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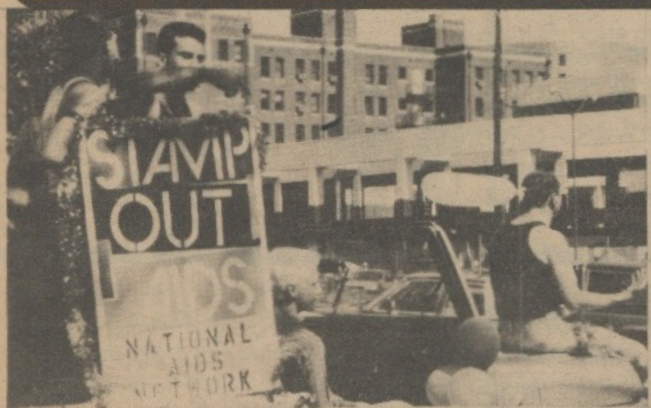
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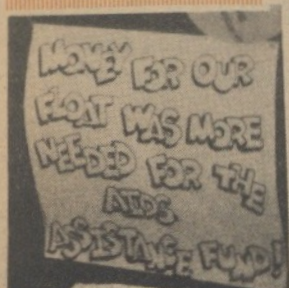
AIDSUpdate

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE AIDS RESOURCE CENTER

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AIDS was a common theme at the 1986 Texas Freedom Parade, which was dedicated to Richard Rogers, and at the rally which followed in Lee Park. The rally was dedicated to Howie Daire.



AIDS RESOURCE CENTER CALENDAR

SUN	October 5 & November 1	ORIENTATION FOR NEW AIDS RESOURCE CENTER VOLUNTEERS - 1:00 PM <i>Gay Community Center - 3920 Cedar Springs - Call 528-4233 for information.</i> AIDS UPDATE PRODUCTION - Noon - Gay Community Center AIDS INFORMATION LINE (521-5124) - 24 Hours - Every Day
MON	October 27	DALLAS COUNTY AIDS COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING - 3:00 PM <i>Dallas County Health Department - 1936 Amelia Court - Call 920-7920 for information.</i> AIDS UPDATE NOVEMBER DEADLINE - Articles, letters, and ads for the next issue of <i>AIDS Update</i> must be left at CROSSROADS MARKET or the Gay Community Center. Call 669-8034 for information. AIDS INFORMATION LINE (521-5124) - 24 Hours - Every Day
TUE	Every Tuesday	AIDS RESOURCE CENTER VISITATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 7:00 PM <i>Gay Community Center - 3920 Cedar Springs - Call 521-1717 for information</i> SUPPORT GROUP FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS - 6:00 PM SUPPORT GROUP FOR FRIENDS, LOVERS, & FAMILY OF PWAS - 6:30 PM <i>Oak Lawn Counseling Center - 5811 Nash - Call 351-1502 for information.</i> WELLNESS SUPPORT GROUP - Call 631-5217 for information.
WED	Every Wednesday November 5	SUPPORT GROUP FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS RELATED COMPLEX - 6:00 PM <i>Oak Lawn Counseling Center - 5811 Nash - Call 351-1502 for information.</i> THAT SPECIAL GROUP AT 8:05 - Oak Lawn Counseling Center Annex - 5830 Nash MEETING FOR AIDS INFORMATION LINE VOLUNTEERS - 7:30 PM <i>Gay Community Center - Call 528-4233 for information.</i> AIDS INFORMATION LINE (521-5124) - 24 Hours - Every Day
THU	Every Thursday	DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING - 7:30 PM <i>Gay Community Center - 3920 Cedar Springs - Call 528-4233 for information.</i> HEALING YOUR LIFE - 6:30 PM <i>Oak Lawn Counseling Center - 5811 Nash - Call 351-1502 for information.</i> AIDS INFORMATION LINE (521-5124) - 24 Hours - Every Day
FRI	October 10 October 31	NUCLEAR MELTDOWN PARTY - Benefit for The AIDS Resource Center and Gay Community Center - 8:00-Midnight - Arena - 4025 Maple Avenue \$5 Cover - Free Draft Beer - Happy Hour Prices for Cocktails New DJ Every Hour! - Nuclear Attire Encouraged Bring a Non-Perishable Food Donation for the Food Bank AIDS UPDATE PRODUCTION - 7:30 PM <i>Gay Community Center - 3920 Cedar Springs - Call 669-8034 for information.</i>
SAT	Every Saturday October 4 & November 1 October 11 & 18 October 18 November 1	THAT SPECIAL MEETING AT 2:00 Oak Lawn Counsel Center Annex - 5830 Nash HOT, HORNY, & HEALTHY - Eroticizing Safer Sex - 1:00 PM TRAINING FOR NEW AIDS RESOURCE CENTER VOLUNTEERS - 10:00 AM MEETING FOR AIDS INFORMATION LINE VOLUNTEERS - 2:00 PM <i>Gay Community Center - Call 528-4233 for information.</i> AIDS IS A DRAG - Masquerade Ball Benefit for AIDS Resource Center - 8:00 <i>Dallas Design Center - Tickets: \$10 at CROSSROADS MARKET or at the door.</i> AIDS UPDATE PRODUCTION - Noon - Gay Community Center

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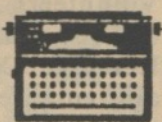
AIDS RESOURCE CENTER SERVICES

TELEPHONE INFORMATION



The *AIDS Information Line Committee* handle telephone calls seeking information about AIDS from 10 AM to 10 PM. 24-hour coverage is provided by tape recordings. The **AIDS Resource Center** provides telephone information on AIDS, risk reduction, HIV anti-body testing, Dallas area resources, and recent developments.

PUBLICATIONS



The **AIDS Resource Center** publishes this newsletter, containing the latest AIDS information, risk reduction guidelines and referral information. More than 5000 copies of this publication are distributed each month. The **Center** also publishes and distributes informative brochures. The first issue of *AIDS Update* in February 1986 brought the number of AIDS publications by the **Center** over the 500,000 mark.

REFERRALS



From 10 AM through 10 PM at its walk-in store front location at 3920 Cedar Springs and via its telephone information lines and *Visitation Committee*, the **AIDS Resource Center** provides referrals to medical, counseling, legal, housing, funeral, and other resources in the Dallas area for PWAs, their friends, lovers, and family.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



The *AIDS Financial Assistance Fund* provides emergency financial grants to cover the non-medical expenses of PWAs. Evaluations of need for financial assistance are made by members of the *Visitation Committee*.

VISITATIONS TO PERSONS WITH AIDS



The *Visitation Committee* was formed to fill in the gaps of other AIDS-related services. Its members visit PWAs to assess their needs, perform simple tasks for them and provide them with companionship. They are trained and ready to address practically any non-medical need.

PUBLICITY



In addition to this newsletter and other publications, the **AIDS Resource Center** publicizes its services through posters in the community and at area hospitals, direct mail to medical and counseling professionals, and with ten billboards in the Dallas area.

SPEAKERS BUREAU



The *Speakers Bureau* provides knowledgeable "AIDS Experts" as speakers to various groups in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The **AIDS Resource Center** also sponsors periodic *Community AIDS Forums* to answer questions and distribute information.

CLOTHING BANK



The *Clothing Bank* provides clothing and linens to PWAs. Clothing is frequently needed because of the drastic weight loss commonly associated with AIDS. Members of the *Visitation Committee* distribute the clothing to those in need.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING



The **AIDS Resource Center** provides regularly scheduled *Volunteer Training* of volunteers for all of the other committees involved in the **Center**. This training effort is coordinated by the **Center's** full-time AIDS educator.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

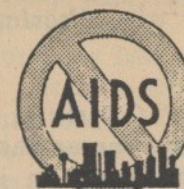


The **AIDS Resource Center** documents and follows up on cases of discrimination based on AIDS or fear of AIDS, particularly in the workplace. Where necessary, the **Center** provides legal referrals.

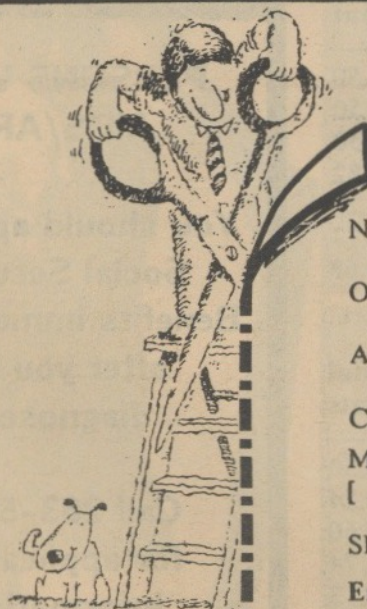
FOOD BANK



The *Food Bank* provides food, toiletries, and cleaning supplies which are distributed to PWAs by members of the *Visitation Committee*.



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24 Hour Information:
(214) 521-5124



HELP US HELP YOU!

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

May we call you? Home _____ Work _____
[] YES [] NO Phone: _____ Phone: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____.
Make checks payable to the *Foundation for Human Understanding*.

Mail to: AIDS Resource Center, Box 190712, Dallas, Texas 75219

I'm interested in:

- [] Answering Telephone Info. Line
- [] Producing *AIDS Update*
- [] Selling Ads in *AIDS Update*
- [] Visiting Persons With AIDS
- [] Helping Stuff/Address Mailings
- [] Speaking to Other Organizations
- [] Training Volunteers
- [] Investigating Discrimination Complaints

I can provide the following service to persons with AIDS:

THE AIDS RESOURCE CENTER

- The First Six Months

by Dave Lewis

After its first six months of operation, the **AIDS Resource Center** has many people to thank for their support. Among the major contributors have been *Fabulous Faces & Fashions* (a Kim Dawson Agency production), Ken Knight (Arresta), Disciples of de Sade, Caven Enterprises, and Razzle Dazzle Dallas. Countless individuals have given individual contributions and many community events have provided significant funding for the activities of the **AIDS Resource Center**.

In the first six months, approximately 60 persons with AIDS or AIDS-related complex have received assistance, including:

- Financial Assistance
- Visits from Volunteers
- Referrals to Oak Lawn Counseling Center support groups, *Buddies Program*, or *PWA House*
- Referrals to the AIDS clinic at Parkland Hospital
- Referrals to other medical, counseling, or religious organizations.

Through the *Social Justice Committee* of the **Dallas Gay Alliance**, many persons with AIDS have been assisted with discrimination complaints.

The *Visitation Committee* of the **AIDS Resource Center** has served a total of 59 people in its first seven months of operation. Of those, ten have died during this period.

The *Food Bank* is primarily supplied by individual contributions. It is distributed by the *Visitation Committee* to people with AIDS and AIDS Related Condition.

Items provided other than food are cleaning supplies, paper products, and toiletries.

Two PWA's were assisted with food in December 1985. Since then distributions have greatly increased: May - 11 persons, June - 15 persons, and July - 18 persons. The *PWA House* of the Oak Lawn Counseling Center uses the *Food Bank*.

The *AIDS Information Line* was established in November 1985 to provide recorded messages on AIDS. Messages include:

- General Information
- HIV Test Information
- Signs & Symptoms
- Risk Reduction Guidelines
- Referrals
- Updated AIDS Information

The information line is currently staffed by live volunteers on a daily basis.

Initial installation cost approximately \$800, and service averages \$250 a month. Since January, 1986, over 2,315 calls have been received!

The *AIDS Update* is the monthly publication of the **AIDS Resource Center**. It is primarily targeted to the gay male but has important information for anyone -- such as human interest stories of people with AIDS, profiles of volunteers, medical information, and referrals.

Over 500 copies are mailed to the membership of the **Dallas Gay Alliance**, AIDS service providing organizations in Texas and across the United States, members of the Texas AIDS Task Force and Dallas AIDS Coordinating Committee. 4500 copies are distributed through Dallas gay businesses.

Volunteers play a major role in the operation of the **AIDS Resource Center**. The following are volunteer opportunities and the number of volunteers in each group:

Visitation Committee	30
AIDS Information Line	10
<i>AIDS Update</i>	10
Food Bank	5
Speakers Bureau	6
Other (fundraising, etc.)	70 +

Volunteers are required to go through a minimum of 7 hours of training including an initial orientation session. There have been a total of 63 volunteers complete training since January, at a cost of approximately \$630.00 for materials.

Training consists of background information of DGA's involvement with AIDS since August 1982, AIDS services available nationally, statewide and locally, medical information, active listening, and commitment.

A training packet is provided with information about the *AIDS Resource Center*, and medical information. On going training is provided periodically including workshops on:

- Crisis Line
- Bereavement Sessions by Dr. Robert Dain
- Social Security
- Legal Issues

Volunteers are encouraged to attend forums, seminars, and other educational AIDS programs for their continued education.

The **AIDS Resource Center** currently has only one paid employee - an AIDS Educator - Mike Richards. Salary is \$1,000 a month with no benefits. The primary duties of the AIDS educator are:

- Staff the **AIDS Resource Center**
- Answer questions about AIDS and risk reduction.
- Arrange AIDS programs for other groups seeking information about AIDS.
- Conduct volunteer training
- Attend AIDS meetings with authority
- Speak for the **AIDS Resource Center**

Mike Richards sits on the national board of directors of the **AIDS Action Council**, a federal lobbying group in Washington D.C., representing all AIDS service providers in the United States. The **Dallas Gay Alliance** has agreed to raise \$10,000 for the **AIDS Action Council**. Mike also serves on the Texas Health Commissioner's *AIDS Task Force*, and is vice-chair of the **Dallas AIDS Coordinating Committee**. ▼

January-June 1986 Partial Expenses Incurred

Salaries	\$5,000
Rent and Utilities	3,000
Phone*	1,500
Training Costs	630
Total	\$10,130

* AIDS Information Line

Attention

**PERSONS WITH
AIDS/ARC**

**You should apply for
Social Security
Benefits immediately
after you are
diagnosed.**

**Call 263-5861
for application
information.**

AIDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND DISBURSEMENTS - 1986

Rent				Utilities			
		Number of				Number of	
Month	Total Clients	Month	Average	Month	Total Clients	Month	Average
	Payments Served		Payment		Payments Served		Payment
January	162.00	1	162.00	January	12.50	1	12.50
February	887.00	3	295.67	February	121.00	2	60.50
March	3,012.00	10	301.20	March	240.60	2	120.30
April	2,571.00	9	285.67	April	194.47	3	64.82
May	4,357.80	16	272.36	May	511.24	6	85.21
June	5,811.00	24	242.13	June	614.41	7	87.77
Total	\$16,800.80	63	\$266.68	Total	\$1,694.22	21	80.68
Miscellaneous				TOTAL			
		Total				Total	
Month		Payments		Month		Payments	
January		89.00		January		263.50	
February		122.24		February		1,130.24	
March		148.00		March		3,400.60	
April		741.27		April		3,506.74	
May		848.09		May		5,717.13	
June		1,954.37		June		8,379.78	
Total		\$3,902.97		Total		\$22,397.99	





HOT HORNY AND HEALTHY, Eroticizing Safer Sex, that's right Honey! Denita and I went a couple of Saturdays ago and had the best time. I must admit I was a little upset when I found out that Mike Richards wasn't going to actually show us personally how to play safely. Well of course I know how to play safely!

I spoke with Miss Richards and she says that the next class will be Saturday, November 1 at 1:00. Check the ad on page 8. Mike says the class will be given monthly. I have this feeling it will since the gorgeous twosome of Dan Parkhurst and Danny Swinford will now teach this *semen-r*.

The class was crowded and everyone was exhausted after we hit the climax and finally got to cum! I swear I had enough orgasms to kill me this time. [Patti, how many are enough? - Editor]

I really am sorry there wasn't enough time for me to get around to everyone, since we had to prac-

Patti is dressed to patrol the woods of Reverchon, making sure that everyone practices safe sex.



tice using condoms on each other. I kept watching that handsome Bruce, and the captivating Ray. I kept hoping Miss Richards would team me up with them eventually, but I did have fun. On top of that Denita learned about the uses of pineapples other than cooking.

And Girleen just didn't understand what was going on, I swore that girl is slow. When she was born and they were handing out brains she thought they said trains. [Patti you sure you aren't talking about yourself?] Well she is deathly afraid of speed, she asked for the slowest one they had. You had to paint a picture every time we started talking about creative SAFE SEX.

I was beginning to wish I hadn't brought her. Nevertheless, she needed the help. Denita and I know that! If you know of anyone who should be-a-cum'n and they don't play safely, then by all means, Please send them to the **HOT HORNEY AND HEALTHY,** Eroticizing Safer Sex class, (or you could send them to me since I personally have valuable experience).

After you've been to Hot, Horny, and Healthy, if you're looking for more shocking safe sex alternatives. The MEN of Disciples of de Sade will be *Living Better Electrically* in a public forum at the Gay Community Center on Oct. 20 at 7:30. These guys always have some interesting ideas. I'm sure that we can all learn from them. So let's all get ready for a truly electrifying evening of shocking sex toys!

Speaking of the Disciples, two of their members (who are also on the editorial staff of this paper) were in the wilds of Douglas, Michigan where they presented a forum (with two other men) to over 100 leathermen about the psycho-social aspects of AIDS. [Sounds heavy!] I don't know why they were all in Michigan, but I understand that further details can be found at Lobo.

I have to give a royal apology to anyone who saw Melly (Myers) running down the street last Thursday with me chasing behind and a jus'ta beating her. I know it wasn't lady like of us but let me explain.

I was talking with Miss Melanie Thursday afternoon while we were having drinks. The conversation took a turn when Melly told me she and her new lover were not playing safely! I couldn't help myself, I grabbed my new beaded purse and hit her so hard she lost her eyelashes.

I was just a'preaching **SAFE SEX** so fast she couldn't get one word in. Finally, I got tired [Patti, you've been tired for years!] and asked her why? I really felt bad when Melly told me they hadn't had sex yet.

Reverchon Let's talk about Reverchon, I caught two of our sisters, NOT, I said NOT mind you, playing safely, honey. My radar was in royal high gear dahling, I couldn't help myself. They were just banging away in the bushes up on that little hill. I could tell something funny was going on--They didn't have a rubber one!!!!

Dahling, I literally flew out of my car thru the open window and gave them a whole pack of twelve. Now they did take a weird look or two at me [Patti for the life of us, we don't know why. - Editor] since I wasn't dressed like you normally see me. I was on my way to the grocery store, my hair was in curlers and I was in a house dress. I thought sure that I wasn't going to see anyone that early in the day, but anyway I could tell something was wrong over in that neighborhood. And that's bad it's where my girlfriends, Reggie and Jeffie met, so keep it respectable!

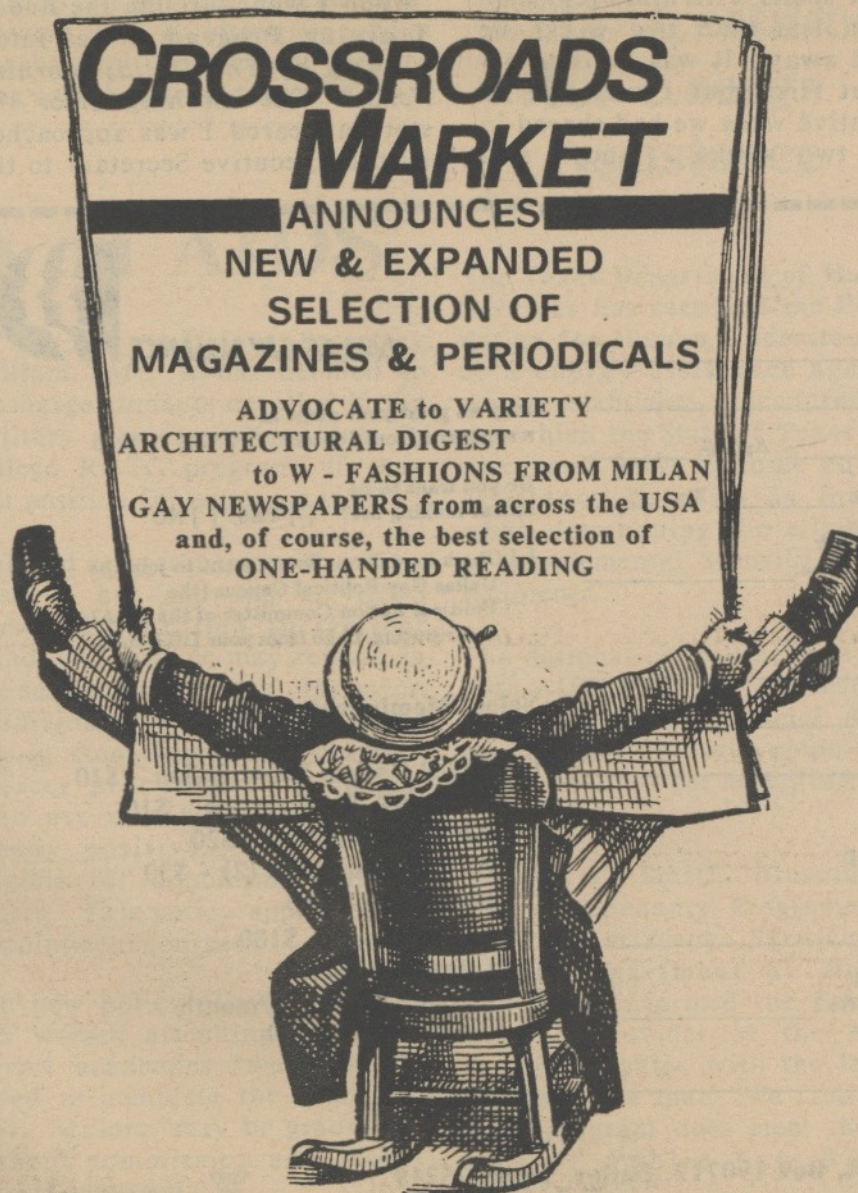
I have been getting a lot of mail lately asking me to give personal replies. If this is necessary I will need to get self addressed and stamped envelopes with those letters. I will share one of my recent letters:

Dear Patti,

I have been playing safely! But, yesterday I met a man who really doesn't want to use a condom. He says he normally looses it when the foreskin more or less causes it to come off. Do you think if I told him to use more lube it would help.

Signed,
Safe . . . But He's Not!

You can read my reply on page 13.



PROFILE

by Douglas Crowder,
Ph.D.

This column each month profiles a volunteer of the AIDS Resource Center. This month I will profile Craig Hess, a devoted member of the Visitation Committee. He is also a member of the DGA, business manager of Theatre Gemini, Cell Leader for the Buddy Program, and general "Actor - About - Town."

I had the pleasure of interviewing Craig Hess recently one evening at the DGA Community Center. I asked him why he decided to do volunteer work with the AIDS Resource Center's Visitation Committee. Craig responded that the first time that he had the idea to volunteer was after participating in a Buddy Program Training Session in March. Craig was not assigned to anyone, so he decided to investigate the program at the AIDS Resource Center.

In April at the General Meeting of the DGA, he heard Charles Dutton and me speak about the Visitation Committee and the work that it was doing. That next evening Craig attended his first meeting of that Committee.

"I came to check it out, and before I knew it I had my first



assignment to visit a person with AIDS." Craig said that the first time he went out on a visit he was apprehensive; not knowing what to say. In fact, his first assignment was a most unusual one.

"I developed an instant rapport with my patient; I really got to know him. I either went to see him or spoke with him every day. But in less than two weeks he passed away. It was hard to accept at first, but I was able to keep alive what we had shared in those two weeks. And I still

can."

When asked if that incident gave him reason to believe that he might not want to continue with the Visitation Committee, Craig responded, "It happened so fast that I didn't have time to develop as close a relationship as some other members have who have been seeing the same PWAs for months. So, I wanted to get right back in again. In fact, I am now visiting in some fashion five Persons with AIDS."

"It is more than statistics. It's people, and we need to realize that when we are battling this disease."

Craig Hess came to Dallas from Iowa and has been living here for thirteen years. By day, he works as an accountant. By night, he becomes involved with his many other interests: theatre, community work, the DGA, and the Buddy Project. Craig said that even his friends are greatly interested in what he is doing in AIDS-related programs.

"When I went through the Buddy Training Program I was interviewed by *The Dallas Morning News*. The morning after the story appeared I was approached by the Executive Secretary to the

President of the company with which I was employed. She said, 'I read about you in the paper and I wanted to tell you that I was very proud of you!'"

When asked how he felt after having been on the committee over four months, and if he could continue at the present level, Craig replied, "I have seen a lot happen in the four months I have been involved - some good, some bad. The people I have seen have been wonderful individuals. In fact, since these people are the very ones who have helped me conquer my fear of AIDS, I feel that I can continue to work closely with them and hopefully,

do some good. I just wish that there were more of me to go around.

"It is more than statistics. It's people, and we need to realize that when we are battling this disease. You always hear about the bad side of AIDS: the physical manifestations, the shattered relationships, and the social isolation. But we forget about the people and their emotional needs. And that is what the Visitation Committee is all about."

Craig Hess is indeed ministering to those needs mentioned above, and he remains a devoted member of the Committee.

I WANT TO JOIN DGA!

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

May we call you? Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
[] YES [] NO

For Household -

Second Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Work Phone: _____

[] Enclosed is my check payable to DGA.

[] Charge to my [] VISA [] MASTERCARD

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Mastercard Interbank No.: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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May we print your name as a supporter/contributor? [] YES [] NO

Do you want to be on our mailing list? [] YES [] NO

[] Check here if you do not want to join the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (the Political Action Committee of the DGA) by contributing \$2.50 from your DGA dues.

Select Membership type:

- [] AIDS Update Subscription - \$10
- [] DIALOG Subscription - \$10
- [] Active Individual - \$20
- [] Active Household (2) - \$30
- [] Sustaining - \$50
- [] Organization - \$100
- [] Lifetime - \$1000
- [] Pledge - \$_____/month (minimum - \$5/month)

Mail to: DGA, Box 190712, Dallas, Texas 75219

Do you like to Layout?



Not you sun worshippers.

Dialog AIDS Update

need layout and graphic artists. If you can give some time, call 528-4233 to volunteer.

AIDS TRIGGER?

Researchers have been searching for the reason why some people develop AIDS while other carriers of the HIV do not develop any symptoms. Dr. William A. Petri, Jr. of the University of Virginia School of Medicine believes that he may have found a clue in the intestinal parasite *Entamoeba histolytica*.

Usually there are no symptoms associated with infection by this parasitic amoeba. Occasionally, it can cause symptoms ranging from mild diarrhea to dysentery. Its parasitic cysts are found in



human feces. It can spread through either oral contact or through anal intercourse. It is common in areas with poor sanitation and among gay males.

In his lab tests, Petri has found that this parasite appears to stimulate the T-cells. The T-cells are what the HIV infects, often lying dormant for years. Petri theorizes that an *E. histolytica* infection could trigger a dormant HIV infection into activity resulting in AIDS. Consequently, Petri believes that treating an *E. histolytica* infection in a person who tests positive for HIV might prevent development of AIDS.

According to Petri's figures, 20-30% of gay men examined for sexually transmitted diseases are infected with *E. histolytica*. The amoeba can be treated with a drug called metronidazole. ▼

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The Pentagon on AIDS

The Pentagon is the largest user of HIV testing in the world. Since last October, the Pentagon has been testing every new recruit for the presence of the HIV antibody. Any recruit or entry-level student at the service academies who tests positive is automatically barred from military service.

Since it began the program, the Pentagon has tested 466,629 recruits. Of these 649 men and 40 women have been denied admission to the military because of their test results.

It is now expanding this testing program to include active duty personnel. Those on active duty who test positive may remain on active duty, but will be monitored and their duty assignments will be limited.

In a new policy spelled out in a memorandum signed on August

25th by Deputy Defense Secretary William Taft, it has decided to discharge students enrolled in the military service academies or in college ROTC programs if they test positive for exposure to HIV.

Enlisted service personnel testing positive but showing no AIDS symptoms enrolled in Officer Candidate Schools may remain in the service as enlistees. However, "Individuals who are participating in commissioned or warrant officer procurement programs who are confirmed to be antibody positive . . . are not eligible for appointment as officers. This policy applies to all appointment sources."

The new policy allows that men and women attending the three service academies "may" be allowed to complete the academic year. Seniors "may be graduated without commission and thereafter discharged." ▼

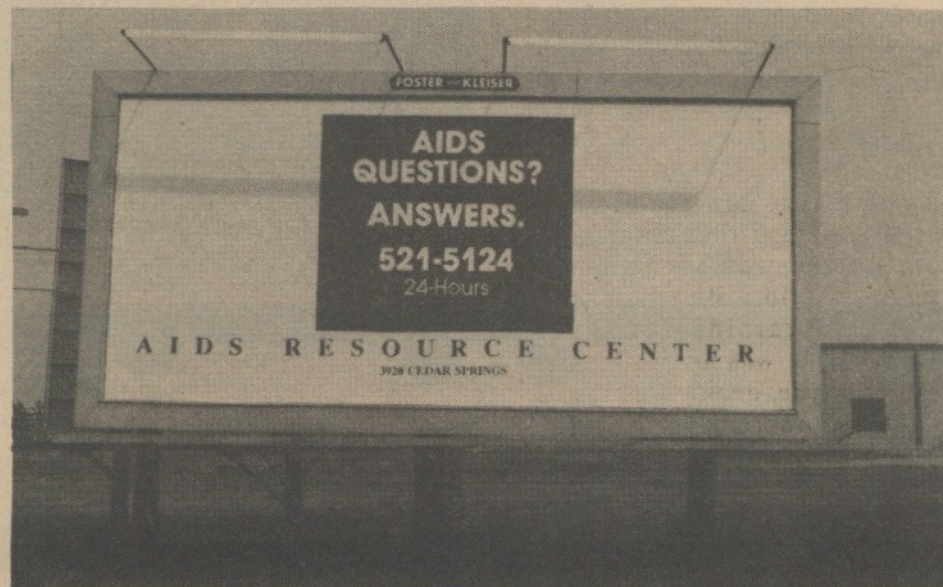
More Billboards Posted

The Aids Resource Center, in cooperation with billboard company Foster & Kleiser, has arranged for 40 billboards to be placed in Dallas County, giving the Center's 24-hour number for callers to learn more about AIDS.

The new billboards are the second in a series of boards donated by Foster & Kleiser. Paper and printing are paid for by the Foundation for Human Understanding and the Dallas Gay Alliance, and the billboards will be in place between now and

the end of the year and to include special emphasis in minority areas of Dallas County. Some of the billboards are in Spanish and direct callers to Spanish information tapes or bilingual volunteers.

The latest contribution brings to 50 the number of billboards that have been in use in Dallas County since last spring, when the first 10 boards were posted. More than 2,000 calls have been attributed to the billboards by the Center's volunteers. ▼



FHU Certified for Energy Assistance

The Texas Department of Human Services has certified the Foundation for Human Understanding as a energy assistance agency, which establishes procedures under which the State of Texas may disregard private home energy assistance benefits as income when determining the eligibility of Supplemental Security Income recipients.

The designation will help persons with AIDS who receive assistance from the AIDS Financial Assistance Fund and who could have been penalized for accepting such payments.

Charles L. Smith, director of Energy Assistance Programs and Income Assistance Services for Texas Department of Human Services, informed the Foundation, co-provider of the AIDS Resource Center with the Dallas Gay Alliance that, "We find that your program does meet the intent of Public Law 97-424 (Section 545)."

More than \$28,000 has been paid to persons with AIDS or AIDS-Related Complex by the AIDS Financial Assistance Fund during the first six months of operation. During July, 21 persons were receiving full assistance from the fund, including housing, food and clothing. The fund has provided assistance to 57 persons to date. ▼



Venereal Disease Down

by CHARLES DUTTON

Health department spokespeople in two cities where there have been thousands of deaths due to AIDS report a sharp decrease in the more common sexually transmitted diseases (STD's). Officials in both cities speculated to *AIDS Update* that the decrease could suggest the adoption of safe sex procedures among gay men perhaps to the point of abstinence.

Local comparisons, however, are based on the perceptions of Dallas County Health Department employees since statistics on STD's among gay men are not kept separate from statistics on STD's among heterosexuals.

The most precise figures come from the Chelsea Clinic in lower Manhattan where the New York City

Health Department's director of the Office of Gay and Lesbian Health Concerns Ron Dachon told *AIDS Update* that there has been a 40%

decline in the "prevalence of infection" among gay men visiting the clinic for treatment of STD's for the years 1980-1985.



More specifically, there was a 73% decline in rectal gonorrhea cases diagnosed as well as 65% decline in oral gonorrhea diagnosed in the same time period at the clinic which is located "closest to the heart of the gay community" according to Mr. Dachon.

"We see [this] clearly as a decrease in rectal and oral sex which we attribute to AIDS awareness," said Dachon. "It's obvious that people have been and heard the message about AIDS and are taking Precautions," he added.

The precautions Dachon mentioned include use of condoms and avoiding the intake of bodily fluids. Such precautions not only prohibit the introduction of the AIDS virus into the body, but also the organisms that cause gonorrhea, cytomegalovirus, and herpes. Several gay organizations including the Dallas Gay Alliance have stated their preference for education in this matter as a better use of government funds than testing for the AIDS antibody.

Meanwhile, in San Francisco the director of the Bureau of Disease Control for that city's health department, Dr. Dean Echenberg, says that in 1981 the bureau treated about 500 cases per month of rectal gonorrhea. This year, Dr. Echenberg expects the average to be 50 cases per month.

"There's been a dramatic drop in STD's among gay men," said Echenberg, "It began almost immediately as soon as they knew about risk reduction . . . One of the factors is AIDS."

Carlos Rendon, who also works in Disease Control, commented "Risk reduction in education has taken effect. A lot of people are using condoms."

At the Dallas Health Department, STD program manager Ron Huchison told *AIDS Update* he couldn't give an exact number on STD's among gay men in Dallas County because "our health stats go into 'other'" but there is not a category for gay men.

"Oral gonorrhea [statistics] would include women which would skew the numbers" he said. "Syphilis is down by about 20%," said Mr. Huchison. "Thirty per cent of the people who had syphilis were males naming other males as contacts," he added. "Unequivocally, it has gone down but unfortunately we get all our stats from Austin. They keypunch it into 'other'."

In response to a question on the possibility of separate numbers being kept for gay men, Huchison said "Certainly it is a statistic we need to keep as an important indicator to keep track of."

Huchison did have a opinion similar to his east and west coast counterparts on why the decrease had occurred: "There has been a lot of talk in the press that because of AIDS, gay men are re-evaluating their activities and looking toward a more monogamous life-style."

Leeza Spoller of the Bureau of Disease Control in San Francisco and Ellen Zaltzberg with the Office of Gay and Lesbian Health Concerns in New York City contributed statistical information to this article.

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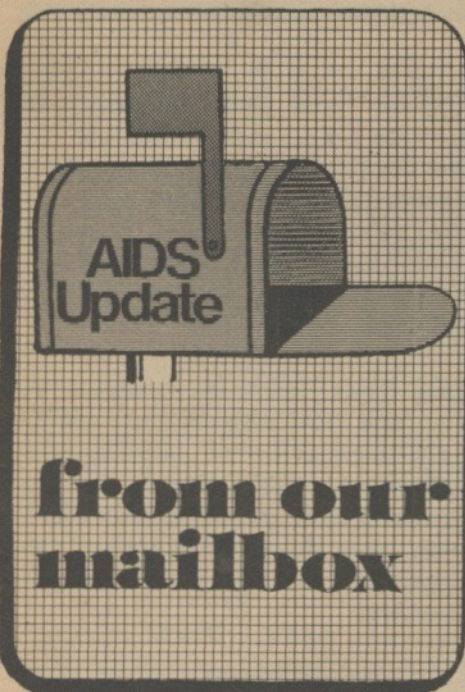


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The following letter was received by Bill Nelson, president of the Dallas Gay Alliance.

September 17, 1986

Dear Mr. Nelson:

I am aware of the fine job the AIDS Resource Center is doing in helping to educate Dallas County residents.

I also agree, there may be some misconception by many people that the AIDS educational programs sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance AIDS Resource Center only address the gay community. This misconception could be attributed to the name of the organization alone. This type of misinterpretation also exists for many Afro-American organizations which sponsor programs for the general public.

However, because I am aware of the far reaching range of this deadly epidemic, I am diligently working to educate my colleagues and constituents. Recently counselors from the Oak Lawn Counseling Center made two AIDS presentations at a weekly forum sponsored by my office.

I urge the Dallas Gay Alliance to continue its efforts. If ever I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

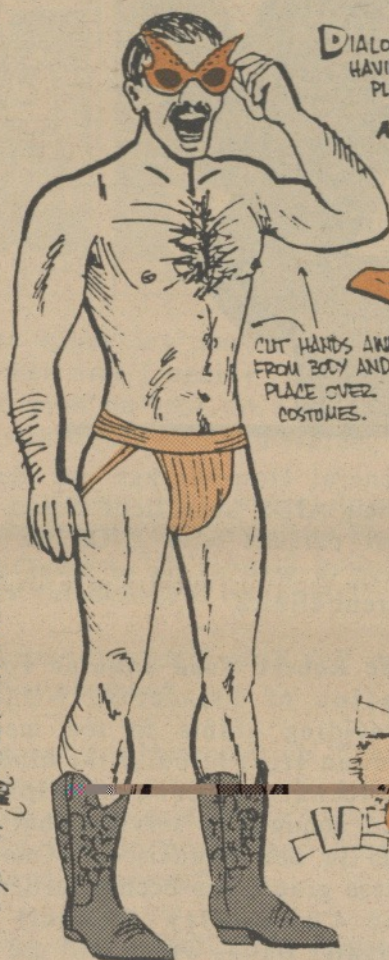
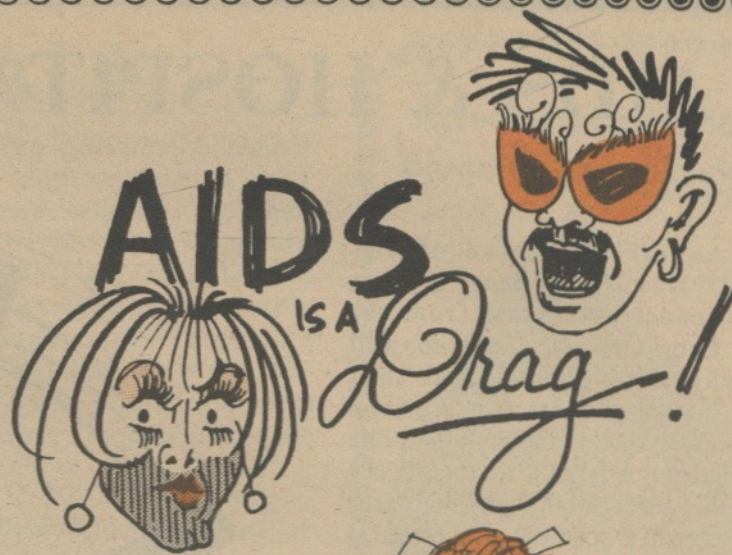
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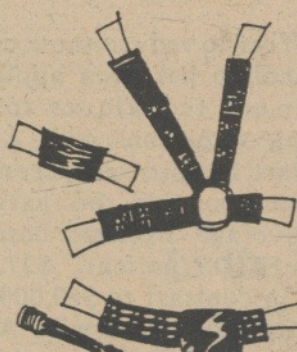
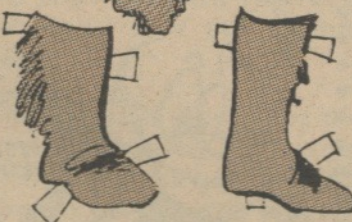
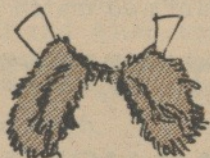
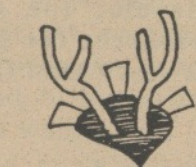
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AIDS & HOSPITAL BUDGETS

by Dave Lewis

The August 25th issue of *INSIGHT* David Holzman reports that a panel of experts from the U.S. Public Health Service and elsewhere have predicted that AIDS might cost the United States \$16 billion by 1991. The best estimates available today say that the first 10,000 AIDS cases have already cost more than \$1.4 billion in direct medical expenditures. This means that the bill for will account for between 1.2 and 2.4 percent of the total national health budget by that year.

In the cities with the most AIDS cases, hospitals are already feeling the financial crunch. Many of these AIDS patients are indigent and Medicaid's reimbursement to the hospitals is inadequate. Dr. Jo Ivy Boufford, acting president of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corp., says that the average cost of one day's hospitalization for an AIDS patient is about \$800 or 60 - 70% more than the average daily cost for other patients. Stephen Gamble, president of the Hospital Council of Southern California, says that in his region the cost of a hospital stay for an AIDS patient is three times greater than that for an average patient.

These high hospital costs are due to severe complications which require more nursing care, higher levels of pharmaceuticals and supplies, specialized equipment, and experimental drugs and therapies. Also, the Greater New York Hospital Association estimates that AIDS patients require two to three times greater nursing staff than average. AIDS patients also require a lot of psychological support.

During the last fiscal year, Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade, Florida, spent \$500,000 of its \$12 million budget on AIDS treatment. Many of those served by Glades General Hospital are immigrants who are ineligible for state and federal Medicaid funds.

According to Gamble, "The uncollectibles on an AIDS patient - that is, the amount of revenue lost in the treatment of the average AIDS patient - is \$5,214, 3.4 times greater than the uncollectibles on an average patient. Losses of \$5,214 per hospitalization on 976 patients in twelve months can, with some difficulty, be absorbed in the system. But losses of \$5,214 per hospitaliza-

tion on 13,000 patients in Los Angeles alone [expected to develop AIDS over the next five years] simply cannot be absorbed."

In both California and New York, Medicaid covers only up to \$500 per day. This leaves a \$300 shortfall which New York covers with city funds. For the 1987 fiscal year, the Health and Hospitals Corp. (one of New York's major health providers) will have an AIDS-related deficit between \$43 and \$60 million.

In an effort to reduce these costs, San Francisco has been applying management techniques to the treatment of persons with AIDS. This effort has proved successful: San Francisco has the nation's lowest average lifetime cost of care per AIDS patient, \$27,000. (This is in contrast to \$60,000 per patient for 13 persons with AIDS covered by Lincoln National Life Insurance of Fort Wayne, Indiana.) Reportedly, San Francisco's approach also results in better care for the person with AIDS.

The main reason for San Francisco's lower average costs is that persons with AIDS spend less time in hospitals there. The average stay per hospitalization in San Francisco is 11 days. In Los Angeles it is 17 days and in New York, 20 days. In San Francisco, the emphasis is on outpatient care. San Francisco



\$740,00 from the community to provide a \$2.2 million budget for the next four years. Dallas City Councilperson Lori Palmer encouraged eighteen different community-based organizations to get together in applying for the grant.

Last year, Senator Lowell P. Weicker (R-Connecticut) sponsored legislation to provide \$15 million in public Health Service Funds to four major metropolitan areas over three years to pay for other San Francisco-style programs.

This past February, New York State requested that hospitals establish comprehensive AIDS treatment centers with a health maintenance organization style of management. The state is asking these centers to treat all persons with AIDS, regardless of their insurance (or lack of it). The state has guaranteed that Medicaid will reimburse these centers for 100% of the treatment costs.

The first center under this program was approved in May and New York State hopes to approve up to 20 more before the end of this year.

General Hospital has one dedicated AIDS outpatient clinic, so that persons with AIDS do not have to wait at six or seven different clinics.

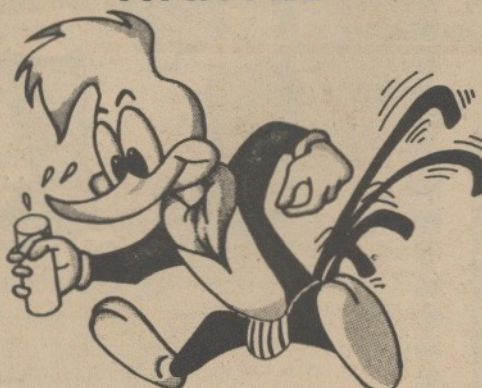
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation of Princeton, N.J., is providing grants to ten metropolitan areas to build the kind of coordination between hospitals and community services that exists in San Francisco. One of these grants has been awarded to the Community Council of Greater Dallas which will use the funding to develop the AIDS Access to Resources for Mobilization of Services (ARMS) Network.

Dallas will receive \$1.45 million from the grant and match it with

The AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) is working to reduce treatment costs by coordinating outpatient services among patients, hospitals and insurance companies. Many people remain hospitalized because insurance plans do not cover home care. APLA is working to convince insurance companies to cover such care.

As treatment programs get better and cheaper, the costs of treating person with AIDS continue to rise because cases continue to multiply and persons with AIDS are living longer. ▽

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THE WORST PAIN OF ALL

Fiction adapted by
Rodd Gray

I was browsing through Sound Warehouse one day when I saw a good friend, I'll call Carole, a woman who knew my parents fairly well. Our eyes met for a split second; then Carole looked away and scurried out of the store.

I knew exactly what had happened: Carole must have just found out that my brother had AIDS, a disease that eventually causes death. Carole didn't want to talk to me about it, so the easiest thing to do was run away.

My brother, a lawyer and inventor, had kept his diagnosis under wraps for over a year because he wanted our family life to be as normal as possible. But about the time of the Sound Warehouse incident, in 1984, my parents had told their friends the truth. That was when our world changed.

Almost overnight, "friends" like Carole were embarrassed to be around us. They behaved strangely, canceling plans at the last minute or not acknowledging us on the street. If they did stop to chat before hurrying away, they never asked how my brother was getting along. They knew he was going to die; they didn't know what to say.

We all tried to ignore this phenomenon, telling ourselves we were paranoid, that it really wasn't happening. But soon we were arguing over who would go to the supermarket - it had become a painful chore: You never knew who you'd run into - or whether it was worth the awkwardness to attend a concert or a meeting.

Then one day my brother lost his ever-precarious balance and fell in the parking lot at work. He lay sprawled on the ground, unable to move. As he waited for help, he saw a colleague walk by. The other lawyer looked at him and continued on his way. My brother tried to rationalize the incident. "He didn't mean to ignore me; he was just embarrassed by my helplessness," he told himself. "It's not me but my illness that makes him feel uncomfortable."



That night my parents, sister, brother and I openly discussed "the problem" for the first time. We were frustrated and scared.

"It's almost like we're doing something wrong," my sister Faye commented. "It's as if people think the disease is our fault."

"No one can deal with it," my mother observed.

Then my brother spoke up. "This has become a situation of *us versus them*," he said. "We have to really talk to people and break down the barriers."

It was true. We'd been feeling angry, hurt and rejected, but most of all we felt separate, as though we no longer belonged. We had to break down those invisible walls.

So the next time my mother ran into Bill and Alice, two formerly close friends, and they casually asked, "How are you?" she told them the truth.

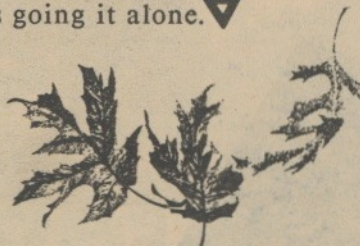
"Actually, we're very disappointed in you," she said. "We haven't heard from you in ages, and you know Edward's been so ill. We really need our friends right now."

After that day Bill and Alice did make time, frequently filling our house with laughter and warmth. Soon, many other old friends realized that there was nothing to fear at our house.

Edward was sick, he had AIDS, but he was still Edward. He still

liked talking politics, baseball and books, and he loved a good joke. Sometimes he felt too weak for company, but then he would just say so. All in all, the friendly visits were an invaluable boost throughout my brother's three year struggle with the disease. They gave him a chance to forget, at least for a while, how very sick he was.

I learned something from all of this. When bad things happen to other people, I shouldn't ignore them. I must speak up - offering my hand, my shoulder, whatever help I can. If they don't want it or aren't ready for it, they'll let me know. I shouldn't presume that they don't want to be "bothered." It's terrible enough to go through an illness or any crisis. But the worst pain of all is going it alone. ▽



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Patti le Plai Safe

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Dear You Ain't Safe Yet!!!!

Dahling, for one thing more lube may also be the cause of the condom cumming off. If your new man looses his condom, I suggest the two of you get together and practice using condoms while jacking him off.

First you should pull the foreskin back before covering the head of his cock. Be sure to put the condom on when he is hard, this will give a best fit. But if he is soft, unroll the condom as he gets hard and not before.

Now sweetheart, let your Patti know how it cums out. Of course I'm sure everything cums out fine. But, I can just bet your sex life will pick up with him now. You can play all you want just play safe!

Here's Playing Safely for you,
Love,
Patti

I have a lots more but I wanted to share his letter since the foreskin story got me loosened up some.

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well . . . well . . . well, Sandy, BUDDIES' owner, opened the doors of her wonderful bar to a super crowd to benefit the AIDS Resource Center FOOD BANK. I like that place, everyone makes you feel right at home. Check it out. I think you'll find it's a down home place. And they have been expanding.

For the benefit, patrons were to donate food at the door or pay a

donation. For this they got free beer from SANDY's bar, a free dinner from the buffet table and a variety show to boot. Keep your eyes open child cause you'll have to read about the next benefit over at BUDDIES, because honey they know how to do it.

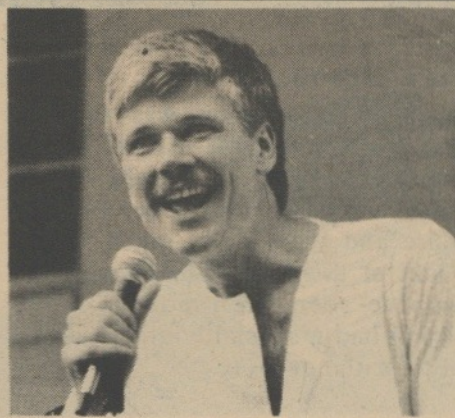
Myself, and Erica Scott and the whole United Court of the Lone Star Empire, performed the best show in town. MAMA LOU taught me a few tricks before I got on stage. And I tell you I had so much fun with Katy, T.J., Mary, Betty, Nichol, Lissa, Pat, and the rest of the cast. Why I can't even remember all their names [Patti you can't even remember your own name - Editor] but they are all so sweet.

The Imperial Court and Sovereign Court invited me to their meeting and I took my secretary along so he could take notes and write a story for next month's AIDS Update. I hear they will be together as the United Court of the Lone Star Empire soon. I suggest you keep tabs on the news about their coronation due in November, I promise to keep you posted.

I have been talking to the LOVELY Lew Lawlis and he tells me that the Club Body Center will have another benefit show. This I can't miss the luscious body of the one and only LUXURIOUS Lonnie Lappe, winner of the Gold Medal in Physique (my favorite sport event at the GAY GAMES). [Patti, I thought your favorite sport was dishing. - Editor] appear at the Club Body Center, Oct.18 at 9 p.m. as a benefit for the AIDS Resource Center. Can you imagine a GOLD medal winner here in Dallas for a few days? I just bet you guys can't wait for this.

That Lew really cums up with some of the best ideas for benefits, why they just had the return of O Glory of Mexico last month. And again it was a success. I declare I am gonna get the Matador in bed with me one of these days, did you see the box on the boy! To die for!!!!

Speaking of past benefits The high society soiree of the year, United Our Way netted about \$60,000. I mean big bucks, this was a serious benefit, honey. Those sexy penguins in their black ties and tails and penguinettes in their black ties and sequins, paid \$150 a plate to benefit the Human Rights Campaign Fund, Foundation For Human Understanding, MCC, OLCC, and the Turtle Creek Chorale, all well deserving the finances.



Thank you hunky Mr. John Thomas and the Dallas Dinner Committee!

The highlight of the evening came when they auctioned off those over grown French ticklers in hot pink, orange, lime-green, yellow and blue. [Sorry, Patti really means the 8 ft. inflated palm trees.] Excuse me I just couldn't help that one, but they really looked that way to me. I expect to see them at the next Hot, Horny and Healthy seminar. The hot pink ones went for \$200

and the rest went for \$100 each. I just bet they are dahling in some living room somewhere in Dallas.

The menu was great Tapas (whatever the hell they are), La Cena (that I know means evening meal) and Postre (dessert). I wonder, though, which came first: the edible palm trees on the desert islands or the overgrown sex toys on stage?

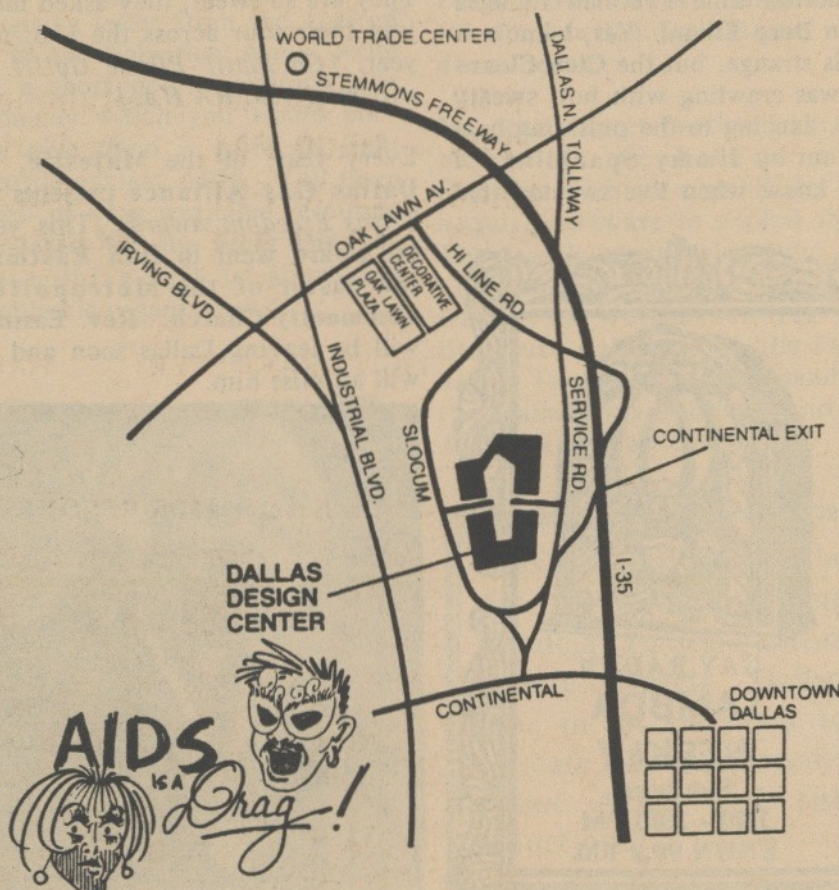
Did you enjoy the parade? How about all of those hot men and women in uniform from all of the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America? I had a great time. Did you notice how many of the entries had something to do with AIDS or safe sex? It made me so happy. If you missed it, you can catch some photos on our front page!

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The crowd in Lee Park following the parade.



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Isn't Vivian Shapiro a dynamite speaker? It was great to hear her twice in one weekend! First, at United Our Way and, then, at the rally. And Lori Palmer was at both events, too. I'm so glad we have her as a friend in City Hall!



I have to thank Miss Alan Ross and all of the Dallas Tavern Guild for putting together a great week of activities with the Big Event, Texas Freedom Parade, and the rally. What a wonderful way to remember Richard Rogers and Howie Daire.

The hottest time I've had in ages was in Deep Ellum. Yes, I know it sounds strange, but the Club Clearview was crawling with hot, sweaty MEN, dancing to the pulsating beat spun out by Jimmy Spaulding. I don't know when I've sweated that

much! The occasion was the *Are You Man Enough?* T-dance. [Patti, what were you doing there?] It was yet another benefit for my favorite cause and they really raked in the bucks at this one. *Shades of Gray* (you've seen their ads on these pages) had a special boutique set up just for the evening.

The Club Clearview is a strange place. It reminds me of a college dorm room from the sixties. It has quite a maze with blacklights and arty little rooms. I wore out my heels patrolling to make sure nobody was getting into unsafe trouble. Thoughtful Richard Longstaff was seen at the entrance passing out useful rubber party favors which helped to make my job easier.

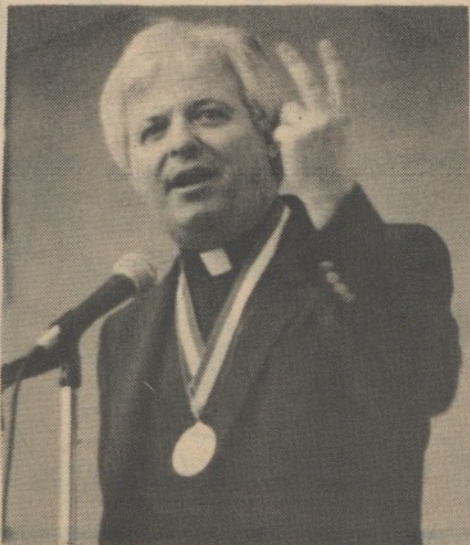
Have you seen the Madame fans lined up at the Crossroads Market? They are just darling.

Madame, will drag Miss Flowers back to Dallas again surely, their show was great. I met Madame after the show and we compared makeup techniques. She told me her best advice was to throw it all in the air and run under it. And you know she is right!

I have been practicing ever since. I have a tendency to look a little like Cyndi Lauper but what can I say.

Now while I was at the Majestic, I did not get to meet Jim Bailey/Judy Garland. There was some difficulty with her manager and such. But I met Romanovsky and Phillips and they are fabulous. They are so sweet, they asked me to join their tour across the U.S. next year. [Go Patti! Please Go!!!! We will miss you. HA HA!]

Every year, at the Majestic, the Dallas Gay Alliance presents the Texas Freedom Award. This year, the award went to Don Eastman, the pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church. Rev. Eastman will be leaving Dallas soon and we will all miss him.



Benefit News! I have to appear at the next *Nuclear Meltdown Party* at the Arena. Girl, I hear they are redecorating the whole bar to make it look like a Nuclear Reactor or something like that. You know I just don't know about those kind of things. Plus, I guess they are planning to rival the *Red Dress Party* or the *Garden Party* in Houston. I will dance to the D.J. spinoff contest. Hot Dog! Wait till you see my new outfit for this one. Just be there OCT 12 from 8-Midnight and look for the real reactors. I can't wait to waltz thru the door.

AIDS Is A Drag another party to rival all parties, maybe even *RAZZLE DAZZLE*, but nevertheless the only party everyone who is anyone will attend! Of course this one is to benefit the AIDS Resource Center and The Dallas Gay Alliance, both vital organizations. It is not really required but absolutely necessary as far as I'm concerned, to be in costume, if you know what I mean. [Patti we know you sleep in costume.] I know you are like me [Want to bet?] and can't wait to see Bill Nelson and the First Lady in drag. Surely they'll do it up right but at their ages - I don't know... wrinkles dahling. The

big night is Nov 1. The big time is 8 p.m. and the big location is the Dallas Design Center. I can see it now 16,000 sq. ft. for your latest taffeta creation.

Be there or be square!!! You can meet Dan Dragsdale personally and compare costumes. I know you all have been playing with his paper doll from this issue of *AIDS Update* and from *DIALOG*, so now is the time to meet him personally. (I'm sure you have picked up both so that you have his complete

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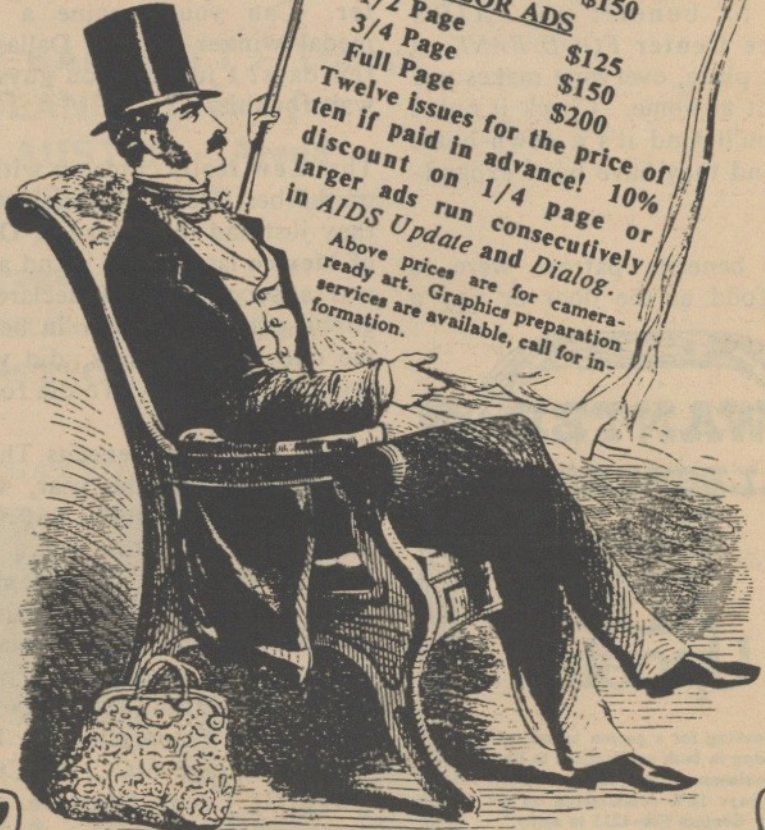
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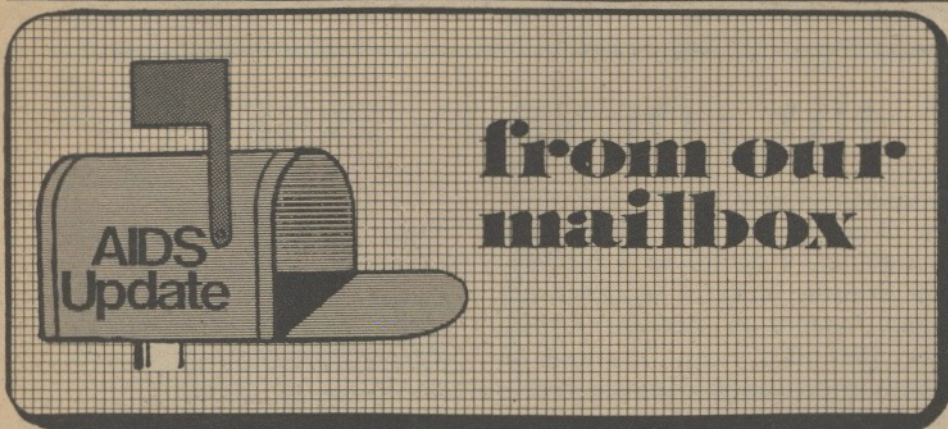
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To The Editor:

In response to recent attacks on gay people by the Justice Department and the Supreme Court we have decided to allocate all of our charitable resources to victims of AIDS and the legal struggle for gay rights.

[Below] is a copy of a letter we are sending to all those charitable organizations which we have supported in the past, explaining why we can no longer finance their work.

Charity begins at home. We would hope that other individuals and social organizations in your community might consider similar actions. It certainly would be a significant way of helping ourselves while educating others.

Richard Sacher
Bill Dailey
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Mark Rice

Dear Friend:

I have been pleased to support your worthy cause in the past, but:

■ **Because** the Supreme Court ruled that States may continue to make criminals of gay people for engaging in consensual, private sexual relations, and

■ **Because** the Department of Justice ruled that employers may fire AIDS victims (or *anyone* who may have been exposed to AIDS) from their jobs, and

■ **Because** the Reagan Administration has consistently refused adequate funding for AIDS education, treatment and research,

I am no longer able, in conscience, to use my limited resources for anything except to support people with AIDS, and to fund the legal struggle to secure basic human rights for gay men and women. ▽

Hi!

My name is Mary Franklin and I am from the **Oak Lawn Counseling Center**. I am the manager for the "House" for people who have AIDS or AIDS-Related Complex (ARC).

I am working on reaching the people in the community who are not necessarily in the "main stream," but who are in need of the services we provide.

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5. Ability and willingness to participate in the housing according to the admissions agreement.

Application procedures involve filling out forms to establish all of the above requirements and an interview with the Resident Director.

The **Buddy Project** also is sponsoring a lunch program for those with AIDS/ARC to get out of their houses and be with others. Transportation can sometimes be arranged. Movies, TV, games and talk are available.

Please help us help the community!

Thanks,
Mary Franklin,
Housing Director
Oak Lawn Counseling Center

To the Editor:

Picked up a copy of *AIDS Update* this weekend while attending a conference at **Metropolitan Community Church, Dallas**. Thank you for the good job you're doing. Only wish we had this in West Texas.

Please put me on your mailing list.

Rev. Linda S. Bynum
Metropolitan Community Church,
Midland-Odessa



FROM THE EDITOR

by Dave Lewis

In the last issue, I wrote you about the **United Way** and what it doesn't do for our community. I suggested that many of you might choose to not contribute to the **United Way**, this year, and to give to community-based AIDS organizations like the **AIDS Resource Center** and the **Oak Lawn Counseling Center** instead.

Many of you took that advice. I saw over 400 of you at the *United Our Way* dinner. Many of you were at the *Are You Man Enough?* T-dance at the **Club Clearview** helping to raise \$4500. Still others were links in the *AIDS Victory Chain* in the **Texas Freedom Parade**. I saw others at fundraisers at **Tramps** and I know many of you will be at the *Arena's Nuclear Meltdown Party*.

I would now like you to go one step farther. Give to the AIDS related organization of your choice. Give as much as you can. But take the time to tell other organizations what you are doing. When you get that fundraising letter from the **United Way** or the **Salvation Army**, write them a short note explaining that the money which you would normally give them is going to fight the battle against AIDS. Tell them that all of your available resources are needed for the fight and you have nothing left to spare for homophobic organizations.

AN APOLOGY

I feel that I owe all of our readers an apology. This issue is appearing very late. This past month several factors collided to prevent us from getting the "September" issue out on time. First was my annual Labor Day trip which took my lover (the art editor) and me out of town during our normal production period. Second was a bout with the flu which put me out of commission for a week and a half. Finally, the *Texas Freedom Week* activities kept us busy when we should have been creating this paper.

NEW FORMAT!

Most of you have probably noticed by now that you can read the last issue and this issue of *AIDS Update* much more easily. No, your eyesight hasn't improved, but our typography has. The improvements are the result of a new laser printer purchased for the **Dallas Gay Alliance** by the **Foundation for Human Understanding**.

You can expect further improvements as we become more familiar with its capabilities and acquire software to exploit them. The laser's clean crisp type will also be gracing the pages of *Dialog* as well brochures and literature published by the **Foundation for Human Understanding**, the **Dallas Gay Alliance**, and the **AIDS Resource Center**. ▽

HAIRCUTS FOR Persons with AIDS or AIDS-Related Complex

Your place or mine.
\$10 or FREE (if you need it)
Call Dennis at 526-2778

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Patti le Plai Safe

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wardrobe!) Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Crossroads Market. Beer and soft drinks are free!

Loverboy Lew Lawlis, will have the Wheel of Misfortune Oct. 18th. He has a show planned and you can win prizes once you have bought enough vowels to spell those catchy phrases you know he'll cum up with. I can't wait to see what Vana White will be wearing better yet what letters and bowels [She can't spell either.] she might flip. Call him up and find out about the Vana White look-alike contest and how you can enter. It ought to be fun but you'll have to compete with SAMANTHA and MARKIE. Bet you, I'll be in it, somehow. See you there.

I have learned that in NEW YORK they now wear a safety pin in a logical spot to define if you are a PLAYER of SAFE SEX. Isn't that neat. I just love the idea. Not only do I get to pass out condoms in the streets these days, but I will now get to pin you into safety, and there are a few good men I'd love to pin. Killer is gone for a few weeks to Kenya on business, so I get to go slutting while he is gone, yeah!!!

Remember dahlings, while rolling in the hay to roll those rubbers on!

AIDS - You are the cure!

Love,

Patti



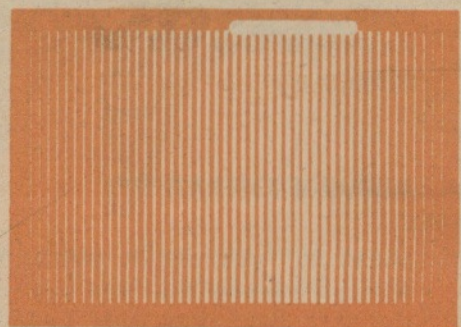
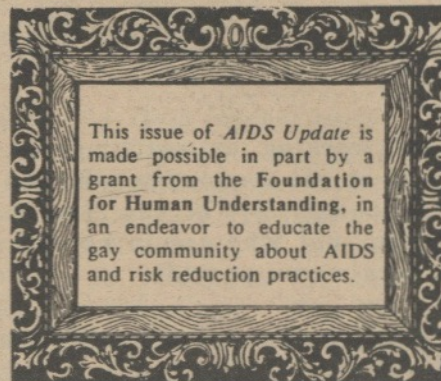
HIV FOUND IN INSECTS

On August 25th, Jean-Claude Chermann, a doctor with the Pasteur Institute in Paris, reported that many insects in Central Africa carry the AIDS virus. His tests on mosquitoes, cockroaches, ticks, tsetse flies, and other insects from Zaire and the Central African Republic have demonstrated that most are infected with the virus.

"This means that insects can be contaminated and could form a natural reservoir for the AIDS virus," he said. "They may be a possible mode of transmission for the disease in Africa but the question is still open as we do not have sufficient epidemiological information," he added.

He said that there is no evidence to suggest such transmission in the more closely studied areas of Europe and North America.

The insects which Chermann examined were from the area in Africa where AIDS is spreading at an alarming rate. His results showed that virtually all of the insects from Zaire carried the HIV, but only the ticks and mosquitoes from the Central African Republic showed any trace of infection.



POPPERS YOUR HEALTH, & A.I.D.S.

Why Take The Risk?



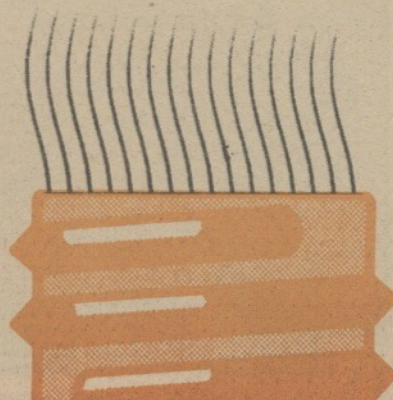
Why all the concern about poppers now?

For years studies have revealed that inhaling poppers often leads to acute and chronic problems, like headaches and dizziness. A few deaths have been linked to poppers use. With the outbreak of the AIDS epidemic, researchers have studied how poppers affect the immune system. Preliminary tests indicate that poppers can weaken the body's immune system. Other AIDS experts think poppers may lead to the development of Kaposi's sarcoma (KS), one of the diseases linked to AIDS.

In September scientists at the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine reported that inhaling poppers caused definite damage to cells that are crucial to the immune system.

But I only use poppers once a week when I go dancing.

Infrequent "hits" of poppers are better than regular, heavy use. But even minimal use may weaken your body's immune system.



But my partner and I have better sex when we use poppers.

Good sex contributes to good health. But using poppers makes it difficult to avoid those sex practices that place you at risk for exposure to AIDS. The first time you have sex without poppers may be different. You may need to take more time. More and more people report that after an adjustment, sex without poppers is still exciting and fun.

Give it a chance, keep it hot and healthy.

TAKE ACTION AND PROTECT YOUR HEALTH.

The best strategy is to stop altogether.

Research has found the use of poppers dangerous to the body's ability to fight disease and generally bad for your health. Don't take the risk. Stop using poppers altogether. Spread the word to your friends.

Enjoy sober and safe sex.

Some people use relaxation and then deep rapid breathing to get high sexually. Others get off on intimacy with their partners. Experiment and find what works best for you.



Learn how to refuse poppers.

Many people now refuse to use poppers, you're not alone when you say "No thanks." If your partner insists, take the bottle and then hand it back. Or accept it but don't sniff them. With regular partners, agree to get off on each other without poppers.

Help is available.

Make a personal decision to stop using poppers and discuss it with a few friends and/or sex partners. Get help when you have difficulty following your decision to stop.

AVOID THE THREAT OF POPPERS! GET HIGH ON YOUR HEALTH!

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