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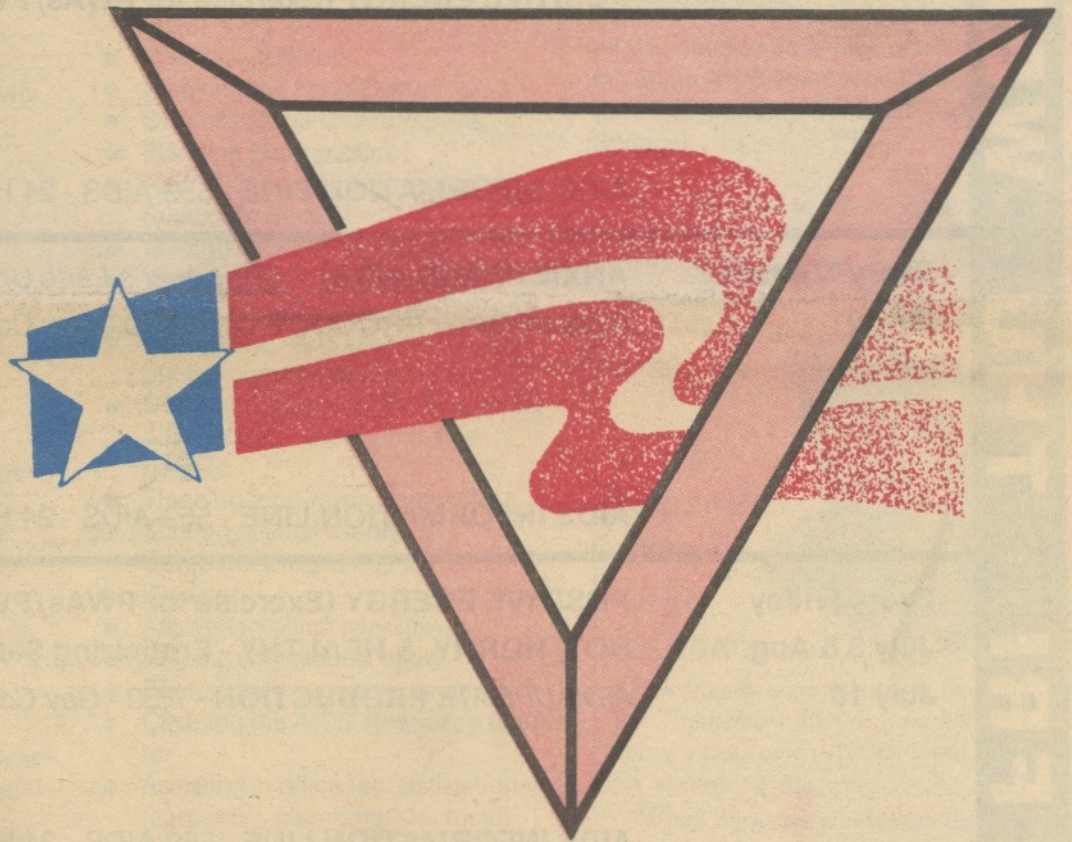
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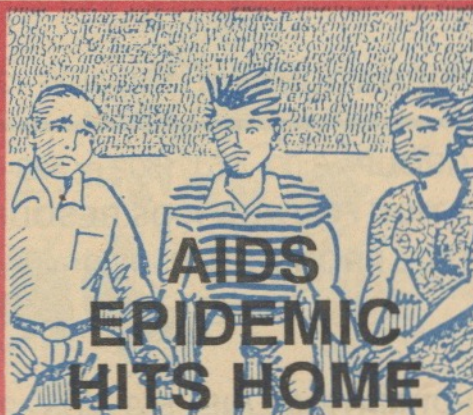
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Memories of RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS 1986: Some of the action in the casino. It'll be back again so you can try your luck this year. (Upper Left) The crew of the AIDS Resource Center's "Pics 'n Pecs" booth. Don't miss your chance this year to have your photo taken with a hunk! (Lower Left) Patti Le Plae Safe gets trashy. Yes, unfortunately, she'll be back this year, too. (Upper Right) [Photos: Craig Hess]

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Every Monday
SURVIVORS GROUP (Lovers of Deceased PWAs) - 7:30 - Oak Lawn Counseling Center - 351-1502
HEALING YOUR LIFE (Phase 1) - 6:30 - Oak Lawn Counseling Center - 351-1502
POSITIVE ENERGY (Exercise for PWAs/PWARCs) - 4:00 - Fitness Exchange - 956-8311
 June 29
DALLAS COUNTY AIDS COORDINATING COMMITTEE - 3:00 - Dallas County Health Dept. - 920-7920
 July 6
AIDS UPDATE August Issue Deadline - 503-8646
AIDS INFORMATION LINE - 559-AIDS - 24 Hours - Every Day - (TTY 528-4233 11:00 - 6:00)

Every Tuesday
AIDS RESOURCE CENTER VISITATION COMMITTEE - 7:00 - Gay Community Center - 521-1717
SUPPORT GROUP FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS - 6:00 - Oak Lawn Counseling Center - 351-1502
GROUP FOR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS OF PWAS - 6:30 - O.L.C.C. - 351-1502
HEALING YOUR LIFE (Phase 2) - 6:30 - Oak Lawn Counseling Center - 351-1502
TLC FOR FAMILY OF PWAS - 7:00 - Lover's Lane United Methodist Church - 351-1502 or 521-5191
 July 7
AIDS UPDATE STAFF MEETING - 7:30 - Gay Community Center - 3920 Cedar Springs - 503-8646

Every Wednesday
K.I.S.S. GROUP - 8:00 - 351-1502 or 528-4227
POSITIVE ENERGY (Exercise for PWAs/PWARCs) - 4:00 - Fitness Exchange - 956-8311
AIDS INFORMATION LINE - 559-AIDS - 24 Hours - Every Day - (TTY 528-4233 11:00 - 6:00)

Every Thursday
ANXIETY AND AIDS - 7:00 - Lover's Lane United Methodist Church - 351-1502 or 521-5191
AIDS UPDATE PRODUCTION - 7:30 - Gay Community Center - 503-8646
AIDS INFORMATION LINE - 559-AIDS - 24 Hours - Every Day - (TTY 528-4233 11:00 - 6:00)

Every Friday
POSITIVE ENERGY (Exercise for PWAs/PWARCs) - 4:00 - Fitness Exchange - 956-8311
HOT, HORNY, & HEALTHY - Eroticizing Safer Sex - 7:00 - Gay Community Center - 521-5124
 July 3 & Aug. 7
AIDS UPDATE PRODUCTION - 7:30 - Gay Community Center - 503-8646
 July 10
AIDS INFORMATION LINE - 559-AIDS - 24 Hours - Every Day - (TTY 528-4233 11:00 - 6:00)

July 11
AIDS UPDATE PRODUCTION - 1:30 - Gay Community Center - 503-8646
 July 11
MEETING FOR AIDS INFORMATION LINE VOLUNTEERS - 2:00 - Gay Community Center - 522-0327
 July 11 & 18
TRAINING FOR NEW AIDS RESOURCE CENTER VOLUNTEERS - 10:00 - Gay Community Center
AIDS INFORMATION LINE - 559-AIDS - 24 Hours - Every Day - (TTY 528-4233 11:00 - 6:00)

Every Sunday
K.I.S.S. GROUP - 6:00 - 351-1502 or 528-4227
ORIENTATION FOR NEW AIDS RESOURCE CENTER VOLUNTERS - 1:00 - Gay Community Center
 July 5
AIDS UPDATE PRODUCTION - 1:00 - Gay Community Center - 503-8646
 July 12
AIDS INFORMATION LINE - 559-AIDS - 24 Hours - Every Day - (TTY 528-4233 11:00 - 6:00)

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Unfinished Business

by Craig Hess

Theatre Gemini, Dallas' premier gay theatre, announces the casting of *UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The AIDS Show*. "Over 60 extremely talented actors tried out for this production," reports Don Jackson, the show's director. "I could have cast the show five times over with the quality of performers who auditioned." The cast consists of Judith Anderson, Craig Chester, Tom Culpepper, Beth Domann, Jane Falcone, Jerry Garrett, Craig Hess, Phil Johnson, Brett Lassiter, Keith McBride, Justin Ormond, and Flora Purvis.

Originally staged by San Francisco's **Theatre Rhinoceros**, *Unfinished Business*, is a series of vignettes on the subject of AIDS, running the gamut from dramatic monologues to humorous skits to musical numbers.

"I asked each actor to write about why they wanted to do this show," said Jackson. "Almost unanimously, everyone said that they believed in this show and that the best AIDS education is through theatre."

The show is a chronology showing how the AIDS crisis slowly began to creep into the consciousness of the gay community starting in 1981 and how it began to affect relationships and attitudes. "More than any theatre work I know, *Unfinished Business* dramatizes valor in the face of adversity and reaffirms the magnificence of the human spirit," says Jackson. "I feel the time is right for this show. It is about real people dealing with real emotions and questions about AIDS."

Unfinished Business will run Fridays at 8:00 PM, Saturdays at 7:00 and 10:00 PM, and Sundays at 3:00 PM, from August 7TH through 30TH. Tickets are available at Crossroads Market (3930 Cedar Springs) or by calling 521-8919 or 991-3356. ▽



by Craig Hess

I recently reviewed the volunteer opportunities here at the **AIDS Resource Center**. Some positions were added, some deleted, and some refined. I currently have 25 volunteer areas where you can help:

- Answering the *AIDS Hotline*
- Providing support to persons with AIDS
- Hospital visitation
- Stocking the *Food Pantry*
- Organizing the *Clothing Bank*
- Planning garage sales
- Addressing groups through the *Speaker's Bureau*
- Staffing information tables
- Writing articles for *AIDS Update*
- Selling advertising in *AIDS Update*
- Distributing *AIDS Update* throughout the community
- Designing graphics and layouts for *AIDS Update*, brochures, and posters.
- Planning fund-raising activities
- Staffing special events
- Computer programming
- Data entry
- Answering office telephones
- Helping with clerical tasks
- Photographing special events
- Cleaning the **AIDS Resource Center**
- Assisting in office reconstruction (carpentry, plumbing, electrical)
- Preparing materials for training sessions
- Alerting the **AIDS Resource Center** to articles in newspapers and

magazines

- Taping AIDS-related television programming
- Doing in-home telephoning

Some areas require little or no training. Some projects are ongoing while others are one-time only. Some can be done in a few hours. Some are at specific times while others can be done at any time.

All you need to do is pick one and call me at the **AIDS Resource Center** (521-5124) or stop by (3820 Cedar Springs).

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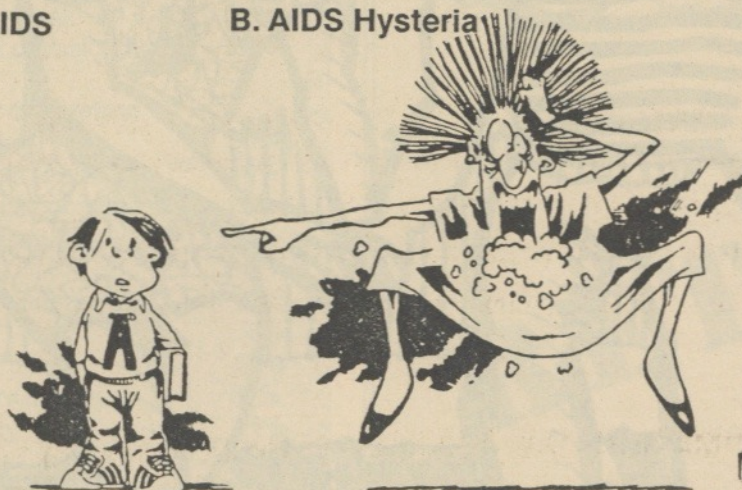
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Which can be transmitted by casual contact?

A. AIDS

B. AIDS Hysteria



THE AIDS EPIDEMIC HITS HOME

by Bryan Robinson, Patsy Skeen, and Lynda Walters

This article originally appeared in the April 1987 issue of Psychology Today. Bryan Robinson, Ph.D., is an associate professor of child and family development at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. Patsy Skeen, Ed.D., is an associate professor of child and family development, and Lynda Walters, Ph.D., is associate dean of the College of Home Economics at the University of Georgia.

It is estimated that ten percent of the adult population in the United States is gay. For their millions of parents, the question "What is the risk for AIDS?" is a terrifying addition to long-standing concerns such as "What will our neighbors say?" and "Where did we go wrong?" Confused, guilt-ridden and fearful, the parents often suffer in isolation because of a lack of understanding from their family, friends, and community.

Despite all of the conjectures by social scientists and others, very little is known about these mothers and fathers. We wanted to find out, in a systematic way, what it is like for parents to deal with a child's homosexuality. We also wondered if the spread of AIDS had further complicated parents' adjustment to

homosexuality and how it affected parental perceptions of their children. We conducted a national survey of 402 parents who belong to support groups for parents and friends of gays.

One of our clearest findings is that the AIDS outbreak reopened old wounds for parents who had already come to terms with their child's homosexuality. Many said that they felt a resurgence of fear about their child's sexual orientation and worried that the child might face a whole new set of problems.

"It breaks my heart," one parent lamented. "It's just one more thing to be burdened with!" Another admitted, "I'm getting scared of my son getting AIDS. I wish he were heterosexual." Fully 71 percent of the parents in our survey said they fear that their children might catch AIDS, and even more said they worry more now than before the epidemic about the health of their children's sexual partners. Almost half said they advise their children about the risks of AIDS, and another 31 percent said they would like to counsel them about the same subject.

Fear of contagion didn't extend, at least consciously, to these relatively well-educated parents themselves. Fewer than three percent feared

catching AIDS from their gay child or friends; about 96 percent said they were no more cautious about physical contact with their gay child than usual.

But the experience of one 40-year-old gay man suggests that some changes in behavior have taken place. "My parents know I'm gay and now every time I fly home there's an undercurrent of fear," he said. "Nothing has been said about AIDS directly, but my mother constantly harps about the guy down the street who died of AIDS. After dinner, she has begun to wash my plate and flatware separately from hers and my dad's. I was crushed, but nothing has been said openly about it."

Any changes in behavior seem to have been mainly among the fathers.

"My husband was terrified at first until he talked with our family doctor, who gave him sound advice," one mother wrote. But others agreed that they had seen changes in themselves as well. In a typical comment, one mother said, "I don't know [my husband, but] I certainly have [been affected]. I have become involved in several committees to do with education about AIDS and have become a hospice volunteer."

Not surprisingly, only one percent of the parents agreed with the statement that AIDS occurred among gays as "punishment for their sins." In our survey, the older and more politically liberal parents, the more likely they were to have a well-informed and positive outlook about the disease and their child's risk.

Even if the parents themselves had knowledgeable views about the disease, many were worried that their child might suffer from a backlash against homosexuality in society caused by the AIDS outbreak. "I am concerned that some of the advances toward acceptance [of homosexuality] by the general public will be reversed and that personal danger and harassment still remain," one said. "It is a frustration because it puts homosexuals in a negative light just when they were fighting so hard to educate the public. I think it has set acceptance of gays back many years," another said.

Despite all of these fears and apprehensions, 89 percent of the parents insisted that the AIDS outbreak had not made them feel more negatively about gays and homosexuality. Those who said their attitudes had changed usually mentioned their strengthened opposition to sexual promiscuity and increased endorsement of "safer sex." One mother specifically said that her attitude had certainly changed towards "those who behave irresponsibly and continue to practice [sex] without the proper precautions..."



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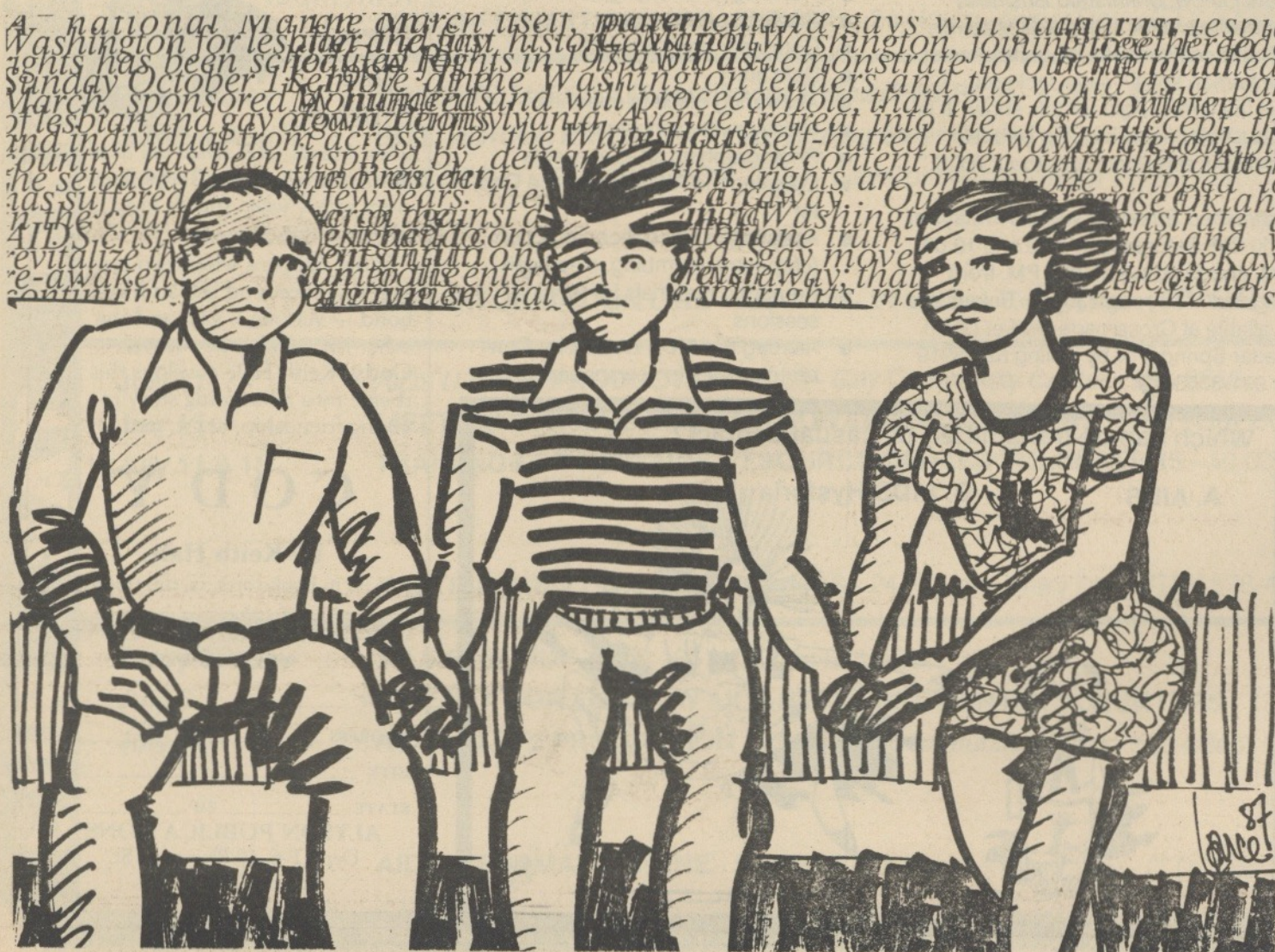
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An impressive 40 percent said they felt more concern for gays as a result of the AIDS outbreak. "My sympathy for AIDS patients has increased as I have listened to and met personally some of them and their families," one parent said. "I see it as a human tragedy, not limited to gay[s]."

desire to know more about the disease. "The gay community needs more public acceptance and more financial support for AIDS research," said one concerned parent.

We asked another set of questions designed to find out how parents had

cially difficult time in their lives. Two-thirds of the parents said that they traveled an emotional journey from shock and denial through guilt, anger and finally acceptance.

These five stages correspond closely to those found among people mourning for the death of a loved one. In a way, this period of several years can be thought of their child's heterosexual identity.

Although the parents we studied were generally liberal politically and well-educated, almost all said they had experienced extreme emotional trauma when they first learned of their child's homosexuality. Ten percent or fewer said they had felt the same as usual or that it had not mattered to them. Most parents felt devastated. More than half were afraid for their children and felt sad and sorry for them.

"I felt so bad . . . knowing what a burden she had been carrying all those years," one parent lamented, "[and] that she wouldn't have a normal family like ours." Another parent was even more dejected. "I was heartbroken that my child would live a life that would cause him pain and rejection. This was our overwhelming feeling. We thought he would never know love," she said. Sixteen percent of the parents said the disclosure had made the child seem like a stranger.

Almost one parent in five said they had been afraid of how the disclosure might affect themselves and the rest of the family. One mother worried about her own job security and another about the stability of her marriage.

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The entire concept of homosexuality was so foreign to some parents that the word brought confusion. One parent remembered not knowing what "gay" meant. "I felt ignorant of homosexuality, which I immediately started to overcome by reading and asking questions," another parent recalled. "I wondered if my son could be gay and happy. Would he always be discriminated against? Could he find a job? Where would he meet other gays and would [they] be nice?"

For some parents, disclosure was a kind of relief, because it helped them understand previous poor communication and unexplained behavior. "He told me on the phone," one parent said, "and when we finished talking and hung up, I cried and cried, and yet I was relieved to know finally . . . what was really wrong with him --

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*"After dinner, she has begun to wash
my plate and flatware separately
from hers and my dad's."*

Most of the parents (87 percent) said they kept up with the progress of AIDS research, and even more expressed a

dealt with the fact that their children were gay or lesbian. Their answers revealed that this had been an espe-

The Survey

The 402 parents who answered our survey were members of either the **Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)** or the **National Federation of Parents and Friends of Gays (NF-PFOG)**. This makes it one of the largest studies of its kind to date, one that covers all regions of the United States.

On the other hand, all these parents belong to a national support organization and they chose to return our survey, which suggests that they may be different from parents of gays, in general. We know there are demographic differences. Our respondents were more highly educated than average and almost all were white. The group was made up of predominantly Catholic, relatively politically liberal parents who rarely or only occasionally attended church. Most of them were women and their gay children were mainly male.

Sex of Parent		Religion	
Male	26%	Protestant	6%
Female	74%	Catholic	41%
		Jewish	14%
Sex of Child		No Preference	
Male	71%	Other	16%
Female	29%	Did not respond	5%
Age of Parent		Parent's household income per year	
37-39	1%	Less than \$10,000	6%
40-49	18%	\$10,000 - \$19,999	16%
50-59	43%	\$20,000 - \$39,999	38%
60-69	30%	\$40,000 or more	38%
70 and older	8%		
Age of child		Parent's sexual orientation	
Younger than 20	2%	Completely heterosexual	90%
20-29	57%	Bisexual	4%
30-39	35%	Completely homosexual	6%
40-49	6%		
Parent's education		Parent's church or synagogue attendance	
No high school diploma	3%	Daily	3%
High school diploma	22%	3 to 4 times per week	2%
At least some college	74%	Once per week	37%
		Rarely or occasionally	56%
Ethnic group		Political orientation	
White	98%	Very liberal	30%
Black	5%	Somewhat liberal	48%
Hispanic	1%	Somewhat conservative	20%
Other	5%	Very conservative	2%
Region		Type of community	
Northeast	14%	Rural	8%
South	25%	Town	37%
Midwest	21%	Small city or suburb	31%
West	40%	Large city	24%

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THE AIDS EPIDEMIC HITS HOME

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what made him so depressed. That worried me constantly. It helped him to finally be comfortable with me."

One of our questions was especially difficult for some parents to face. When asked, "What would (or did) you do if (or when) you discovered your child had AIDS?" a sizable minority simply said they didn't even want to think about it. Others said that if their child was diagnosed with the disease, it would be their downfall, too. "I would probably die when he did," one parent said. "I would help my child all that I can," another wrote, "and if he didn't recover, kill myself. I love him too much to lose him."

Some of the parents thought that the disease would be too much for an already troubled spouse to handle. "My husband would treat the child as if he had the plague," one woman said. While only 15 percent would keep the disease secret from other family members, more than half said they

would not tell anyone outside of the family.

A strong majority of parents gave supportive answers to the question about AIDS, however. One parent said that if her son had AIDS, she would support him to the fullest. "I

"I'm scared of my son getting AIDS.

I wish he were a heterosexual."

am aware that personal contact (other than sexual) should not be withdrawn from AIDS patients," she said. "That person needs love and attention more than ever." Only 2 percent of the parents said they would avoid a child with AIDS, and fewer than 1 percent said they would abandon the child altogether. In general, parents of lesbians were not as worried as parents of gay men, perhaps because the incidence of AIDS and related disorders among lesbians is so low.

The reaction of the seven parents whose children had actually been diagnosed with AIDS varied widely. One seemed to take the news in stride. "We reacted the same as always . . . all is stable as of the present. He is living at home now," she said. Another parent was more emotional. "I cried and told him we loved him and will help him as much as possible. He will be taken care of until the day he dies."

Parents who had already lost sons to AIDS were still suffering a deep pain and hurt. "I felt my heart was broken and I fell apart," one mother said. "I lost a wonderful son and a friend." In some cases, the fathers reacted equally strongly to the death. "My husband doesn't like to talk about my son, and I can't stop thinking about him 24 hours a day," said another mother whose son had died of AIDS. "I can't sleep -- everything reminds me of how much he suffered. My husband was very close to our son as he grew older."

The parents in this survey are a special group. One reason for their high levels of acceptance of homosexuality and their understanding of the dangers associated with AIDS may be their participation in the support groups from which they were recruited for this survey. Still, the diffi-

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culties they have had suggests that parents without this support may be having an even harder time in adjusting. This makes support groups for parents of gays and lesbians more essential today than ever. One parent summed up the feelings of many. "[As a result of participating in the group,] I feel more compassion for the men that are dying. It could be my child. I hope that the media doesn't just show the negative side but educates that these are human beings, as are we all." ▽

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Gay/Lesbian Art Exhibit

Gay Community Center

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TUE



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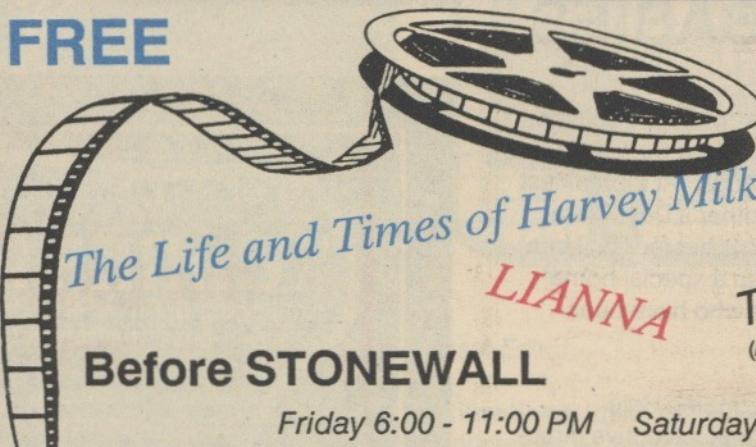
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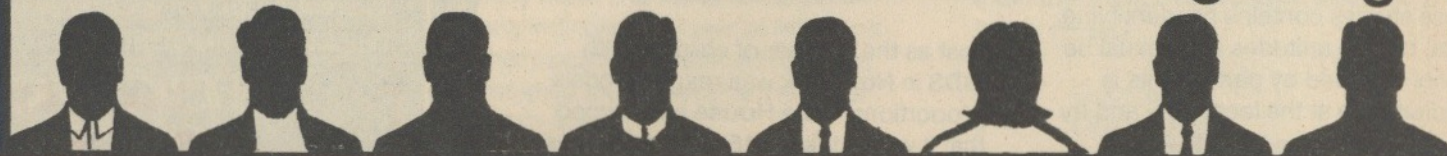
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AIDS Memorial Procession & Candlelight Vigil



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THE VIEW FROM WACO

by Craig Hess

A few weeks ago, the **AIDS Resource Center** was asked to provide an information table at an AIDS carnival in Waco. We came face-to-face with a nightmare of ignorance, hatred, and fear. There is no organization similar to the **Dallas Gay Alliance** in Waco. Gay life revolves around two bars and a small **Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)** congregation. There are no AIDS hotlines and HIV antibody testing has just started.

The county health department sets up an area in the bars where you can have blood taken (so much for anonymity). It is almost a contest to see how many can be tested in one evening. There is no counseling about what the test means and results are given to you over the phone! Although Waco has only a few AIDS cases, there are alarmingly high numbers of people testing HIV positive.

I spoke to one person who, when he

was told that he had tested positive, contemplated suicide for a week. He told all his friends and, naturally, they were all upset. Yet another example of what can happen when an HIV antibody test is given without counseling!

I was shown newspaper articles filled with misinformation that readers took as the truth. Myths about transmission ran rampant. Judgmental "God's Wrath" advocates seemed to be all over town. After being bombarded by all this, I was asked what they should do.

After taking some time to gather my thoughts, we came up with a plan that involved networking representatives from the health department, MCC, and the bars with psychological counselors and the press.

A week later I received a call from a very scared individual who wanted to know if the virus could be transmitted by eating or drinking after somebody who was HIV positive. After assuring

him that it could not, the caller said that he was from Waco and had just been told that he was HIV positive. My heart caught in my throat when I heard this. Then he informed me he was the person who told everyone to be tested the night that he saw this information table about AIDS.

I remembered him from that night and it really shook me. I gave him some contact numbers in Waco that we had just set up during the previous week. If we hadn't established those contacts, there would have been one more hysterical person running loose.

Sometimes we take things for granted. We think that everyone

knows as much as we do. When we find out that they don't, we have to start all over at square one.

When you stop to think that Waco is the largest city between Dallas and Austin and is a college town, the residents are sitting on a possible powder keg if correct information isn't distributed in a timely manner. And what about places like Tyler, Marshall, Longview, Wichita Falls, Lufkin, Abilene, etc. We still have such a long way to go.

If you know about places outside of Dallas that need AIDS information, *please tell us!!!* The only way to fight this war is on the front lines. ▽

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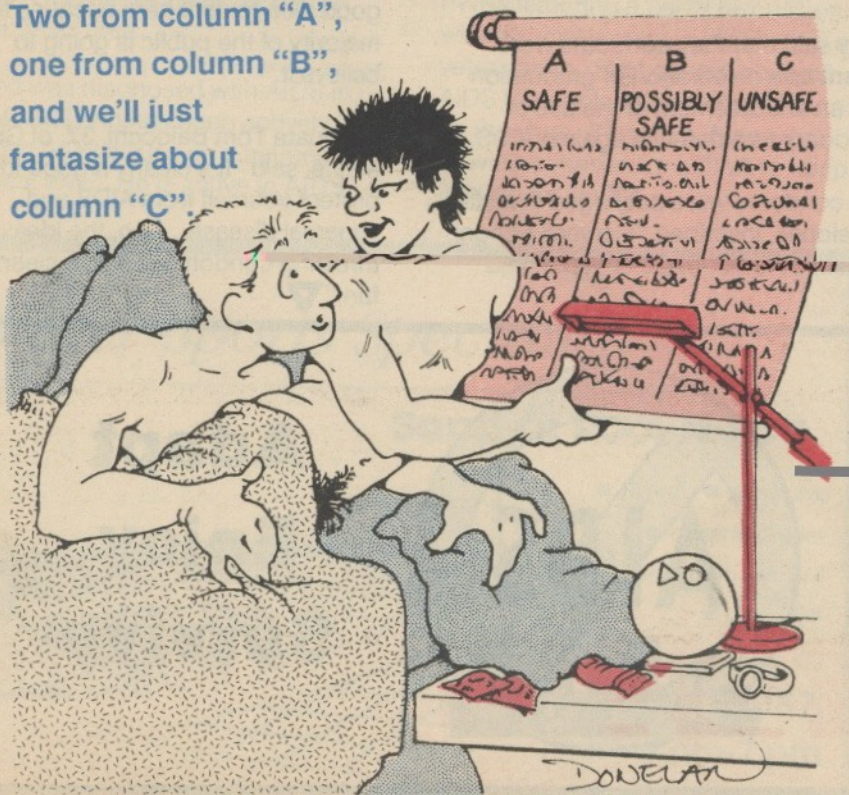
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TWO NEW GROUPS OFFERED

In May of this year, representatives from several service providing agencies met to discuss the lack of mental health services available to persons with AIDS (PWAs) and their families. As an outgrowth of this meeting, community-based support groups focusing on issues pertinent to this population will begin in July.

It was decided that the groups will meet once each week for eight weeks and will run once each quarter. Each group has two mental health professionals as facilitators who are volunteering their time to this project. The suggested structure for each weekly meeting is a half hour of educational material and an hour of group interaction.

Two groups will begin the first week in July. Both groups will meet in room 215 of Epworth Hall of **Lover's Lane**.

United Methodist Church at the corner of Inwood Road and Northwest Highway.

One group is *Anxiety and AIDS* for people who have tested HIV-positive and for the worried well. This group will meet on Thursday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, beginning on July 9TH.

The other group is *TLC for Family Members of PWAs* and is designed for heterosexual family members. It will meet on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, beginning July 14TH.

The plans are to expand to other group topics and to the minority communities. The groups will be held in different parts of the city to make them accessible to all. No fees will be charged for either group. For further information, contact Mary Grigsby

(351-1502) or Scott Allen (521-5191).

Co-sponsoring organizations are: **AIDS ARMS Network, AIDS Coordinating Committee, AIDS Interfaith Network, AIDS Resource Center, Dallas Hospice Care, Oak Lawn Counseling Center, and Parkland Memorial Hospital.** ▼

4 BASIC RULES FOR SAFER SEX

Do not ingest semen in any form.
Do not fuck without a condom.
Avoid oral-anal contact.
Do not swallow urine.

AIDS BOOSTS LOCAL FIRM'S PROFITS

A medical services company, **Damon Corp.**, expects to post substantially higher profits this year for its Irving laboratory. The profits are a direct result of the AIDS crisis. According to **Damon Corp.'s** president, Joe Isola, its Damon Clinical Laboratories unit expects a 20 percent increase in sales from last year's total of \$97.3 million.

Isola said that increased testing for the HIV antibody would probably contribute \$18 million to his company's sales over the next three to four years. About four-fifths of that is the result of contracts for testing military personnel.

18 months ago, Damon's Irving facility was testing 4000 samples each night.

Then the U.S. Army chose it to test new recruits for exposure to HIV. After winning the Army contract, Damon also performs testing for the Army Reserves, the National Guard, and some Coast Guard and Naval Reserves staff. In addition, the Army has expanded its contract with Damon to include U.S. soldiers undergoing their annual physical exams as well as new recruits. Today, the Irving lab is processing 8000 samples each night.

The original Irving facility is only capable of handling 10,000 samples per day, a limit which Damon is rapidly reaching. Therefore, Damon is moving into a new facility where it will be able to process 16,000 samples per day. ▼

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.



Yolanda Rivera is a specialist in foreign affairs. In our battle against AIDS, Yolanda communicates with people in their own languages, teaching risk reduction. She helps build bridges to strengthen our lines of defense. Yolanda Rivera. Foreign affairs specialist.

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GRADS TOSS CONDOMS

In Cambridge, Massachusetts, new graduates of Harvard University's business administration school waved dollar bills. Harvard Law School grads popped open champagne bottles. Graduates of the Harvard School of Medicine tore up legal pads. But at the public health school, 210 graduating seniors tossed condoms to their classmates.

They said that they condoms were meant as a celebration of graduation and an endorsement of the use of condoms as a defense against AIDS.

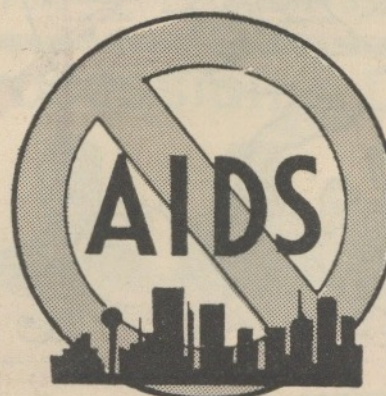
The condoms were packaged in white envelopes, inscribed "Harvard School of Public Health Class of 1987" and

below that "*Ad Venerem Securiorem*" which is Latin for safer sex.

Upon receiving the shower of condoms, the crowd at commencement cheered.

Parveen Morani, 34, a graduate from Pakistan, said, "This time we came up with the idea of safety. I think it's a good idea to do it here because the majority of the public is going to believe it."

Graduate Tom Baiocchi, 37, of Gray, Maine, said "It's clearly a good idea to protect yourself from AIDS and venereal disease. Also, the idea of throwing condoms is good, clean fun." ▼



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MARCH COMMITTEE APPOINTS PWA

The **National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights** announced the expansion of its National Executive Committee to include long-time disability rights and AIDS activist David W. Almand. The **National March on Washington** will take place on October 11, 1987. A national steering committee with 64 members has begun the work of organizing the march.

"I am very pleased to be able to serve on the Executive Committee of the **March on Washington**," observed Almand. "As a gay man and as a person with AIDS, I feel that the march is extremely timely and urgent. So much discrimination exists. There are many battles to be fought and I am deeply committed to the fight." Mr. Almand, an activist based in Atlanta, Georgia, brings to the seven-member Executive Committee extensive organizing experience in the areas of the rights of handicapped persons and the rights of persons with AIDS.

Almand is a graduate of Mercer University and holds graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin and the University of Minnesota in rehabilitation counseling and interpreting for the hearing impaired.

Almand worked as a rehabilitation counselor for the Department of Economic Security in Wisconsin until 1980 when he moved to California. For over five years, Almand worked for the San Diego Schools, serving as Assistant Director for Placement for Handicapped persons. He also worked with the deaf community as a consultant on a variety of projects and worked to set up an Adult Education program for the handicapped in the Los Angeles area.

Almand was diagnosed with AIDS in July of 1986 and has been actively involved in AIDS issues on a national and local level. He is active in AIDS

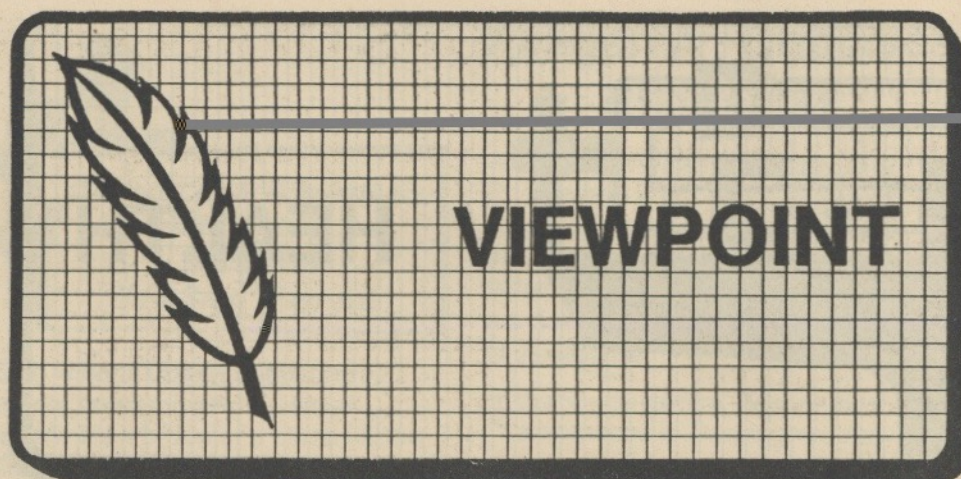
Atlanta, the local AIDS service and education organization, and serves on the executive committee of the **Georgia AIDS Action Committee**. He is an ex officio board member of the **National Association of People with AIDS** and is presently working with several grass roots educational and outreach efforts targeting families of people with AIDS as well as people of color with AIDS.

Almand joins the following persons on the executive committee of the March: Kay Ostberg (Washington, D.C.), Co-chair; Steve Ault (New York), Co-chair; Pat Norman (San Francisco), Co-chair; Steven Gendin, Secretary; Joyce Hunter and Nicole Ramirez Murray. ▽

PETS AND THE AIDS PATIENT

The emotional value of pet dogs and cats for the average owner is well documented. However, the importance of a pet to a terminally ill patient, especially a person with AIDS (PWA), is often misunderstood. The pet may often be the only friend not to shy away from the AIDS patient. The dog or cat can reinforce the AIDS patient's will to live and fight for life. Also, there are phobias about adopting pets from households having an AIDS patient.

The **New York State Veterinary Medical Society** drew up a white paper concerning special needs or suggestions for keeping a pet in an AIDS household. The **Animal Medical Center** held a special symposium on the importance of pets to PWAs featuring a panel discussion with a social worker, a nurse, and a veterinarian. Pets cannot transmit AIDS to people nor are they infected by the virus. They can, however, provide a reason for a PWA to keep fighting for life. ▽



VIEWPOINT

by Craig Hess

I decided to do something a little different for Memorial Day -- celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge. The bridge was to be closed to vehicular traffic from 6:00 to 8:00 on Sunday morning. Officials thought that about 50,000 people would take a leisurely walk across the bridge. They were wrong. It was like setting off the New York Marathon at the south and the Boston Marathon at the north and having them meet in the middle. Over 250,000 people

gence.) When we reached City Hall and looked up Market all you could see were candles for blocks. The rally included speeches, songs, laughter, and tears. The experience was absolutely incredible. Perhaps the Bridge Committee could have taken some pointers from the organizers of the march.

Dallas has the chance to unite in our own AIDS march. Sunday, June 28th, we will gather at the **AIDS Resource Center** at 7:30 PM and march to **Reverchon Park**. The vigil will take



crammed onto the bridge in a mass of humanity that did not move for hours. I did make it across and back and I lived to tell the tale. It was one of the most unorganized events I ever attended.

When I left for San Francisco, I didn't realize that there was also an AIDS candlelight march the same weekend. It was planned to gather at Castro and to walk down Market to City Hall. I expected a few hundred participants, but I was blown away: over 4000 marchers made the trek led by PWAs behind their banner, "Fighting For Our Lives." Gay groups from all over the city participated. (I was directly behind the *Sisters of Perpetual Indul-*

place immediately after (and in conjunction with) **Metropolitan Community Church's Service Under the Stars**. It will be a time for remembering and committing ourselves to those living with AIDS. Think of where you were a year ago and how AIDS has changed your life.

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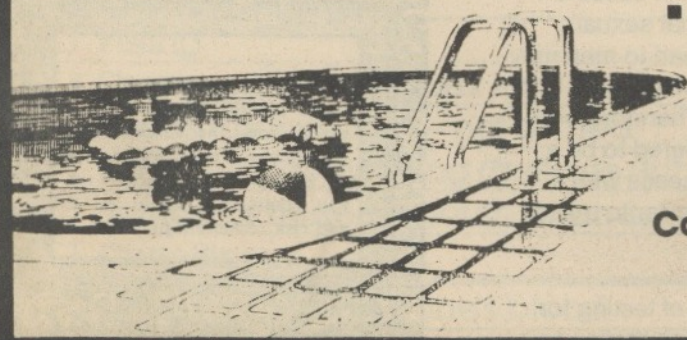


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tive results from this test should always be verified with a *Western Blot* test.

Radioimmune Assay

This testing method uses purified radiolabeled viral proteins. The antibody is made to P-24 in an animal species. This will measure response viral protein. The sensitivity and specificity of this test are about 50 - 60%.

Immune Fluorescence

In this test, a human target cell which is infected with the virus (live or fixed) is reacted with a human serum. Binding is recognized by fluorescent labeled anti-human globulin as a "sandwich". This method is especially good in testing for antigens on the cell membrane of live and active cells.

In addition to the use of the above specific tests, commonly available assays can show abnormalities which are associated with AIDS. These abnormalities include lymphopenia (T-cells) in which there is a depletion of T4 (helper) and an elevation of T8 (suppressor). In this type of assay,

there is defective T4 assistance in the Immunoglobulin (Ig) production. There is also a decrease in IL-2 production accompanied by a decrease in response to IL-2.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

The signs and symptoms which generally suggest AIDS are:

Profound fatigue, persisting for several weeks with no obvious cause.

Swollen lymph glands, usually bilateral in the cervical neck region, axillary region, and inguinal region.

Unexpected weight loss of greater than 10 - 15 pounds in two months.

Persistent fever or night sweats lasting several weeks. The pathogens most frequently responsible for causing a fever are the cytomegalic virus, the microbacterium tuberculosis, or the atypical microbacteria or the pneumocystis carinii and the herpes simplex virus.

Persistent shortness of breath and non-productive cough lasting several weeks.



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Skin lesions usually appearing as pink or purplish blotches, flat or raised, like a bruise or a blood blister. These can be located anywhere on the skin, including the mouth or eyelids.

A number of other skin complaints are common among persons with AIDS, including fungal infections, folliculosis, and eczema.

Finally, those manifestation of the gastro-intestinal tract include that of thrush or oral candidiasis which may affect both the oral mucosa and the esophagus.

The manifestations and complications associated with AIDS and its predecessors (PGL and ARC) are varied and extensive. Confidentiality between doctor, laboratory and patient is of the utmost importance. ▽

Reagan Jr. Criticises Reagan Sr.

According to *Newsweek* magazine, Ron Reagan is appearing in an explicit television documentary about AIDS. In it, he criticizes the policies of his father's administration, saying that it is not doing enough to stop the spread of the disease.

In the 30-minute film, Reagan says, "Let someone in Washington know you don't think enough is being done. Write your congressman - or someone higher up." At one point, he holds up a condom and says, "This is a condom," explaining that it is the best way of preventing transmission of the disease.

Reagan told *Newsweek* that many rightwing conservatives welcome AIDS and claim that it is God's punishment for homosexuality. He said that Education Secretary William Bennett's pandered to this notion in his recent call for widespread testing.

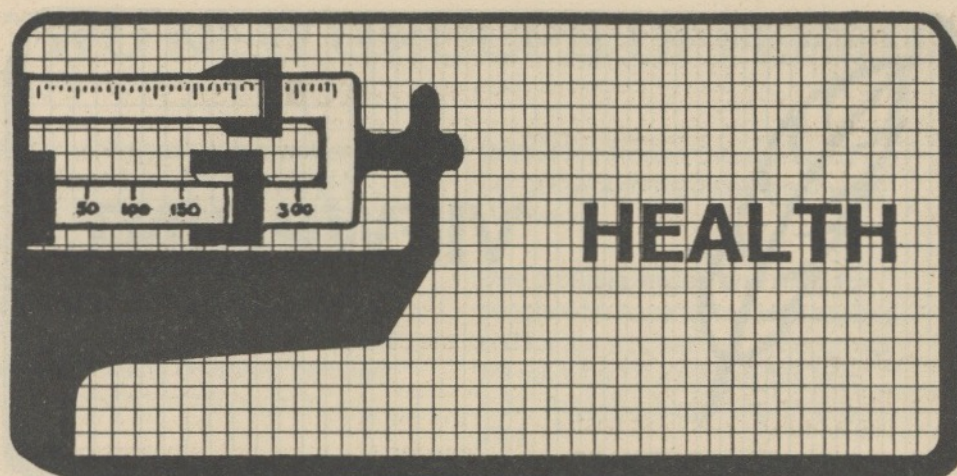
The film is a production of *AIDS Film*, a private group dedicated to the production of films for use in AIDS education programs. They have produced a similar film for use in the New York school system. ▽

Can You Pass The Safe Sex Test?

Safe Sex Protects You and Your Partner

Sex I Like To Do (Or Might Be Talked Into)

	SAFE	POSSIBLY SAFE	UNSAFE
☐ Being fucked without a condom			☒
☐ Fucking without a condom			☒
☐ Being fucked with a condom		☐	
☐ Fucking with a condom		☐	
☐ Getting sucked to climax			☒
☐ Getting sucked - stopping before climax		☐	
☐ Sucking to climax			☒
☐ Sucking - stopping before climax		☐	
☐ Masturbation/jacking off	☐		
☐ Massage/hugging/dry kissing	☐		
☐ Watersports in mouth			☒
☐ Watersports on unbroken skin		☐	
☐ Rimming/scat			☒
☐ Fisting			☒
☐ Sharing dildos and sex toys			☒
☐ Dildos and sex toys - not shared	☐		
☐ Body-to-body rubbing (frottage/tribadism)	☐		
☐ Semen or urine in mouth or anus			☒
☐ Cunnilingus		☐	
☐ Contact with someone's blood			☒
☐ Sharing needles			☒



by Dennis H. Birenbaum, M.D.

"The mutual confidence on which all else depends can be maintained only by an open mind and a brave reliance upon free discussion."

The definition of confidentiality is private, secret; entrusted with confidences; containing information whose unauthorized disclosure could be prejudicial to the national interest or the personal interest of an individual. Frequently, employers discriminate against people who have

tested positive for HIV antibodies, or whom they suspect has AIDS. This was once true with cancer; true with venereal disease; true in today's uninformed and ignorant society. Unfortunately, this new epidemic has caused a great deal of concealment on both job applications and present job status. The physician *must* respect the patient's rights of privacy and the confidentiality of the professional relationship.

Today, AIDS has many symptoms, signs, and manifestations. Correct

testing provides guidelines in the treatment, prevention, and counseling of those with this disease. It can be used to identify those people who are possibly carrying the virus. Those at risk for acquiring AIDS include gay men, people with multiple partners, women who have had vaginal intercourse with an infected male, children of infected women, I-V drug users, hemophiliacs, blood transfusion recipients, people of Haitian origin, and those individuals of Central African origin.

Individuals who are infected, but exhibit no symptoms, can progress to persistent generalized lymphadenopathy (PGL), and then to AIDS-related complex (ARC), and finally to full blown AIDS. AIDS itself has many varied manifestations. The symptoms of AIDS-related complex include malaise, fatigue, lethargy, loss of more than 10% of the body weight, fever, and night sweats. The signs of ARC also include oral candidiasis, oral leukoplakia, and persistent generalized lymphadenopathy (PGL). Laboratory tests will also show a low lymphocyte count, a low platelet count (thrombocytopenia), T-helper cell depletion with increased T-suppressor cell count, and a decreased or anagry 2-3 recall antigens.

In cases of AIDS to date, the incubation time has been 15 - 37 months with a median of 27.5 months. The full progression of HIV infection is:

- asymptomatic seronegative virus positive persons
- asymptomatic seropositive persons
- persons with PGL
- persons with ARC
- persons with AIDS

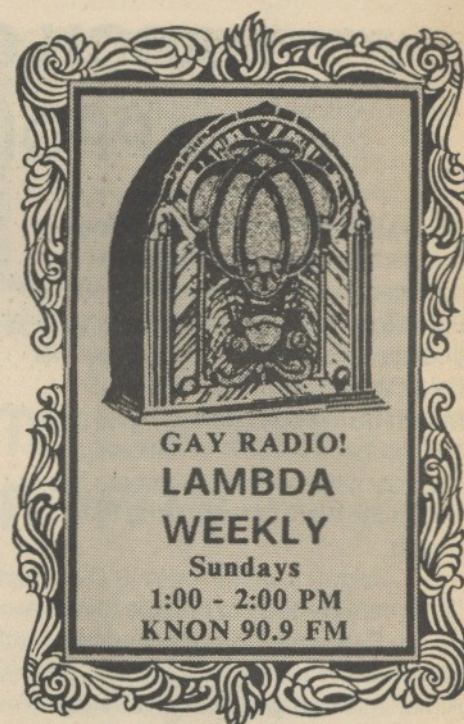
HIV can be transmitted by:

- sexual contact
- contact with blood or blood products (this can occur through sharing I-V drug needles)
- from infected parents to children

In the United States, sexual transmission has occurred primarily from men (particularly I-V drug users) to their female or male partners. Sharing of contaminated needles, of course, contributes to this spread.

However, in Central Africa, the predominant mode of transmission of AIDS is *heterosexual* contact. In Zaire, the male to female ratio of cases is 1 to 1.1. This suggests that sexual transmission from woman to men may be more common in Africa than it is in the U.S. and Europe. Therefore, HIV infection can be considered to be a sexually transmitted disease with a transmission pattern similar to that of Hepatitis B.

The following methods of testing for HIV antibodies in humans are in use



today. These test measure the presence of antibodies produced as a result of past exposure to the virus. None of them test for the presence of the actual virus, itself. They are described below in the order of primary sensitivity.

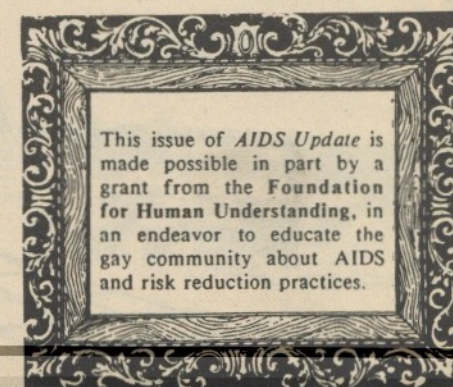
Western Blot

In this test, the proteins are separated by electrophoresis and react with human serum. After transfer to a membrane, the antigen-antibody complex is identified by a radioactively labeled protein with a high affinity for binding to such complexes as are found in the *Staphylococcus A* protein. This test identifies different sets of antibodies to individual viral proteins and is 100% positive in persons with AIDS.

Elisa

In this test, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay, detergent-disrupted virion, or its parts are absorbed into wells in a plastic dish. These are allowed to react with an unknown human serum being tested. The anti-human globulin serum with attached enzyme is then added. Finally, a colorimetric reagent is added. If the human serum bound to virus, then the subsequent reagents bind and the color of the solution after the last reagent is added indicates a positive test.

The *Elisa* test is fraught with many false positive results. Therefore, posi-



The AIDS Resource Center Food Pantry

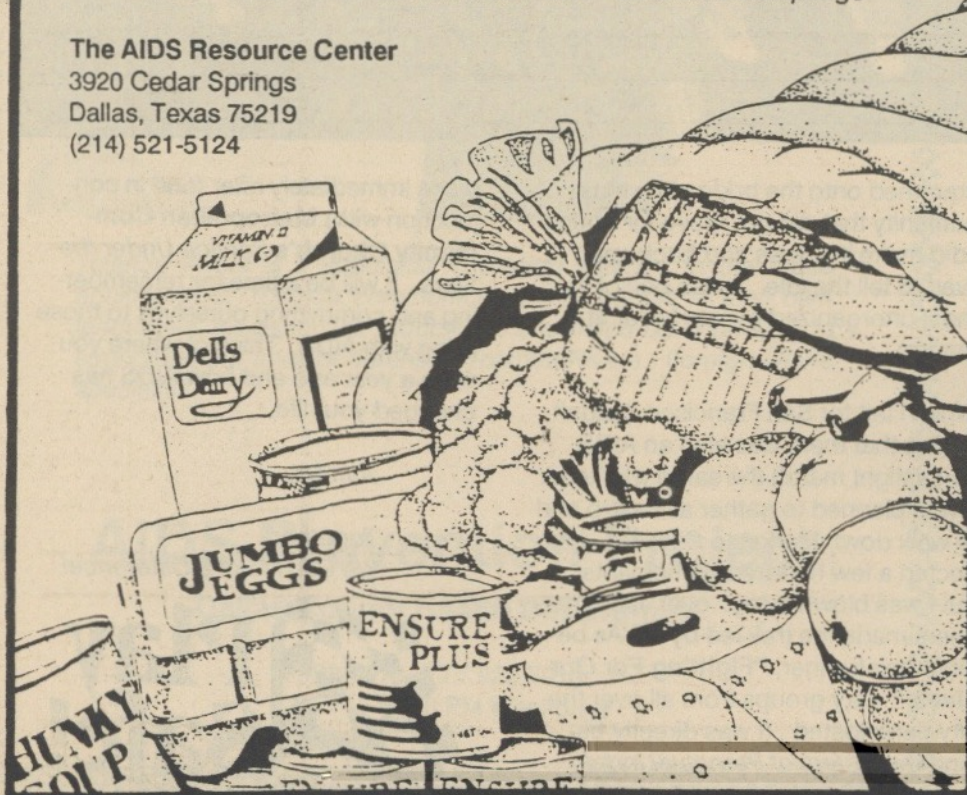
With your support, many people with AIDS can have the necessities of life that most of us take for granted.

The Food Pantry provides food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and paper goods free of charge to people with AIDS and AIDS-related illnesses. The Food Pantry stocks its shelves with contributions from food drives and personal donations. Cash donations to the program are also used to stock the Pantry.

The Food Pantry needs donations of the following:

Paper Towels - Toilet Paper - Facial Tissue - Liquid Bleach - Hand Lotion
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Tuna - Bottled or Frozen Juice - Peanut Butter - Cereal - Fresh Fruit
Ketchup - Mayonnaise - Ground Coffee - Tea - Beef Stew - Butter
Cheese - Fresh Meat - Lunch Meat - Chili - Chicken & Dumplings

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PATTI LE PLAE SAFE



PARTY RUTS

I think I have fallen into a rut these days. Party after Party. I attended the **PRETTY IN PINK** Party a couple of weekends ago and that was a wild one sister. I got to chit chat with just about everybody with a BODY, if you know what I mean. And honey there were some bodies there. *[Were you there for contrast, Patti? - Editor]* I know you've seen those pink condos on Avondale not to far from where we all buy our Mercedes, well anyway it was a faboo place to hold a pool party. I made a mad dash from Houston just to attend and I am certainly glad I did because the bathing beauties were just too . . . needless to say I enjoyed myself.

Yes, I had been to Houston, for the first time in two years. And has it changed - really! Girls, I saw the men I had seen when Houston used to be my neck of the woods to play. And they seem to look a little run down. *[You're looking a little run down, yourself, Patti]* But by the time, I was packing to leave my hotel, *[Did you leave any towels behind?]* they were all cheered up and looking quite happy. *[They were just glad that you were leaving!]* You might say I did a little party justice while I was there.

Then came the **SHADES PARTY** at **CLUB CLEARVIEW** and it's been a while since we've been there right. what a blast and so real, see what I saying? And thanks to **Jon Browning** the display at the party was a success. The girl is truly talented, you know.

I suppose we all enjoyed the **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY** total success, and so much better outdoors I think, don't you? There's no need to rattle on about it, as it was divine. But I bet you couldn't have picked me out could you?

RUMOR CONTROL

No, contrary to the latest rumors I have not bought nor do I have any interest in Tammy Faye's (now, isn't she special) make-up line. I don't care for that cheap stuff - really. *[That's not what I hear!! I heard you did all of your shopping at K-MART, right gang?]* But isn't she a mess, and to think she puts her eyeshadow on with a silver cement trowel. I'd never. *[Don't let her fool you, take a close look at her next Saturday night!]*

DAZZLE 'EM

Girl, it's time again to party in the streets but this time we gotcha

covered. For **RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS '87**, Impounded is the word!! As you know last year I lost the drag race and I don't plan to loose this year, I have this secret formula that I'm putting on my heels. Be sure to look for me and my hunky friends so you can get a momento from us - a true collector's item of the year. I have gorgeous men from all over Dallas who will be available for my **PICS OF PECS** booth, so drop by to see us.

Get this, **MISS STOFFERSON** plans to have a extraordinary **GAY TUPPERWARE PARTY** here at the community center on Sunday. We will all be there to seek fame and fortune by giving our Tupperware Testimonies. I suppose I will learn the many precious things to do with the plastic dishes. And I'm positive she'll have special attendance I'm sure by most of the celebrated community. There are many events planned for **GAY PRIDE WEEK** Thank you and you'll see them listed on page 8. See you there . . .

AND RAZZLE 'EM

And speaking of the celebrated - you'll have to be at the **GAY LIFE IS A CABARET** show, to see who they are, and that is on Wednesday night here at the center. Don't forget the **ANNUAL QUICHE-OFF** will be lots of fun. No matter how you feel the morning after **RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS**, you should be there to at least see who got up early enough to make the stuff. *[Patti we're sure you won't be cooking, guess you can't make(up) and bake at the same time. Right?]*

PHRASE OF THE MONTH

The Disease of Ignorance Outweighs The Disease of AIDS

WISDOM WORDS

"When you can think of yesterday without regret and tomorrow without fear, you are near real contentment."



A few of the hunks at "Pretty in Pink".
Fortunately, Patti was out of camera range. [Photo: Craig Hess]

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Think about it yesterday is over and you shouldn't want to change a thing, anyway you couldn't if you wanted to. And when we look gay-ly forward to tomorrow with excitement, then it would be true we would really be content. I must say it would make us feel a lot better about the crisis we are in.

NUDE WONDERS

CLUB BODY CENTER and **TRESTLE**, together will present **MR. NUDE DALLAS** at the Club Body Center, July 20th, 9p.m. Watch for the advertisements coming soon, admission will be a \$10 donation benefiting the **AIDS Resource Center**. Hopefully, I won't be anywhere near the hot tub this time, right **Tom**. Also they should stop asking me to be a contestant, I simply couldn't bare it all you know! What would my friends think of me? *[Certainly no more than they do now.]*

The prize to be given away will be, most likely, as the fabulous **LEW LAWLIS** tells me, a trip to *Washington, D.C.* to attend the March on Washington in October. Or maybe a trip to Mexico, and you know that's great fun in the sun . . .

ORGANIZATION OVATION

HOTT is coming this summer!! Keep a lookout for this organization's big plans in the neighborhood in conjunction with **TRAMPS**.

ATTENTION TO HONORS

CATHY LEWIS deserves a special *thank you* from all of us at the **AIDS Resource Center** for her dedication to the operation of the center. What I am saying is that she will be missed tremendously, since she will now be moving to California and leaving us. Not to mention she will be closer to *Stefanie Powers*, the lady of her dreams. If you get a chance, thank Cathy before she leaves.

At the **FITNESS EXCHANGE** on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 4 p.m. is **POSITIVE ENERGY** a new exercise class designed for **PWAs/PWARCs/KS** and anyone else who wishes to share their positive energy. And special attention should be noticed about the price it's **FREE** for us one and all. I think I could come up with a pretty pair of tights and an exercise suit appropriate for the class, don't you think?

JOE McGEARY of **TRAMPS** has told me of his plans to have a true to life cocktail party for all persons who have any connections to the support of **PWAs/PWARCs/KS**. The cocktail party will have hor'deuvres served and 50 cent cocktails available. *Now if that isn't love I don't know what is.* If your organization, club, or group fits the bill let him know, soon. He needs mailing lists to send invitations out to all honorable persons. I think this is a great way to meet others who have been just as involved as you have and to get to see other groups related to

the cause. *If only those who reach could touch, you know*

THE FLAMING ARE EXTINGUISHED

Well maybe they were slightly smoke damaged recently, but the ole girls are opening the **CROSSROADS MARKET** with *flaming spirit* and high time too. Just in time for **RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS**, too. There won't be any grandiose opening party, as I wish, (I have just the beaded gown for the occasion) but they will gradually have it completely stocked by mid-summer, maybe a party later after that. Congratulations!!!!

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The marvelous **R. LeBlanc** of the **SKY CARD LINE** company, is the artist, of the oh so special hand designed cards you see in **OFF THE STREET**. He has so graciously donated a portion of his proceeds to AIDS supporting organizations. Hats off to you darling and I told many **OFF THE STREET** customers recently just which cards to buy, the ones relating the Dallas skyline, how tasteful!

THOUGHT TO PONDER UPON

*A Tisket, A Tasket
A Condom
or a
Casket
Cold, but true..and a casket is!
Am I right?*

Till next time, just remember,
Celebrate Gay Pride
by **PLAYING SAFELY**

and that I think of you in my prayers!
You and I are special because, we just are!

Luv ya,

Patti 

FROM THE EDITOR



by Dave Lewis

It's hard to believe, but it's **Gay Pride Week**, again. To me, **Gay Pride Week** has always been a time for celebration. Each year, it seemed that the party got bigger.

Then came AIDS.

I've noticed celebrations are getting smaller. This year, particularly, it struck me as I looked through the *Advocate's* annual Gay Pride Issue. I noticed that their list of the **Gay Pride Week** activities across the country is growing shorter.

It is unfortunate because now is the time when we most need to celebrate and affirm ourselves and our gayness. We need to publicly separate **GAY** and **AIDS**. We must wake up the straight world and the mainstream press to the fact that there are no "high-risk groups" for AIDS, there are only high-risk activities.

I'm glad that in Dallas Gay Pride Week is not shrinking. At last year's **Razzle Dazzle Dallas**, we proved that we could do our part to raise money for AIDS services and at the same time have fun. This year there is a full week of activities (see the calendar on page 8) with another **Razzle Dazzle** to kick off the week.

Look over the activities and find one that interests you. Whether you prefer

an art exhibit or exhibitionists like the *Nasty Nymphs*, get out, participate and show your gay pride.

Remember, also, this **Gay Pride Week**, our brothers and sisters with AIDS. If you know somebody who is living with AIDS, visit them. Make sure that he/she gets out and enjoys **Gay Pride Week** as well.

Give what you can to the AIDS service organizations in our community. You don't have to give a lot. Give what you can afford to give and enjoy yourself while you're doing it.

Your \$10 cover for **Razzle Dazzle** will help the *AIDS Financial Assistance Fund* pay the living expenses for PWAs. Stop by the **Oak Lawn Counseling Center's** bar at **Razzle Dazzle**, buy yourself a drink and help them fund their AIDS programs. Cruise **Mary Thumb's**, buy a canned food item, take to the **Arena**, and help feed a PWA.

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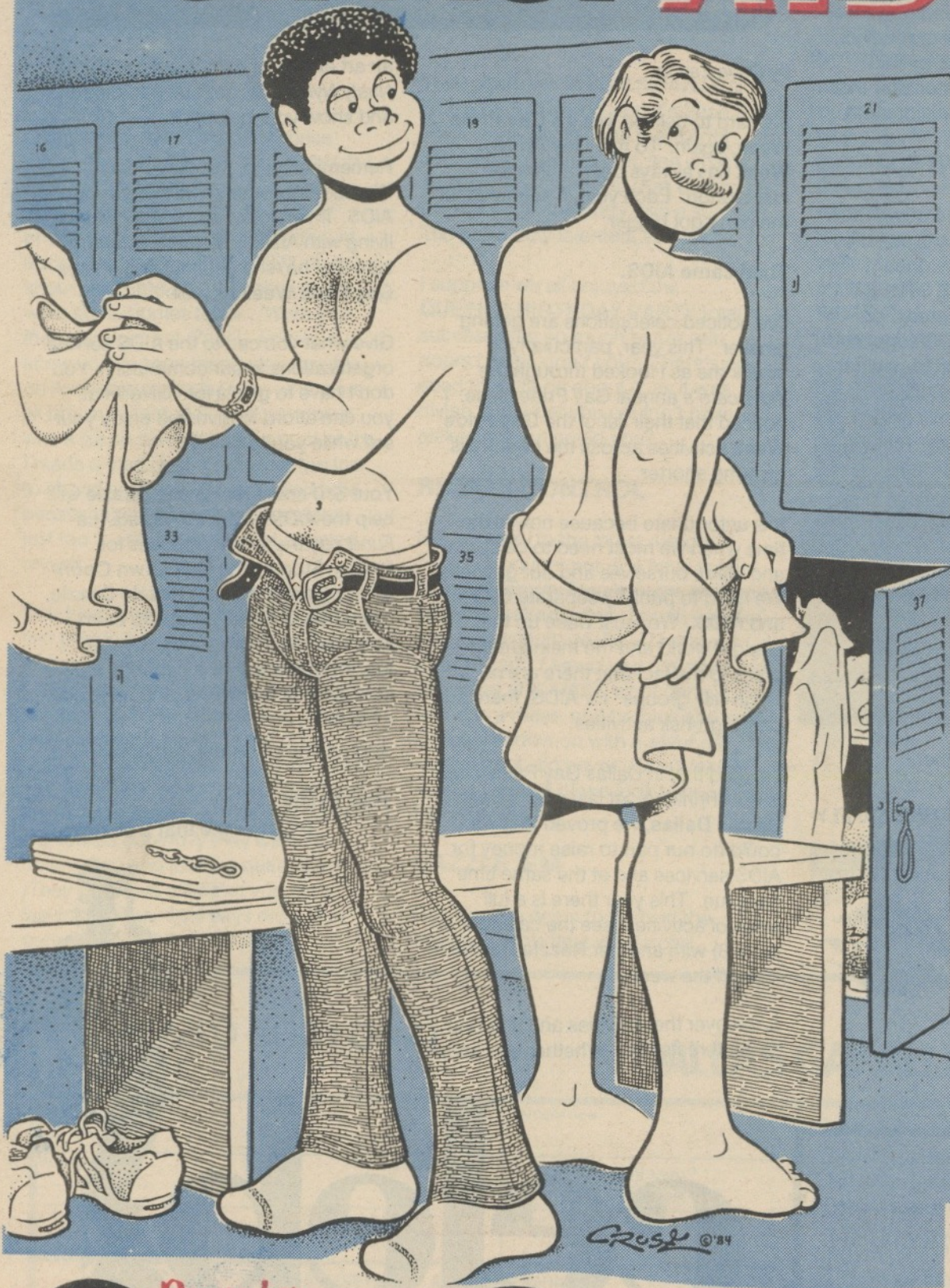
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