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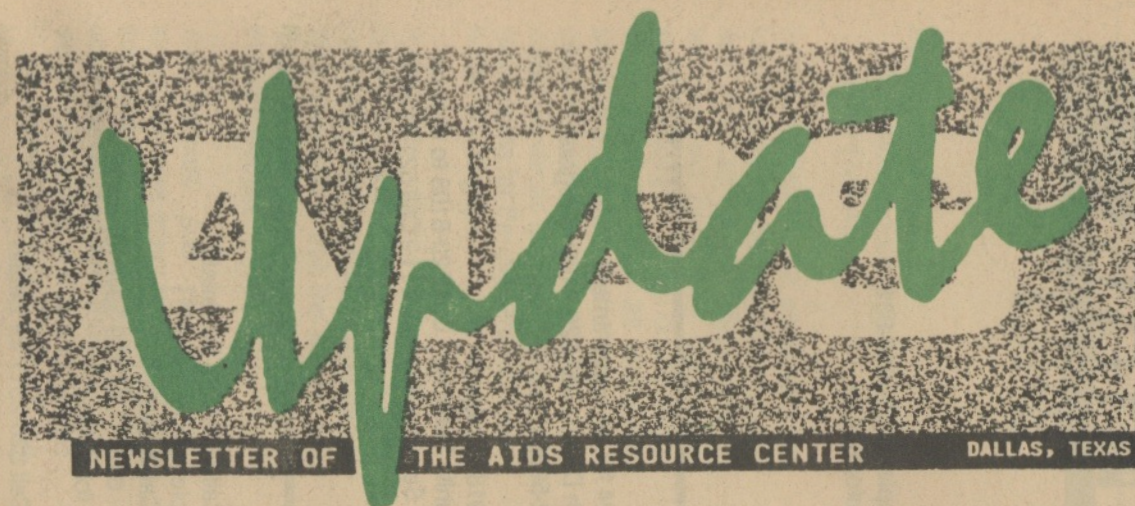
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NEWSLETTER OF

THE AIDS RESOURCE CENTER

DALLAS, TEXAS



AIDS RESOURCE CENTER CALENDAR

MONDAY

PARKLAND VISUALIZATION - 2:00 - Parkland AIDS Clinic - Call 590-5469 for details
HIV + WOMEN'S GROUP - 4:00 Bryan's House - Call 559-3946 for information
POSITIVE ENERGY - Exercise for PWAs/PWARCs - 4:00 - Fitness Exchange (Inwood Rd. @ Maple Ave.) - 956-8311
OLCS NEWLY DIAGNOSED GROUP - 6:30 - Oak Lawn Community Services - Call 520-8108 for information
SIMONTON APPROACH GROUP - 7:00 - \$70 - North Dallas - Call 263-3301 for details.
YAPS - Young Positive Adults Support - 7:00 Call 307-7203 for details
JUNE 5 AIDS UPDATE Gay Pride Issue Deadline - 503-8646
AIDS INFORMATION LINE - 559-AIDS - 24 Hours - Every Day

TUESDAY

PENTAMIDINE MIST TREATMENTS - AIDS Resource Center - 4012 Cedar Springs - Call 521-5124 for an appointment
DAYTIME HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP - 1:00 - Oak Lawn Community Services/Dallas County Health Dept. - Call 520-8108 to register
COLLIN COUNTY MHMR'S POSITIVE OUTREACH GROUP - 5:00 - Plano Outpatient Clinic - 422-5939
AIDS/ARC GROUP - 6:00 - Oak Lawn Community Services - Call 520-8108 to register
BEGINNER'S GROUP (for those newly testing HIV+) - 6:30 - First Unitarian Church - Call 920-7916 to register
GROUP FOR FRIENDS, FAMILY & SIGNIFICANT OTHERS OF PWAs - 6:30 - Oak Lawn Community Services - Call 520-8108 to register
AIDS RESOURCE CENTER VISITATION COMMITTEE - 7:00 - Bi-Weekly - Oak Lawn Community Services Room #111 - Call 521-5124
COUPLES AIDS GROUP - 7:00 - Sponsored by AIDS Interfaith Network - Call 358-4727 for details
PARENTS OF PWAs PEER SUPPORT GROUP - 7:30 - Bi-Weekly Call 262-8479 for details
AIDS INFORMATION LINE - 559-AIDS - 24 Hours - Every Day

WEDNESDAY

LONG TERM SURVIVORS' GROUP - 12:30 - For those diagnosed with AIDS for over 9 months - Call 688-4535 for details
POSITIVE ENERGY - Exercise for PWAs/PWARCs - 4:00 - Fitness Exchange (Inwood Rd. @ Maple Ave.) - 956-8311
PAR (Positive AIDS in Recovery) - 6:00 - St. Thomas the Apostle, 6525 Inwood @ Mockingbird - Call 328-6969 for details
GROUP FOR WOMEN AFFECTED BY AIDS (for HIV+ Women and Mothers of HIV+ Children) - 6:00 - Call 559-3946 for details
NEGATIVE PARTNERS OF POSITIVE MEN - 7:00 - Bethany Presbyterian Church - Call 920-2317 for details
DR. GARBER'S THERAPY GROUP - 7:15 - \$45 per session - Call 247-4902 for information
MEDITATION GROUP For HIV+ and Others - 7:30 - APLE Foundation - European Crossroads - Call 823-2317 for details
MAY 31 "Call A Dallas Legal Hospice Lawyer" - 7pm tp 9pm - For individuals with AIDS-related legal problems, call 824-6690
AIDS INFORMATION LINE - 559-AIDS - 24 Hours - Every Day

THURSDAY

HIV TESTING - AIDS Resource Center - Call 521-5124 for an appointment
AIDS/ARC CO-DEPENDENCY GROUP - 1:00 - Oak Lawn Community Services - Call 520-8108 to register
HIV SUPPORT GROUP - 7:00 - Bethany Presbyterian Church (Cedar Springs @ Tollway) - 920-7916
NEW BEGINNINGS - HIV+ Heterosexuals and Their Partners - 7:00 - Lakewood United Methodist Church - Call 920-7916 for details
PARKLAND VISUALIZATION - 7:30 - AIDS Clinic - Call 590-5469 for details
AIDS/ARC SUPPORT GROUP (Spanish Speaking) - 7:30 - 2602 Kings Road - Call 358-4724 for information
JUNE 1 TREATMENT (A Discussion for HIV+ with Traditional and Alternative Therapies) - 7:00 - Callier Center - 1966 Inwood - Free
JUNE 8 AIDS UPDATE PRODUCTION - 7:30 - Call 503-8646 for details
AIDS INFORMATION LINE - 559-AIDS - 24 Hours - Every Day

FRIDAY

PARKLAND VISUALIZATION - 2:00 - AIDS Clinic - Call 590-5469 for details
POSITIVE ENERGY - Exercise for PWAs/PWARCs - 4:00 - Fitness Exchange (Inwood Rd. @ Maple Ave.) - 956-8311
JUNE 9 AIDS UPDATE PRODUCTION - 7:30 - Call 503-8646 for details
AIDS INFORMATION LINE - 559-AIDS - 24 Hours - Every Day

SATURDAY

VISUALIZATION (Open to all HIV+ Persons) - 11:00 AM - Oak Lawn Community Services - Call 520-8108 for reservations
JUNE 10 TRAINING FOR NEW AIDS RESOURCE CENTER VOLUNTEERS - 10:00 AM - Metropolitan Community Church (Reagan @ Brown) - 521-5124
JUNE 10 AIDS UPDATE PRODUCTION - 1:00 - Call 503-8646 for details
JUNE 24 RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS 1989 - 8:00 - Fair Park, Tower Building, Grand Place - Advance Tickets \$12.50
AIDS INFORMATION LINE - 559-AIDS - 24 Hours - Every Day - (TTY 528-4233 11:00 - 6:00)

SUNDAY

MAY 28 AIDS CANDLELIGHT VIGIL - 7:00 - Former site of AIDS Resource Center - 3920 Cedar Springs - Call 521-5124 for details
JUNE 11 AIDS UPDATE PRODUCTION - 1:00 - Call 503-8646 for details
AIDS INFORMATION LINE - 559-AIDS - 24 Hours - Every Day - (TTY 528-4233 11:00 - 6:00)

LIFE! LIBERTY! JUSTICE FOR ALL!

By Michael Milliken,
AIDS Update Staff Writer (assisted
by Dave Lewis)

During the first **March on Austin for Lesbian/Gay Equal Rights** on Sunday, April 30, tens of thousands of lesbians and gays filled the Austin streets leading to a rally on the steps of the State Capitol. All along the two and a half miles from Palmer Auditorium to the capitol grounds, they called, in voices loud and strong, for equal rights for People with AIDS and lesbians and gays.

Austin city officials estimated the crowd at 15,000 to 20,000, but it looked and sounded like many more. They also said it was the largest political rally at the Capitol since the Vietnam War era.

The banners and placards and streamers were many and varied and imaginative. They proclaimed the cities represented and thoughts and slogans in printed words that added to the chants that rippled through the March.

According to March Co-Chair Dennis Hatch, the March was "held to usher in a new political and social agenda for the lesbian and gay community of

Texas. It serves as the springboard to launch this agenda for the 1990's. This March also focuses attention on the growing AIDS crises in Texas. We call on state legislators to adopt a rational response to the growing epidemic. Of major importance to the lesbian and gay community is a end to the discrimination of people living with HIV and AIDS and increased funding for AIDS care and treatment and risk reduction education."

The Co-Chairs and Regional Representatives (for Dallas - Bill Travis) lead the march up Congress Avenue and carried the wide banner proclaiming the theme: LIFE! LIBERTY! FREEDOM FOR ALL! Between the banner and the Dallas contingent were the Texas Lesbian & Gay Freedom Band (consisting of marching band members from several cities), the statewide groups, college student groups, MCC groups, the Austin contingent, the El Paso contingent, and the Corpus Christi contingent. And, even as the Dallas contingent reached the rally, people were still making the turn onto Congress Avenue, ten blocks away.

"They saw us. They heard us. And they will remember. From every cor-

ner of Texas - from Canyon to Pre-mont, from Lufkin to Brownsville, from Port Aransas to Wichita Falls - thousands are here," stated the March Co-Chairs Mike Alfaro, Delma Gomez, Dara Gray and Dennis Hatch. "Never again will a Texas legislator think that gays and lesbians live only in Oak Lawn, Montrose or South Austin. African-American, Anglo, Hispanic, Oriental, young and old, Democrats and Republicans, men and women, lesbian/gay and non-gay - we're here."

"There is a huge misconception that all gay men and lesbians live in only a few legislative districts," said state Representative Lena Guerrero (D-Austin). "But today, that misconception has been dashed."

Some of the national and statewide groups represented were the National Organization of Women (NOW) Task Force, the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), Sober & Free, The NAMES Project, Friends and Families of Straight People, Gay & Lesbian Student Assn., Texas Leather Contingent, Rainbow Coalition of the Deaf, Lesbians/Gays of Color, Latina Lesbians, American Medical Student Assn., Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF), Lone Star

Friends (Quakers), and ALLGO.

Upfront and proud were some of the many prominent individuals from Dallas including Craig Hess wearing the AIDS Memorial Cape that survived the devastating fire in the Resource Center and Michael Jones twirling and tossing his baton in front of the Texas Lesbian & Gay Freedom Band.

For sheer size, the Dallas contingent was surpassed only by the large number from Houston. Calling themselves the Houston Freedom Fighters, their shouts of: "What do we want? Freedom! When do we want it? Now!" echoed through the canyon formed by the glass and steel office buildings lining Congress Avenue. The Houston ACT-UP group was joined by members of the Los Angeles chapter of ACT-UP. They were most vocal in confronting the religious counter-protesters lead by Austin's Mark Weaver.

San Antonio also had a large representation. They brought up the end of the march with a solid, vocal group carrying banners and placards.

A banner for those who have died of AIDS was carried through the anti-gay protesters who stood on either side of the long, brick walkway up to the statehouse steps. An area was reserved in front of the speakers platform in remembrance of the PWAs that could not be at the March.

THE RALLY

Before the entire March could reach the capitol steps, the Rally began featuring state and national political and lesbian/gay leaders. Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby Executive Director Glenn Maxey outlined the goals of the March which included an end to discrimination against persons living with HIV, ARC and AIDS, substantial increases in funding for AIDS prevention education, AIDS research and revision of the Texas health care delivery system, and access and funding for new therapies, treatments and drugs for the HIV disease.

Maxey also urged the crowd to lobby the Legislature the next day. "Be in the House gallery and the Senate gallery when they go into session," he said. "Show them we are here and we vote."

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JUDGE DISMISSES PARKLAND SUIT

From The Associated Press

Last month, federal Judge Barefoot Sanders dismissed claims by the **Dallas Gay Alliance (DGA)**, which had filed a discrimination suit against **Parkland Memorial Hospital** in connection with AIDS treatment. Judge Sanders ruled that the DGA take nothing in its suit against Parkland and ordered it dismissed.

"The court does not minimize the seriousness of AIDS, AIDS-related Complex and HIV infection," Sanders said in his 29-page opinion. "It may be that this community should devote more resources to this menacing and so far irremediable problem; that is a question of important public policy, which it is not for this court to determine."

The judge also rejected a move by the DGA to institute a class action in the suit. The **American Civil Liberties Union** had joined the DGA in the discrimination suit, saying it could set a precedent for hospitals around the country.

The DGA had claimed that AIDS patients were discriminated against and received inadequate health care at Parkland's AIDS clinic. The suit alleged the hospital failed to provide "readily available" medical treatments that included the drugs AZT and Pentamidine. The judge dismissed claims that the clinic was inadequately staffed and that drugs were not readily available.

"Although plaintiffs disagree with the defendants as to adequacy of staffing and the non-rotation of medical students at the AIDS clinic, plaintiffs have not demonstrated an actual or threatened injury caused by the alleged staffing deficiencies," Sanders wrote.

He said plaintiffs and all other eligible patients now have access to appointments, AZT and Pentamidine at Parkland AIDS clinic. One plaintiff testified he could get an appointment at the clinic within an hour.

"The court finds that the named plaintiffs did not have standing to assert the AZT claim at the time the

class action complaint was filed," the opinion read. "Alternatively, even assuming that the named plaintiffs initially had standing, the AZT claim is now moot."

The court also noted that at least one plaintiff had not alleged an aerosolized Pentamidine claim on behalf of himself or as a named representative of the class.

Sanders pointed out that the AIDS clinic did not plan to reinstitute any AZT waiting list or to limit the drug's availability.

Attorneys for the ACLU had hoped the case could have become the first class action centering on health care provision regarding AIDS.

Other defendants in the suit included Dr. Ron Anderson, Parkland President; University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, which supplies the hospital with doctors; and Dr. Daniel Foster, chairman of Southwestern's Department of internal medicine, which provides doctors for the hospital's AIDS clinic. ❧

COMMENT



By William Waybourn, President,
Dallas Gay Alliance

Judge Barefoot Sanders dismissed the Dallas Gay Alliance's (DGA) lawsuit against Parkland Hospital and Southwestern Medical Center, and denied the request for class certification, ruling that no issue of "live controversy" still existed; therefore, the plaintiffs' claims were moot.

Obviously, we are disappointed with the Judge's ruling, but we claim a victory of sorts in that more than 400 persons are now receiving aerosolized pentamidine at Parkland and there is no waiting list for AZT. These were the crucial issues of our case. We knew that time would not be on our side -- Parkland had a year in which to clean up its act, deliver aerosolized pentamidine and end the AZT waiting list. Meanwhile, two of our plaintiffs had died, another was too sick to testify and a fourth is almost too sick to carry on.

Laura Miller's inaccurate column in the *Dallas Times Herald* is typical with the issue of AIDS to blame the "victims" for having this disease -- as if that were some sort of justification for not developing adequate programs to deal with the disease. Now she has taken it one step further, claiming the DGA's politics in the Parkland case created more AIDS deaths.

Miller accuses us of playing politics with health care issues, but they aren't those of the Dallas Gay Alliance. The politics started with the Reagan Administration that for eight years didn't utter a supportive word to the thousands of persons dying of this disease. What about the non-action of the Dallas County Commissioners and the Dallas City Council? Whose politics prevented adequately funding recognized community-based organizations and treatments? Don't leave out Parkland's Administration, who decided that "virtually no matter what happens, the hospital board was already committed to limiting the number (of AIDS patients on AZT) to 60," (according to minutes of the August 27, 1987 meeting of Parkland's AIDS Task Force, which the DGA obtained under the Open

Records Act).

Whose politics caused the formation of an AZT waiting list in the first place? Not the DGA's. Whose politics caused the squandering of millions of taxpayers' dollars by hospitalizing hundreds of AIDS patients for 21-day treatments of IV pentamidine, at an average cost of \$10,000 each, when the aerosolized method, costing only \$130 per patient, was ignored.

We didn't trust Parkland to do its job, and we still don't, because they lied to us repeatedly. On April 7, 1988, after months of negotiation with the DGA, the hospital issued a statement saying it would increase the staffing in the AIDS clinic, eliminate the AZT waiting list within a month and be able to provide aerosolized pentamidine on an investigational basis. Yet one month later, under pressure from the news media, Parkland revealed that 25 patients were still on the list, seven had died while on the list, and no progress had been made on staffing or the delivery of aerosolized pentamidine. In fact, the staffing level remains virtually the same to this very day. Trust?

Only after our lawsuit was filed in state court and Parkland slapped with a court order did the hospital clean up its act. Parkland says it began aerosolized delivery of pentamidine only after the International AIDS Conference in Stockholm in June, 1988, and not because of the state order. Yet the May 25, 1988, issue of *Parkland Outlook*, a report from the office of the president and chief executive officer, discusses the lawsuit, stating "The International Review Board has okayed such a clinical study of pentamidine inhalation therapy." The Stockholm conference, where Parkland claims it got religion about pentamidine, had yet to occur. Trust?

Miller claims our lawsuit caused Parkland to lose AIDS grants. Grants are won on their merits. Parkland was perceived publicly as being negligent in providing appropriate health care for indigent persons with AIDS. Why should it be rewarded for its questionable practices? What evi-

dence does Parkland provide to substantiate its claim that it lost grants? In fact, Parkland was not awarded the \$4 million grant because it wanted all of the money for itself and would have duplicated already existing volunteer-directed community-based programs. All of the AIDS agencies were astounded because we were afraid of the funds being sucked into that black hole also known as the Parkland budget.

But that brings up another issue: Why aren't Parkland and Southwestern aggressively pursuing AIDS research grants even now? Obviously, the "public discord" Miller cites has had little impact on the other participants in this case, as the DGA just received \$100,000 from the American Foundation for AIDS Research to start our own AIDS research clinic.

Finally, the much ballyhooed settlement offers from Parkland. Yes, Parkland did indeed offer to settle, and pay our legal expenses. But there was a major glitch. Parkland wanted the committee to oversee the AIDS clinical operation to have as its major goal the *avoidance of future legal problems*. The DGA rejected the settlement because we thought the focus of the committee should be to *improve and provide adequate health care*.

Judge Sanders ruled on the mootness of the case, saying that a "live" controversy no longer existed. How true. Seven persons died while waiting for the case to come to court and another was too sick to testify. We knew that without class certification to extend the life of the suit, our plaintiffs and witnesses would not live long enough to testify. That has been the major dilemma of AIDS lawsuits nationwide -- wait long enough and they will be dead.

There is a big difference between "merits" and "mootness" and the Judge made no rulings that established the guilt or innocence of Parkland. Parkland may have its victory on the legal gymnastics of mootness, we contend, however, that this was a *medical* victory for the more than 400 patients now receiving aerosolized pentamidine and not on a waiting list for AZT. Doctors may write prescriptions and know that the medicines they ordered will be delivered.

Parkland, under the threat of judicial action, would have been humiliated by a second court order, and would have been foolish not to have cleaned up its act from a year ago when the waiting list and other problems existed. Our plaintiffs were treated with kid gloves once the suit

was filed. Parkland's own attorneys admitted in open court that problems existed, but that the hospital had done what it was finally asked by the suit.

I hope Judge Sanders is right and that Parkland will continue to treat AIDS patients fairly. That was the basis of our suit -- not that Parkland do anything extraordinary for AIDS patients, but only deliver "readily available" health care.

As for the DGA being liable for Parkland's legal expenses, that will have to be determined by the judge. The DGA never sought monetary damages in this case, but we have the option of going back to state court and seeing damages on behalf of those persons who were on the waiting list and not able to get aerosolized pentamidine prior to July 15, 1988, when Judge Sanders took over jurisdiction in the case. Perhaps, if Parkland insists, we can trade legal expenses for the cost of pentamidine we delivered and the lives that were lost during those few months. Obviously, you can determine the value of something tangible such as legal expenses, but I am not sure how one can place a dollar amount on the pain, suffering, mental anguish and lost productivity of those who died while waiting on Parkland to act.

The DGA is not confusing illness with politics -- we're equating it -- political issues colored the level of health care and AIDS patients lost not only the issue, but their lives. What is political about improving health care?

As a longtime admirer of Ms. Miller, I am disappointed that she took the information in her column at wholesale value from the Parkland publicity machine without following the normal journalistic practice of obtaining the other side of the argument.

I also understand the difficulty of outsiders to comprehend the intensity by which the Dallas Gay Alliance pursues improved health care -- not just for AIDS patients, but for all persons. Our lives are consumed by AIDS. Other people worry more about their son's T-ball scores. All too often, we seem to be the only group that is concerned with quality AIDS care.

Another reason the DGA is adamant in its pursuit of this cause on behalf of persons with AIDS is expressed in the comments of Parkland's legal counsel, who once said that if the "assholes are not happy with our treatment, they should go to California."

We are not only fighting politics, we are fighting for our lives. ❧

Terry Died a Fighter

Excerpted from an article appearing in AIDS Treatment News, Issue # 77, April 21, 1989

Terry Sutton, 33, who died of AIDS on April 11, 1989, had quickly become one of the most important AIDS treatment activists, helping to make foscarnet and other treatments more available in San Francisco. He is also the one who suggested blocking the Golden Gate Bridge, which took place in the early morning of January 31.

We spoke with two of Terry's close friends, **Marty Blecman** and **Michelle Roland**. The following is part of that 90-minute interview:

Marty: Terry took on the fight of drug access, and went up against what many seem to feel are overwhelming odds, an overwhelming bureaucracy. Terry saw it clearly, clearly, and simply: Unless I get drug access, the treatments I need, my life will be shorter and I won't be here for the cure.

Terry had CMV. Foscarnet could treat the CMV and allow him to go back to AZT, which could keep him alive longer. Terry was determined to stay alive.

Terry died a fighter. He was comatose throughout most of this, but the last day he came back to consciousness, and he was having seizures, and was alert enough to know what was going on in the room, and he was definitely terrified and panicked. He was biting his tongue and grinding his teeth in seizures, and it was horrible; he died a horrible, frightening death.

The irony is that he didn't have a lot of choices. When Terry wanted foscarnet, he couldn't get it.

This has to change. We're in the middle of an epidemic. People don't have seven years (*the usual time for new-drug approval* -- Editor), some don't have two years, some don't have two months. The system has to recognize this and turn it around -- not take five years to turn it around, but do so now.

Unfortunately it's human nature not to feel the urgency to turn it around. Those who really feel the urgency for drug access are those who are going blind, or looking at death's door, and knowing that the only thing that's going to keep them from dying is this drug.

Denial plays into it, thinking it's never going to be my issue. To fight for drug access while you're healthy is saying to yourself that you might end up in a terminal position. This holds many people back from fighting.

Michelle: When Terry was diagnosed with CMV, treatment issues were his reality. When the foscarnet issue came along, he said, "Maybe this will work. Maybe I can treat the HIV (with AZT, which can be combined with foscarnet but not with DHPG), and keep the CMV in check. I know that I can't do it with the DHPG, so why not try the foscarnet?"

Marty: Terry said that he could do without the support of organizations like PAWS, or Open Hand. "Take away everything, and just give me people who will fight for my life, and fight for drug treatments, to give me a drug to help me live longer. I'll take care of the rest of the support."

What's wrong now is that we're eight years into the epidemic, and the caregivers can't seem to take on the fight. Not only are they getting burned out, but they haven't got it through their heads that after they've watched so many people die, when will they say, "Enough is enough," and stand up and do something?

Terry Sutton stood up, and motivated people by his anger and desperation to get a drug, and brought a whole treatment-access issue into the forefront. That foscarnet now has "salvage protocols" in San Francisco is directly related to Terry Sutton bringing the fight forward.

People have got to start telling the truth about what's going to stop the epidemic, and not what's going to support it.

Michelle: I saw Terry in Washington at the **Quilt**. I was very uncomfortable, watching the volunteers in the clean, white clothes running around shoving Kleenex at everybody who let a little tear run down the side of their face. I wondered how many of the people willing to volunteer for this quilt, and for Shanti, Open Hand, and other support organizations, were going to show up at the FDA that Monday?

Terry wouldn't walk on the Quilt. I looked at him and said, "Are you feeling it too?" We sat down and just raged on the side of the Quilt. We saw that we as a community have

made this epidemic OK. We take care of ourselves -- not only physically, we've even learned how to take care of our grief. But we're not doing anything to stop the epidemic. It's so infuriating that everybody is patting themselves on the back about how good they are, taking care of each other, and just creating this whole system where it's OK to watch people die and die and die. People had a hard time hearing that. And I told Terry, "If I ever make a panel for you, it's going to say, 'Terry Sutton hated this fucking Quilt'."

Marty: I could swallow the Quilt more easily if at least they acknowledged that in the face of genocide, we must have a Quilt, to enlighten people. And in the face of genocide, we have Shanti. And in the face of genocide, we have PAWS, and in the face of genocide, we have the AIDS Emergency Fund, because society has looked at us and said, "It's not our problem," because society thinks we're faggots and drug users and blacks and Hispanics, and it's not our problem -- that we're not going to get infected because we're good, straight, clean people. When society takes a segment of the population and turns its back on them, it's genocide.

Many gay men don't want to acknowledge that they're hated, despised enough to be let go by the wayside -- because that goes to the root of their coming out, and acknowledging that they're OK. The layers of denial around the epidemic -- people must start telling the truth.

Michelle: The sad thing is that when Terry was screaming and shouting, "Help save my life, now, do it now, I need the foscarnet and I can't do it by myself, you guys have to help me," it didn't happen. I'm glad that now people are mobilized around Terry's death, but it's sad that it had to take Terry's death to mobilize people to make the sense of urgency real.

Marty: What this comes down to is that if there are five thousand caregivers in San Francisco, there's probably at most five hundred who would actually go to a demonstration, and maybe only 100 people who are politically activated, who are really fighting the epidemic in San Francisco. The proportion who are fighting to stop the epidemic, it's screwed up. People have got to get it, or this thing is going to go on and on.

Michelle: One of the things Terry was able to do was to fight it from many perspectives. He really moved

doctors; when he first met them they were willing to do placebo trials with CMV patients. And after Terry had known them for a while, they were willing to fight for ethical protocols.

He motivated me to be able to move from being a caregiver 100 percent, to being able to decide to spend part of my time caretaking and part doing political work, and find more time to do it. He moved many people. There were friends in his life for years who had never done anything political, who were on the roof of **Burroughs Wellcome** getting arrested, who were at the FDA getting arrested, who were on the Golden Gate Bridge getting arrested.

Marty: Terry said to his mother, "If you're not willing to fight for my life now, while I'm alive, don't you dare come to my death scene."

We talked a lot about what's going on in the community. To be able to fight, you have to have a will to live. I think somewhere deep down, people have lost touch with their will to live.

What people do catch onto are squeaky wheels. Fortunately, squeaky wheels get oiled. It's that simple; if people get diagnosed with HIV and they lay down with it, and they don't stand up for their rights, and they don't stand up for their spirit, and they don't stand up for the right to live, because they deserve it as a human being and a citizen of the United States and as a citizen of the planet, if they don't stand up for their rights, then they will get walked over.

People just have to squeak, and I don't know what's holding them back -- fear, being overwhelmed.

The fundraisers that go on are great -- but God forbid that anyone would do a fundraiser and give a million dollars to ACT UP. It's unthinkable.

They all want to do the same thing, direct service. It's natural to want to help the people who are sick. People should. But they must realize that they'll be helping the people who are sick from now till eternity unless they start helping to find a cure, or treatments.

I'd gladly take pills the rest of my life; if I could play my life out to a basically normal old ripe age, and get all the grey hair I deserve, I'll take drugs for the rest of my life. But I won't sit here and live powerfully with AIDS, and go off to healing circles and enrich my life and smell the roses and go to my death without screaming about it.

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BUYER BEWARE!!!

By Gloria Goodwin

Over the past few weeks, hawkers of "THE CURE for AIDS" have multiplied at a rate competitive to the replication of the HIV virus. It is astounding how easily these individuals focus on a minute amount of factual information and mold irrelevant information around that to fit the needs of their proclaimed "cure." Many of these individuals are well meaning, but unfortunately, others see the opportunity to pad their pocketbook.

First, let me say that I listen. Wouldn't it be wonderful if one of these strange and far-fetched remedies was "the cure?" I am not a confirmed skeptic. However, I do look for reasonableness, rationale, and evidence. Most have none.

The hawkers of the "cures" often declare that it must be kept secret! They will tell you that physicians do not want the information to get out. For whatever reason, the "cure" is a big "secret." I know of very few physicians, scientists, or individuals that wouldn't leap at the chance to become the Jonas Salk of AIDS or the Christian Bernard of the Immune System. Many of their claims are the same type that appeared in the early days of cancer. Only the name of the disease has changed (to protect the.....?) I have little faith in bureaucracy; the FDA has abolished any that I had. But, I cannot and will not believe that physicians deliberately withhold valid information.

"Eat nothing but citrus fruit." A good idea if you are a fruit fly! The HIV virus places additional nutritional demands on the body. Fruit alone is insufficient in a number of nutrients necessary for life. Fruit alone can produce some very undesirable side effects: flatulence (gas), diarrhea, wasting, and boredom.

"Remain in a space x feet by x feet and leave this machine running. The powerful filter in the machine will remove all germs from the air." Technically, the machine does some of what it says; it DOES filter some bacteria from the air. However, the infections that occur in HIV infection are often a result of those bacteria that are a normal part of the body's own flora! Unfortunately, the "glass box" option is not a reasonable or acceptable alternative.

"All natural vitamins are best. They must be taken in large doses." There are two parts of this statement that are unreasonable. First, the

body receives and utilizes vitamins of a specific structure. The body does not know the difference between the chemical structure in foods, "natural" vitamins or manufactured compounds. Secondly, more is not always better. Some vitamins and minerals are stored in the fat of the body. Excesses of these substances may be toxic and create some of the same symptoms you are attempting to alleviate.

"These two antibiotics in combination will cure the virus and remove it from the body." Unfortunately, antibiotics that are given in HIV infection are usually for a specific "bug." They are not being given to kill the HIV virus. Viral illness are not susceptible to antibiotics. A complicating factor in HIV infection is the alteration of the cellular DNA. If we had an antibiotic that could effect changes in the DNA, we could cure a myriad of other DNA related diseases (oops! I hope I haven't given out another weapon!)

"This device can destroy the virus by electrical patterns." The "cure" can also reverse dementia by "realigning" brain waves, and the effects are maintained by drinking a special water. If this "device" did all it has been touted to do, then hundreds of overweight individuals in the 60's would be slim and trim, and the many cancer patients that have since died would be proclaiming its value. The fact that physicians don't want you to know about it is a ludicrous claim!

"I have a cure and want you to endorse it, but I can't tell you what it is." No one should use or try substances that they know nothing about. It is dangerous. What side effects should you look for? Is it compatible with other medications? Is it harmful? Why am I taking it? The bottom line is never take anything unless you know what it is and what it does!

"This 'X' disease eats the virus. If you take a blood transfusion from a person with 'X' disease, you will be cured." Who wants to trade one disease for another? Besides, if you want variety, the HIV virus provides plenty of opportunities. The disease purported in this claim is an HTLV virus. Does this make sense?

And the list goes on. . . . Many of these individuals come prepared with literature. Usually it is not specific to HIV infection or is by individuals that are without credentials of any kind as

a scientist. They are not educated in a field of medicine, biology, or chemistry. Sometimes they offer documents that state a particular physician supports use of the therapy. In investigating one such claim, (the physician is one that I happen to know) he had been approached to support the device, but had declined because there was no evidence that it was remotely beneficial, and it had the potential to be harmful!

It is not legitimate to promise cures, to make false or unproven claims, or pretend certainty where none exists. It is unacceptable for information to be "secret." What I can accept is anecdotal evidence of value; therapies used and shown potentially beneficial in HIV infection; reasonable (cost inclusive) and rational therapies; and therapies that are not dangerous. ❖

Terry Died a Fighter

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Michelle: It's such a complex situation. Where do you fight? We fought the drug companies, and we went to the FDA and fought there, and we meet with Congresswoman Pelosi about drawing up legislation. Terry took the time, and spent the emotional and mental energy, to try to figure out where the appropriate targets were. He had file cabinets full of files, and phone numbers of contacts in every file. He spent hours and weeks and months, sorting that out and educating people.

Who will take up the fight? It doesn't take very many people. People say, "They'll take care of it, there's ACT UP, they'll fight for me, there's Terry Sutton and he'll fight for me, there's Mobilization Against AIDS and they'll fight for me." People go on with their lives because it's hard enough just getting through the day, let alone taking on the FDA, or taking on a drug company, or taking on a major issue. But one of Terry's favorite quotes was, "If not now, when? And if not me, who?" There aren't a lot of people out there doing it.

Terry didn't have a lot of patience for PWAs who weren't fighting. He would get angry with them. "How can you sit there and get infused every day, and throw up your guts on the floor, and not be willing to come to San Francisco General and sit down on the floor and get arrested? What have you got to lose?"

What do people have to lose -- except their denial, maybe, and their fears? And what they have to gain is everything. You gain victories, you

COST OF AIDS

The lifetime cost of treating some 369,000 Americans expected to be diagnosed with AIDS between 1988 and 1992 will be about \$60,000 each, according to a recently completed research study.

The total cost is estimated at \$24.3 billion over the five-year period: \$2.6 billion in 1988, \$3.5 billion in 1989, \$4.7 billion in 1990, \$6 billion in 1991, and \$7.5 billion in 1992.

The study, published in **Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association's** winter issue of *Inquiry*, estimates that about 39,000 AIDS cases were diagnosed in 1988, 54,000 will be diagnosed in 1989, 71,000 new cases in 1990, 91,000 in 1991, and 114,000 in 1992. ❖

gain power, and you gain personal insight and knowledge, you gain control over your life, you gain hope, you gain all kinds of things from action. Plus you gain just getting yourself out of bed to do something.

How many people died of pneumocystis while aerosol pentamidine was hanging out there for two years?

I remember Terry saying that we had to do something, something really radical to shake people up; that we have to increase the militancy in the AIDS activist movement, we can't just sit in front of empty buildings or even full buildings, that's not doing it.

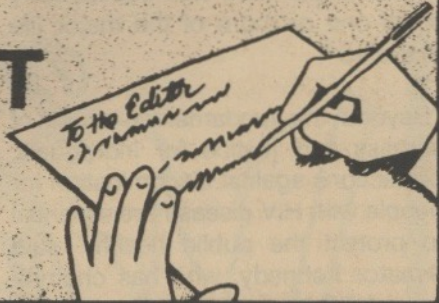
In my mind, the Bridge was Terry Sutton. That there were people in the community who hadn't been involved in AIDS activism before, who were willing to take the risk of shutting down the Golden Gate Bridge, infused him with a lot more hope, more belief in the possibility that people would come around and start doing this work.

Marty: More people have died of AIDS in this country than died in the Vietnam War, but with Vietnam it was easier to connect, to find the enemy.

In the AIDS fight, there might be a problem because the people who feel the epidemic the most are in a constant state of mourning. They're depressed, and may be shutting down. If you lose a friend in February, and lose one the next month, and again the next week, and you can't even get through the grief and

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VIEWPOINT



By David Heller

When I saw the Names Project at Fair Park last year, I experienced grief unlike any I had ever felt in my life. I felt pain over the expected names and the unexpected names. I was overwhelmed by the enormous physical representation of the devastation of our community. I wept over strangers' names, and I mourned for myself.

When I saw the Names Project in Washington, D.C. last year, I experienced joy and a feeling of power in a way I never had before. I no longer mourned for the deaths of people whose panels I saw; I celebrated their lives. And I was joined by all the people who loved the souls behind those names. And when we surrounded the White House with our candlelight I thought we had the power to end this epidemic we call AIDS.

When I saw the names Project in Austin, I felt nothing but anger. I felt anger because I'm tired of being in mourning; my grief is not doing anything to stop this disease, and neither were the attempts to manipulate my emotions at the closing ceremony Sunday night. The anything-but-awe-inspiring candlelight "march" down the sidewalks of downtown Austin only added to my anger. There was no catharsis, no emotional cleansing, only anger.

I examined the anger. I checked out the usual suspects. Was I angry at the Quilt? No, I still find the Names Project to be inspirational, moving, and necessary. Was I angry at my friends who have died? Probably, but that wouldn't account for the white-knuckled fury I was feeling. Was I angry because I have AIDS? Perhaps, but I've worked that out. This anger was more general, more wildly aimed. I thought about it for a week after the March, and now that I understand what made me angry that weekend I can write this sentence: *I hold every gay man and lesbian in the state of Texas who did not participate in the March on Austin responsible for my death from AIDS, the possible death of my friend and Food Pantry partner Tony*

Anthony, and the deaths last week of my friends Jim Delfosse and Ray Araujo.

I can also write this sentence and mean it: *Any gay person who went to Splash Day but not to the March because they couldn't afford two trips is a fool and no longer has a grip on reality. Skinny-dipping at Lake Travis is not going to get us a hate-crimes bill (which we lost), get AIDS funding (which was vandalized), protect us from discrimination (which happens whether you have AIDS or not), or enrich our lives as gay men and women in any way. Staying home from Austin will not remove Jack Hampton from the bench, it did not help our lawsuit against Parkland Hospital, and it certainly won't do anything to prevent our offices from being torched again.*

When I looked down the street at the 15,000 who did bother to show up, all I saw were the hundreds of thousands who didn't, the ones that George Bush, Bill Clements, and Annette Strauss will never see. Those are the leaders who are killing us every day; and, as surely as they are doing it to us, we are doing it to ourselves. Why didn't we just take shovels to Austin and dig our own graves? What does it take to make a group of people stop victimizing themselves?

I know all the excuses; I've used most of them myself. And part of my anger is directed at myself for that. But it is too late for those excuses. It is too late to worry if your boss will see you on TV. It is too late to worry about what your parents might think

if they find out you're gay. And, it is too late to sit back and let others do our work for us. If you have AIDS and die because of inadequate health care, lack of research funding, and bureaucratic handling of drug testing -- because your government is killing you, your parents are going to find out you're gay anyway. So, what difference does it make now? And if participating in any event can end these problems -- problems that are killing people daily, how can you stay at home?

A major AIDS caregiver industry has sprung up in our country, a community-based industry that became necessary because our government turned away from and sometimes participated in this genocide of our people. But the Quilt cannot be the extent or the sole purpose of our involvement. Grieving for people does not stop the epidemic! Tony's and my work at the Food Pantry cannot end when we leave at night. Feeding people does not end the epidemic! Counselors and therapists cannot help people cope and then move on. Counseling does not stop the epidemic! We attend funerals caused by AIDS every day of the week and fill churches and meeting rooms with love and sympathy. Attending endless funerals does not stop the epidemic and all of the love we can hold is not stopping this epidemic!

I am in no way saying that the Quilt and the caregivers are unimportant. I will be grateful as long as I live to anyone who has taken part in any of these activities. But I am frustrated that after eight years, we still need these projects. I am frustrated at my feeling of powerlessness in this war. Sometimes I feel like my body can't take any more frustration and anger, and all I can think to do is beg everyone to become involved, to not wait as long as I did to take an active part in my destiny. The next time we have to protest an idiot judge, the next time we need to address the city council, the next time we march on Washington, we need every gay man and lesbian with us, because we're not just fighting for some laws and funding, we're fighting for the right to stay alive. And if we don't feel our lives are worth fighting for, we don't deserve the gains the gay community has won in the past. In fact, if we can't stand up and fight for what should be ours, we probably don't deserve to exist on this planet. The Black community would have had Judge Hampton removed within 24 hours if he had used the word "nigger" in the newspaper. If he gets away with calling us "queer" and letting our murderers go with light sentences, it will be our apathy that paved the way - and that's what we deserve. ❖

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

By Gloria Goodwin

Probably the most exciting of coming events is the **Nelson-Tebedo Community Clinic for AIDS Research!** It means that in our community, we care about AIDS. It means that the quality of life is important! It means that the doors of opportunity are opening for new and potentially beneficial therapies. What it means is that, in Dallas, we can effect change. It means commitment. It means hope.

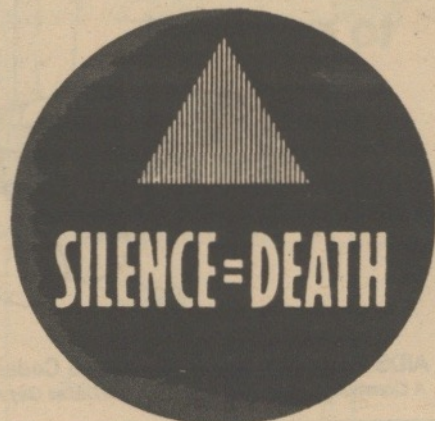
Drug trials will be controlled (data will be monitored and collected), only treatments approved for human use will be tried, and specific protocols will be planned. It does not mean that everyone with a treatment idea can utilize the facilities. It does mean that legitimate research, specific to AIDS, will be done in Dallas, Texas. Many of you will be the pioneers of that research!

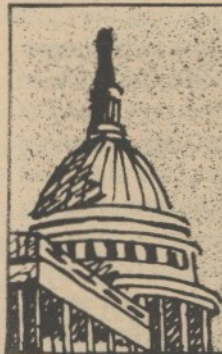
Dr. Daniel Barbaro, formerly of the Parkland AIDS Clinic is scheduled to be the Principal Investigator. A

primary care physician will work closely with him to include patients in trials that are potentially beneficial to their situation. Area physicians are active participants in the plans for research. The "Community" Clinic is one of few in the country. Data will be collected and evaluated and at the end of the studies, participants will receive information about the results.

The decisions regarding specific trials have not been made. Clearly, the effort is to include all stages of HIV infection, not just AIDS. Currently, there is no "waiting list." What we have is a concept, a plan, and the knowledge that what we do here in Dallas can shape the future of HIV treatment.

The Yanni concert at Starplex on May 20 will provide funding for this endeavor. If you want to support the clinic, support the concert. The American Foundation for AIDS Research has granted the AIDS Resource Center \$100,000 for the development of the clinic, but it will continue to require funding. ❖





LEGISLATION

George Whitmore appeared at a New York dental clinic for what he thought would be a routine checkup. But when he mentioned to the dentist he had AIDS, the work on his teeth abruptly stopped. Whitmore was told the clinic would not treat AIDS patients and he was asked to leave.

Brent Anderson, another PWA, was touring China when he became ill. His family was forced to pay nearly \$40,000 to have him returned home by a military plane because a commercial U.S. airline refused to transport him.

The files are thick with these and many other examples of discrimination against PWAs in the U.S. Now, however, legislation has been introduced into Congress that **Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF)** lobbyists say will ban bias against PWAs and people with HIV.

The *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*, authored by Senators Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Representative Tony Coelho (D-Calif.), would bar discrimination against the disabled in employment, public accommodations, transportation, and communications. The bill was introduced into the U.S. Congress on May 9, 1989.

Last year, the government added AIDS and HIV to the list of federally

protected handicaps with the passage of two new laws. The *Civil Rights Restoration Act* prohibits discrimination by the federal government, its vendors and recipients of federal funds. The *Fair Housing Amendments Act* forbids discrimination in the sale or rental of housing.

The Americans with Disabilities Act — one of HRCF's top legislative priorities for the 101st Congress — would greatly expand federal protections by barring discrimination in all workplaces and in accommodations such as hotels, restaurants, and air and bus travel.

"Last year, Congress banned landlords from evicting PWAs from apartments and prohibited federal employers and their contractors from firing PWAs from their jobs," said Robert Bray, HRCF communications director.

"Now we are working to pass legislation that protects PWAs and people with HIV in both the public and private sectors, allowing them to lead their lives with stronger assurances that their civil rights will be upheld," said Bray.

Under ADA, Congress would "establish a clear and comprehensive national mandate for elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities." The bill broadly defines "disability" as a "physical or

mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities."

"Beyond the fundamental issues of fairness and justice for individuals, protections against discrimination for people with HIV disease are essential to protect the public health," said Senator Kennedy, who has championed AIDS issues in Congress.

"If the price of seeking professional medical guidance is the potential loss of employment, public accommodations and vital services, we cannot possibly expect those at greatest risk to participate in prevention and treatment programs," said Kennedy.

The Senate version of the bill, S.933, was introduced with the backing of 33 co-sponsors. In the House, 84 members joined Representative Coelho in sponsoring H.R.2273.

"ADA provides people with AIDS and HIV the long overdue anti-discrimination protection they deserve," said HRCF lobbyist Carlton Lee. "We have a full-fledged effort here in Washington to move this bill as quickly as possible through Congress."

HRCF urges people to contact their Senators and Representatives to urge them to support the bill. Concerned individuals may send a hard-hitting mailgram to Congress by calling HRCF's toll-free **Action Hotline** at (800) 257-4900, operator 9184, or by enrolling in HRCF's **Speak Out** pre-authorized mailgram campaign. For more information call HRCF at (202) 628-4160. Also, gays, lesbians, and PWAs should call the White House at (202) 456-1414 to urge President Bush to support the bill. ❖

FEDERAL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS AND HIV

Compiled by the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

1. Civil Right Restoration Act

Passed over President Reagan's veto on March 22, 1988, this act strengthens enforcement of civil rights laws for federally assisted programs. This bill clarified that people with AIDS and HIV infection are "handicapped" under federal civil rights law. In particular, the bill prohibits discrimination against PWAs and people with HIV in the federal workplace, contractors of the federal government, or in programs receiving federal funds.

2. Fair Housing Amendments Act

Passed in August 1988, this act extends protections to the handicapped — including PWAs and people with HIV — to housing in the private market. The bill bars landlords from evicting tenants because of their AIDS or HIV status. Congress passed the bill after rejecting attempts by Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) and others to exclude contagious diseases from the definition of a handicap. The bill also protects families with children, which especially benefits single mothers.

3. Americans with Disabilities Act

Introduced into the House and Senate on May 9, 1989. This bill is a major priority of AIDS groups and has been targeted for passage as early as possible this year. The bill would ban discrimination against people with AIDS or HIV in the public and private sectors, including:

- Employment
- Public Services (including modes of transportation such as bus, air, boat, rail, and automobile)
- Public Accommodations (such as stores, hotels, theaters, and restaurants)
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The Human Rights Campaign Fund recommends that persons who believe they have been illegally discriminated against because of AIDS or their HIV status seek assistance from a qualified legal services provider.

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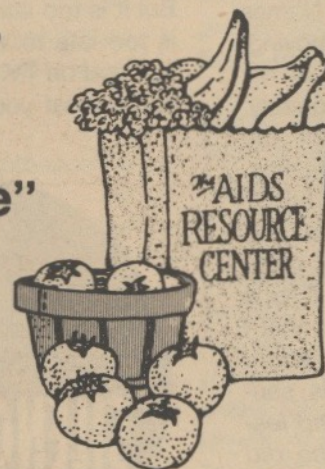
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AIDS HOTLINE



By Craig Hess

For an unprecedented second consecutive year, the volunteers of the **AIDS Resource Center** have been honored for their outstanding contributions by the **Volunteer Center of Dallas**. The ceremony was held on April 13, 1989, at a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Dallas. Actor **Tommy Lee Jones** made the presentation.

Last year all of the volunteers of the Center were honored. The recipients this year were the *Hotliners*, the operators of the **AIDS Resource Center's Information Line** (559-AIDS). First organized in 1985, the *Hotline* was one of the first educational and support services of the Center. Twenty-two volunteers staff the *Hotline* 70 hours per week, making it the most active AIDS information line in Dallas. Operators offer education concerning current treatments, symptoms, and risk reduction; referrals for doctors, lawyers, HIV testing, and a myriad of other services; and support for PWAs and the newly diagnosed as well as to family, friends and significant others. The *Hotliners* slogan "*The Truth About AIDS, Pass It On!*" has given the positive approach needed to reduce the fear and increase understanding of AIDS.

Special recognition goes out to the individuals who staff the *Hotline*:

Bob Chavez
Connie Crow
Hank Dawson
Joe Derosa
Jim Dietrich
Bill Dobbyn
Michael Easton
Francisco Gonzales
Andy Grouse
Greg Hill
Rosa Lim
Cathy Long
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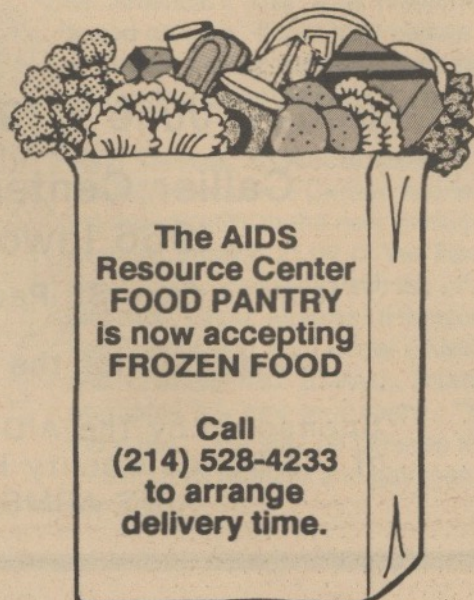
...and an extra special thanks to **Steve Giammarco** who serves as *Hotliner* trainer and electronics communications wizard; he has single-handedly connected the *Hotline* to national computer news networks and electronic bulletin boards.

Other nominees from the AIDS Resource Center included **David Heller**, a PWA who is co-supervisor of the *Food Pantry*; **Rosa Lim**, a senior at *Ursuline* who works as a *Hotliner* and volunteer in the *Food Pantry*; **CareLine**, a home health care agency whose staff volunteers to administer pentamidine mist treatments on Tuesday evenings; and **Pet Pals**, a support group for the needs of the pets of PWAs.

Eleven winners were selected in seven categories from a field of 204 nominees. The final selections were made by a panel of 14 judges representing a broad spectrum of activities.

The awards program is co-sponsored by **ARCO Oil and Gas Company**, **LTV Aircraft Products**, **Southwestern Bell Foundation**, and **Sun Exploration and Production Company**.

For more information on the 37 volunteer areas where you can help, give me a call at **521-5124** or drop by the Center at **4012 Cedar Springs**. Isn't it time you got involved? ☒



AIDS Educator (and former *Hotliner*) **Jamie Schield** shows **Rosa Lim** the award presented to the *Hotliners* for Outstanding Volunteer group while **Greg Williams** (on left) and **Jim Dietrich** look on.

CONFUSION OF TERMS --

WHAT THEY REALLY MEAN

Confusion exists in the complexity of AIDS as to the meaning of certain terms. The terms: exposure, infection, incubation, and seroconversion are frequently confused.

Exposure to the HIV virus indicates that a person has come in contact with the bodily fluids of a person carrying the virus. Exposure does not guarantee infection, but it is extremely risky. Scientists cannot explain why some individuals who are exposed do not become infected. Equally they cannot explain why some individuals can be exposed for a short period of time or to a small quantity of bodily fluid and become infected. It is part of the unknown of the virus.

Infection indicates that a person has become infected with the virus fol-

lowing exposure. One exposure may be all it takes. A person is determined infected when antigens or antibodies are present. The antibody test (the ELISA or Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay) is the most cost-effective means of testing at the present time. Because false positives may occur, a Western Blot is done as another test to confirm the positive. Almost never does a false negative occur.

Seroconversion in HIV infection denotes the formation of antibodies. Antibody formation is unique to each individual. The average person will develop antibodies to the HIV in 6-14 weeks after infection. Rarely does it take longer. Almost always, if repeat testing in 6 months is negative and

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By Tony Anthony

Effective June 1, 1989, the *Food Pantry* will be closed to client shopping on Wednesdays. This schedule change is being implemented to allow the volunteer staff more time and mobility in stocking the *Pantry* with shipments received from the **North Texas Food Bank**, the **Farmers Market** and dairy. As always, our primary goal is to provide the best and to provide it in the most positive and least restrictive environment.

That there haven't been any articles from the *Food Pantry* in recent issues is not the result of anything other

than boredom with searching for new and creative ways to tell you that our survival is dependent on donations of food and volunteer commitment. It has never been my personal style to mince words or to present a less than accurate picture, so I shall translate this particular character trait into the recruitment and mobilization of resources.

Through the generous efforts of many, the *Food Pantry* has undergone some radical changes. (Other than philosophical.) The installation of glass door refrigerators and freezers, new office space and expanded check-out counters combined with an inordinate amount of attention to detail have greatly enhanced the physical facility itself.

Through the dedicated efforts of a very few, the *Food Pantry* has managed to keep groceries in these improved facilities and maintain operations at a minimum level of efficiency.

Some facts:

- Our caseload one year ago was approximately 100 clients. Today, it is more than 400 and increasing daily, which strongly indicates that one year from today we can expect to have a client base of 1200 PWAs.
- The quantity of donations has remained at the same level it was one year ago.
- Volunteer interest and commitment is in a rapid decline - down almost 500% from this time last year.

The task of food acquisitions is being aggressively pursued and I know that it will be there. That is not my foremost concern. The decline in volunteerism is the most alarming prospect at this point. Why has it happened? The reasons are many and varied: failing health, relocation, and burnout to name a few. But I

believe the dropout rate is directly related to misconception of the role and rewards of being a volunteer. Any ideas that have been perpetrated about this never-ending chain of emotionally-cathartic-purging experiences you may expect just do not always apply when dealing within the day-to-day lives of persons who are extremely frightened, very angry, sometimes hostile, and just plain tired.

That there comes a time in the AIDS volunteer experience when a feeling of helplessness and worthlessness happens is a given, but may I suggest that you redefine your idea of what you think making a difference is all about. There is an enormous amount of power in numbers. (Showing up is 90% of the battle.) The more people present and committed, the easier it is to move the mountain with the least amount of wear and tear on the individual.

To say I am concerned at this point is an understatement. If this community cannot, or is not willing, to provide something as simple as supplemental necessities to those who have experienced not only physical and emotional, but also financial devastation, then how will we ever

Sen. Gordon Humphrey



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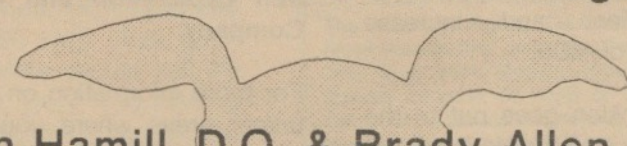
The *Speak Out* mailgram campaign is sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign Fund. For further info, contact the Field Division, HRCF, P.O. Box 1396, Washington, D.C. 20013 or call (202) 628-4160.

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Our response will be a support and mobilization meeting for current and interested *Food Pantry* volunteers on the first Sunday of each month starting at 1pm. I challenge each and every one of you to support the *Food Pantry* in an undertaking which is becoming larger each and every day.

At first I assumed there was not much else to be said about the *March on Austin* in this issue, but what the hell? As I marched in the streets and when I got to the Capitol I was overwhelmed by the magnitude of the event and the commitment of every man, woman and child in attendance. However, I was equally overwhelmed when it occurred to me that for every one person I could see there were another 100 that were content to stay at home and to let a few do for them what they were not willing to do for themselves and, that there are people who are not interested enough in their own well-being or their absolute right to be on this planet to even show up! (Again, showing up is 90% of life.)

I was a long time coming into the fight for human dignity but, now that I

am here, I sometimes wonder what it was that I was ever afraid of losing. The loss is much greater when inaction perpetuates the lies that so many have lived with for so long. I have no choice but to assume that by not being present you approve of government-sanctioned genocide, the belief that all humans are **not** entitled to be free and, that it is acceptable for a few well-placed right-wing fundamentalist terrorists to decide your future.

Most of all, I wonder how long it will be before the few not already fighting this war will ever be motivated to pick up and read a publication such as this one.

P.S. When you do show up, and you will, please bring along a couple of canned goods -- I need all the help I can get! ❧

Tony Anthony and David Heller,
Food Pantry Coordinators would like to thank

MICHAEL FANNIN

for the creation of private office space and new check-out counters in the **AIDS Resource Center Food Pantry.**

TERMS

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no exposure has occurred during that time, one can assume infection has not resulted.

The incubation period is probably the least understood of terms. Incubation periods exist for all infectious diseases. Incubation period usually denotes the period between exposure and the development of disease (e.g. exposure to Measles may result in disease 2 weeks later). For some diseases, the incubation period is precise: "X" number of days to "X" number of days. In AIDS, the incubation period is not precise: "X" number of days to "X" number of years. Some scientists theorize that an incubation period of 8 to 10 years is not unreasonable. Others feel that HIV infection may never cause disease.

Understanding the terms will help in allaying myths and unreasonable fears. It is unfortunate that the reports of the virus "hiding" in cells keeps people in dread fear until their "next" testing time. Understand what your risks are; change risky behaviors; relax; and "Be Happy!" ❧

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"Victory or death," proclaimed state Senator Craig Washington (D-Houston), the most prolific sponsor of legislation to fight AIDS on a variety of levels. The crowd took up the chant which is attributed to Colonel Bill Travis, commander of the Alamo. Washington is also a co-sponsor of the Senate bill to repeal Section 21.06 of the state penal code, which outlaws homosexual acts.

He was joined at the podium by Representatives Lena Guerrero (D-Austin), Nancy McDonald (D-El Paso) and Debra Danburg (D-Houston). Rep. David Cain (D-Dallas) had promised to try to make it to the Rally but was unable to attend. All four are co-sponsors of legislation dealing with AIDS, hate crimes, or 21.06 repeal.

"There are still some of us in the Legislature who want to fight AIDS, not those with AIDS," stated McDonald, who was a member of the Legislative Task Force on AIDS.

"None of us are free until all of us are free," said Guerrero to resounding applause.

Hazel Obey, vice chairwoman of the Texas Democratic Party and an Austin contact for the Jesse Jackson organization, spoke in place of Jackson, who could not attend. "What a beautiful crowd you are," she said. "We must defend and protect the rights of all people."

"The night of his (President Bush) nomination, he spoke of a kinder, gentler America," said Tom Stoddard, Executive Director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "We are that kinder, gentler America. This is a movement based on love. If you truly believe in a kinder, gentler America, you also believe in a gay America."

John Thomas, Executive Director of the **AIDS Resource Center**, is one of the five plaintiffs in the new lawsuit to overturn Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. Speaking with the other plaintiffs, Linda Morales (Houston), Pat Cramer and Tom Doyal (Austin), and Charlotte Taft (Dallas), Thomas prompted the rally in a chant: "No more lies." He said he believes that 21.06 forces lesbians and gay men to live a lie.

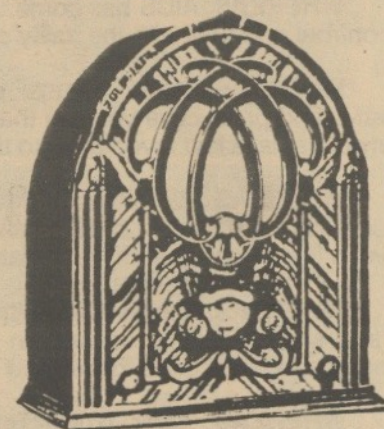
Glenn Maxey exhilarated the crowd with a list of demands for equal rights, each beginning with "We want ..." Each demand brought forth massive applause. He then asked everyone to stay in Austin the next day, Monday, to participate in the official Lesbian/Gay Lobby Day and be recognized by resolution in both the House and the Senate.

MORE THAN A MARCH

The Festival in Waterloo Park took place immediately following the March and Rally. The park is a short walk from the Capitol grounds and was the site of many informational booths for national, state, and local organizations, including the **AIDS Resource Center**. The festival included continuous entertainment by a variety of band, choruses and performers and food and drink.

As dusk approached, a candlelight walk began from the festival in the park retracing the route of the March to the Palmer Auditorium on the other side of Town Lake for the closing ceremonies of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The walk and the ceremonies were lead by the Rev. Chris Steele of Houston, chairwoman

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of the Legislative Task Force on AIDS. The Turtle Creek Chorale performed several moving requiems as the *Quilt* was folded.

The *Quilt* had been unfolded on Saturday. As it was unfolded and throughout Saturday evening, the names of those who are memorialized in the *Quilt's* panels were read. Austin was the *Quilt's* only stop in Texas during this year's tour. (Last year it was displayed in Dallas and Houston.)

However, the March and the quilt were part of days of activism and socializing. It all began on Friday night as gay men and lesbians from all over the state began to arrive in Austin. Friday night was devoted to meeting people and socializing. Many attended either the Teresa Trull and Dianne Davidson Concert or the student mixer sponsored by the San Antonio Lambda Students Alliance. Others explored Austin night life.

A CITIZENS' TRIBUNAL

Saturday was a day full of activism. G.U.T.S. and ACT UP put state and national leaders on trial for their inaction in the AIDS crisis. This Citizens' Tribunal was held on the steps of the Supreme Court Building. Those on trial included Jesse Helms, Phyllis Schafley, Judge Hampton, Ronald Reagan, Jerry Falwell, Bill Clements, Lyndon LaRouche, William Dannemeyer, and Billy Clemmons. The crowd was enthusiastic and found all of the accused to be guilty.

Saturday evening a banquet was held to raise money to help defray the costs of the events in Austin. The keynote speaker was Harry Britt who was born and raised in Port Arthur and is now a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Mr. Britt spoke of his experiences growing up gay in East Texas and of his experiences since leaving Texas and encouraged the audience to work for social change in Texas.

IT TAKES GUTS!

While some of us were enjoying dinner and listening to Harry Britt, G.U.T.S. was making their presence known at the Texas Association of Broadcasters Banquet at Onion Creek Country Club. To protest the broadcasters' inaction and to ensure that they were all aware of the weekend's activities, about 15-20 G.U.T.S. members walked into the banquet chanting "Act Up! Fight Back! Fight AIDS!" and passing out copies of the March program. The emcee made light of the interruption, commenting that "the piano player didn't show up, so we had to provide some kind of entertainment for you."

LESBIAN/GAY LOBBY DAY

Monday was devoted to the State Legislature. Capitol employees knew that it was going to be an unusual day when they arrived at the Capitol and were greeted by chalk outlines of Texans who have died of AIDS. (See the cover of this issue.) The outlines were made by G.U.T.S. in the early hours of the morning.

We spent the morning tracking down key legislators and lobbying them concerning our issues. We also were present as a large, visible group -- all wearing pink name tags -- in the gallery of the Senate as it passed a resolution recognizing the AIDS crisis and those people who are working to cope with it. (The text of their resolution accompanies this article.) These activities were coordinated by Glen Maxey of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby.

At noon, we assembled in the Capitol's Rotunda and joined hands as members of G.U.T.S. dropped scrolls containing outlines of bodies representing the Texans who have died as a result of AIDS. From the Rotunda, we went outside to wrap the Capitol building in red tape.

After the demonstration we returned to the Capitol to the House gallery while they passed the same resolution the Senate had passed earlier in the day.

Following the House vote, many of us had to leave Austin. We left with a strong feeling of community and a feeling of accomplishment. We left feeling that the legislature could not possibly ignore such a large, vocal gathering of Texans. ❖

RESOLUTION

This is the resolution presented on Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby Day, May 1, 1989, to the Texas Senate by Senator Craig Washington of Houston and to the Texas House of Representatives by Representative David Cain of Dallas.

WHEREAS, AIDS has come upon us with cruel abandon and forced us to confront and deal with the frailty of our being and the reality of death; and

WHEREAS, 3,500 Texans, many of them young and in the prime creative and productive years in their lives, have died from the epidemic, and many of us have lost loved ones to this disease; and

WHEREAS, We grieve and feel the emptiness that the loss of each of these persons have left behind; and we suffer seemingly endless pain and strive to find meaning in the fact that person so dear have left us; and

WHEREAS, People living with AIDS confront the ultimate challenges of life and show supreme courage in their personal fight against AIDS, setting standards for all of us to follow; and

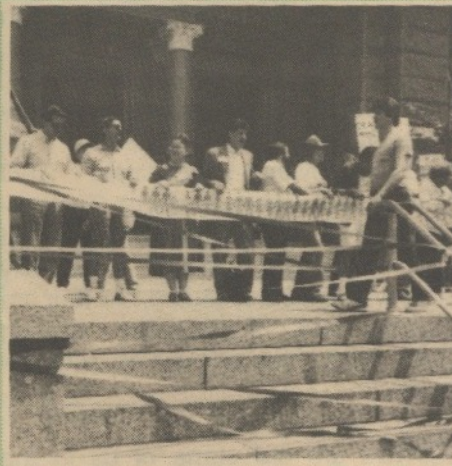
WHEREAS, Over 6,000 Texans have been diagnosed with AIDS already, and 45,000 are expected to be diagnosed by the end of 1992; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Texans work with compassion, commitment, and perseverance to meet the challenge of AIDS daily, providing vital education to stop the spread of HIV, as well as treatment and care for those who have become ill; and

WHEREAS, As Texans touched by the AIDS crisis, we rise above our personal considerations and open our hearts to those who grieve and those in need; we offer our love and care in whatever form necessary and possible; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the (House)(Senate) of the State of Texas, 71st Legislature, hereby commend the AIDS educators and caregivers on the front lines of the battle against AIDS; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the (House)(Senate) adjourn this day in memory of those who have died of AIDS and wish the best to those who live with AIDS and those who deal with this epidemic each day.



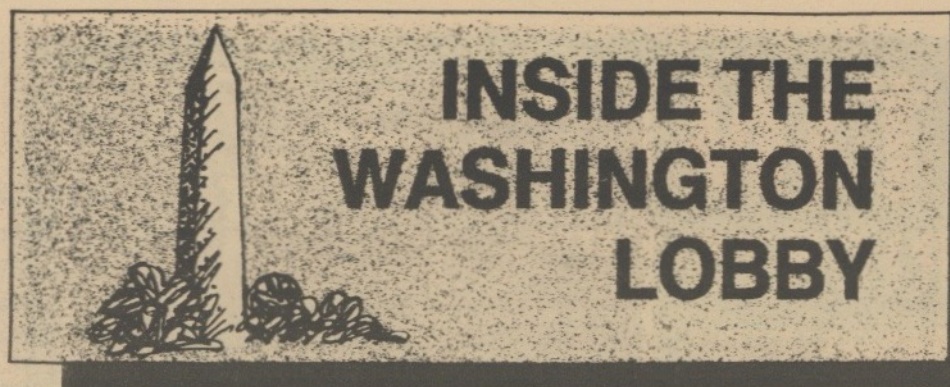
MARCH ON AUSTIN

FOR LESBIAN/GAY EQUAL RIGHTS



Clockwise from left: The entire Capitol wrapped in red tape and the computer printout. The reserved space for those who had a valid reason for not being in the March. Computer printouts representing those who have died stretched from the balcony inside the Capitol Rotunda. The Dallas contingent. The chalking of the Capitol sidewalk on Monday morning. Pictures of those on trial at the Citizens' Tribunal. The Quilt on display in Palmer Auditorium. The Rally.





By Laura Markowitz
and Chai Feldblum

It is unfortunate fact of life in Washington these days that whenever Congress or the federal government tries to do something about AIDS, such efforts often face distortion by members of Congress who are homophobic or have puritanical sexual attitudes. Even when other public health issues, such as unwanted pregnancy or fertility, are brought up, conservatives try to transform these health issues into political issues. This is happening with the current debate over a survey on sexual practices that the federal government wants to undertake. Our responsibility is to bring the debate back to the real issues — public health and scientific knowledge — and not let right-wing conservatives change the agenda.

The information that researchers use in developing projections for the level of HIV infection in this country, and in developing strategies to halt the AIDS epidemic, is at least 40 years old — data derived from the original Kinsey sex studies. The need for updated information on the sexual behavior and practices of the American people has been consistently recognized by all organizations working to fight the AIDS epidemic. All AIDS reports, even the one issued by President Reagan's Commission, have called for such studies.

The National Institute of Child Health and Development (NICHD) — part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) — routinely conducts social science surveys, and it proposed developing a survey that would ask a random sampling of the American public about their sex lives. NICHD contracted with a respected group of researchers at the University of Chicago to develop survey questions on all aspects of sexuality, including such "taboo" topics as orgasm, masturbation, oral sex and anal sex.

The survey came under fire from right-wing member of Congress William Dannemeyer (R-CA), who wrote to his colleagues in the House of Representatives: "The NICHD study, from its inception, was never about child health, AIDS or sex. This study has always been about politics, power politics. Imagine the political landscape if any one demographic group were to increase their ranks from 10 percent of the population to 15 percent or 20 percent. That's the exact reason why the purveyors of laissez-faire sexual attitudes want to use tax dollars and the federal cloak of scientific legitimacy to produce this work. AIDS has nothing to do with it, except as a thinly-veiled excuse. This study represents the politics of sex and the politics of the homosexual movement."

Dannemeyer explained that the survey was really a design of the "homosexual lobby," which wanted to show that there are more gays and lesbians in the country than anyone thought. They could do this, asserted Dannemeyer and his friends, because no straight person would ever want to answer the type of questions the survey was asking, so a disproportionate number of people responding to the survey would be homosexuals.

Dannemeyer was not the only person agitating against the sex survey. Other conservatives joined the chorus and soon letters began pouring in to the government agencies that would be reviewing the survey.

One of the government agencies that received the letters was the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Any time an agency of the government creates a form to send out to the public, that form has to go through the OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. That Act is supposed to ensure that the government is not generating unnecessary paperwork, such as one agency repeating what another agency has done. NICHD, therefore, had to send over its survey to the OMB for approval.

Usually OMB approval on a form like the sex survey would be taken for granted. But because of the furor already raised around the survey, informal concerns from OMB were relayed back to NICHD about the survey's questions. In response, NICHD revised the survey even before officially submitting it and dropped some of the controversial questions, including ones about oral sex, masturbation, and female orgasms. Apparently, questions about female orgasms fell victim to the concern that they could not be tied in directly to gathering information that

would aid in dealing with the AIDS epidemic.

In February 1989, NICHD resubmitted its survey for OMB approval. But the conservatives' letter writing campaign to OMB, and pressure from some members of Congress urging OMB not to approve the "homosexual" survey, had done its work in creating suspicion about the survey. To counter some of this pressure, 43 member organizations of the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA) coalition — including AIDS Action Council, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the American Psychological Association, the American Public Health Association, the American Red Cross and numerous other "mainstream" organizations — sent a letter urging OMB to approve the survey. Senator Paul Simon (D-IL) also organized a letter to OMB, signed by six members of Congress, stressing the importance of the survey.

Richard Darman, Director of OMB, responded to these various concerns by giving his personal attention to the survey. Darman apparently talked directly to Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the parent agency of NIH) about the survey and sent him a follow-up letter on April 6. Darman told Sullivan that OMB had concluded that it did not have authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act to stop the survey completely. But Darman noted that he had serious problems with the survey and he recommended that Sullivan personally review the questions before approving the survey.

That threw the ball back into Secretary Sullivan's court. The next day, Sullivan issued a short press statement in which he said that he would direct NIH to conduct "a thor-



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ough review and revision of the proposed study." He affirmed his stand to do what was needed to contain the spread of HIV infection but noted that his initial review of the survey indicated "potential problems with the tone and content of the questions." So far, however, Sullivan has not done anything about the survey, and NIH does not know what modifications, if any, it will be forced to make on the survey.

Sullivan is still something of an unknown quantity to AIDS lobbyists. He had been in an academic position, as President of Moorehouse College of Medicine, before his ap-

pointment, so he may be sympathetic to preserving the scientific integrity of the survey. A letter to Sullivan from the NORA coalition will go out this week, calling Sullivan's attention to the real agenda at hand: "Political and personal ideology should never be permitted to impair the scientific rigor of a data collection process...There is no value to ignorance in any field of science, including human sexuality." Hopefully, Sullivan will get the message that NORA's considerable influence will be behind him if he chooses to stand against the political pressure being mounted by the conservative lobby. ❧



From the Associated Press

Radio and TV stations could help take discussion of sex and AIDS out of the locker room and into the nation's living rooms, but the language must be frank enough to persuade skeptical teens to practice safe sex, broadcasters were told.

Panelists at a **National Association of Broadcasters (NAB)** convention said Sunday that broadcasters can expect heavy criticism from some groups for public discussions of safe sex, but if they stick to their guns they also can change minds.

Americans need "direct language about sexuality itself, about sexual behavior, about sexual decision making so that it's not euphemistic and abstract and something they can't mentally cue into," said Mary Lee Tatum, a sex educator at George Mason University.

She said too often movies and television treat sex as a "dirty joke" or as something in which people lose their reasoning abilities in fits of passion. At the same time, kids are told by authority figures to think before they have sex. They often don't listen, she said.

"We're hindered by the fact that we think that any serious talk about any kind of sexual behavior is pornographic," she said.

Critics can be a "potent force" against frank public discussions of

sex, but another panelist, William Miller of KTVK-TV in Phoenix, said it is important that broadcasters take a chance.

"These kinds of campaigns take a lot of guts because initially you're really hit with an awful lot of rejection," Miller said.

But, he said, "broadcasters have a lot to do with determining what's acceptable and what's not acceptable and how we talk to people within our society."

He said his station found it difficult to find corporate backers for an anti-AIDS campaign because "there's a stigma with AIDS. They were afraid of being the AIDS electric company... the AIDS convenience store."

But people's minds can be changed, Miller said, noting that a Phoenix Catholic bishop's position on public service announcements about condoms changed so that now he "is one of the most supportive people we have."

"After you see some of these things on television it becomes easier to talk about the subject. A lot of it is up to us," he said.

Toby Pate, marketing director at KPIX-TV in San Francisco, said her station's Emmy Award-winning public service show, *AIDS Lifeline*, is being distributed to stations in 55 cities and is being used by schools.

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I just got back from the **March on Austin for Lesbian and Gay Equal Rights** and I am so angry! The march was great but everything else was a mess! The hotel couldn't find my reservation (which I made six months ago), my car got towed, nobody would cash a check, I got a horrible sunburn, I forgot my camera in the hotel and had to drive 30 miles to get it, the candle for the memorial march kept blowing out, my feet hurt, etc...

What could I have done to make my trip less stressful?

- Tired of Being an Accidental Tourist

Sugar -

Mercy, mercy, mercy! You did have some problems didn't you. I have been travelin' for years and have developed some helpful hints for the weary traveler. So here are *Meemaw's Practical Pointers for Perplexed Protesters*.

Travel Arrangements (Or You Just Can't Get There From Here)

I cannot emphasize the importance of plannin' strongly enough. When you make that decision to go (whether it be an overnight trip or a cruise around the world) make arrangements early. You might get a price cut by travelin' certain days or

a special deal for weekend rates. Call around first or use your friendly neighborhood travel agent. He won't cost you a penny (and that is so important for those of us on fixed incomes).

When makin' arrangements by phone, be sure you have them repeat your reservation back to you and get a confirmation number (would you believe the hotel had two other Meemaws registered!). Spell your name slowly and have them send you a written confirmation so you can check for errors. It also gives you ammunition if they lose your reservation (those desk clerks can be pretty fiesty!). Be sure you do this for all reservations: hotel, airline, car rental, cruise line, etc.

After you receive your reservation in writin' be sure to call and confirm, call and confirm, call and confirm! Start when you receive the confirmation and do it again a week before you leave and the day before. It will let them know that they are not dealin' with any ordinary world traveler.

Special notes: Airlines usually require payment within 24 hours and are non-refundable if you want the cheapest (oops! "least expensive") seats. You might want to make all of your other arrangements first and then get the flight that works out best within that framework. 'Cause once you pay for 'em, Sugar, you're stuck! Also, for car rentals be sure to check mileage restrictions. Is the rate for unlimited miles, a certain number per day, or so much a mile? Mileage charges can really put a dent in that travel budget.

What To Pack (Or How To Make A Fashion Statement With Practical Shoes)

This area is always a problem. Do I have too many clothes? Not enough? What if it turns cold? Or hot? Or rains? Decisions, decisions, decisions! Since there were so many diverse activities in Austin, I got my Schedule of Events in advance and planned my wardrobe to the occasion. This helped me decide what to pack and, more importantly, how to accessorize (if you can accessorize properly, Sugar, you're halfway there.)

I always check the extended weather forecast to make sure I pack the right clothes. For example, last October in Washington D.C. when the *Quilt* was unfolded at dawn, the temperature was close to 32°. Several people were smart and packed longjohns to wear under their outfits.

I usually take a wrap for unexpected cool nights and somethin' comfortable for unexpected warm days. A hat and a bottle of sunscreen were very helpful since most people were out in the sun all afternoon for the parade, rally, and festival (so many people looked like "reverse raccoons" when they took off their sunglasses.) I also pack an umbrella just in case. You know Texas weather!

It is extremely important to make a list of what you take with you. This way you won't have to run all over town tryin' to buy toothpaste or hair curlers when you should be enjoyin' yourself. It will also prevent you forgettin' things, like your slippers (or camera).

Special note: If you will be travelin' in a situation where your luggage may be lost, have a photograph or drawin' of your bag to help out those people who may be tryin' to locate it. Also be sure every piece is labeled with your name, address, and telephone number and each tag is fastened securely to your luggage. Be sure to keep a bag with you with all your valuables, toiletries, medications, and a change of clothes. (Who wants to be seen in the same outfit twice?)

Financial Matters (Or Dollars And Sense)

Always remember, Sugar, pack half as many clothes and twice as much money.

Make a budget (and stick to it!). Be sure to include amounts for T-shirts and buttons and an emergency fund (for *true* emergencies, like having your car towed).

Make arrangements in advance for paying hotel and car rental bills, especially if you don't have credit cards.

If people are sharin' your room, be sure to make payment arrangements clear and in advance (you might even ask them to put up a prepayment.)

I really recommend travelers checks. They are low-cost, good forever, accepted everywhere, and can be easily replaced. Make sure you keep the identification numbers in a safe place.

More and more hotels are gettin' out of the practice of cashin' checks. Find out the policy in advance.

ATM cards are not honored everywhere and some restaurants will not accept credit cards. Fortunately, most banks will allow you an advance on your credit card.

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Parade Etiquette (Or Your Sign Doesn't Match Your Shoes)

The most common oversights occur the day of the parade when emotions are runnin' high and patience is runnin' low.

You might want to get together with your group a few days before the march to go over last minute arrangements, get your banners and signs made, decide who will get them to the march that day, and what to wear. Agree ahead of time where you will meet the other members of your marchin' unit, preferably at a recognizable landmark outside the assembly area.

Banners should be bright, bold, lightweight, and easily carried by several people. If it is held above your heads, your arms will get tired. Have plenty of back up sign carriers so you don't tire yourself out. If two persons are carryin' a banner, there is a tendency for it to droop in the middle so you can't read it. Keep it tight! If it is carried at waist level, make sure it is sturdy enough so that no one puts their foot through it. When you are marchin', be sure there is plenty of space between you and the previous unit. Otherwise, your banner cannot be read.

Signs need to be colorful and high-contrast and the slogans brief but catchy. You only have a few seconds to make your point. Make sure your sign won't bend in the wind and that it won't run in the rain.

Have a marchin' chant or song and make sure everyone knows it. I personally like the funny ones that rhyme. You can use a bullhorn, but don't be obnoxious with it.

I would discourage pets because all the excitement can make them pretty unpredictable. Always keep them on a leash, especially if fights break out with other pets! I would advise against carryin' a sign because you will have both hands full and may be pretty distracted.

You may come across counter protesters. Just ignore them. There is nothin' uglier than a shoutin' match. And if you say somethin' first you look like the one who is harassin' them. Emotions are high, but tempers are higher. Remember there is safety in numbers. When a counter protest group showed up at the NAMES Project Quilt, twice as many marchers completely encircled them and silently marched until the counter protesters went away.

If you attend a candlelight march, the best candle to use is a patio type. It is in a glass which protects it from the wind (and your hands from hot wax), it burns slowly and brightly, it won't burn your fingers and you can carry it in one hand and a sign in the other.

A word about being a photo opportunity. There are two types of pho-

tographers: those who take pictures of the entire event (where you are a face in the crowd) and those who focus on individuals (this is where you can shine, Sugar). Photographers love the unusual. Carry a sign with a clever sayin'. Dress unusually. Wear a wild hat. Paint your face. And be sure to be accessible -- up front surrounded by open space where they can readily see you and have the time to prepare their shot. Climb up

a lamppost. Ride on somebody's shoulders. Be creative. The photographers love it.

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The panel discussion attracted less than 30 audience members at this convention, which is being attended by nearly 50,000 broadcasters.

One member of the audience, Delbert Lewis, also from the Phoenix station, said he was "angry" that more broadcasters "had not taken this ball and run with it and expounding more on the AIDS problem. . . . We could do more," he said.

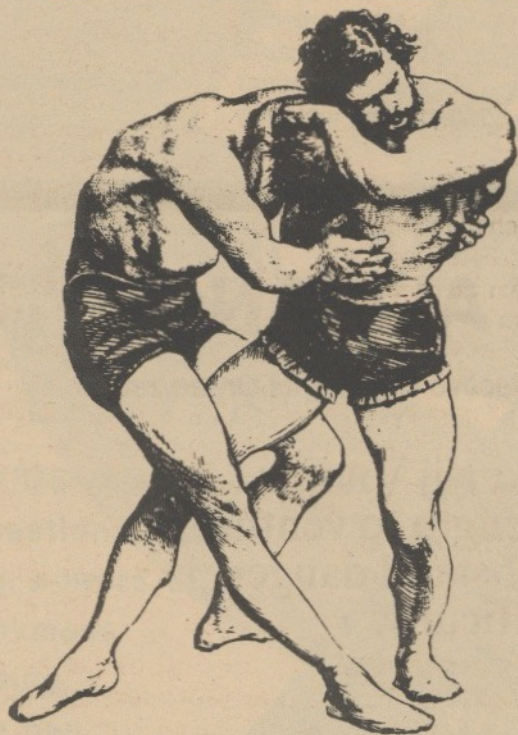
Another audience member, Jordan Cohen of WFMJ in Youngstown, Ohio, said "the fact that this room is nowhere near full, not even 50 percent, shows that there still is maybe a lot of educating to be done among our own."

An NAB official said the organization for the past 18 months has been distributing AIDS spots and written ma-

terial to radio and TV stations, along with suggestions for possible campaigns.

NAB also has been helping distribute material from Elizabeth Taylor's anti-AIDS program, Americans for AIDS Research, said Rory Benson, an NAB vice president in charge of public service activities.

A new campaign to be launched before the end of the year will allow stations to target high-risk groups with more explicit material, she said.



COHORTS DECEMBER - JUNE

If you joined the cohort study in December, it's time to return to the AIDS Prevention Project.

What's a cohort? A soldier in the fight against AIDS. Any man who has had sex with another can become a cohort.

To find out how you can help,
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DALLAS LEGAL HOSPICE



Since opening for business the last week in February, 1988, *Dallas Legal Hospice (DLH)* has already helped a significant number of persons with AIDS or other terminal illnesses.

During the months of March and April, 1989, *DLH* received 555 phone calls, attended to 58 walk-in clients and gave 34 client consultations. Twenty-five individuals were referred to attorneys for free legal representation. Fifteen of those referred to attorneys needed help with wills or other estate planning; the other ten had problems related to insurance, employment or bankruptcy matters.

The legal community's response has been excellent -- there are already over 60 Dallas-area attorneys volunteering their services to *DLH*. These services include providing free legal representation, giving phone consultations and assisting *DLH* with evening clinics.

DLH would like to give special thanks to volunteer attorney **Jim Breeden**, who has already given free estate planning help to a number of clients.

One of these cases involved an individual with AIDS who was dying in a hospital and needed an emergency will prepared. Jim not only prepared the will, but also personally took it to the client at the hospital so that the will could be executed. We want him to know how much we appreciate his help.

On Wednesday, May 31, 1989, from 7pm to 9 pm, *DLH* will sponsor its first "Call a Dallas Legal Hospice Lawyer" evening clinic. During this two hour clinic, persons with AIDS-related legal problems can call **824-6690** for an anonymous, confidential phone consultation with an attorney. Ten lawyers will be on hand to answer phone inquiries about estate planning, powers of attorney, bankruptcy, employment, housing and insurance. If community response is as expected, *DLH* will plan more evening phone clinics in the future.

For help with legal problems, or for more information about *Dallas Legal Hospice*, please call **522-8064** during regular office hours.

CLINICAL TRIALS INFORMATION LINE

From the Associated Press

The **National AIDS Program Office** is offering a new service to help people infected with the AIDS virus find out how to participate in government-sponsored experiments testing AIDS-fighting drugs.

The information is available by dialing a toll-free number, which will be answered by health specialists who have access to a database offering details on about 80 clinical trials sponsored by the **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**.

The NIH is sponsoring about one-third of the clinical trials of experimental AIDS and AIDS-related therapies, said Dr. **Anthony Fauci**, director of the **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases**.

NIH-sponsored trials are being conducted in more than 100 medical centers and hospitals across the country.

The new database service will provide information on the trials faster and more easily to physicians, AIDS patients and their families, Dr. Fauci said. Previously, the information had to be gathered from several sources.

He also said he hopes the project will enroll more women in trials designed to develop ways to prevent transmission of human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, from mothers to their infants.

The **AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service** may be reached by dialing **1-800-TRIALS-A**, Monday through Friday from 8am to 6pm Dallas time.

NEW AIDS DRUG TO BE TESTED IN HUMANS

From The Associated Press

The Food and Drug Administration said Thursday it will allow a potentially promising new AIDS drug to be tested on people infected with the deadly virus. Researchers say the drug, known as GLQ223, is unique because it appears to kill only those immune system cells that are infected with the AIDS virus, leaving non-infected cells alone.

However, they caution that the drug so far has been tested only in the laboratory and has not been used on AIDS patients.

"I'm very optimistic because of the test tube results, but there's always the possibility it could have unpredictable side effects or when given to humans the drug may not be able to get to all the infected cells," said Dr. Michael McGrath of the University of California in San Francisco and San Francisco General Hospital.

McGrath led a team of scientists from UCSF, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Genelabs of Redwood City, Calif., that developed GLQ223.

The drug is a highly purified form of the plant protein trichosanthin, which is derived from the root of a Chinese cucumber plant. The plant extract has been used in China to induce abortions. In the laboratory, the drug has been found to work on two different types of cells crucial to the normal functioning of the immune system -- T-cells and macrophage

cells, which act as a reservoir for the virus.

AZT, the only drug now licensed for treatment of AIDS, and other drugs like it only prevent the virus from replicating in T-cells.

David Corkery, a spokesman for the American Foundation for AIDS Research, called the drug "very promising," and said he is "cautiously optimistic" about its prospects.

Genelabs said the clinical trials are expected to begin in May at San Francisco General Hospital, primarily to determine safety and human tolerance of the drug. McGrath said the trials are expected to last three to six months. If a safe dosage can be determined, then trials would be conducted on the effectiveness of the drug.

Genelabs also cautioned that though GLQ223's active ingredient is found in some Chinese herbal medicines, "such preparations may also contain other components with unknown toxic effects." Also, Genelabs said that since the toxicity of trichosanthin itself has not been evaluated in AIDS patients, it "cautions against the use of trichosanthin or trichosanthin-containing preparations as an AIDS therapy."

The drug is being developed with money from the Swiss chemical and pharmaceutical company Sandoz Ltd., which would have rights to market it. ❧

Are You Among Those Who Care?

Following the trip to Austin, the Texas AIDS Network Conference, the Quilt, and the March, and all of the demonstrations everyone who went felt a burst of activism, a sense of self, and a sense of contributing to a cause. Many returned to find that there were many who remained behind, content to do nothing. Attending the activities brought to mind many questions that have not been previously verbalized or allowed to surface.

Perhaps now is the time! If you are affected by the HIV virus, why should anyone help you if you are unwilling to help yourself? Why should others strive to fight your battles when you

are unwilling to participate? Why should someone else solve problems for you when you are unwilling to put forth effort on your own behalf? If you want gay rights, why are you unwilling to do speak? If you feel discriminated against, then why remain complacent? If you feel that someone else can do it better, then think again! If everyone allowed someone else to be the leaders of a cause, there would be none! Activism does not necessarily mean getting arrested. It does not necessarily mean being visible. But it does mean being committed. It does mean support. It does mean letting others know that you too . . . care! ❧

AIDS THERAPIES & TREATMENT



By Charles Caulfield

Listed in this column are a variety of nutritional supplements and drugs classified according to their presumed effectiveness. Most of these substances are available over the counter at many health foods stores and at Crossroads Market.

POLLYSACCHARIDES

It is theorized that substances in this category inhibit viral activity by altering the molecular structure of the binding site of the viral envelope, thus inactivating the virus' ability to bind to a host cell.

Lentien. The hardened outer bark of the lentinus edodes mushroom. Similar properties are ascribed to the reishi mushroom.

Iscador. The polysaccharide extract of the common mistletoe plant. Available to import from Switzerland with a prescription from an American physician.

Pine Cone Extract. A plant polysaccharide currently under study for antiviral properties.

Carrisyn. Clinical studies demonstrate antiviral activity in test tube, animal and humans.

Dextran Sulfate. Strong test tube evidence for antiviral activity; human studies less promising. Difficult to absorb, but said to synergize the effects of low dose AZT.

MEMBRANE FLUIDIZERS

These substances are believed by many to extract cholesterol from rigid cell lipid envelopes, thereby binding a "fluid" quality to the host/pathogen interaction, which makes binding difficult. Probably the most widely used nutritional intervention in AIDS treatment. A wealth of anecdotal data exists for these substances, particularly AL721 and its analogues.

AL721. Israeli formula combines hen egg lecithin products in a synergistic ratio. This is the only lecithin product to undergo rigorous medical re-

search. Available only through Ethigan Corporation.

Active Lipids Workalikes. These products are very widely used with various reports of effectiveness. Claimed by Ethigan to be inferior to the Israeli formula.

BHT/BHA. Very affordable common food additives with reported antiviral properties. Said to reduce lipid content of viral envelope in HIV, CMV, HSV I and II, EBV. Can be damaging to the liver.

Monolaurin. Another affordable substance said to have similar properties to BHT and BHA. Thought to be less effective, but also less toxic.

Omega Fish Oil. Thought to have cholesterol, extracting properties with possible action against lipid coated viruses.

INTERFERON STIMULATORS

The products in this category are said by some to stimulate the body's own production of interferon, thought to be a modulator of the body's immune response.

Germanium (bis-carboxyl germanium sesquioxide). This substance is very widely used in Japan in preventative medicine, as well as in cancer treatment and research. Said to stimulate interferon, antibodies and beta endorphan.

Pau D'Arco. This polysaccharide has a long history of use in folk medicine, beginning with the Inca culture of 2000 years ago. Currently showing some promise in cancer treatment in Brazil. Reported widely

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REMEMBER US

If you are a Dallas Gay Alliance member and did not receive AIDS Update through the mail, have you moved recently? Please send us your new address. AIDS Update and Dialog are mailed bulk rate and undelivered copies are not returned.

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to have powerful antifungal properties.

Ginseng. Historically one of the most widely used medicinal plants in the world. High in germanium content. Said by many to give energy, possibly due to interferon/endorphin stimulation.

Carrisyn. Demonstrated to induce considerable increase in leukocyte production of interferon, as well as interleukin I and II (T-cell stimulating factor and T-cell growth factor). Proven immunomodulating activity in humans.

Garlic. Wide history of use as a broad spectrum antimicrobial. Possibly due to increased interferon production (high germanium content).

OXYGEN-RELATED TREATMENTS

The AIDS virus is known to be highly susceptible to the effect of oxygen. Many people attempt to decrease the activity of the virus by altering their body's oxygen consumption. Managing the harmful free radicals given off by the increased oxygen supply can be the key to using this method successfully and avoiding toxicity. A comfortable balance of oxidants and antioxidants must be maintained. Further research is strongly suggested before considering this therapy.

Hydrogen Peroxide (35% food grade product). Thought to increase cellular oxygen content. Claimed by some researchers to have "cured" cases of full blown AIDS. Can be

very harmful if careful attention is not paid to antioxidant therapy.

SOD. Superoxide Dismutase and its chemical partner, Glutathione Peroxidase, are substances thought to stimulate the body's natural antioxidant mechanisms, and thereby decreasing damage due to lipid peroxidation, which can lead to cancer.

Antioxidant Vitamins and Minerals. Many affordable combinations of these substances can be purchased. Optimal products will contain the following: Beta Carotene, Vitamin E, Selenium, Zinc, Potassium, Vitamin C and B-Complex.

Germanium. Widely thought to be a powerful systemic antioxidant.

CoEnzyme 010. This mineral is used widely in Japan as a preventative measure against heart attacks, cancer and gum disease. These properties are thought to be due to its antioxidant properties.

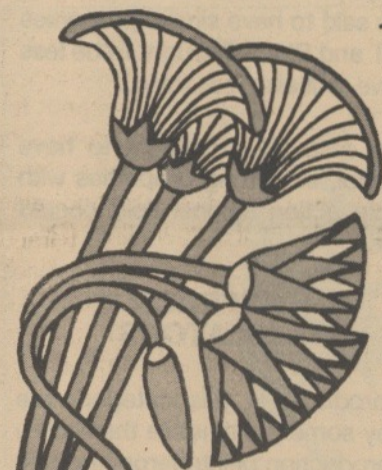
T-CELL STIMULATORS

These chemicals have all in some degree demonstrated enhancement of T-cell production and maturation in clinical studies.

Imuthiol (DTC). This is a metal chelating agent found in France to have immune stimulating properties. Small studies have shown solid evidence for T-Cell proliferation. Cannot be taken with alcohol.

Antabuse. Used for years in alcohol treatment, this substance was found to break down in the metabolism into DTC, and is therefore used as an available and affordable alternative to importation of Imuthiol from France.

Carrisyn. T-Cell increases reported in three clinical studies and many anecdotal cases. Overwhelming body of laboratory evidence demonstrates immune stimulation. ❖

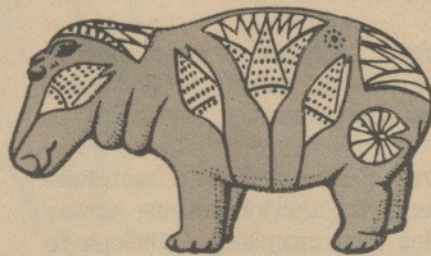


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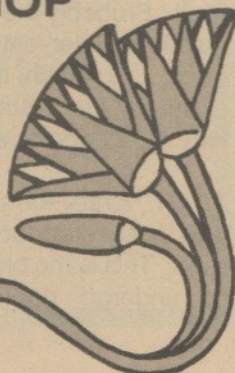
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PATTI LE PLAE SAFE



THE BIG SPLASH

Well maybe I did miss a few rehearsals, but there is no reason to call me Miss Dee Rehearsal. I swear they must have rehearsed when I wasn't lookin' cause I was at all but one (the time I went to the *March on Austin*, isn't that a good enough reason to miss just one?). I got thrown all over the place and I seemed to be in the wrong place a few times [*Few?...who is she kidding? Not us, we saw it...all...*], but I still think the **Esther Williams Memorial Water Ballet Company** put on the best show ever.

Poor **Richard Sink** was in a tail spin a few moments. He couldn't find his swimsuit prior to the show. I got a feeling someone didn't want him in the show [*Was it you Patti?...He is better than you...positively*] but the show started on time and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Michael Lee gave a fabulous performance in his one-man show up in the ballroom. We really had some of the best laughs and true quality entertainment. He isn't just your normal everyday drag queen. He is a star! I mean a *real* star who has been in Las Vegas. We are so lucky to have him in Dallas now. I think everyone who saw his show would agree. Anyway, I am very impressed. I could learn a lot from him, like I could from my dear friend, **Brandi**, in Denver. [*Patti, you could learn alot from almost everyone.*]

CHILDREN WILL BE CHILDREN . . .

Every Mother's Child was fantastic. I heard it was one of the best shows ever put on. I am sorry I did not get to make it, but I was booked to do a show in Pleasant Grove, and quite proud of it. I heard **Trella Hart** and **Wiseguys** had the audience on the edge of their seats.

MARCHING ON THE HILL

Honey, I was running so fast to get to the beginning that I melted my pantyhose, had to stop and put on a pair of kneehis. I won't tell you what happened to the kneehis. But there

were 30,000 people on the hill and more than half danced on the steps of the Capitol. I just sort of thought if we kept dancing, the steps would crumble under us but you know what, the city knew we were there, and they knew why. The steps are still standing but they have a lot of heel marks to show.

We had a lot of support from passerbys and normally-not-the-type participaters. I saw alot of people just join in to help because they believe in equal rights. Dallas should be proud of all the attendees at the *March* from Dallas. We were everywhere and they (the city) gave us alot of respect. I attended the *Tribunal* on Saturday since we got there just in time (thanks to **Scott** for driving 80 and 85 the whole day), went back to the hotel, changed and attended the *Quilt Display* and was overwhelmed with emotions all over again.

Then we went to the Governor's Suite at the hotel, met **Cleve Jones**, and attended a cocktail party in his room. The wind got so strong by that time I couldn't keep my feet on the ground, and we had to come in from the balcony. [*She doesn't tell you that her hair looked like the Flying Nun and was moussed so stiff she could have flown easily.*] Later we attacked all the bars in town and really enjoyed the dancing and carousing about.

After the rally we all went over to Waterloo Park to begin the festival. Now I will tell you I tried my best to keep **Bill** and **Dan** out of the bushes, but you know how hard my job is...**Kevin** and **Randy** helped me alot...they passed out condoms too. We all had a good time in the park singing and dancing. **GLYA** really had a good time! We sold a lot of buttons and T-shirts and then it was time for some of us to pack it up and drive home.

I sure wished we didn't have to come back so early, I'd have loved to attend the Legislature session. I think I could have found a sugar daddy and ruined a career or two...at least change those hard-nosed views of the wrong side. **Mark Weaver** will

never forget me . . . I'm so sure. He still thinks I'm real . . . just wait till he sees what we have for him!

STRIPOFF???...SAFELY

Louise Woman! **Parker Hall** and I, one Thursday night decided to go to **The Wave** and see what all the commotion was about, since we had heard so much about it. **Heda Quote** is right! She has the best men in her *Texas Stripoff*. I must admit, it was safe to watch and we all were in agreement that the winner would have been fun to play safe with. This is no fad, Honey, you just might see me there more often! It is safe to watch! If you and your date aren't the type to go to the bars and watch you can always have a little "at home" stripoff. Tease each other in the most enticing ways that only you could imagine. It certainly will get your blood boiling and can lead to safe pleasures in bed. Believe me, it's safe, so get the blood boiling when your lover comes home tonight, or when your date arrives to your door. STRIP BABY STRIP!

GET ACTIVE!

Child, I seem to notice more and more comments like "If I'd have only known," . . . "But no one told me," . . . "Oh, no it can't be," and much more of the same. Those comments are coming from people I have met and had just heard that someone they know is dying from AIDS. And the thought of "What I could have done" are prevalent these days. It is not too late to get on the bandwagon and get started. There are scheduled training sessions and you can find them listed on our calendar.

This brings to mind a story I heard recently about there being players, spectators, benchwarmers and watercarriers. Our community and city is grossly imbalanced with this exact comparison. I hear from so many that I get confused from time to time on how to react, and in most cases I do react to statements like "How can I help?" or "What needs to be donated?" but I am getting tired of hearing "But no one told me about this or that."

What can I do? We have conferences, rallies, press releases, benefits, fundraisers, and even drag shows to educate the community about the AIDS crisis, and yet we still have a large number of oblivious people. Yes, right here in our own backyard! I need your help, badly. We have to educate about how it affects our lives day in and day out and we can't falter on our fair share.

EVERY DROP CAUGHT IN A CONDOM SAVES LIVES

Help me please., there are so many men and so little time to get to them all. Don't let someone talk you into having sex without using condoms, instead suggest making love with prevention -- condoms! I know there are still men and women who prefer no protection and think they're the protected ones and the disease will never get them. Who will get the last word -- I wonder?

HOW DOES A PENNY MAKE TWENTY?

Ask anyone who takes pentamidine mist and they'll tell you. **Penny Pickle**, **Pam Clayton** and **CareLine** were recently honored for the devoted services they provide to the Tuesday night *Pentamidine Mist Treatments* now being held at the **Nelson/Tebedo Clinic for AIDS Research**. Penny and Pam have been giving the treatments faithfully and have never asked for anything in return for their services. Well, the darling, **Bill Nelson**, suggested the idea and it turned into a wonderful evening to honor the women for great deeds. We ate at **Cracker's** restaurant on Greenville and enjoyed a new way to celebrate and also raise funds for the new clinic (Grand Opening will be announced soon...get ready!). You should be proud to be a part. And congratulations to Penny, Pam and CareLine!

WRITE ME!

If ever you wish for a note about your fundraiser to be mentioned in our newspaper, feel free to drop the information in the *AIDS Update* mail file at the **AIDS Resource Center**. I will be happy to put it in my column or we will write a special column announcing full details.

Love to you in the month of June and take care of those tan lines, but most of all, protect yourself and use condoms to make love.

Ever so safely,

Patti 

Remember . . .

"On me,
not in me."

IT CROSSED MY DESK AND MY MIND



By John Thomas

ITEM: David Heller and Tony Anthony returned from the *March on Austin* weekend and have allowed their rage to surface. They are speaking out — it's time everyone starts doing something.

COMMENTS: There are others who are feeling and thinking the same thing. Don't keep those rambling thoughts and those rollercoaster emotions in. Find words to describe them — try to explain what's going on inside you to your friends and your family.

Resolve that you will do something about AIDS! Write a letter — call an elected official — give something of your time — give something of yourself — write a check — do something — get angry — live —

ITEM: The unfolding ceremony for the **NAMES Project** — Oklahoma was strange and wonderful in two ways. First, the Lieutenant Governor officially welcomed the *Quilt* and used the words "gay" and "lesbian." Second, there was a steady flow of mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews presenting panels.

COMMENTS: Oklahoma is being more responsive and supportive in dealing with AIDS than Texas. What's going on?

The Oklahoma state legislator who introduced the bill, making Oklahoma the first state to require AIDS education in the school system had just been elected. She shared how she was concerned about AIDS and wanted to make that a priority — after she had gotten acquainted with the other legislators, and established herself and her reputation, and felt she could get into a controversial, though necessary, area like AIDS.

After her election, she discovered that she had a friend who had been diagnosed; and then the very weekend before she was to be sworn into office, she was told that a high school classmate had died in Dallas.

Rather than wait, she filed the AIDS education bill immediately.

I would hope that more and more people would do the decent, right thing when it comes to AIDS public policy. Reality is that most people need to have their own personal experience with a person living with AIDS.

CHALLENGE: If you are HIV antibody positive, as soon as you can, start letting people know. Especially your family. For all of the potential coalitions based on common ideology or on common enemies, the most natural and the most potent is the coalition of our family members.

They have to speak out. Even the biggest, purest bigot is neutralized by mothers and fathers advocating research treatments, discrimination protections, and services.

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QUOTES: Whatever you are willing to put up with, is exactly what you will have.

Consciously or unconsciously you always get what you expect.

If you don't have what you want, you are not committed to it 100%.

... Dr. Robert Anthony

ITEM: The resolution, passed May 1, stated, "As Texans touched by the AIDS crisis, we rise above our personal considerations and open our hearts to those who grieve and those in need." It honored those who have lost loved ones to the fatal disease and commends the "AIDS educators and caregivers on the front lines of the battle against AIDS." Fifty-five House members, more than one-third, have pulled their names from the resolution.

COMMENTS: How much more are you willing to put up with? Is this what you expect from Texas politicians? How committed are you to your own freedom and dignity and very lives?

ITEM: The **Dallas County Sero-prevalence Survey** will be coming to your doors in July. They want some blood and some answers to a questionnaire. It will be anonymous, and "randomly" selected and it is a pre-test for doing a nationwide survey to predict the extent of the HIV infection. The federal government is spending 4 million dollars to do all this.

COMMENTS: "Randomly selected" is really a targeted random selection. The statisticians are chasing the HIV antibody positives, to get enough to make a projection. They want sufficient high risk, "criminal-in Texas" behaviors to feel comfortable and safe in their results!

The state of Texas has spent 3.4 million dollars during the last two years.

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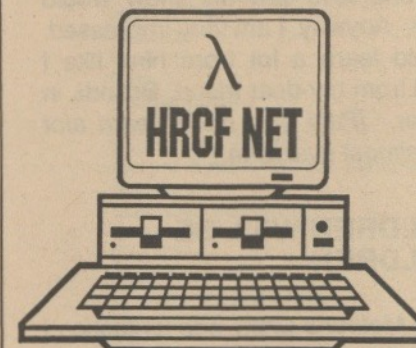
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To reduce the overall incidence of human immunodeficiency virus infection by providing risk-reduction education and information for persons primarily affected by and at risk for AIDS, and the general public;

To reduce the levels of fear and discrimination directed towards persons affected by AIDS, and to enhance and preserve the dignity and self-respect of those persons, by providing and promoting critically needed education to the public, health care providers, educators, business and religious leaders, the media, public officials, and other opinion leaders; and

To ensure the ongoing support for all of these services by involving, educating and cooperating with a wide range of organizations and individuals in AIDS-related service provision, and by supporting efforts at all levels of public and private sectors to secure adequate development and finance of AIDS research, education and human service programs.

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FROM THE EDITOR



By Dave Lewis

I'm not a Native Texan and, although I've lived in Dallas for almost nine years, I guess I still haven't gotten the hang of Texas government. Therefore, it has taken me some time to understand the Texas state policy on AIDS. (Actually, the same policy is in force in Dallas County and the city of Dallas.) I think, however, that I have finally figured it out. A member of Parkland Hospital's legal team effectively summed up this policy when he said that if the "assholes are not happy with our treatment, they should go to California."

The day after the March, many of us had our first experience lobbying the Texas Legislature. One of the issues for which we were lobbying was the "Hate Crimes Bill" - a bill to impose stricter penalties for hate crimes involving bigotry on the basis of race ethnicity, religion, age, or sexual orientation. Even after the sexual orientation protection was deleted, the Texas House of Representatives voted 79-65 to kill the bill, reinforcing the message which Judge Hampton projected - crimes motivated by hate and discrimination are not considered serious in the Lone Star State.

The Texas State Legislature has also decided to ignore the problem of AIDS and to ignore the entire Texas gay and lesbian community. I think they are hoping that if they ignore us long enough, we will get tired and go away. Otherwise, how can you explain their actions within days of the largest gathering of Texas citizens ever held on the grounds of the state capitol?

Within a few days of that historical gathering of lesbians, gay men, and our heterosexual friends calling for equal rights and increased state funding for AIDS, the state legislature took several actions contrary to the opinions we had expressed on the steps of the Capitol. The most outrageous (and unexpected) was the slashing of AIDS funding by the House-Senate conference committee. The House had approved \$20.5 million and the Senate had approved \$30.6 million. The purpose of the conference committee was to resolve

the difference between the two figures. In my ignorance of the Texas State Legislature, I assumed that the conference committee would come up with a compromise figure between \$20.5 and \$30.6 million. Being pessimistic when it comes to the legislature, I assumed that it would be closer to \$20.5 million. I was amazed - and annoyed - to hear that the compromise figure was \$18 million. Only in the Texas Legislature is \$18 million a compromise between \$20.5 and \$30.6 million!

Another critical piece of legislation, the "Omnibus AIDS Bill" has been so changed by the House Public Health Committee that the Rev. Chris C. Steele, chair of the state Legislative Task Force on AIDS, accused some lawmakers of undermining the Task Force's year-long efforts to define the state's response to AIDS. According to Rev. Steele, "This bill has undergone not revision, but total rewrite. It is retrograde. It is bad legislation and it is dangerous to public health." The House Public Health Committee voted 8-0 to approve the "revised" bill.

I can not understand how our government - at all levels - can appoint a "Task Force", asking citizens to expend the time and effort to carefully study a problem and to make recommendations only to have their findings ignored and recommendations discarded. As I have said before in this space, the response by our county and city has been no better than the response from the state. In all cases, the response has been bigotry and hatred rather than caring and compassion.

They are hoping that we will leave. But we won't. We've marched on Washington, we've marched on Austin, and we've demonstrated at City Hall. We can't give up now. We must continue to demand our rights. We must keep the pressure up at all levels through letters and telephone calls, legal demonstrations, and civil disobedience.

SILENCE=DEATH

ACTION=LIFE

IT CROSSED MY DESK

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The government sure places a strange (evil, wicked, deadly) priority on spending — surveys rather than direct services and medical treatments and education and prevention.

The survey is voluntary and you can choose to just say "no" — every time they come back to try to entice and talk you into participating.

I have seen the government's response, knowing the number of people with full-blown AIDS, for over eight years now. What am I to think this multi-million dollar national survey will do? Lots more compassion and effort and money if the infection is higher than expected? Only if it's no longer predominantly in the gay men and the heterosexual IV-drug using populations? Or will the survey join the dusty shelf with all of the other reports of commissions, task forces, committees at every level of government and society?

The decision to participate is yours — it's voluntary and you can choose not to participate.

QUOTES: SILENCE=DEATH

Too many people are dying, too many people are silent.

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Terry Died a Fighter

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the mourning process of the last friend, emotionally you start to shut down. Maybe that's what's going on.

Michelle: The other difference is that it's easier to fight for other people. When the Vietnamese are the victims, we can get out and say that our government is wrong. But when we're the victim, saying that our government is wrong is acknowledging that our government doesn't give a shit about us. People can't do that. People are so totally invested in believing that the government and the

research community are doing everything that they possibly can to end this epidemic, and you guys just have to be patient, and it's a virus and we don't know that much about viruses, and on and on.

It makes perfect sense why we're so invested in that. It's terribly painful to think, "My country, my government, and my society are willing to watch me die."

Marty: If more people were scared -- it's like, "Don't make me not scared of death, please. Don't make me not

afraid to get sick, and to watch my body fall apart. Don't make me not scared to not be supported, and to be financially broke." We're putting band-aids over these natural reactions to the holocaust. Maybe we've put too many band-aids on people. I'm plugged into the AIDS Mastery, and I've seen hundreds of PWAs come through and learn to live powerfully, and get their lives back, and get out of that state. But to get beyond that, and to fight, is a different story.

And that's the only way we see out of the epidemic. Unless a miracle happens.

Michelle: And even with a miracle, it

will take seven years to get that miracle out.

Marty: And if compound Q is the answer, God forbid you are on DHPG or foscarnet or whatever. Who are they going to exclude from the protocol right off the bat, and when will they make it acceptable and accessible to everybody? When do the HIV babies get it?

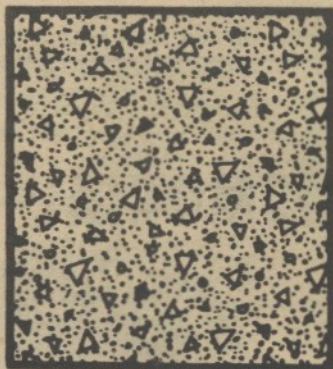
We're talking about people shutting down and not wanting to stand up and fight for foscarnet, when too many gay men in this town won't even get tested. How are they ever going to stand up and fight? How do you move these people from not knowing what their status is, to fighting to save their lives?

People are not telling the truth, all the time, all the truth. They're putting it in candy wrappers.

And when you know the truth, and you don't get the support of people around you, you start to think you're crazy. And Terry Sutton would listen to people say, "You're crazy," and then look at it and say, "No, no I'm not. This is the truth."

If people want to make donations in Terry's name, they should donate to ACT UP. That's probably the closest thing to him. ❖

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