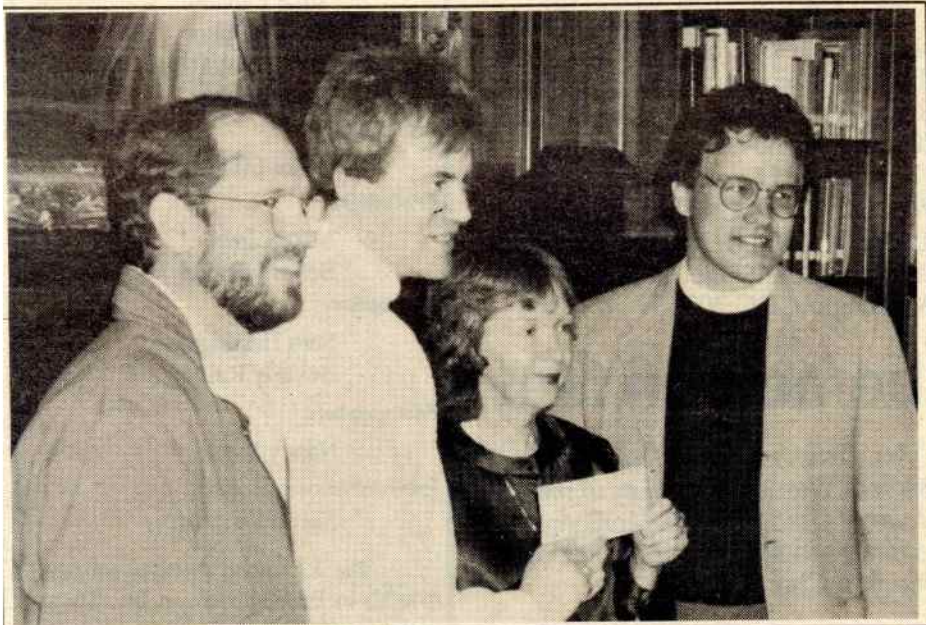


Dignity/Integrity donates \$3,300 to Richmond AIDS Ministry



(l to r) Steve Williams, Volunteer Deputy Director of RAM, Carl Archacki, President of D/I, Betsy Brinson, Volunteer Executive Director of RAM and Rev. Fred Heckel, President of the Board of RAM.



Betsy Brinson (l), Volunteer Executive Director of RAM, receiving \$3,300 donation from Carl Archacki, President of Dignity/Integrity.

On Sunday, March 26, Betsy Brinson, Volunteer Executive Director of Richmond AIDS Ministry, was presented a check by Dignity/Integrity in the amount of \$3,300. This was a result of funds raised by D/I at their annual banquet in February.

Betsy gave the group some examples of how this money could be spent by RAM; a year's worth of printing cost of their newsletter, pay for their liability insurance for a year, or cover one month's expenses for their medication program which has been estimated at an annual cost of \$30,000 per year. The medication program has been set-up to assist PWA's with the cost of aerosol pentamidine who have no insurance.

RAM is in need of Respiratory Home Air Compressors to administer the aerosol treatments. If you can donate one or have any information, please call them at 359-4616.

Betsy also informed the group that RAM has acquired a house in the West End to be used by PWA's that are released from the hospital for a period of up to 60 days. The house is being rented to RAM by St. Mary's Hospital free of charge. She also said that RAM will be looking to hire a 1/2 time house-

manager, preferably someone with social services background. The estimated cost of running this house is \$25,000 a year.

RAM is looking for office volunteers. If you are interested, call 359-4616.

They are also looking for volunteers for Practical Support Teams. The next class begins April 15. The volunteers will perform such duties as; companionship, meal preparation, transportation, household maintenance, errands, child care, recreation, and personal care. If interested, call 359-4616.

There will be a benefit fundraiser for RAM at St. John's Episcopal Church on April 30. For reservations, call 649-7938 between 9am and 12 noon, Monday through Thursday. The event includes lunch and the play *For Whom Bells Toll*.

RAM will be offering a 4-week Wellness Program beginning April 25. Program facilitator Marilyn Walther is a nurse with a master's degree in counseling and is currently an AIDS Hotline Counselor for the Virginia Department of Health. The Wellness Program is free and confidential. For registration, call 359-4616.

RVGLA to address Hate Crimes

Four men yelling, "We're going to whip your ass, faggot," beat a gay man with a steel rod on March 16 at 3:30 am in the vicinity of Broad and Madison streets, according to a witness who does not want to be identified. The beating was only the latest in a series of brutal attacks in two areas where black transvestite prostitutes congregate, according to the witness, who is a female impersonator.

The incident has spurred the Richmond Virginia Gay and Lesbian Alliance to begin networking with a diversity of gay and straight organizations to address the issue of hate crimes against sexual and ethnic minorities. A new member of RVGLA, Will Hall, 29, said that RVGLA is putting together a delegation of concerned citizens to meet with the Richmond police about hate crimes.

The witness to the March 16 incident said that while the beating was taking place he tried to flag down a nearby police car but the police were slow to respond. The assailants fled leaving the victim lying on the pavement with cuts and bruises. He was treated at MCV Hospital.

The witness to the March 16 incident, who frequents the transvestite prostitution areas, said that within the past eight months one female impersonator has been beaten with a brick, two others stabbed and a fourth, Floyd "Faye" Washington, found dead in his Clay Street apartment with his throat slit.

RVGLA's Will Hall is encouraging the witness to the March 16 incident and other female impersonators to report all episodes of violence to the Richmond police and to RVGLA. Hall noted that without adequate statistics on hate crimes it is difficult to address the issue. Hall said that hate crimes and the police response to them are a major concern of RVGLA.

On another project RVGLA is making plans with OUT! Richmond for the Second Annual Lesbian and Gay Veterans Memorial Service to be held May 29.

Six people attended the last RVGLA meeting March 20. Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm at 3522 Grove Avenue. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17.

Jeff Levi to leave as NGLTF Director

reprinted from *Southern Voice*



Jeffrey Levi Photo: Tom DiMaria

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Executive Director Jeffrey Levi will leave the organization effective Aug. 1 after six years of service. He plans to stay actively

involved in the gay and lesbian rights movement, and stated that his departure reflects a strong desire to work full time on the development and formulation of a national AIDS policy.

Founded in 1973, NGLTF's program includes full-time lobbying of Congress, the White House and federal agencies; grass-roots organizing on the issues of anti-gay/lesbian violence; sodomy law repeal; recognition of gay and lesbian families; and passage of local and state gay rights ordinances. Levi managed the growth of NGLTF from a staff of five and a membership of 5,000 to its current staff of 10 and a national membership of over 15,000.

Persons interested in applying for the position of NGLTF Executive Director may write to the Executive Director Search Committee, NGLTF, 1517 U Street, Washington DC 20009.

Arsonists Strike Dallas Gay Organizations

reprinted from *Southern Voice*

Fire swept through the offices of the Dallas Gay Alliance (DGA) and the AIDS Resource Center March 22 after an unknown intruder rifled through files concerning lawsuits and other private material, investigators said.

According to a report in *The Weekly News*, damage to the offices and two adjacent businesses was estimated at \$750,000 by DGA officials, who agreed with Capt. Randy Sanders of the Dallas Fire Department's Arson Investigation Unit that the fire was set to destroy evidence of a burglary.

"Basically there's nothing left," said John Thomas of the AIDS Resource Center. "We lost every chair, every file cabinet, all our records. We'll have to start from scratch."

DGA's William Waybourn said

that the intruders appeared to have tampered with computers and taken mostly files. Of particular interest to the suspects, Waybourn believes, were documents pertaining to a lawsuit DGA filed against Parkland General Hospital for their treatment of AIDS patients. He added, "I would say they were after files more than money or equipment."

Although the fire destroyed their offices, staffers at DGA and the Resource Center quickly organized a makeshift office one block away from the old site. Some services were offered against the next day, with all services available within one week of the fire.

"We can handle fires; we handle AIDS for a living," Waybourn said. "That's the whole AIDS response. We respond to a crisis, that's what we do."

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Ph.D. People living with AIDS are represented by the authors of *Beyond AIDS: A Journey into Healing*, Wil Garcia and George Melton.

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Abortion Rights

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Reports are that the anti-abortion forces are flooding the U.S. Supreme Court with mail demanding the overturn of *Roe vs. Wade* and that their main target (and presumed swing vote) is Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Please ask your friends, relatives and all supporters of abortion rights to write to: Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, U.S. Supreme Court, One 1st Street, NE, Washington, DC 20543.

The following individuals also need to hear that *Roe vs. Wade* should not be overturned: President Bush, White House, Washington, DC 20500; Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and Chief Justice William Rehnquist, US Supreme Court, One 1st Street, NE, Washington, DC 20543

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Womyn's Spirituality Festival to be held in May

Womongathering, a Festival of Womyn's Spirituality, will be held May 19-21 at a campsite near Oxford, PA.

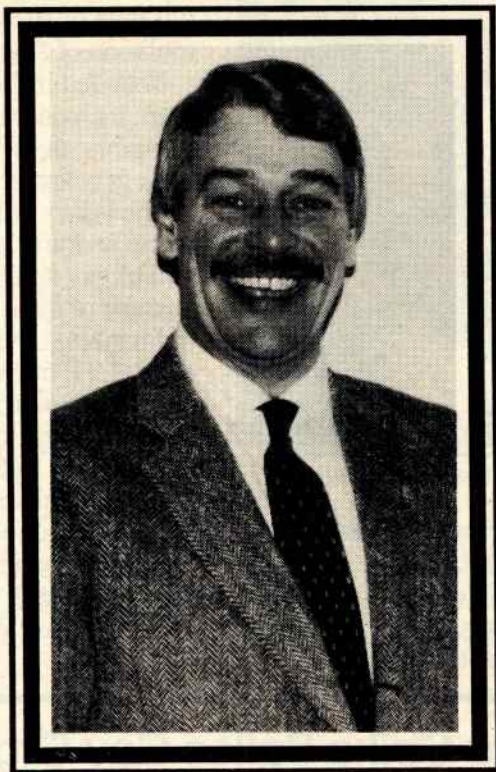
The fee is \$140, which includes all workshops, music, activities, meals and accommodations. There is also a \$15 workshift deposit. To get tickets send a money order by May 8th to Campfest Festivals RR#3 Box 185, Franklinville, NJ 08322. For more information, call (609) 694-2037 or (412) 463-1318 between 10 am and 8 pm.

This year's presenters include: Nurudafina Pili Abena, Yoruba oral traditionalist; Zsuzanna Budapest, a High Priestess; Morgana Davies, workshop leader; Diane Hatfield, Yoga teacher; Jade, co-founder of *Of A Like Mind*; Amylee, Iroquois Medicine Woman Initiate; Lynnie Levy, publisher of *Of A Like Mind*; Murf Moorefield, a Dianic Wiccan High Priestess; Yanyiah Pathfinder Pearson, *Healing of the Heart*; Billie Potts, herbalist, feminist healer; Diane Stein, author; Edwina Lee

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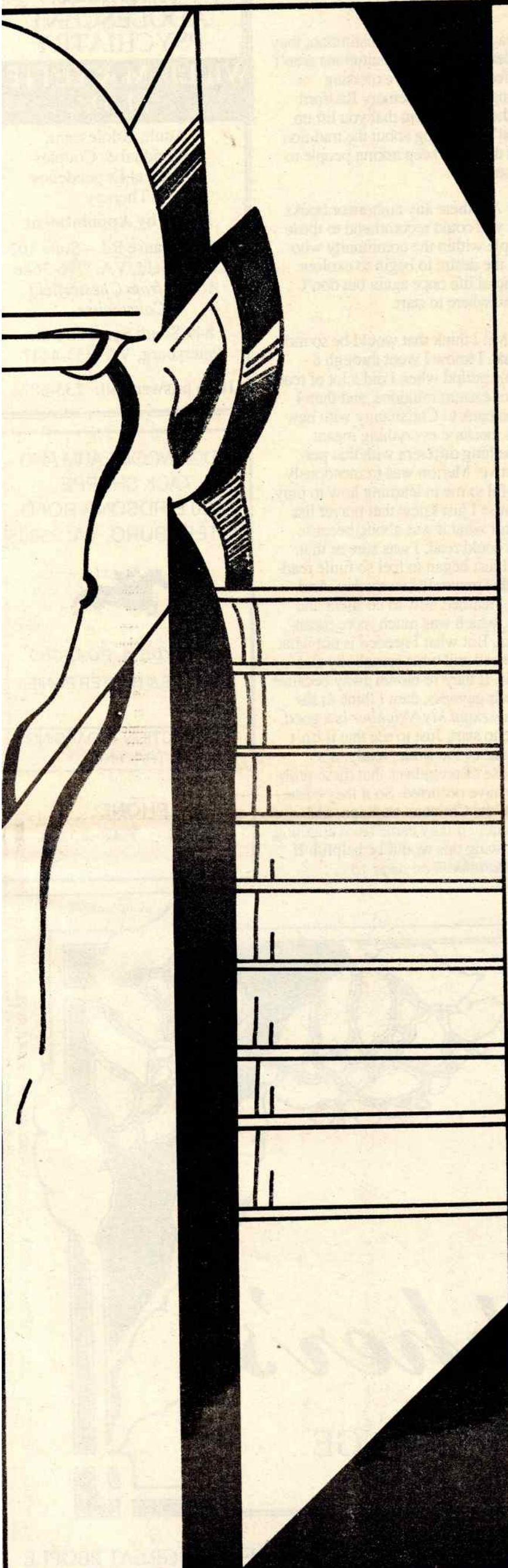
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Dr. Virginia Mollenkott's Interview: Continued

by Michele Nickens, Mary Dean Carter & Bev Rainey

Richmond Pride: Do you feel that the Christian church has essentially failed?

Dr. M.: I don't think Christianity's been tried. I don't think it's been tried, really, on any mass scale. Much too radical. I think we've gotten into all kinds of side roads. And that for various survival reasons the church went into a lining itself up with Roman *pater familias*, the whole patriarchal thing developed, and whole hierarchies developed, and it wasn't that way around Jesus, and it wasn't, I don't think, ever intended to become that way. But when institutions get into their own survival, what they do is line up and follow the way the world does things instead of being the prophets we were supposed to be. So I think it really has not on any mass scale really been tried. And I see the teachings of Jesus as profoundly feminist and profoundly radical, much more radical than Mary Daly because what she advocates is essentially turning the ladder over, so that, if women were the other and the evil ones for centuries, now we define men as the evil ones. So it's more of the same. See, I don't really care who is the evil other and who is the good as long as you're dividing the human race up into good and bad, you've got the dualism.

RP: For those people within the community who have chosen to stay within the Church, what do you think their role is within the Church, considering the fact that they're a minority.

Dr. M.: Change agents! Simply by

insisting, like the importunate widow, "This is killing me!" You just have to keep telling them, "this is killing me. Does it matter to you? This is killing me! I can't continue to do this!" Our church has this inclusive language service, not well-attended, but at least it's there, it's with us, and the people who come notice, and some of them kind of like the difference. And certainly the priest has become a feminist. He loves it, he likes it much better than the other, and he sees that it does embrace everyone, including all the aspects of himself than when it's just a God He. So that would be one way, just insisting these things hurt. Just continually raise these questions, like yeast. That's what I think Jesus' metaphor was about, you just put this little yeast in there and it just ferments, ferments until the whole loaf.

RP: But don't you think that the response would probably more likely be that they would just ask you to leave for rocking the boat? And how long are you supposed to hang around when they'd just assume you weren't there anyway?

Dr. M.: Well, that's where I think that the spirits of guidance comes in, that if it just gets too painful, and it's really hurting your spirit, if you're coming home from church angry and upset every Sunday, and it's wearing you out, then I can't see keeping that up. I really believe that we need people on the outside who have left and who are vocal about why they've left and we need people on the inside who are vocal about why they're there and that they do believe certain things are iniquitous but they're there

because it's a human institution, they understand human institutions aren't perfect but they are expecting change. I like Rosemary Radford Ruther's argument that you lift up what's liberating about the tradition and then you keep asking people to respect it.

RP: Are there any authors or books that you could recommend to those people within the community who feel the desire to begin to explore spiritual life once again but don't know where to start.

Dr. M.: I think that would be so individual. I know I went through a whole period when I did a lot of reading of eastern religions, and then I came back to Christianity with new eyes, because everything meant something different with that perspective. Merton was tremendously helpful to me in learning how to pray, because I just knew that prayer list wasn't what it was about, because God could read, I was sure of that, and I just began to feel so futile reading this prayer list every day. And then I learned how to be silent and pray, which was much more meaningful. But what I needed is not what you need and what somebody else needs. If they're blown away because of their gayness, then I think *Is the Homosexual My Neighbor* is a good place to start. Just to see that it isn't because of the Bible, really, it's because of prejudices that these problems have occurred. So if they came out of the Christian tradition, and especially if they came from anything right-wing this would be helpful. If see *Mollenkott* on page 15

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Sexual Addiction

by Geoff Ludford, Graduate Student in Agency Counseling

How does a gay or lesbian individual determine if he or she is addicted to sex? Dr. Patrick Carnes, noted psychologist in the area of sexual addiction, writes in his book, *Out of the Shadows*, that sexual addiction can be compared to alcoholism or substance abuse. "A way to understand sexual addicts ... is to compare them with other types of addicts. A common definition of alcoholism or drug dependency is that a person has a pathological relationship with a mood-altering chemical. The alcoholic's relationship with alcohol becomes more important than family, friends, and work. The relationship progresses to the point where alcohol is necessary to feel normal. To feel 'normal' for the alcoholic is also to feel isolated and lonely since the primary relationship he depends upon to feel adequate is a chemical, not other people."

"The sexual addiction is parallel. The addict substitutes a sick relationship to an event or process for a healthy relationship with others. The addict's relationship with a mood-altering 'experience' becomes central to his/her life." As with the alcoholic or substance abuser, loneliness and isolation are also the predominant feelings that exist within the sexual addict."

Being gay, according to Dr. Carnes, adds another dimension to the problem. "For gay or lesbian persons who are also sexual addicts, compulsivity simply compounds problems of acceptance and shame."

"A way to understand sexual addicts... is to compare them with other types of addicts."

For the sexual addict whose self-image is already marginal, adding the problems of sexual identity intensifies all sexual issues. The gay man who has eight to ten sexual encounters with different partners during a week's time has little chance to develop a real sense of self because of his loneliness and isolation. If those encounters are under degrading or even dangerous circumstances, self-image suffers further."

There are several warning signs for sexual addicts. There are phases that an addict goes through where he/she becomes withdrawn from family and friends, when their "sexual secret life" becomes more real or more authentic than does their normal or public life. The pattern of a double life begins to emerge where the addict distorts reality and becomes lost in a solitary, desperate world. Again according to Dr. Carnes, there are also "levels of addiction" by which an individual can be classified.

"The first level, Level One, contains behaviors which are regarded as normal, acceptable, or tolerable. Examples include (compulsive) masturbation ... and prostitution. Level Two, by contrast, extends to those

behaviors which are clearly victimizing and for which legal sanctions are enforced. These are generally seen as nuisance offenses such as exhibitionism or voyeurism. The Level Three behaviors have grave consequences for the victims and legal consequences for the addicts such as incest, child molestation, or rape Suggesting three levels does not mean that addicts can not destroy their lives with Level One behavior Within a level or across levels, the addict must

Finally, they believe that sex is their most important need.

understand the full range of possibilities."

As regards recognition of this addiction, it is important that those individuals afflicted be diagnosed and begin a twelve step treatment program similar to Alcoholics Anonymous. One major problem, however, is that multiple addictions can plague an individual and treatment for sexual compulsiveness can be overlooked. Even more complicating is the fact that the addict's belief system keeps them "locked" into accepting treatment for all addictions except sexual compulsivity. As Dr. Carnes points out, the sexual addict's "belief system" has always been impaired. "The addict's belief system contains certain core beliefs which are faulty or inaccurate and, consequently, which provide a fundamental momentum for the addiction. Generally, addicts do not perceive themselves as worthwhile persons. Nor do they believe other people would care for them or meet their needs if everything was known about them, including the addiction. Finally, they believe that sex is their most important need. Sex is what makes isolation bearable."

Fortunately, there is help for sexual addicts in the Richmond area. A

As with the alcoholic or substance abuser, loneliness and isolation are also the predominant feelings that exist within the sexual addict.

twelve-step program has been formulated and welcomes all interested individuals to telephone regarding information, meeting times and location. If you have questions regarding this issue, contact David at (804) 740-6857 for all pertinent details. Also, two highly recommended books dealing with sexual addiction are:

Out of the Shadows: Understanding Sexual Addiction by Dr. Patrick Carnes, (1983) Compcare Publications

Hope & Recovery: A Twelve-Step Guide for Healing From Compulsive Sexual Behavior by Compcare Publications (1987)

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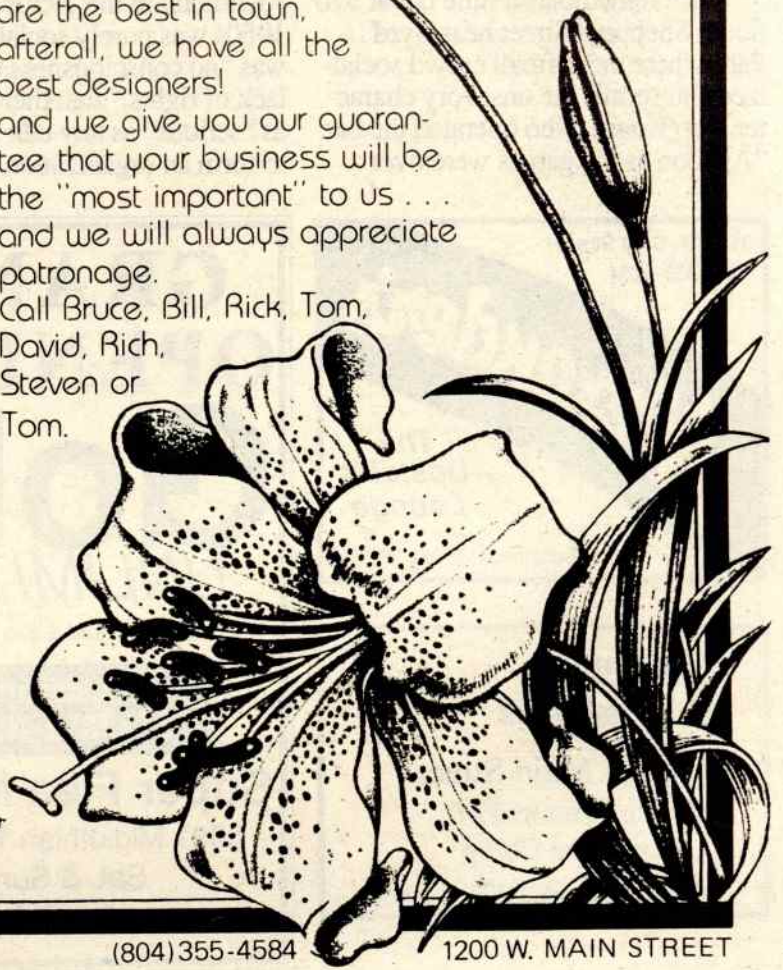
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GAY glimpses of the past RICHMOND

City lesbians 'took over,' danced at country beer joint

by Bob Swisher



Its days as a honky-tonk are over, but Tanglewood retains its rustic charm. A recent refurbishing spared most of the original elements. The dance hall is now a dining room featuring "fine family-style" meals. Photo by John Richardson

"I thought for a long time that all the lesbians in the world played softball except for those few of us who sat in the stands," Carol S. says. Women's softball "was a big deal" in the 1950s and early 1960s. "There were so many teams and so many cities and all these people knew each other or grew to know each other playing ball." They were not lesbian teams as such but, Carol says, nearly all the players and most of the spectators were lesbian.

A native of Southwest Virginia, Carol S. (not her real name) moved to Richmond in July 1958 at the age of twenty-two. "When I moved here the first place I headed was Byrd Park to the softball games." Carol had discovered the world of women's softball through two friends in Roanoke. "The three of us ran around together. . . . They both played softball and they would come to Richmond to play games and I used to come to Richmond with them.

"People very seriously played softball back then." "It was fast-pitch, overhand throw." Local businesses sponsored the teams which played weekends and some weekday evenings throughout the season.

Carol remembers a little bar at 310 South Sheppard Street near Byrd Park where the softball crowd socialized and recalls the unsavory character, Leo Koury, who operated the bar. "As soon as the games were over

[and with the players still in their uniforms] everybody would pack in there and drink beer." The bar was first called Smitty's. After Koury acquired it in the early 1960s he changed the name to Leo's. Much later the place was a gay men's bar called the Male Box.

The notorious "Koury first developed his relationship with Richmond's homosexual community at Leo's," states a February 2, 1979 *Richmond News Leader* article.

"Persons familiar with the restaurant at the time recall that a lesbian worked in the restaurant and that some of the players on the women's softball teams who went to the restaurant were lesbians. . . .

"Acquaintances say Koury found the restaurants that catered to homosexuals profitable because homosexuals were willing to pay a premium in terms of prices and regular patronage for places where they could gather without being made to feel uncomfortable."

Sixth article in a series

Carol says that the lesbian scene in Richmond in the 1950s and early 1960s was purely social, that there was "no consciousness of rights and lack of rights," that there was nothing as "serious" as any talk about trying to form an organization. Many lesbi-

ans were poor because of discrimination against women. It was a closed, intolerant era and generally a difficult period for both lesbians and gay men. "It was just something you had to live with. You just had to be careful." The climate for lesbians and gays here, though, was better than the climate in many other cities, according to a number of older gay people.

Close friendships between lesbians and gay men flourished during the era. Carol recalls that "if something came up at work and you needed a date for the Christmas party, you would ask one of your gay men friends to go with you. I did that a few times. But generally it was based on the fact that we were good friends anyway. It wasn't just that we used each other for convenience. . . . We would party together real often [in people's homes]. Sometimes it would be just a group of women and sometimes we'd have mixed groups." At the all-women gatherings "we yakked, gossiped, drank, danced sometimes, played board games." Local lesbians "loved poker."

Softball tournaments that included out-of-town teams took place two or three times every summer. "All these kids would come to town to play ball and after the games [everybody would change into bermuda shorts or summer slacks and] we'd all pile up in the cars and go to Tanglewood."

Tanglewood was a beer joint in Goochland County 13 miles west of the Henrico County line on Route 6. Its popularity dated back to World War Two. It was the place to go for everybody, gay and straight, who was looking for a good time. Several Saturday afternoons every summer "we would take the place over," Carol remembers. "We would fill it up and play the jukebox and dance and all the locals would stand in the little front part and watch us."

A country store with gasoline pumps occupied the front part of the building. Attached in the back were a pool parlor and a dance hall with a separate entrance. Through a window by the bar people in the store could view the goings on in the dance hall. The locals "did not physically come in the room where we were" but would gather by the opening and

watch the "freak show. It was entertaining for them. I never saw any signs of hostility. I think they were just bemused. I tried to ignore them."

The Tanglewood outings were "the social events of the year" for Richmond lesbians, according to Carol. There was always "lots of beer drinking, lots of music playing and everybody dancing." "We figured when we got that far out of Richmond we'd never see anybody we knew. It was another world [out in the country] back in the late '50s."

Thinking back on what lesbians were like during the period, Carol says that "generally in a relationship there was one person who was more masculine than the other person, although some of them I couldn't really tell. [People used to say,] 'so-and-so's butch' or 'so-and-so's femme'. . . . Overall the dress was more masculine. I remember when everybody was wearing desert boots. You wore them with socks and bermuda shorts." Carol has particularly fond memories of the good times she had during her first years in Richmond with a close woman pal who called her "Little Brother."

Carol says that she has never really been sports-minded and went to the softball games and socialized with the sports crowd because until around 1959 she was unaware there were lesbians with other interests. From a woman she met in the bleachers at Byrd Park she found out about "some other people who were not softball fans" and who "did not go to the bars at all."

One of the women in this second group "worked for a company that had a cottage at the river in the Deltaville area, so when she had the cottage on weekends [ten or twelve of us] would load up our old cars and head for the river." Carol remembers the fun "the river crowd" had from around 1959 to 1962. "We walked on the beach, sunbathed, went fishing, went crabbing, played Monopoly, ate a lot of good food, drank a lot of good whiskey, just like a bunch of little sorority girls."

Carol remains good friends with some of the old river crowd and with a gay male friend from the old days.

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Yearning to Breathe Free; Immigration Reform Bill Introduced

ing to immigrate into or visit the U.S., was introduced into the House of Representatives today by Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.).

The Bill, designated H.R. 1280, would remove the current "sexual deviation" exclusion used to block gays and lesbians from entering the U.S. The bill affects tourists, resident aliens or immigrants who wish to become citizens.

"It's time the Statue of Liberty started openly greeting more of those wearing the pink triangle," said Robert Bray, Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) communications director. "For too long many gays and lesbians have been denied entry into our country, while America has been denied the skills, talents and energies of gays and lesbians from around the world."

Under current immigration law, the "sexual deviation" exclusion may be used to deny visas or to deport any foreign gay man or lesbian. However, in 1979, the Public Health Service (PHS) declined to certify visa applicants as homosexual on medical grounds.

Nonetheless, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled the "sexual deviant" exclusion is meant for lesbians and gays. Under former President Reagan, the Justice Department instructed the PHS to enforce the

"sexual deviant" exclusion.

Although the exclusion of gays and lesbians is rarely enforced — many prominent, open homosexuals have been allowed into the country — the law is still on the books and is used to reject, unfairly question or deport some individuals.

"Customs officials can and have made inappropriate and intrusive inquiries of tourists and immigrants," explains Steve Smith, HRCF lobbyist. "More seriously, the law has resulted in separated families, ruined careers and political persecution."

The bill also repeals or revises many other grounds for exclusion. Most of these, dating to the McCarthy era, bar immigrants — including communists and anarchists — on political and ideological grounds. The current law, for example, excludes anyone whom the State Department believes is "prejudicial to the public interest."

The bill would not change the current exclusion of people with AIDS and HIV infection, but it would grant the Department of Health and Human Services authority to waive the exclusion of persons with communicable diseases. HRCF lobbyists said they would seek to broaden the waiver provision.

"At a minimum, persons with communicable diseases should be admitted on the same terms as people with

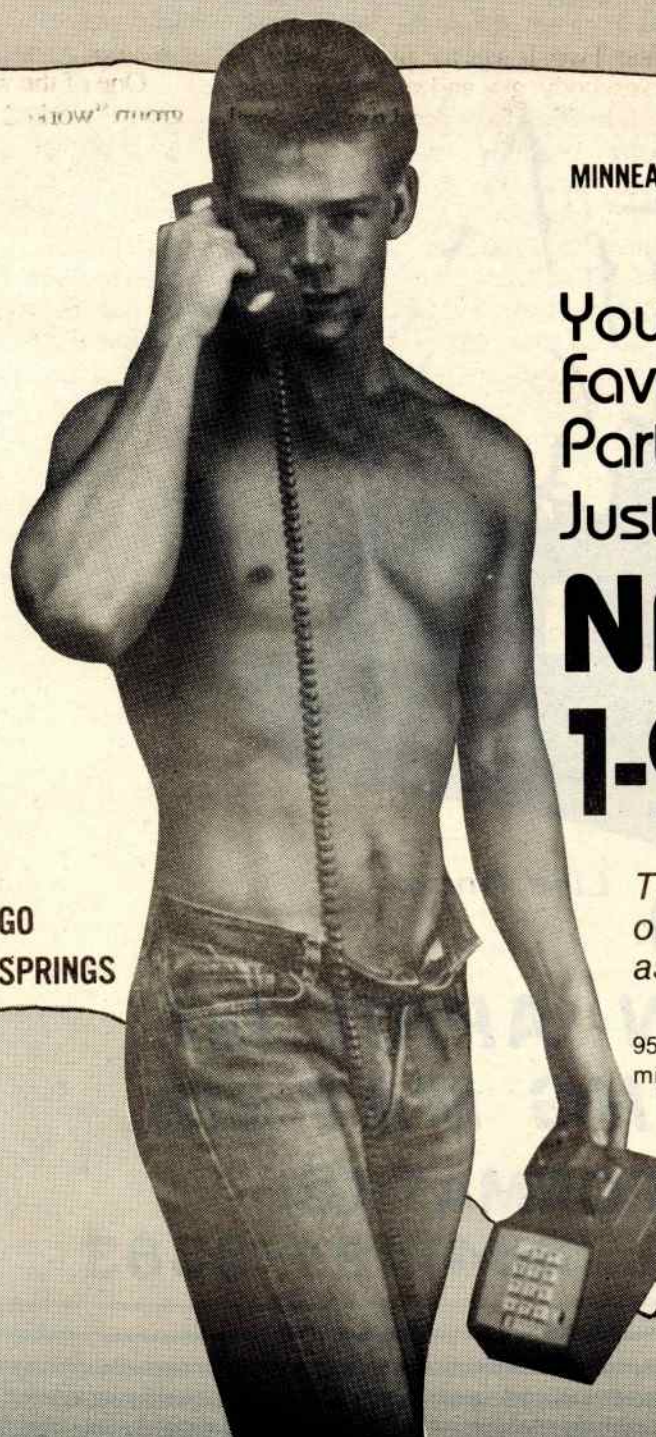
other disorders," said HRCF's Smith. "If you can show that you are not 'dangerous,' you should be able to come into the country. There certainly is no basis to think that *immigrants* are bringing AIDS to the U.S., which still has the world's highest number of reported cases."

Congressman Frank has been joined by 45 original bill cosponsors. The bill has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee, where it is expected to be referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration — chaired by Rep. Bruce Morrison (D-Conn./3). Morrison is an original cosponsor of the Immigration Bill and cosponsor of the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill.

HRCF's Field Division urges gay men and lesbians to contact their congresspersons to thank them for cosponsoring the bill or encourage them to sign on. Concerned individuals may write their representatives at U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. If you don't know your congressperson, call HRCF's Field Division at (202) 628-4160.

Gays and lesbians may also send Congress a message by enrolling in the HRCF pre-authorized *Speak Out* mail program. For more information, write HRCF Field Division, 1012 14th St. NW, #607, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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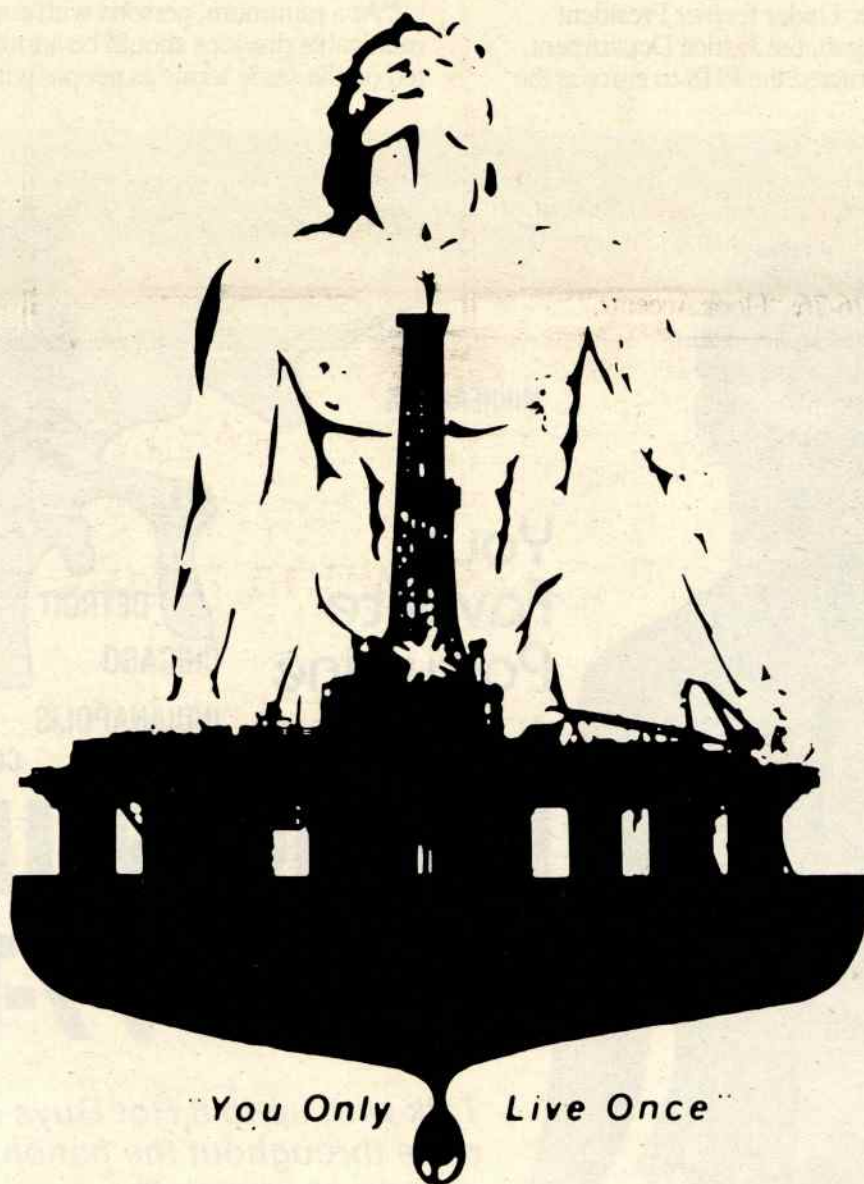
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ANNOTATED IKEA CATALOG

Switch off the Home Shoppers and grab your IKEA catalog, shoppers! Interior decorating can be fun. If you haven't got an hour to spare for wading through a 200-page catalog, if you're not sure a trip all the way to White Marsh is worth it, Janet from Another Planet be your guide to the wonders of IKEA. **Pp. 1-2:** The well-heeled lesbian's living room. Not shown: Rubber room where well-heeled lesbian will end up after trying to assemble her IKEA furniture.

P. 3: Welcome to IKEA. Don't be misled by the photos of happy blond people nukes. This place is as queer as a three-dollar bill.

Pp. 4-5: The IKEA package deal: a lot of clones to go with your new furniture, guys!

Pp. 8-9: An IKEA living room in which only a faggot could love ... or rent. Each item comes with seven pages of instructions in every language except English.

P. 18: It's leather ... black leather. The more it's used, the better it gets. You could get three motorcycle jackets out of that damn sofa.

P. 22: The rustic look. Bring this stuff into the city and it will look like your average automobile engine inside of two weeks.

P. 32: "For those unexpected overnight guests." Warning: does not include tampons, condoms, or an oral toothbrush.

P. 37: Janet from Another Planet hereby endorses these easy chairs, in any of which up to four persons may have excellent sex. Superb for massage.

P. 38: More black leather furniture for the S/M enthusiast. Bars for laps, padding for tender bottoms (as above).

P. 41: \$19 chair doubles as roof rack for your car.

P. 53: Huge wall unit filled with books no one has ever read, written by totally obscure authors. Books not included with wall unit.

P. 58: Someone did not close the door on the turntable. Such barbarians will never be allowed near my turntable.

P. 65: Is that a lamp or a hungry space alien?

Pp. 74-75: All set for supper with the Jetsons.

Pp. 84-85: More ugly chairs than you can shake a stick at.

P. 91: There's been dykes in this bedroom. They've been at it for years. But no way did they pick these colors.

Pp. 96-97: For those who do their sex in the bedroom.

Pp. 98-99: "Choose your mattress lying down!" Well, that's how I chose my lover, and so far, so good.

Pp. 102-105: A selection of closets, for those who cannot bring themselves to come out. You might as well be comfortable; it's bound to get lonely in there.

Pp. 120-123: Oh, come on. What kid's room ever looked this neat? Even cherubic little Norwegian kids don't put away their toys.

P. 125: A \$39 desk for those of you who are really out: it has no drawers.

P. 131: Remember when you were a young, rough bar dyke, so poor that your dinner table was just an old door laid across sawhorses? Now that you're a well-fed yuppie with a condo and a foreign car, you can have the same thing in laminated particleboard and steel tubing.

P. 132: It must require a miracle of gravity to keep that dishtowel from sliding off the counter and onto the new kitchen floor. How do they do it?

P. 139: Don't miss this one, fellas: a three-piece quiche dish set for only \$6.75!

Pp. 146-53: The IKEA Bathroom Collection, featuring plenty of hooks and racks for your towels, enema bags and other essential equipment.

P. 161: Check out these Beryll table lamps with ceramic bases at only \$7.50 apiece — you can afford to break one every time you get pissed off.

Pp. 166-71: 100% cotton "bed linens" that easily hide those incriminating stains.

Pp. 176-76: "Floor Accents." WARNING: Any attempt at love-making on these rugs will result in severe, possibly fatal skin loss. Cavort at your own risk.

Pp. 180-83: Elegant dining for dykes of refinement.

P. 182: "Geometric Figures" — cones and spheres, I kid you not, made of "glazed flintware." Do people actually pay money for this stuff?

P. 184: This tasteful, solid wood wine rack is also suitable for one-liter bottles of Diet Coke.

P. 191: Lower right-hand corner: a "self watering" plant pot of impact-resistant polystyrene, for those who enjoy self-reliant plants they can hurt at brick walls.

P. 195: The IKEA Restaurant and Cafe offers delicious Swedish specialties lovingly crafted from laminated particleboard, impact-resistant polystyrene, and genuine leather.

IKEA did not pay me a cent to write this article.

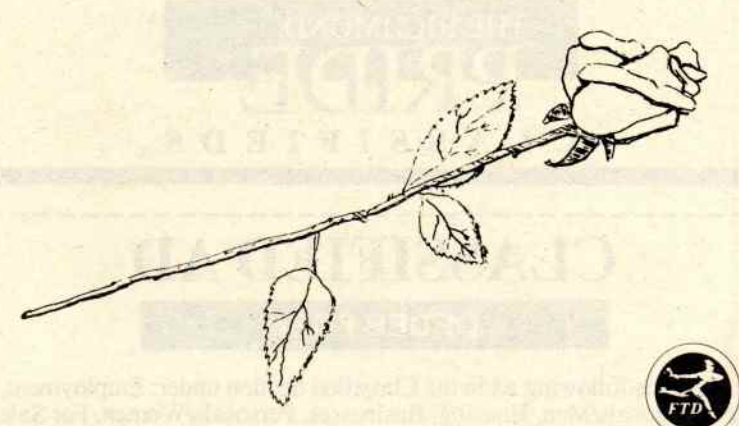
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Campfest 89', a womyn-only festival, to be held in May

Campfest '89, a womyn-only event, will be held May 25-29 (Memorial Day weekend) at a scenic private camp near Oxford, PA. The fees for the festival are \$140 Thursday through Monday, \$125 Friday through Monday, or \$115 Saturday through Monday. There is also a \$10 cabin fee and a \$15

workshift deposit. The fee includes tenting, 3 meals a day without beverages, entertainment, workshops, and all recreation facilities. Make money orders payable to Campfest Festivals and sent to Rt. 3 Box 185, Franklinville, NJ 08322 before May 8. For more information call (609) 694-2037 or (412) 463-1318, between 10 am and 8 pm.

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Editor of *Our Right to Love: A Lesbian Resource Book* is seeking photo submissions

Ginny Vida, Editor of *Our Right to Love: A Lesbian Resource Book*, is inviting lesbian photographers to submit photos of lesbians for possible inclusion in the revised edition of *Our Right to Love*, to be published by E. P. Dutton. Photos are due May 15, 1989. Preferred size is 8x10 or 5x7.

Photographs depicting affection, friendship, outdoor scenes, indoor scenes, lesbians at play, lesbians at work (professional, white collar, blue collar, entrepreneurs), individual portraits, lesbians engaged in sports or other activities, Black, White, Asian American, Latina, and Native American lesbians, younger, middle-aged and older lesbians, abled and differently abled, are being sought. Pictures of couples and small groups are especially needed. Lesbians who are movement leaders are also desirable subjects for photos. Nude or erotic photos will not be used.

Photos of prominent non-gay supporters of lesbian/gay rights are also being solicited for publication. Photographs of such persons, e.g. public officials, entertainers, authors or other celebrities, will appear in a section of the book entitled, "Some Help From Our Friends."

Photographers will receive \$35 for each photo published in the revised edition, payable upon publication. Photos must be black-and-white, professional quality (glossy preferred) and all persons pictured must sign a photo release which the editor will provide. Photographers will be credited in the book.

Photos will be returned to photographers upon request. High quality Xerox copies of photos may be submitted for initial consideration only.

Our Right to Love is an anthology of lesbian writing that includes more than 40 essays, dozens of personal testimonies, and more than 100 photographs of lesbians plus some lesbian rights supporters. The original edition was published in 1978 by Prentice Hall.

Submit photos to: Ginny Vida, Editor, *Our Right to Love*, 45 Plaza St., #1-G, Brooklyn, NY 11217, telephone (718) 789-0391. Please do not send negatives. Persons who wish to submit photos via Express Mail, UPS, or anything requiring signature, please send to Ginny Vida, c/o Commission on Women, 52 Chambers St. Room 207, New York, NY 10007.

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Pope Excludes Women

According to a document recently released by Pope John Paul II, women have a role in the Catholic Church—but not as priests or their assistants.

Dolores Leckey, of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, stated "He simply says the Church does not consider it in its authority to change the mandate given by Christ."

Frances Kissling, president of Catholics for a Free Choice, counters that by saying, "Bah humbug. The pope is a scrooge. Every message from this pope has been more restrictive to the rights of women."

"He pays lip service to women's equality. He has these romantic 19th-century visions of the feminine and slams the door in our faces at every opportunity," says Kissling.

In an interview with *USA Today*, Leontine Kelly was asked the following questions about women in the church:

USA TODAY: The consecration of Episcopal Bishop Barbara Harris has caused some dissension. What do you say to scholars who argue that if Jesus had wanted women disciples, he would have appointed them?

KELLY: We must recognize the kind of culture in which Jesus and the disciples lived. It was a very male-dominated culture. However, Jesus did violate the customs of the culture in that he talked with women, shared with women. Women were a part of the entourage of Jesus Christ. God calls whomever God would call. And for us to institutionalize the way God's spirit moves in the world is contrary to the movement of the spirit of God.

USA TODAY: Will Catholics ever ordain women?

KELLY: This is going to take a long time, but that doesn't mean that people are not working for it. So it's a time of transition and a time of real-

ity. Women are influencing theology even as students, through their questioning and their presence.

USA TODAY: Is it possible that God was a woman?

KELLY: Some would say God is a spirit and spirit is not defined as male only or as female only. Therefore, the Bible sustains images of God that are feminine as well as masculine. But God is defined as purely masculine because of a masculine-oriented culture.

OTHER WOMEN SPEAK OUT:

Jacqueline Wexler, President National Conference of Christian and Jews—"I believe that for the churches, which by their own commitment address the deepest part of the human spirit, to make policy lacking the input of almost half their membership—women—cries heaven for change."

Elisabeth Schussler Fiorenza, Professor, Harvard Divinity School—"Usually, people talk about women and the church separately when, in reality, women are the church and always have been the church. Therefore, women need to have the possibility to define what church is all about."

Renita J. Weems, Instructor, Vanderbilt Divinity School—"There are two sets of obstacles for a woman who wants to be in the ministry. The first are the limitations that she imposes upon herself. The second are the limitations imposed upon her by external forces. If the woman can break through the limitations she imposes upon herself, then she can break through the ones that the church and society have imposed upon her. I find that with most women who are handicapped in the ministry, it begins with that woman herself. That's not to say that the external limitations are not real. They are incredibly real."

Gay Home Video Collection Available

First Run Features has announced the release of their Gay Home Video Collection. The series started with the release in March of 2 films by avant-garde German director Rosa von Praunheim,

Anita: Dances of Vice and *A Virus Knows No Morals*; and a film starring Charles Ludlam and directed by Mark Rappaport, *Imposters*. First Run Features plans to release on vid-

eo three more films by von Praunheim later this year, and is starting a lesbian video series.

These videos are available direct from First Run Features, 153 Waverly Place, New York, NY 10014 for \$39.95 plus \$4.00 shipping each (NYC residents add \$3.30 sales tax). Please contact Michael Conner or Jane Wells at (212) 243-0600 for further information.

Stand Up and Be Counted: Contact Congress for Hate Crime

Lesbians and gay men are urged to contact their congresspersons to encourage them to cosponsor the recently introduced Hate Crimes Statistics Act.

The legislation (H.R. 947), introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives on February 22, mandates the collection of nationwide data on crimes of prejudice, including "gay bashing."

Gays and lesbians can send Congress a message by calling the toll-free mailgram Action Hotline, 1-800-257-4900, operator 9188. Ask for the "Hate Crimes" messages. The

operator will read prepared mailgrams, such as: "Violence based on bigotry, prejudice must be stopped. Urge your co-sponsorship of H.R. 947, Hate Crimes bill, to address this problem. Also urge opposition to amendments deleting sexual orientation. Such amendments imply violence against some is tolerable. A word."

Mailgrams cost \$4.50 each to be billed to your phone. The Hotline is sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign Fund's Field Division. Callers don't know their congresspersons, the operator does.

Arlington Board Amends Human Rights Ordinance

nted from the newsletter of the Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance

fter four-plus hours of testimony, Arlington County Board on Feb. 8 adopted a Human Rights Ordinance. Thirty-four speakers at the hearing urged the Board to prohibit discrimination based on "sexual orientation."

As a result of AGLA's two-month lobbying effort and a splendid effort on the day of the hearing, the County Board amended the ordinance to address the sexual orientation issue. Gays and lesbians went away from the meeting disappointed with the failure of the Board to extend the same protections that it gave other groups. The amendment on sexual orientation was the only change the Board made to the ordinance it proposed approximately two weeks ago. The amended ordinance sets forth the Board's disapproval of discrimination based on sexual orientation. It urges local employers to adopt non-discriminatory policies, and instructs the Human Rights Commission to investigate and consider complaints.

The magic word that AGLA wanted to have included - "remedies" - yet to be the law in Arlington, outside of county employment, which the board covered several days ago. However, Board members stated they would ask the Virginia General Assembly for the legal authority to fully protect lesbian and citizens from discrimination. AGLA's cause was significantly aided by speakers from a number of groups, including some of the ACP speakers who supported the Human Rights Ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Those who urged the Board to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation included two speakers from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), the American Psychological Association, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, American Civil Liberties Union, the National Organization of Women, Alexandria Human Rights Commission, Metropolitan Community Church, and a Unitarian minister. (A Lutheran pastor lobbied on the issue, but became ill and unable to be at the hearing.) AGLA also generated a massive campaign urging the Board to amend the ordinance to include sexual orientation. Among their supporters who wrote were the government

affairs director of the American Bar Association and the former owner of the Arlington, Virginia *Sun*. AGLA also produced the endorsements of the presidents of five community and neighborhood associations, along with a statement on sexual orientation and human rights from the United States Conference of Mayors. A "Background Paper on Discrimination based on Sexual Orientation" was researched by AGLA member Ray Lessard and distributed to the Board in advance of the meeting.

The Parker amendment says that Virginia counties and cities may enact human rights ordinances that are "not inconsistent with nor more stringent than any applicable state law," and then spells out the forms of discrimination that may be covered. "Sexual orientation" is not included in the list. However, AGLA's legal representative, Jonathan M. Smith of the Alexandria law firm of Glasberg & Associates, argued that counties and cities have sufficient general authority to enact human rights ordinances that include sexual orientation. And besides, AGLA argued, the Virginia legislation was intended to encourage counties and cities to enact local ordinances, not to limit them. This view was supported by a statement from State Senator William Parker (D-Chesapeake), quoted in *Our Own* newspaper. Contacted by AGLA, however, Sen. Parker (who is seeking reelection) said he wouldn't speak or write in their behalf.

The legal arguments were discussed in an hour-and-a-half meeting on Feb. 8 attended by the county's legal staff and Board chair Ellen Bozman and Board member Mary Whipple. Representing AGLA were attorney Smith, government affairs director John Meroney, former president John Whitener, and current president Lee Stinnett. At the meeting, Mrs. Bozman generated the idea of including sexual orientation in the language of the ordinance, to the extent that the county felt it has the legal basis for doing so. Smith followed up with a letter to the Board, offering additional legal arguments and clarifications on the question of full inclusion. Also, AGLA was well represented at a community forum that preceded the Feb. 25 hearing - two-thirds of the comments came from AGLA.

Submissions sought for new gay people of color periodical

The current issue of the new *Pyramid Periodical, the Provocative Quarterly for Gay People of Color*, is on stands. It features new, exciting and courageous work, including poetry by well-known poet and activist Craig G. Harris, comment by Mark Foster III, and short fiction by Lebanese writer Maha Ash. Ask for the *Pyramid Periodical* at your local gay bookstore. It is also available by mail for

\$3.95 plus \$.50 postage and handling. The *Pyramid Periodical* is also currently accepting poetry, short stories and non-fiction and graphics for publication in its next issue which is scheduled for release in July 1989. Submissions should be received before May 15, 1989 and should be directed to: Editors, *Pyramid Periodical*, P.O. Box 1111, Canal Street Station, New York, NY 10013.

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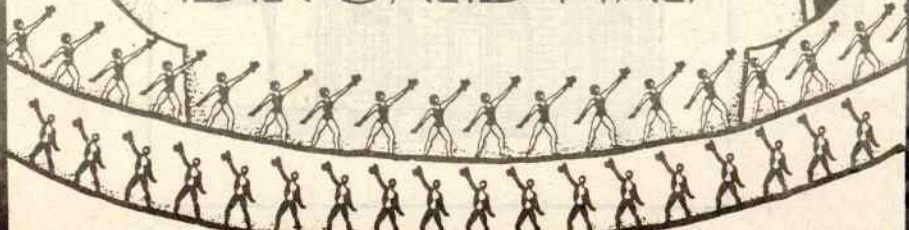
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ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS



Dignity/Integrity Chapter News

by Carl Archacki- President

The Richmond chapter of Dignity/Integrity is proud to announce the donation to Richmond AIDS Ministry of \$3,300 from our 13th Anniversary Banquet benefit. A check in that amount was presented to RAM volunteer Executive Director Betsy Brinson at the March 26th D/I meeting, where several RAM board members were in attendance. The determination of the entire D/I organization, the gay and lesbian community, and many RAM supporters and friends made this goal possible. CONGRATULATIONS!!!! May RAM use these funds in the same spirit of hope as generated them.

Program highlights in March included installation of officers, an in-depth discussion of Catholic women in religious life, and talk of the devastating effects of alcoholism within our community, the warning

signs leading to this disease, and how children of alcoholics are affected by and react to this tragedy.

In March members participated in the CARITAS program to care for the homeless overnight in area churches, and joined with other Christians in the annual Good Friday "Walk of the Way of the Cross" on Church Hill.

Special thanks go out to Joe and Bruce for again hosting the chapter's annual Easter brunch on Easter Sunday. The bonnets again stopped the neighborhood let alone downtown Richmond!!! The parade up the street to the Easter Egg Hunt almost looked like our own Gay Pride March!!!

Throughout the Easter season, it was wonderful to see so many members involved in their parishes at many levels of service. At D/I Richmond, we are truly "one in the spirit."

10-11 Association to Meet on April 15

The next 10-11 Association meeting will be Saturday, April 15 at 5:00 pm in the home of a member. The speaker will be a local attorney who recently attended the National Lesbian and Gay Legal Concerns Conference who will be discussing those areas pertaining to health care. For directions or details, please call

745-4718.

The 10-11 Association is an organization of health care professionals and students in the MCV community. Confidentiality is maintained. For more details, please write to:

10-11 Association
Box 107 MCV Station
Richmond, VA 23298-0107

Mary Washington College announces Gay/Lesbian Student Group

Mary Washington College has acquired its first student organization promoting lesbian and gay concerns. The recently organized Gay/Lesbian Student Alliance is open to everyone and meets at 7:00 pm every Sunday

in Chandler Hall, room 304. For more information write to:
Mary Washington College
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RLGPC "Diversity" Forum Continues

The Lesbian and Gay Pride Coalition is sponsoring the third and last forum in the series "Diversity in the Community" on Saturday, April 15 at Friends Meeting House from 10am to 1pm. This well received

series focuses on differences, similarities, respect and prejudices for the incredible range of experiences and lifestyles within the lesbian/gay community. Call 355-3996 for more information.

March on Washington set for April 29

reprinted from Richmond Peace Education Center Newsletter

A broad coalition of groups is sponsoring a March on Washington on Saturday, April 29 with the theme, "We won't take four more years!" The demands of the march are the following: no more cutbacks, poverty, racism, militarism and intervention; money for the people, not for the banks and the Pentagon; full funding for affordable housing, an end to homelessness; quality health-care, childcare and education; no cuts in Medicare or Social Security; end to racism, racist violence and the death penalty; enforce affirmative action; roll back tuition, full student aid; end lesbian and gay oppression; full benefit coverage for domestic partners; full funding for AIDS research and care; full reproductive rights; pay equity; end union-busting, plant closing, work at home, child labor; raise the minimum wage;

enforce occupational safety; full accessibility for the disabled; end persecution of undocumented workers; respect Native land and treaties; US out of Puerto Rico; US out of El Salvador; Hands off Nicaragua; support for Palestinian national rights; end aid to South African apartheid; US bases out of south Korea and the Philippines; stop Star Wars; end the massive destruction of the environment.

A bus is being reserved from Richmond at the cost of \$10 per person. Make checks payable to RPEC April 29 March and mail to RPEC 14 N. Laurel, Richmond VA 23222. The deadline for your reservation April 15.

For further information contact Susanne Kelly at PO Box 14562, Richmond VA 23221 or call 358-0236.

Ex-Jehovah's Witnesses Form Group

A national support network based in Pittsburgh has been established to benefit former Jehovah's Witnesses who are gay or lesbian.

Known as "A Common Bond" the group seeks to unite in a spirit of healing gay ex-Jehovah's Witnesses suffering the stigma of being excommunicated from the faith because of their sexual natures.

A free newsletter is issued periodically with a contact list for those wishing to correspond. To receive the newsletter or request further information writes "A Common Bond", P.O. Box 405, Ellwood City, PA 16117.

RVGLA to Reorganize

The Richmond Virginia Gay/Lesbian Alliance is in the process reorganizing and is seeking new members. The RVGLA is a political organization committed to the education of our legislators, council members, city administration, police department and society. Members join in raising public consciousness. In addition, RVGLA is accepting applications for the Board of Directors. Interested people are invited to the April meeting on Monday April 17, 1989 at 7:30 pm, at 352 Grove Avenue. For more information contact Will Hall at 741-1550.

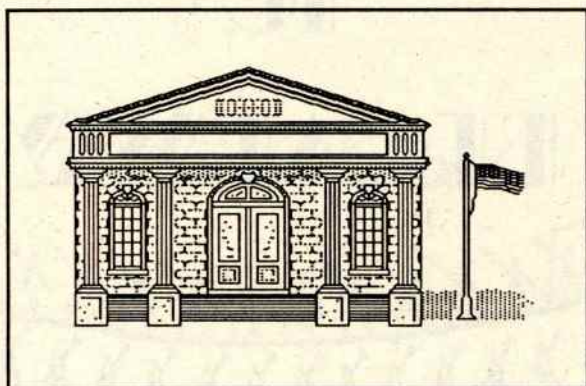
Karen Beth to Perform on April 21 at Byrd Park Roundhouse

Karen Beth, singer/songwriter, will be performing in Richmond on Friday, April 21 at the Byrd Park Roundhouse at 8pm. She will be accompanied by Mary Pantaleoni on Fiddle. Admission is \$5.00. Sponsored by RIC Lesbian-Feminist and Richmond Womensbooks.

Karen Beth lives in Woodstock New York, in the heart of the Catskill Mountains. Her music has been shaped by her love for the land, and her deep commitment to the earth and all its inhabitants. Her songs, presence, reflect her concerns and visions.

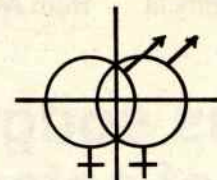
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October Obsession: A Review

Start your spring off in a delightful way by reading a magical new book published by NAIAD Press. *October Obsession* by Meredith More follows Laura, a young California therapist, as she spends time in the Outer Banks of NC trying to find out what happened to her dear, 70 year-old aunt Josie who recently disappeared. Laura discovers Josie's journal, which reveals a whole life (and love) about which Laura had never guessed. And in learning about

Josie's romantic, sensual side, Laura begins to allow her own similar, long-repressed, feelings unfold.

An extra delight is that the entire book is set in the Outer Banks and Richmond, VA with many familiar landmarks named. The Outer Banks is described so beautifully that you can almost feel and smell the wet ocean air.

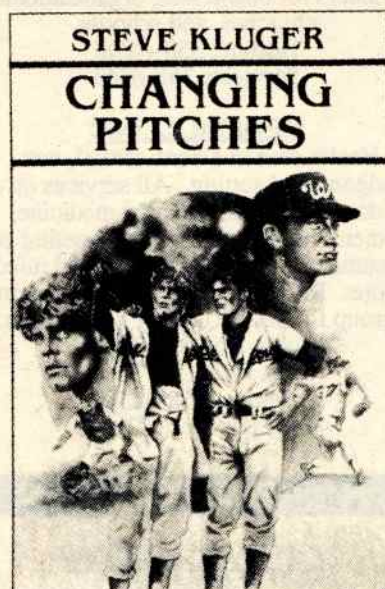
If you enjoy lesbian romance with moonlight, magic and mystery, you'll enjoy *October Obsession*.

Last September: A Review

by Tammy & Jo

Helen Hull's *Last September* is a collection of short stories about lesbian self-affirmation without the word "lesbian." However, the stories depict the era of 1917 through 1939. Women, some of whom were not lesbians, were struggling with their own selfhood in that era. Consequently, the struggle for lesbians was twofold:

gender and sexual orientation. No wonder the word lesbian was not mentioned, the word woman was only whispered in the early 1900s. Lesbians can be thankful for the earlier work of all women, regardless of sexual orientation, because with their help the word lesbian is now written.



Changing Pitches is the story of Scotty MacKay, an aging pitcher for the Washington Senators, whose disdain for his handsome new catcher inexplicably turns into a major league crush. Kluger shows with wry humor how a man who lives in a straight environment deals with unexpected feelings of love for another man. *Changing Pitches* (trade paper, \$7.95) was published in cloth by St. Martin's in 1984.



The Best Man is an unusual coming-of-age story. David and Katherine have been best friends since college. They're both looking for one man they can spend the rest of their lives with. David must make some tough decisions when he falls for the advances of Katherine's law student boyfriend, Ross. *The Best Man* (trade paper, \$7.95) was published in cloth by E. P. Dutton in 1986.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY APRIL 8

8pm Richmond Lesbian Feminist Second Saturday Potluck, usual location, Call 226-0155 for additional information. Lucie Blue Tremblay-Olin Recital Hall, Roanoke College. First Friday Productions invite you for an intimate evening with the singer. First Friday Production, PO Box 3337, Roanoke, VA 24015, 989-7985.

SUNDAY APRIL 9

March for Women's Equality/Women's Lives in DC, Make plans now!
5pm MCC Potluck, Friends Meeting House, 353-9477 for additional information.
5:30 Dignity/Integrity Prayer Service, St. Paul's Chapel.
6:30 Dignity/Integrity Program, "The difference between Male and Female sexuality, and how we relate to each other." Hal Minor, Norwood Room, St. Paul's.
MCC Worship Service, Friends Meeting House.
7pm Mary Washington College Gay/Lesbian Student Alliance-Chandler Hall, rm. 304.

MONDAY APRIL 10

7:30 Central Virginia Affirmation Worship Service, Pace Memorial UMC, 700 Franklin Street.

TUESDAY APRIL 11

6:30 Dignity/Integrity Steering Committee Meeting and monthly Potluck, Carl Archacki's. 359-9372
8:30 MCC Honky Tonkin, call 353-9477 for location and additional info.

THURSDAY APRIL 13

7:30 Richmond NOW, Friends Meeting House.

SATURDAY APRIL 15

10am Diversity Conference, Richmond Lesbian and Gay Pride Coalition, Friends

Meeting House.

11am Spring Celebration, Virginia ERA, Amelia Fry speaker, Arlington Unitarian Church-4444 Arlington Blvd at George Mason Dr. Cost \$26 (\$16 for students and low income).

12n MCC Spiritual Gifts Workshop, Friends Meeting House, 353-9477 for reservations.

5pm 10-11 Association, local attorney to speak on National Lesbian and Gay Legal Concerns Conference concerning areas pertaining to health care. 745-4718 for more information or write to 10-11 Association, Box 107, MCV Station, Richmond, VA 23298-0107.

SUNDAY APRIL 16

5pm MCC Spirits of Joy rehearse, Friends Meeting House.
5:30 Dignity/Integrity Prayer Service, St. Paul's
6:30 MCC Worship Service, Friends Meeting House.
Dignity/Integrity Program, "Bring A Straight Friend Night", Frances Stewart, The Norwood Room, St. Paul's.
7pm Mary Washington College Gay/Lesbian Student Alliance-Chandler Hall, rm. 304

MONDAY APRIL 17

7:30 RVGLA meeting at 3522 Grove Ave. 741-1550 for more info.

FRIDAY APRIL 21

8pm Richmond Lesbian Feminist, Karen Beth in Concert. Call 355-3996. Byrd Park Round House, \$5 donation to help RLF and women's music.

SUNDAY APRIL 23

2pm Jewelry Showing, by Beth Homes at "Wrap It Up" 3425 W. Cary St. Jane Iris Designs (formerly Jane Sipe Jewelry)
5pm MCC Spirits of Joy rehearse, Friends Meeting House.

5:30 Dignity/Integrity Prayer Service, St. Paul's Chapel.

6:30 MCC Worship Service, Friends Meeting House.
Dignity/Integrity Program, Gay and Lesbian Retailers Exposition, Scott Hall St. Paul's.

7pm Mary Washington College Gay/Lesbian Student Alliance-Chandler Hall, rm. 304

MONDAY APRIL 24

7:30 Central Virginia Affirmation Program, "On Being Gay, A conversation with Brian McNaught", with special guests from the Wesley Foundation, Pace Memorial UMC 700 Franklin street.

TUESDAY APRIL 25

8:30 MCC Honky Tonkin, 353-9477 for location and information.

THURS. APRIL 27 - SUNDAY APRIL 30

AIDS, Medicine and Miracles: 2nd Annual Conference: Boulder, CO. For more info. call 303/447-8777 or write to 2033 11th St., Suite Boulder, CO 80302.

SATURDAY APRIL 29

March on Washington- for info. call 358-0236

SUNDAY APRIL 30

5pm MCC Spirits of Joy rehearse, Friends Meeting House.
5:30 Dignity/Integrity Prayer Service, St. Paul's Chapel.
6:30 MCC Worship Service, Friends Meeting House.
Dignity/Integrity Program, Julie Lapham to speak on Common Cause and the '89 General Assembly "How Well Did We Do?"
7pm Mary Washington College Gay/Lesbian Student Alliance-Chandler Hall, rm. 304

Virginia Mollenkott's Interview

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came from the Catholic Church McNeill's book would be helpful. They really need to learn that nature is not really our enemy, and scripture is so closely associated with spirituality in the minds of most western people. I'm very awkward when I read somebody like C.S. Lewis. That's deeply spiritual. I think. She comes out of the Jewish tradition. I read mystics, too. I read mystics. Because a mystic, with a direct perception of God, with a direct experience of God, they never get into some of the stupid mistakes. Mystics throughout the ages never lost their female images of God, because they had these direct experiences of God, they knew God was female, and not just male, they never denied it, because they were not denying abstractions, they were having direct experience, and that's a difference.

But they suffered for it.

M.: Oh, yeah, sure, the Church has always been nervous about mystics because you can't control them. It's afraid of what the Church might do if they know that they have a direct relationship with God. The Church can yell and scream and it's not fear. Listen, you know I would really tell people? Read the Walker's *The Color Purple*. Do you want to know about God? Boy, there. I just think she's the most amazing spiritual author and was interested to hear her define herself as a theological writer. I knew it, I wondered whether she knew it. She knows it.

Could you share a little bit about your coming out process and how you came to terms with your lesbianism and being a Christian, and how it evolved from acknowledging your lesbianism to being more vocal about being a lesbian.

M.: Yeah, well, for years I just experienced dissonance. I knew I was posed to feel awful after I made love, but I never felt awful. So I just put it on the back burner. I didn't really know how to understand and of course there were the years of marriage when I was trying to...I was killing myself trying to sub-

ordinate myself to a... a male chauvinist pig. I can remember sitting out in the middle of the night and saying, "Oh, God, if there was a way I could cut my sexuality out of myself I would do it, I would do that for you, God. I love you, and I want to be your woman." But of course there was no way, but I tried. As many gay people have discovered, if you say to yourself, "Well, I won't have sex, in order to honor God," then what happens is, a touch, a look, becomes fraught with so much power that you might as well be having sex because you're knocked off your feet. So, what you discover is there's no way to back away from your sexuality. It's so like the center of you. You can't get away from it. And as one astrologer told me, "I don't know whether you know this about yourself or not, but your creativity is located exactly in your sexuality. When you are fulfilled sexually you are at your most creative, and when you're not you're just kind of graying out." And it's the truth. It was just gradual, things happened to me very gradually, and very, very gradually I came to start to think about things and to study things, and after I got the woman thing settled as I said then I got on the homosexuality thing.

So the first time I went to a gay bar I like to have died of terror. And then I looked around and I thought "Sheesh, they're all like the people I know." Everybody's just human beings, nobody bites. So it was a gradual lessening of that phobic reaction. I think there's a lot more of it in us than we begin to realize. Finally I realized I no longer felt the bad feelings after I told somebody that I was a lesbian, and I thought "Oh, that's what it was." It was internalized oppression. So through the years I had learned to be cagey about telling people that I was homosexual because the evangelical press badly wanted me to admit it so they could discount everything I had ever written and damned I didn't want to give them that rope to hang me with. I think coming out should be an act of love. "I tell you this because it's a positive thing, and because I want to be closer to you." If I had done that sooner it wouldn't have been all that loving. It would have been a little bit of double message.

It's not my ultimate identity. My ultimate identity is a daughter of God. So, I think if we get it to be our ultimate identity, it's another divisive thing. So by the time I came out it was not dividing me from anybody else. And it's just one thing I want people to know because it's an important part of my journey. I don't tell my students. I've known of gay professors in college who do and maybe it's all right for them. I feel it would be very frightening to people who are under a lot of false ideas. I can just imagine some of the little freshmen girls thinking "Oh, Jeez, I'll fail if I don't sleep with her." What have they heard? They've heard that gay women jump everybody they see, that we have absolutely no discretion, no discernment. And the boys think "Oh, Lord, she doesn't like men." They have no idea what a gay person's like. So what I do is I lose no opportunity to raise gay issues and talk about them. I figure the gay ones know, and I do go to the gay and lesbian caucus on campus. But I don't think it should be a way to frighten people. And I'm so relaxed about the subject in my classroom. I'm doing *The Color Purple* right now in one of my classes, and somebody raised their hand, and kind of giggled, and said, "Did I see right? Is that a homosexual encounter between Celie and Shug?" I said "More than a homosexual encounter, that was a lesbian love. Furthermore, at the end of the novel, they are planning on spending their lives together." Then I talked about what her orientation is, and that Celie is a lesbian, talked about the proof of that in the novel, and that Shug is a bisexual, but now she is going to live a lesbian lifestyle because she has chosen a woman to be her lover. And they're very happy when they see that somebody's not nervous. The teachers who shouldn't handle the subject are the ones who get nervous about it, whether they're gay or not. They should leave it alone, because it only makes everybody uptight. So if anybody asks me I'm perfectly willing to say it, but I don't tell...and I don't tell every audience, either, I just kind of go on whether it's right today or not. Sometimes, actually, I feel like I would be casting my pearls before swine, to tell you the truth.

Federal AZT Subsidy receives \$5 million boost from the HHS: Kennedy heads support

Washington, D.C., March 31... The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has reprogrammed \$5 million to continue the federal AIDS drug subsidy program that helps low-income individuals chase treatments for AIDS and related conditions.

HHS reprogrammed the funds at the urging of Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), who spearheads efforts to overcome the financial crisis faced by thousands of persons who depend on federal assistance for AIDS treatments.

Last September, Congress authorized the reprogramming of \$15 million for the subsidy program, but so far HHS had only redirected \$10 million. The \$5 million approved today is expected to carry the program for the next six months, through September 1989.

Approximately 7,000 people in the United States are receiving government assistance under the program to purchase AIDS treatments, including AZT (Retrovir). AZT, which costs about \$8,000 a year at full dose — is the only government-approved drug for directly fighting AIDS.

The \$5 million will be reprogrammed from other AIDS programs within the HHS. "While we don't like to see the money come from already existing AIDS efforts, we believe the financial crisis faced by so many people with AIDS is urgent enough to warrant such measures," said Carlton Lee, HRCF lobbyist.

Reports that the Administration supported continuation of the program came after Kennedy and 12 other Senators sent a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Louis

Sullivan urging reprogramming.

Co-signers of the Kennedy letter to Sullivan were Orrin Hatch (R-Utah); Alan Cranston (D-Calif); Lloyd Bensten (D-Texas); Mark Hatfield (R-Ore); Barbara Mikulski (D-Md); Brock Adams (D-Wash); Daniel Moynihan (D-NY); Donald Riegle (D-Mich); Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii); Pete Wilson (R-Calif); Christopher Dodd (D-Conn); and Claiborne Pell (D-RI).

Efforts to pass legislation earlier this month to extend the subsidy were thwarted by Senators Jesse Helms (R-NC), William Armstrong (R-Colo) and Don Nickles (R-Okla). Helms and the others blocked action on the bill by threatening to attach "hostile" amendments to it.

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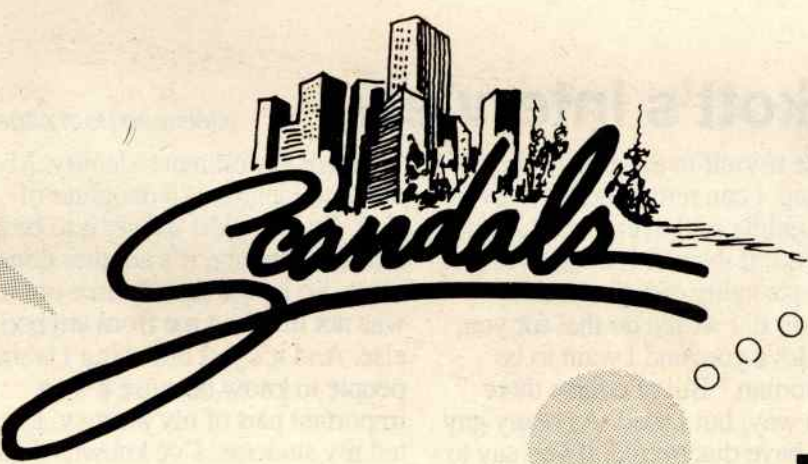
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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Eartha Kitt concert scheduled for Saturday April 15th, 1989 has been canceled due to problems with Miss Kitt's management. Any persons who have purchased advance tickets may obtain a full refund from the management of Scandals. We humbly apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and thank the public for their patience, understanding, and continued patronage.