Director Thomas F. Coleman to serve as a consultant to the new Task Force.

AASP recently requested a meeting with Commissioner Garamendi to discuss implementation of these objectives and to establish a realistic timetable for this important work. ♪

Grant Awarded to Document Singles Research

A small grants program was recently established exclusively to support research on the psychology of being single. The program is administered by the Anthony Marchionne Foundation for the Scientific Study of Human Relations and Psychological Processes.

The first recipient of a Marchionne Foundation grant for the study of singles is Dr. Bella M. DePaulo, Chair of the Academic Advisory Board of Spectrum Institute, Research and Policy Division of AASP.

A \$25,000 grant was awarded to Professor DePaulo for her proposal entitled, "The Scientific Study of People Who Are Single: The State of the Research".

During 2003, Dr. DePaulo will compile the research and scholarship pertaining to some of the most important questions about people who are single.

These questions include: Who are the singles in America? How many are there, and how are their numbers changing? What is the nature of the personal relationships of people who are single? What do we know about the health and well being of singles? Are there stereotypes of people who are single? If so, how do such views of singles compare to what singles really are like? What is the nature of single life in old age? How do children who are living with one parent fare, relative to those who live with cohabiting parents or married parents?

Dr. Bella DePaulo is a Visiting Professor of Social Psychology at the University of California at Santa Barbara. She earned her Ph.D. from Harvard in 1979, taught at the University of Virginia for more than 20 years, is the author of more than 100 publications, and has lectured nationally and internationally.

"I was so delighted to learn about the Marchionne Foundation," Dr. DePaulo told *Unmarried America*. "This is exactly what is needed to jump start the scientific study of people who are single."

"The study of marriage and family has long had a highly developed infrastructure and many sources of funding. But until the Marchionne Foundation came along, there were no comparable resources available to people focusing on singles. It is not just the funding that has been lacking. There are no textbooks about people who are single, no scholarly journals devoted to the study of singles, and no conferences organized exclusively for the discussion of scholarship on singles. This is remarkable considering that on average, people now spend more years of their adult lives single than married."

Anthony "Toby" Marchionne was a clinical psychologist who practiced in Albany, New York. He was single all his life.

In his scholarship and clinical practice, Dr. Marchionne recognized the health, happiness, well being, and resilience of so many life-long singles. Before he died, he created a Foundation dedicated to the scientific study of single people, and provided enough funding for the Foundation to endure for decades.

Dr. Marchionne was the first student to be awarded a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Washington State University. It is especially fitting, therefore, that the Foundation is located at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. The Program Manager is Dr. Craig Parks, who is an Associate Professor of Social Psychology at WSU. ♪



Professor Bella DePaulo

Single Women are Breaking Through a 'Glass Ceiling' into Governors' Club

Last year, Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE) was the only member of the National Association of Governors who was not married.

Minner, a widow, joined the American Association for Single People a few years ago when she was Lt. Governor of Delaware. She has remained a member ever since.

With few exceptions over the years, chances are that an unmarried gubernatorial candidate won't gain acceptance of a majority of voters for a state's top executive position. Jerry Brown, Governor of California for two terms in the 1970s was one of those few exceptions, as was Ann Richards, former Governor of Texas.

With marital status and household demographics changing throughout the nation, and with unmarried households becoming a majority in many cities and states, perhaps more unmarried candidates will win approval of voters as they contend for the position of chief executive.

AASP is pleased to report that two outstanding women demonstrated last November that it is possible for single politicians to break through the marital status "glass ceiling" which in the past has proved to be a barrier to becoming a state governor.

Linda Lingle, a Republican, is now the Governor of Hawaii, while Janet Napolitano, a Democrat, has become the Governor of Arizona.

Because of the bipartisan nature of these victories, and because both women are excellent role models, AASP is pleased to present a profile of each in this newsletter.

After they settle into their new positions, AASP plans to reach out to these new governors and to their administrations. We will share information with them about the unmarried populations of their respective states and suggest ways in which the new governors might help to eliminate unfair practices by the government as well as encourage private businesses to do the same.

We also hope Governor Lingle and Governor Napolitano will consider



Linda Lingle

History was made in Hawaii on November 5, 2002 as Linda Lingle was elected as governor of Hawaii. Lingle is the first female governor elected in Hawaii and the first Republican to hold that office since 1962.

Lingle was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1953. When she was 12, her family moved to Southern California, where she graduated from Birmingham High, a public school in Van Nuys. In 1975, she graduated from California State University at Northridge, where she was editor of the Journalism Department Newspaper and the Alumni Newsletter. She moved to Hawaii after graduation, following her father who had moved there to open a Ford dealership.

Following her arrival in Hawaii, Lingle worked as the public information officer for the Hawaii Teamsters and Hotel Workers Union in Honolulu. Lingle then moved to Moloka'i where she founded the Moloka'i Free Press, a local newspaper serving the 6,000 residents of the island.

In 1980, Lingle was elected to the Maui County Council where she served for ten years. In 1990, Lingle made history by becoming the youngest person elected as Mayor of Maui County, the first woman and the only non-Maui born person ever elected to that office.

Lingle, who is divorced, is the adoptive parent of Snooze, a cat she obtained from the Maui Humane Society.

accepting an invitation to become honorary members of AASP, joining more than 80 other elected officials throughout the nation who have already done so.



Janet Napolitano

Janet Napolitano grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She attended college at Santa Clara University in California, where she was named a Truman Scholar and graduated summa cum laude, and later attended law school at the University of Virginia.

She came to Arizona in 1983 as a law clerk to U.S. Appeals Court Judge Mary Shroeder, and in 1989 became a partner at the Phoenix law firm of Lewis and Roca.

She was named U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona by President Clinton in 1993, and was elected Arizona Attorney General in 1998.

She created the first Office for Women inside the Attorney General's office to make issues affecting women a top priority. Therefore, it is no surprise that she is "pro choice."

Although Napolitano says that she does not support the legalization of gay marriage, she believes in "fundamental human rights" and that "all Arizonans should be treated with respect and dignity."

Napolitano believes that sex education courses should move beyond a message of "abstinence only" and should include information on how young people can protect themselves from pregnancy and diseases.

Although Napolitano, who is single, is known for her hard work, she finds time for hiking in the Arizona mountains or taking rafting trips and is a serious sports fan. ▲▲

As for reproductive rights, she is "pro choice." Lingle has indicated she would sign a domestic partnership law if one were passed by the Legislature.

Governors Respond to AASP Survey on Health Care for Low-Income Workers

During National Unmarried and Single Americans Week (Sept. 16-22, 2002), AASP recognized New York Governor George Pataki for his leadership in expanding his state's subsidized health plan for the working poor. In 2001, Pataki opened up the plan to unmarried workers without children.

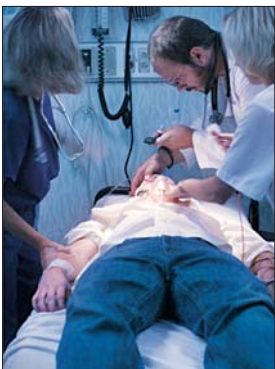
AASP sent a letter to the other 49 governors in the nation to inform them of Pataki's action, asking them if they had a similar plan or would consider one in the future.

To date, we received responses from seven states. Some of them are summarized in this story.

A national survey conducted by the Harris Poll in October 2002 showed that expanding health care to more people is an important issue to the public as well as with voters.

Some 40% of likely voters said that health care issues might affect their vote in the November elections. The two most important health issues identified by voters were: (1) expanding coverage to include more people and (2) the cost.

Priorities of voters differed by party. Among those who said that the expansion of health insurance to reduce the number of uninsured was most likely to influence their vote, 30% identify themselves as Democrats, versus 20% who said they are Republicans.



For those who said that the total cost of health care was most likely to influence their vote, 26% identified themselves as Republicans, versus 16% who said they are Democrats.

When asked, "Which party do you think is more likely to do what you want about the health care issues that are important to you," 31% named the Democrats as being more effective, and 21% named the Republicans. But the greatest percentage of respondents (48%) either did not rank one party over the other or said they don't know.



According to recent studies, unmarried and single adults are much more likely to be uninsured than are married adults. Barbara Wentworth, a spokesperson for the Kaiser Family Foundation told AASP, "As you suspected, married people are the least likely to be uninsured."

More detail was provided to AASP by the Institute of Medicine, a research agency funded by the federal government. The Institute recently released two reports on the consequences of uninsurance.

The first is entitled "Coverage Matters: Insurance and Health Care." The second is entitled "Care without Coverage."

Wilhelmine Miller, Co-Director of the project which conducted these studies, told AASP:

"Your sense that single adults are more likely to lack health insurance than married adults is correct; adults under the age of 65 who are not married have an uninsured rate overall of about twice that of married non-elderly adults, which is about 13 percent."

A Current Population Report released by the Census Bureau in September 2002 confirmed that the marital status of adults is related to lack of health coverage.

The report stated that young adults ages 18-24 had the highest uninsured rate of any age group, with more than 28% lacking coverage for all or a portion of 2001. The vast majority of people in this age group are unmarried, and the income levels of such young people are notoriously low.

It also confirmed that children are affected by the marital status of their parents, with nearly 15% of children in single parent families being uninsured as compared with less than 10% of those

in married couple families.

On a more local level, the same problem persists. A study done by the Massachusetts Division of Health Care in 2000 concluded that the proportion of uninsured is the lowest for those who are married (3.6%), higher for divorced, separated or widowed (11.7%), and the highest for never married (15.8%).

A survey done in 1996 in Kansas by Sedgewick County discovered that of those who were insured, about 65% were married and 35% unmarried.

Considering that most working-age people get their health insurance through an employer, expansion of state subsidized plans to cover unmarried low-income workers without children takes on added importance. **MM**

Good News from the State of New Mexico



NM Gov. Bill Richardson

Responding for the Governor of New Mexico, Robert Marcua, Director of the Department of Human Services, told AASP:

"I am happy to tell you that New Mexico

has recently been granted a federal HIFA (Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability) waiver through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to fund a new health care program for uninsured adults."

"The State Coverage Initiative (SCI) program is an employer based public/private partnership program that will provide affordable health insurance to low-income adults in New Mexico, including single adults without children."

SCI is expected to start in the spring of 2003. New Mexico will partially fund the program, with the bulk of funding coming from the federal government.

New Mexico has a high rate of uninsured, at 23.7% compared to 14% nationally. **MM**

Vermont was a leader in low-income health care



Howard Dean, M.D.

Replying on behalf of then-Governor Howard Dean (D-VT), Jane Kitchell, Secretary of the Agency of Human Services, told AASP:

“Vermont was one of the first states in the nation to obtain a federal Medicaid waiver authorizing federal financial participation for the expansion of health care assistance to low-income uninsured adults.”

“Start up of the program called the Vermont Health Access Plan (VHAP) occurred in January 1996.”

The VHAP brochure says that residents who lack health insurance may qualify for the plan whether they are working or not and regardless of whether they are married or single.

The plan covers doctor visits, prescriptions, visits to specialists, emergency room care, inpatient hospital care, tests and x-rays, mental health services, and home health care.

Depending on an applicant's income, he or she may have to pay a program fee every six months. Co-payments are required for most services. VHAP covers about half the cost of prescriptions.

Howard Dean left the office of Governor in December 2002. He is currently exploring the possibility of being a contender for the Democratic presidential primary in 2004. ▲▲

Health care funding options under study in Wyoming

Responding for then-Governor Jim Geringer (R-Wyoming), Interim State Health Officer Brent D. Sherard, told AASP: “Wyoming does not provide subsidized health care for unmarried low-income workers who are not parents.

“The Department of Health will be conducting a study over the next year of the uninsured population in this state and will be evaluating a number of private and public options to increase the number of citizens with health care coverage.” ▲▲

Any possible expansion falls to new Governor in Alaska



Frank Murkowski

health care for the working poor.

Replying to AASP last October, Bob Labbe, Director of the Division of Medical Assistance stated:

“The State of Alaska provides subsidized health care for children, pregnant women, families with dependent children, disabled adults, or persons age 65 and older, but does not include working single people who are not parents.

“While New York's Family Health Plus model is interesting, any change in Alaska's Medicaid program will need to be considered by the upcoming elected Governor and the new administration.”

Republican gubernatorial candidate Frank Murkowski assumed the office of Governor in January 2003. AASP will be contacting him about his plans, if any, to provide coverage to single low-income workers without children. ▲▲

No plans to cover unmarried workers in Virginia

Jane H. Woods, secretary of Health and Human Resources, told AASP that Virginia's subsidized health care program is limited to uninsured chil-

dren from low-income families and hopes to expand the program so that it will cover pregnant women and eventually working parents.

She added: “We do not have any plans at this time to provide state subsidized health care for the working poor who are not parents.” ▲▲

Hawaii has programs for low-income workers

Benjamin J. Cayetano was Governor of Hawaii for two terms. The Democratic governor was replaced by Republican candidate Linda Lingle in December 2002.

Last September, Cayetano personally wrote to AASP, stating:

“Hawaii has been a leader in promoting health care coverage for our residents, including single persons who are not parents.

“Since 1994, the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act (HPHCA) has mandated employers to offer health care coverage to their employees who work twenty hours or more per week. Hawaii is the only state with a waiver from the federal Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 that prohibits states from mandating employer sponsored health care coverage.

“In June 1989, the Governor of Hawaii enacted the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) that provided low-cost basic health insurance to persons including single childless adults, who were not eligible for Medicaid, were employed less than twenty hours per week, or could not afford the HPHCA coverage offered by their employers.”

Cayetano explained that since 1994, Hawaii has also provided health coverage to unmarried childless adults under QUEST, a Medicaid program approved by the federal government. However, the program is closed to new enrollees when it reaches an enrollment cap of 125,000.

The enrollment in QUEST currently exceeds that number and so no additional single people without children may enroll in the program at this time. ▲▲

Mail Box

the years that have helped propel, accelerate, and now rocket AASP to the brink of affecting more positive change that I believe only a few can imagine.

Unfortunately I don't know the names of what must have been quite a few other people who helped along the way, however, I believe that one of those few imaginative and immensely contributing people must be Dr. Nora Baladerian, President of AASP.

The reason for that belief is a statement that she made a few years ago; "We don't want to do too much, just change society."

Upon reading that on May 7, 2000, I sent AASP a quote from Margaret Mead and I will close with that quote. This time, I think I can truly understand just how much that quote applies to the founders of AASP.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has" -- Margaret Mead.

Sincerely,
Vernon Gutenkunst

Kudos to Outstanding Unmarried American

Lloyd Rigler is not only an "Outstanding Unmarried American", he also is an outstanding American!

Congratulations on the wonderful article in AASP's Unmarried America, Fall 2002 edition.

Our only complaint about the article is that it does not tell the readers about the myriad of good works that Mr. Rigler has done (for the Arts, Ethiopian Jews, etc.) besides all he has done over the years for single persons. The world needs more people like him!

We hope that he keeps up the good work for many happy and healthy years to come. L'Shana Tova!

B'Shalom,
Middie & Dick Giesberg

Indiana Secretary of State Responds to AASP Letter



Thank you for sending me the Fall 2002 edition of your newsletter and making me aware of your efforts to motive young voters.

I share your goals of improving voter turnout rates among 18 to 24-year-olds and raising awareness of the importance of youth involvement in government.

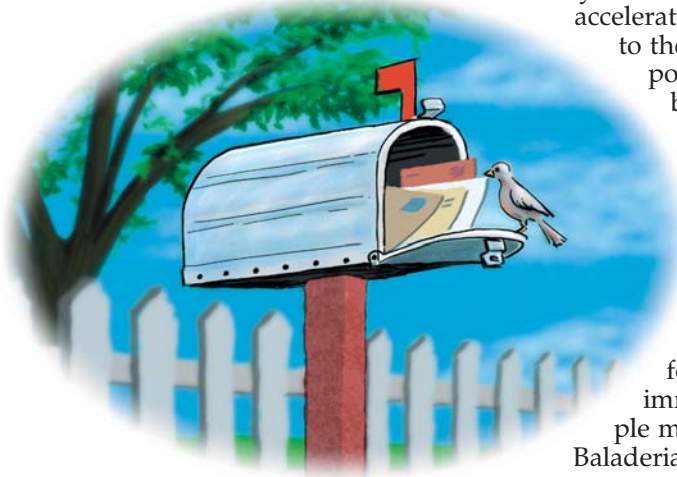
I serve on the Executive Board of the Youth Voter Corps and my office is currently actively involved in the door-to-door youth voter initiative Freedom's Answer in an effort to get all 18 year-olds to register and, on Election Day, vote.

The youth vote is clearly motivated by two things – issues and habits. If children grow up in families witnessing their parents voting and participating in the political process, they are much more likely to continue that tradition.

Likewise, if young people are personally touched by an issue – like terrorism – they will vote. I encourage all individuals to talk with their children and their friend's children about the importance of voting.

I laud Unmarried America for its efforts to motivate young people to exercise their right to vote.

Sincerely,
Sue Ann Gilroy
Secretary of State



Single Teacher Complains about Benefit Compensation

Rockford School District recently agreed to a contract with the teachers in Rockford, Illinois.

The contract requires single people to contribute \$25 towards health insurance. People with dependent coverage pay \$50.

The district's cost for individual coverage is \$350 in contrast to the cost for dependent coverage which is \$850. As a result, single employees are receiving nearly \$500 per month less in benefits compensation than employees with dependents.

This seems to be blatant discrimination against single people.

Yours truly,
M. Sims

Minnesota Member Praises AASP Founders

Until reading the most recent newsletter, I was quite unaware of the full degree and extent that Tom Coleman has pursued this cause. Determined disciples must have been inspired by Tom's leadership, passion, persistence and professionalism in this campaign.

The example this has set may motivate other champions of just causes and encourage their followers.

Definitely congratulations are in order to all the supporters through

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20th Anniversary of Privacy Commission Report



The Governor's Commission on Personal Privacy issued its report to the California Legislature and the public on December 30, 1982. The 18-month study was convened by then-Governor Jerry Brown. It's mandate was to recommend ways in which the privacy of Californians could be better respected and protected. The commission's scope included concerns over informational privacy and territorial

or physical privacy, as well as decisional or associational privacy. As to the latter, the commission focused on ways to better protect the freedom of choice of individuals with respect to family formation and living arrangements.

On this issue, the commission recommended that a state registry for alternate families be formed within the office of the Secretary of State and that rights and benefits eventually be afforded by the state to registered families. This recommendation envisioned a registration system which would include same and opposite-sex domestic partners.

Thomas F. Coleman, now Executive Director of AASP, served as the commission's Executive Director and was the author of its 500-page final report. Dr. Nora Baladerian, President of AASP, served as a member of the Commission.

Mission Statement

The American Association for Single People promotes the well being of and fairness for 82 million unmarried Americans, whether they live with a family member or partner, a roommate, or live alone. The promise of equality applies to all people – as workers, taxpayers, consumers, and citizens – whether married or not. AASP's mission is fulfilled by conducting research and providing information and advice to members, elected officials, corporate policy makers, and the media.

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National USA Week Roundup

National Unmarried and Single Americans Week, commemorated during September 16-22, 2002, was a terrific success. AASP took the opportunity to launch a public awareness campaign during National USA Week to bring public attention to the large and growing number of single and unmarried Americans and to acknowledge their contributions to society.

We invited mayors and governors throughout the nation to issue proclamations to acknowledge the occasion. In the final count, proclamations were issued in 33 states by Republican, Democratic, and Independent governors and mayors.

During National USA Week, AASP issued awards to acknowledge the leadership, contributions, and excellence of several organizations and individuals. Photographs of some of the awards presentations appear to the right.

Staff and members from Los Angeles traveled to the nation's Capitol where they were joined by some East Coast members to make our presence known in Washington. During that week we presented three of the National USA Week Awards. AASP member Perry Heath also presented poems he had especially written for these three award recipients.

We also visited the offices of all 535 members of Congress, a daunting task to say the least. AASP literature was delivered to each Representative and Senator. A news story about singles in the workplace was also given to single staff members.

The reception we received during USA Week was much different than what we experienced in May 2001 when some staffers were hostile or rude to us. This time we were treated respectfully by everyone we met.

Media attention during National USA Week was encouraging. Executive Director Thomas F. Coleman kicked off the week with an interview on New York city's most popular morning talk show. Later in the week stories were published in newspapers in California, Florida, and North Carolina.

We were delighted when The Hill, a newspaper read by members of Congress and their staffers, carried a special story about AASP a few weeks later. This story helped reinforce our message in the halls of power.

The Board of Directors and staff of AASP are grateful for the help we received from members in obtaining proclamations from their mayors and governors. We are also pleased that members such as Michael Patino and Perry Heath took the entire week off from work to volunteer their time and services to AASP during National USA Week.

With additional help from AASP members Dr. Karen Gail Lewis and L. Joan Allen, we were able to show elected officials and members of the media that single people can have a good time and enjoy themselves as we educate society about serious issues affecting the lives of 82 million unmarried Americans.

Congratulations to all for a job well done! Now it's time to make plans for National USA Week in September 2003. MM



A Political Leadership Award to New York Governor George Pataki is presented by Tom Coleman and AASP member L. Joan Allen. Receiving the award on Pataki's behalf is his federal affairs representative James A. Mazarrella.



Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton receives a Political Leadership Award from AASP members (left to right) Michael Patino, Dr. Karen Gail Lewis, Tom Coleman, Perry Heath, and Michael Vasquez.



Tom Coleman and Perry Heath present an Excellence in Media Award to CBS Radio News, Washington D.C. correspondents Howard Arenstein and Dan Ravigo received the award for CBS News General Manager Constance Lloyd.