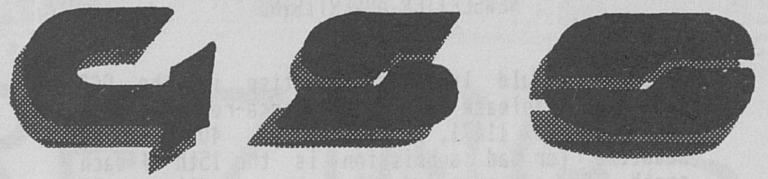


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LEXINGTON'S GAY & LESBIAN NEWSLETTER

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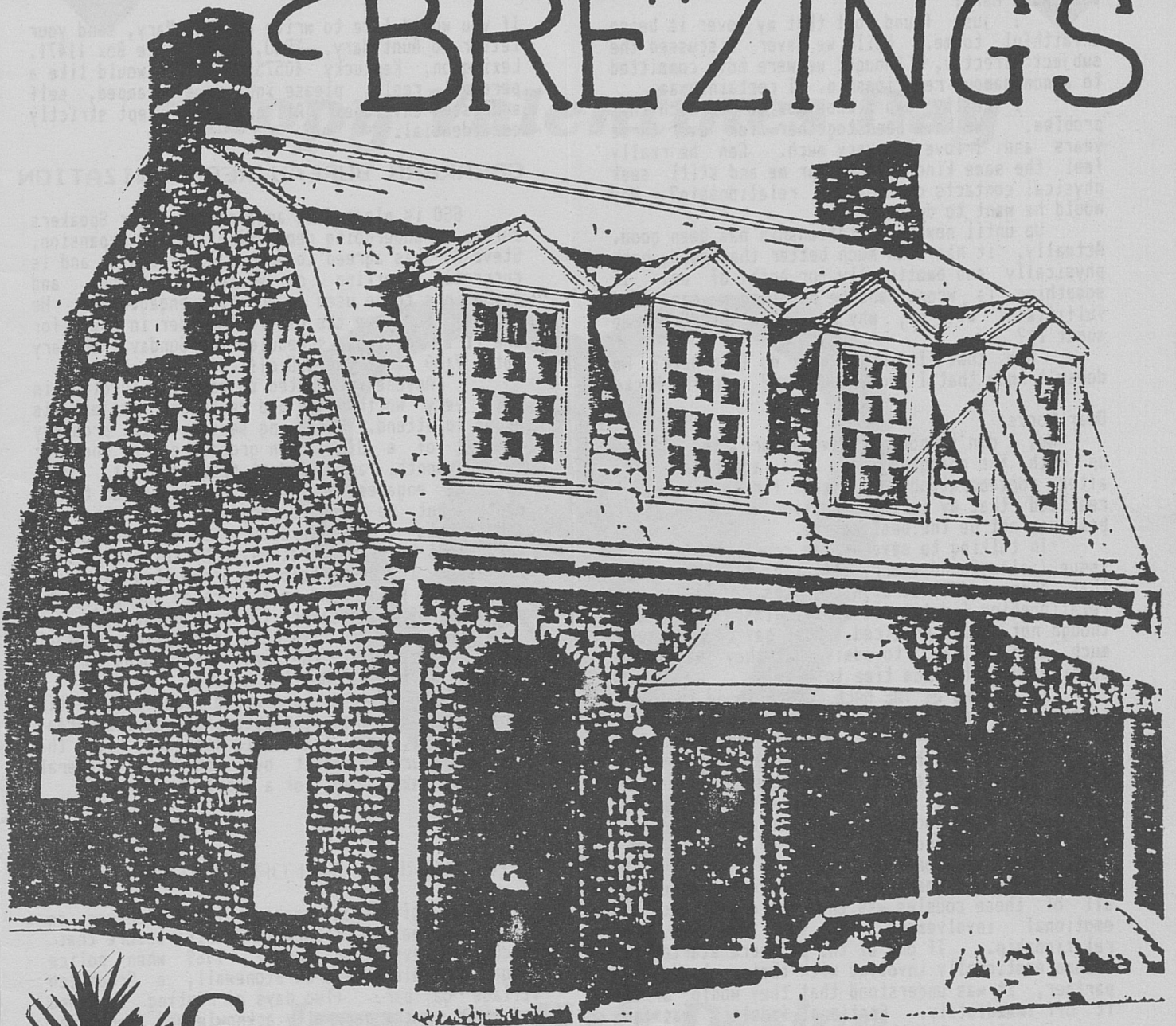
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ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary:

I just found out that my lover is being unfaithful to me. While we never discussed the subject directly, I thought we were both committed to a monogamous relationship. I certainly am.

I really don't know how to approach this problem. We have been together for over three years and I love him very much. Can he really feel the same kind of love for me and still seek physical contacts outside our relationship? Why would he want to do that?

Up until now our relationship has been good. Actually, it has been much better than good, both physically and emotionally for both of us. If something is wrong and he no longer can find fulfillment with me, why hasn't he talked to me about it?

Now that I know, what do I do next? He doesn't know that I know, you know? - On The Rocks

Dear Rocks:

No, I don't know! I have a hard time keeping up with the changing times and attitudes, and after contemplating my answer for a while, I realized that my initial reaction of "dump that bum" may not be the best advice.

In talking to several gay couples about this issue I also found a very different attitude than that expressed by straight couples. In non-gay relationships fidelity is almost always expected, though not always practiced. Most gay couples seem much more willing to admit that they may seek outside contacts from time to time.

The authors of *THE MALE COUPLE* found in their research that every couple in their study who had been together for more than five years had non-exclusive relationships. The couples involved had developed many different ways of dealing with the situation, from "if you do, I don't want to know," to "if you do, you better tell me about before I find out from someone else," to "if you do, you better bring him home to share."

The one agreement that seemed to be shared by all of these couples was that there could be no emotional involvement in sex outside the relationship. If one of the partners started to become emotionally involved with their outside sex partner, it was understood that they would break it off immediately. Emotional fidelity was far more important to these couples than physical fidelity.

Now, as to your situation, I think it is time for you to stop assuming your partner feels the same way you do about a monogamous relationship. The only way to arrive at an understanding is for the two of you to sit down and talk about it, no matter how difficult that may be. You have three years invested in what you feel is a good relationship, so it is imperative that you reach an understanding that both of you can live with.

Whatever you work out, if it includes sex outside of your relationship, demand that only safe sex techniques are practiced. Good luck to you and your lover. - Aunt Mary

If you would like to write to Aunt Mary, send your letter to Aunt Mary, ZGSO, Post Office Box 11471, Lexington, Kentucky 40575. If you would like a personal reply, please include a stamped, self addressed envelope. All names are kept strictly confidential.

SPEAKERS BUREAU REORGANIZATION

GSO is pleased to announce that our Speakers Bureau is undergoing reorganization and expansion. Steve A. has agreed to act as co-ordinator and is currently working on various outlines and guidelines to be used in speaking engagements. He expects to have the basics together in time for the first meeting, scheduled for Sunday, February 16th, 7:00 pm at the GSO office.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in this very worthwhile and rewarding project is urged to attend. Training sessions will probably consist of a discussion group meeting once or twice a month, and a modest reading list. Past speaking engagements have averaged one or two a month, but we hope to increase the number of engagements considerably once additional volunteers have been trained. No volunteers will be asked to appear before a group they are not comfortable with, and in most cases there will be a minimum of two speakers for each engagement.

If you would like more information, contact Steve directly at the next GSO Forum or on Tuesdays at the GSO Bowling League.

The GSO Board Members would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Speakers Bureau co-ordinator, who has single handedly kept the Speakers Bureau intact over the past several years. Thanks, Doug, for a job well done.

PREMIERE: BEFORE STONEWALL

This *ROOTS* of gay and lesbian history focuses on the homosexual experience in America before that touchstone event on June 27, 1969 when police staged a violent raid on Stonewall, a Greenwich Village gay bar. (Two days of rioting followed and this is the generally acknowledged beginning of the gay rights movement.) By blending interviews with the famous (poet Allen Ginsburg) and the not-so-famous (a lesbian woman recalls the Harlem nightclubs of the 1920's), this excellent documentary describes a wide spectrum of male and female gay life with candor, dignity, and a surprising sense of humor. Narrated by Rita Mae Brown, *BEFORE STONEWALL* was the award-winning hit of this year's Filmex and Houston Film Festivals. *BEFORE STONEWALL* will be at the Kentucky Theatre in February (2nd @9:45 pm, the 3rd @ 9:30 pm).



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Total Receipts	<u>\$1,188.40</u>

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Aerobics	\$ 150.00
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Show Auction	<u>15.30</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,292.09</u>

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Cash Balance, September 30, 1985 560.73

Cash Balance, December 31, 1985 \$ 457.04

As of December 15, 1985, GSO has received a new grant of \$3,200.00 the Billboard project from Chicago Resource Center.



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**DIocese SUPPORTS BANNING
GAYS FROM PREISTHOOD**
from the Herald-Leader

The Episcopal Diocese of Lexington endorsed General Convention action forbidding the ordination of homosexuals to the priesthood.

Lay delegates to the denomination's governing convention in September defeated the measure even though bishops and other clergy voted for it.

The Diocese of Lexington, which ended its two-day convention at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, debated the resolution at length before adopting it. The diocese will notify Presiding Bishop John Allin and Presiding Bishop-elect Ed Browning of its action. The Rt. Rev. Don Wimberly, the bishop of Lexington, was instructed to communicate the resolution to fellow bishops as he sees fit.

As approved by the denomination's House of Bishops and the clerical order of the House of Deputies, sexual orientation would not deny a candidate access to the ordination process. However, the lay order killed the proposal with its vote.

"Nobody (at General Convention) was opposed to giving homosexuals full rights in the church," said the Rev. Hal Daniell of Christ Church Episcopal in Lexington. The issue, he pointed out, is whether practicing homosexuals should be ordained.

"I'm grieved, but we need to pass the motion," said the Rev. Robin Smith of Trinity Episcopal Church of Covington. The resolution passed with little dissent.

**GROUP WANTS TO BUILD GAY
RESORT NEAR RENO**
by Don Vetter
Gazette-Journal

A Reno homosexual group wants to build the nation's first resort community for lesbians and gay men in northwest Nevada and is looking for investors.

Fred Schoonmaker, chairman of the Reno-based National Association of Lesbians and Gays, said Thursday he is looking for a 200-acre site as close to Reno as possible. The resort, Stonewall Park, would include a hotel-casino and housing for 2,000 people.

"If in Washoe County, it is better for us," Schoonmaker said. But none of the six sites under consideration - which Schoonmaker wouldn't name because it might drive up the price - are in Washoe.

Fund-raising brochures describe the resort as being "in the Sierra in Northwest Nevada" and "close to Reno and Lake Tahoe."

A spokeswoman for the Pro Family Christian Coalition says Reno residents don't want a resort nearby that caters to those who engage in "negative, self-centered and irresponsible sexual practices."

COMING SOON

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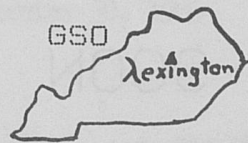
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BILLBOARD PROGRAM FUNDED

GSO is happy to announce that our Community Outreach Billboard Program has been funded for the next twelve months by the Chicago Resource Center. The billboard is scheduled to go up around February 1st, weather permitting, and will refer interested parties to a new phone line, independent of our gayline number. Callers will hear a message aimed at the non-gay community and those individuals who are trying to come to terms with their sexual orientation.

We urge our members and friends to call the billboard number (293-6734) to hear the message and let us know your reaction. Suggestions as to how we might expand the project and donations to allow us to expand will be welcome. Some possible areas of expansion include bus boards on Lexington Busses, radio advertising, or advertising in various printed media.

The board members of Lexington Gay Services Organization are proud of this worthwhile project and think you will agree that it is one more good reason to be involved with GSO in 1986.

MCC LEXINGTON

There is a church which proclaims liberation for all, and extends its ministry to persons of all races and backgrounds, to young and old alike, to rich and poor, to Gays and Lesbians and heterosexuals, which welcomes all people to worship, witness and serve together...the kind of church described in the pages of the New Testament. Such a church is the Metropolitan Community Church. The liturgy and worship comes from the mainstream of the Christian Church; the traditional Christian Gospel of salvation, social action and community is proclaimed; and homosexuality is accepted as a gift from God in the same way that heterosexuality is a gift from God.

Efforts are under way to investigate and possibly establish an MCC in Lexington. A Rap Session will be held at the GSO office, 431 South Broadway, Suite 322 at 7:30 pm on February 11th. Interested persons are encouraged to write: Rev. M. Dale Miller, Post Office Box 11686, Lexington, Kentucky 40577-1686. In addition, you can call the GSO Phonenumber at 231-0335. (All correspondence will be confidential.) Write or call today...or better yet, come to the GSO office on February 11th at 7:30 pm and let's meet

and discuss this opportunity God has graciously provided. Let's proclaim "freedom and justice for ALL" by the grace of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

GSO RAINBOW BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS AT MID-SEASON

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"I can't believe that under these circumstances with regard to AIDS that someone is trying to bring this into our community," said Janine Hansen, coordinator for the 50-member coalition. "And it is a threat that the homosexuals are bringing upon themselves."

"I'm not just concerned about AIDS, but bringing the homosexual 'deathstyle' to Reno would be a blight on our community," she said. "It is not a good position for families...to grow up in a community with people practicing a lifestyle of negative, self-centered and irresponsible sexual practices."

Sexual intercourse between adults of the same sex is illegal in Nevada.

The gay and lesbian association plans to choose a site by the middle of next year. Ground breaking for the development's first phase, estimated to cost \$5 million, is scheduled for 1987.

Stonewall Park will feature vacation lodging, time-shares, permanent residences, legal gambling and full recreational facilities.

Schoonmaker, a 43-year-old casino worker, said the fund-raising campaign will provide the initial capital for land acquisition, planning and environmental impact studies.

"We want to build a city, not just a motel or hotel that caters to gay people," Schoonmaker said. "It will be a source of pride. And the resort will be something nice for everyone to look at and be left with a better understanding of all people."

Schoonmaker said he doesn't expect a major backlash from Reno-Tahoe area residents, especially when they realize the positive economic impacts of the resort. Stonewall Park would also serve to create a better mutual understanding between gays and heterosexuals, he said.

"I'm sure there will be a vocal minority," Schoonmaker said. "But if you talk to advertising people, even bad publicity is publicity."

But the conservative morals of Reno and northern Nevada may be too much to overcome, said Jim Conkey, a member of the Washoe County AIDS Task Force.

"With the local school board so entrenched with AIDS, a gay establishment is going to get people very disturbed. Especially when they are not up to speed on the facts about the disease," Conkey said.

The gay and lesbian association has hired Bob O'Brien of Reno to handle the resort's marketing campaign. Part of the campaign theme features an American flag with a lavender star and the slogan, "We are everywhere."

Before the end of this year (1985), 50,000 brochures will be sent out to gay community centers, political groups and other gay organizations in all 50 states. At least 500,000 people will be informed of the Stonewall Park project, O'Brien said.

"It is no doubt that Stonewall Park will be a major employer in the area," O'Brien said. "It will have the same economic impact as a medium-sized business."

Word of Stonewall Park has spread without the marketing campaign. At least 1,200 letters and \$2,000 in donations have been received by the non-profit group, Schoonmaker said.

A Los Angeles librarian has asked to start a library at the community, a California produce worker wants to build a grocery store and a lesbian senior citizen wants to start a retirement home for women, he said.

The 2-year-old association has 80 members from 12 communities. The marketing campaign also serves as a membership drive, with dues going toward Stonewall Park.

The resort is being named after a transvestite bar in Greenwich Village.

AIDS Updates

MANY FEARS ABOUT AIDS UNFOUNDED

by Joan Beck
Chicago Tribune

"A kitchen worker in our company cafeteria may have AIDS. Is it safe to eat there?"

"I think my hair stylist is gay. Could I catch AIDS from him?"

"A salesman working out of our office does have AIDS. Shouldn't he be fired?"

No matter how many sensible guidelines about AIDS are issued by government agencies and medical associations, paranoia about the disease isn't diminishing.

The number of diagnosed cases is up to almost 15,000. The faint hope that French physicians had found an effective treatment is gone. And people are reading between the guidelines and finding cracks where their fears can grow.

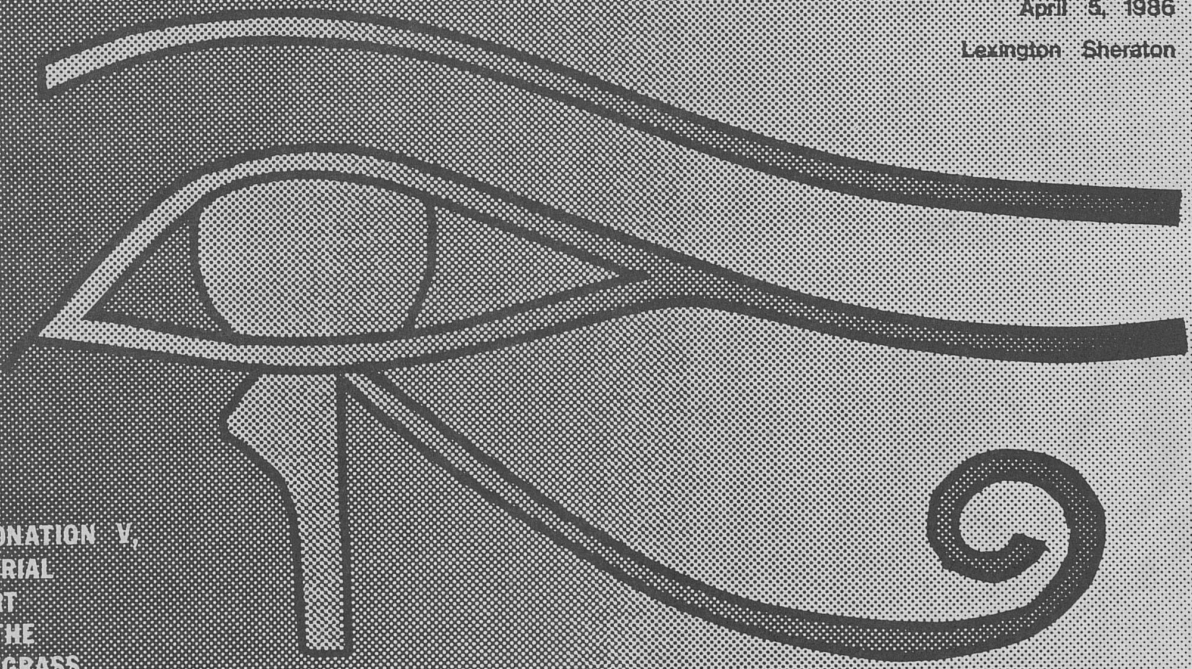
Some churches cite a falloff in people taking communion, for fear of sharing a communal cup. Paramedics in one Chicago suburb are refusing to practice cardiopulmonary resuscitation unless the mannequin is equipped with a disposable face. The number of donors giving blood has dropped. There are worries not only about visiting a friend with AIDS but about social kissing, swimming pools and even sweat on exercise mats in health clubs as sources of infection.

Fears like these are unfounded. AIDS does not spread by airborne virus or normal contact. It is transmitted by infected body fluids, particularly blood and semen, and almost entirely through sexual contact or by infected needles shared by intravenous drug abusers. Other victims acquired the disease through transfusions of contaminated blood or were born to a mother who had AIDS.

AIDS isn't spread by casual contact, the U.S. Public Health Service emphasized again this week, as it issued new guidelines for preventing the spread of the disease. AIDS patients can remain in virtually any job without restrictions as long as they have no open sores and feel well enough, the guidelines say. Several major companies are

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developing employee policies that so state; a few even provide counseling for worried or protesting coworkers.

The risk of health care workers acquiring AIDS from patients seems to be extremely low and may occur only in accidents, such as an injury with a needle contaminated by an AIDS patients' blood. There is no evidence AIDS has ever been transmitted from one child to another at school; whether a young AIDS victim belongs in class depends on how well he is, most school guidelines affirm.

But fears of AIDS can also have a positive effect. Stopping - even slowing - the rampant spread of AIDS requires a halt to sexual and drug abuse practices that allow the virus to enter the body. Gay organizations have taken the lead in educating homosexuals to what is safe and unsafe sexual contact. Some gay bathhouses have closed voluntarily. That many high-risk homosexual men have taken the advice is reflected in sharp declines in other sexually transmitted diseases.

Other efforts to combat AIDS have foundered on civil rights and anti-discrimination issues. Whether a city or state has the legal authority to close a gay bathhouse isn't clear and the issue could become a long legal battle. Sexual behavior between consenting adults is considered off-limits to the law. Even without laws prohibiting bias against gays, AIDS victims may be covered by legislation banning discrimination against the handicapped.

There are medical as well as legal pitfalls in using the AIDS antibody test as a weapon to help prevent further spread of AIDS, in addition to screening donated blood. How much risk an individual whose blood contains antibodies to AIDS virus poses to a sex partner or to anyone else isn't medically clear. So requiring the test before hiring or under other circumstances is open to legal challenge, as is identifying these persons.

That leaves education as the best weapon available against the rapid spread of AIDS and its growing death rate. And it leaves a role for

informed fear as a motivating force for heeding that education.

Lest AIDS be written off as a problem of promiscuous gays and intravenous drug abusers, it should be noted that AIDS is now spreading beyond these high-risk groups into the heterosexual population, primarily by high-risk sexual contact (although less than 1 percent yet show evidence of infection). As an editorial in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* warns, "If we do nothing, we can expect multiple generations of infection to extend unchecked into the heterosexual community."

That's a sensible reason for fear - and for using fear to push safe-sex education.

FDA GIVES AIDS DRUG CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

by Associated Press

NEW YORK - A drug being tested against AIDS has won conditional government approval for use against an infection in children, which could make it more widely available to AIDS patients, officials said.

The drug, called ribavirin, is the first of a growing number of experimental AIDS drugs to receive any kind of governmental approval, although the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has not approved the drug for use with AIDS patients, and its effectiveness against AIDS has not been demonstrated.

Final approval of ribavirin could come in a matter of weeks, said Brad Stone, a spokesman for the FDA.

The drug is being approved for treatment of infants with respiratory syncytial virus, or RS virus, a common infection that can be fatal in premature infants and in those with heart or lung disease, said Dr. Caroline Breese Hall of the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York.

FDA regulations allow doctors leeway in the use of approved drugs, meaning that doctors will be able to prescribe ribavirin for their AIDS patients. But the drug is being approved in an aerosol form meant to be inhaled by infants, which might make it impractical for use with AIDS patients, Stone said.

There is at present no treatment for AIDS. Doctors can treat the infection and cancers that result from AIDS but cannot attack the disease directly.

In a separate development, the FDA said that Dr. Michael Scolaro and Colleagues at St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles had applied for permission to give AIDS patients combination therapy of ribavirin and Isoprinosine.

Isoprinosine is a stimulator of the immune system, and ribavirin is an anti-viral agent. Some researchers believe that such drugs must be used in combination to kill the AIDS virus and to restore the immune cells the virus has destroyed.

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SUN 2 GSD POTLUCK, Bob and Richard's, 1:30pm, the meat and drinks will be provided. Bob is GSD's Aerobics instructor. For more information call Bob and Richard at 266-9083 or Jim and John at 299-0352; INTERWEAVE POTLUCK AND MOVIE, 7:45pm, for more information call Kieth K. at 273-8056; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 4:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; ICBE SHOW, 9:00pm, Circus Disco; BEFORE STONEWALL, 9:45pm, Kentucky Theatre.

MON 3 GSD FORUM, 8:00pm - Board Report and Community Input, 8:30pm - Program, This month's program will be about one local nurse's experiences and impressions in working with AIDS patients. Free food and drink. GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; GSD AEROBICS CLASS, 8:00pm, Woodhill Workout Workshop; BEFORE STONEWALL, 9:30pm, Kentucky Theatre.

TUE 4 GSD RAINBOW LEAGUE BOWLING, 9:00pm, Joyland Bowl.

WED 5 DIGNITY BOARD MEETING, 6:30pm, Newman Center; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; GAYLINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm; GSD AEROBICS CLASS, 8:00pm, Woodhill Workout Workshop.

THU 6 DIGNITY RAP SESSION, 7:30pm, call Larry for more information at 254-9812 or 273-8056; GAYLINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

FRI 7 GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center; GSD AEROBICS CLASS, 7:00pm, Woodhill Workout Workshop; CARDS AND GAMES, 8:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322.

SUN 9 PRIDE WEEK COMMITTEE MEETING, 7:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322, anyone interested in helping organize this years Pride Week celebrations is welcome; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 4:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; VAUGHN PRODUCTIONS, 9:00pm, Circus Disco.

MON 10 ICBE PRIVEY COUNSEL MEETING, 7:30pm, call for location or more information, 268-2329; GSD AEROBICS CLASS, 8:00pm, Woodhill Workout Workshop.

TUE 11 RAP SESSION, 7:30pm, Topic - the establishment of an MCC (Metropolitan Community Church) in Lexington, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322, please see article; GSD RAINBOW LEAGUE BOWLING, 9:00pm, Joyland Bowl.

WED 12 DIGNITY ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY with the Newman Center Parrish, 7:00pm. GAYLINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; GSD AEROBICS CLASS, 8:00pm, Woodhill Workout Workshop.

THU 13 GAYLINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

FRI 14 GSD VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE, 9:30pm at Brezing's; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center; GSD AEROBICS CLASS, 7:00pm, Woodhill Workout Workshop.

SUN 16 LESBIAN POTLUCK BRUNCH, 11:00am - 1:00pm, for more information call Cathleen, at 266-9698; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 4:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; SPEAKERS BUREAU REORGANIZATION, 7:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322, planned expansion and formal training sessions will be discussed. Anyone interested in becoming involved in this very worthwhile and rewarding project is urged to attend; ICBE SHOW, 9:00pm, Circus Disco.

MON 17 INTERWEAVE MEETING, 7:30pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church; PROGRAM COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING, 9:00pm, for more information call Keith K. at 273-8056; GSD AEROBICS CLASS, 8:00pm, Woodhill Workout Workshop.

TUE 18 GSD RAINBOW LEAGUE BOWLING, 9:00pm Joyland Bowl.

WED 19 GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; GAYLINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm; GSD AEROBICS II CLASS, 8:00pm, Woodhill Workout Workshop, call for details and more information, Bob 266-9083 or Jim and John at 299-0352.

THU 20 GAYLINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

FRI 21 GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm Comprehensive Care Center; GSD AEROBICS II CLASS, 7:00pm, Woodhill Workout Workshop; CARDS AND GAMES, 8:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322.

SUN 23 GAYLINE MEETING, 2:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322, anyone interested in helping others by volunteering one night a month to being a phoneline listener, please come!; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 4:00pm, GSD office; GSD BOARD MEETING, 7:00pm, (board members note that this is a change from the usual Monday night meetings!); VAUGHN PRODUCTIONS, 9:00pm, Circus Disco.

MON 24 ICBE PRIVEY COUNSEL MEETING, 7:30pm, call 268-2329 for location or more information; GSD AEROBICS II CLASS, 8:00pm, Woodhill Workout Workshop.

TUE 25 GSD RAINBOW LEAGUE BOWLING, 9:00pm Joyland Bowl.

- WED 26 GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; GAYLINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm; GSO AEROBICS II CLASS, 8:00pm, Woodhill Workout Workshop.
- THU 27 DIGNITY PROGRAM MEETING, 7:30pm, GSO office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; GAYLINE, (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.
- FRI 28 GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center; GSO AEROBICS II CLASS, 7:00pm, Woodhill Workout Workshop; CARDS AND GAMES, 8:00pm, GSO office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322.

MAJOR UPCOMING GSO EVENTS

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- FEBRUARY Valentines Dance
February 14th
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- MARCH Easter Bonnet Party
- APRIL Benefit
- MAY Derby Ball

NAVY AIDS CASE: A BAD PRECEDENT by Ellen Goodman

BOSTON - It was one Navy test the men hoped to flunk. But 13 seamen came up positive. Yes, they had been exposed to the AIDS virus.

The men did not have AIDS itself, nor will they necessarily get it. The figures are being revised, but at the moment, it's estimated that less than 20 percent of those who have the antibodies will come down with the full-blown disease. But the Navy wants to discharge them anyway.

The Navy claims that the 13 are guilty of something called "erroneous enlistment." According to the Pentagon guidelines, the military can't kick someone out just because he has the AIDS antibodies - only if he has the actual disease - but they can keep him out. These seamen, the Navy maintains, had the "condition" before they joined up. In short, they can be discharged because they shouldn't have been admitted.

Last week, a federal judge barred the Navy from acting before the dispute is resolved. The verdict, I am sure, will hinge on technical matters. But to this civilian, the case has raised all sorts of questions about the use of medical screening by powers in or out of uniform.

This is a test that was devised less than a year ago to help protect the nation's blood supply. It provides important information for blood transfusions, for organ transplants, even artificial insemination. People who want to know whether they've been exposed to AIDS have access to that information.

Now it is being used to "protect" the armed forces. And not just from the disease. Certainly, there's as much fear among the military as among civilians about "catching AIDS." It remains constant despite the overwhelming evidence that you can't get it from casual contact. The military says repeatedly that they are most worried about the problem of battlefield transfusions. What they do not say is that the test may be a backdoor screen for homosexuals and drug users, both groups at high risk for AIDS and both banned from military service.

But they also want to protect the armed forces from medical costs. A main motive for screening out those who have been exposed to AIDS may be money, and that is a concern that carries over into civilian life.

The Centers for Disease Control now estimates that it has cost, so far, about \$147,000 to care for each of the first 10,000 AIDS patients. AIDS is a break-the-bank disease. No employer, public or private, and no medical insurer would welcome such a victim on its lists. Cancer patients have enough trouble finding jobs and health insurers. The victims of AIDS are shunned.

What is different about this test is that it doesn't measure past or present disease; it lays odds for the future, odds that are still in flux. The test shows only whether someone has been exposed to the virus. It doesn't say whether he or she will get the disease. Even if one out of three who have the antibodies is a future victim, do we want to screen the other seven out of work, or out of health insurance?

This concern is not just limited to AIDS. We can already make modest predictions on the basis of family medical histories, and we're increasingly able to test for genetic diseases like Huntington's disease. What if we can test for Alzheimer's disease or liver cancer? People who carry such risks might also become unemployable, uninsurable.

Some states, notably California and Wisconsin, have passed laws that ban the use of testing as a barrier to employment or health insurance. But a huge employer, the military, is setting a precedent that will be noted by anxious employers and health insurers.

In the end, the mass screening program may become a public health danger in itself. It turns our attention from finding a medical answer to finding a social solution. It feeds the illusion that we can segregate all the people who have been exposed to the virus. But it is not just 13 seamen who have been exposed. There are an estimated two million such people. Until we find a cure, a medical cure, they and their problems will touch us every day.



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