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NEWSLETTER

LEXINGTON GAY SERVICES ORGANIZATION
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PHONELINE IS BACK IN REGULAR OPERATION

We are extremely happy to announce that as of February the phonenumber is again manned on a regular schedule. Phonenumber hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:00pm to 11:00 pm, and at other times the caller will receive a recorded message explaining when they can reach a phonenumber volunteer and what GSO functions are planned for the coming month.

Even though we have managed to get set up on a regular basis, we still need additional phonenumber volunteers. Please, if you have a few hours each month you can share, help us out with this important project. Call the phonenumber any night it is manned and leave your name and phone number, or call Barry at 268-3935 if you would like more information. The GSO Phonenumber number is 231-0335.

AIDS UPDATE

GSO in co-operation with GALUS is sponsoring an AIDS update on March 6th at 8:00pm at the University of Kentucky Student Center (room 206). A doctor who specializes in sexually transmitted diseases will be the featured speaker. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this change to hear a discussion of this vital topic.

FEBRUARY POTLUCK

Our thanks to Charlie and Darryl for a very special potluck in February. Those of you lucky enough to attend know what a fine job Georgia did with her famous Eggs Benedict, served by Frankie in her own very delightful style. To our favorite Bungalow Bartender (and Jester's regular), who wishes to remain anonymous, but who none the less mixed drinks to everyone's obvious satisfaction--well, we know who you are and we love you no matter where you may choose to run off to.

To Charlie, Darryl, Georgia, Frankie and Anonymous, a very sincere THANK YOU from all of us a GSO. To all of you who missed February's potluck, too bad, but you never know what a delightful time you may be missing when you don't make it to a GSO function!

The following is an article submitted to us by someone I was lucky enough to meet one year ago this month:

THE BEGINNING

by
Jim Christiansen

It's not easy for gay people to meet and make friends with other gays in an area as conservative and isolated as Central Kentucky. There are, however, a few paths, and one of them is through the Lexington Gay Services Organization.

I'll never forget attending my first GSO function in February of last year. It was a general business meeting, which at the time were being held at the American Orthodox Church on American Avenue. I was very nervous because although I had been out of the closet for several months I had been living at home with my family. My new job moved me from Brooklyn, New York to Danville, Kentucky. I was living on my own now in Kentucky, and this was my chance to sample gay life as I chose.

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FROM THE HERALD-LEADER 2/5/85

By Paul Raeburn, Associated Press

NEW YORK - Science has made a remarkably rapid advance toward understanding AIDS, raising hopes that the deadly and mysterious disease will be conquered, researchers say.

The work has become more urgent each day. It is estimated that as many as 300,000 people have been infected, and one researcher expects 40,000 new cases in the next two years.

On Thursday, researchers at the National Cancer Institute and Massachusetts General Hospital announced that they had found an antibody that neutralized the retrovirus thought to cause AIDS--an encouraging step in the search for a vaccine.

"There has been more progress with this virus than with any other retrovirus in a short period of time," said Dr. James Curran, director of AIDS activities at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

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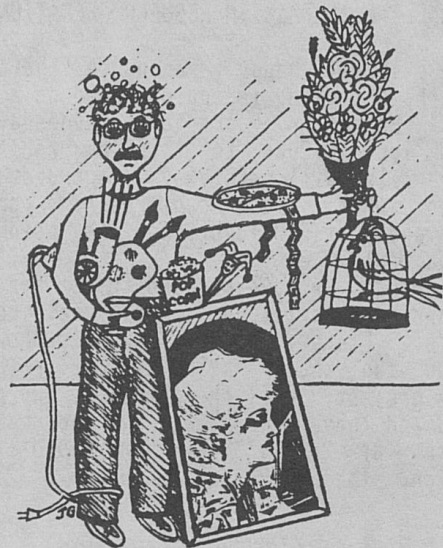
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GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES 2/4/85

Previous minutes and treasurer's report were read and accepted. The treasury stands at \$5437.68.

Jim announced that there would be no show at the Valentine's Day Dance. Everything else is as planned.

Doug reported on the Speaker's Bureau. He spoke at 2 classes at Transylvania University and 2 consultations in Powell and Estill counties. He announced that he was looking for volunteers for the Speaker's Bureau. Training is provided.

The health department will give an AIDS Update on March 6 at 8pm. Steve A. is looking into a campus location for the program. An ad for the event is to be put in the Herald-Leader.

The mailing list is at approximately 200 addresses. (With more than one recipient at many of the addresses.)

The office space being considered for GSO on South Broadway is still on hold. The owner has been unable to transact business due to illness.

Edwin announced the February phonenumber meeting is on Sunday the 24th, 2pm at Comprehensive Care. For February, the phonenumber will be manned on Wednesdays and Thursdays 7-11pm.

Bill M. resigned as social director leaving the position open for candidates. Marque C. announced the need for volunteers to help decorate for the Valentine's Day Dance. Dale D. and John G. volunteered.

The president will be absent from the February board meeting.

We are considering a weekly Dynasty Party at the Bungalow. Brezing's will be considered as an alternative location. A larger event would be held for the opening and closing shows of the season.

GSO SPONSOR LIST

Our GSO sponsor list continues to grow. In order to be added to the list, simply provide an advertisement to the newsletter or a donation to GSO at least once every twelve months. Then send us a written request to be included. If you will provide a discount to "card-carrying GSO members," please let us know and we will add an asterisk (*) to the left of your entry.

GSO QUARTERLY REPORT

The quarterly report for Lexington Gay Services Organization as of December 31, 1984 is as follows:

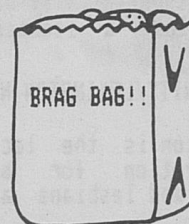
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Christmas Party	300.00
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Total Receipts: \$1,426.72

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Bank Service Charge	\$4.22
Bowling League	3.86
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Newsletter	316.35
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T-Shirts	181.22
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Film Rentals-Whispers	120.00

Total Expenditures: \$1,132.18

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures \$294.54



Here are some excerpts from letters we received this month:

--"I just started receiving your newsletter a couple of months ago and really enjoy it. You do a marvelous job!"

R.A.
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--"I enjoy the newsletter quite well. Best wishes!"

P.B.
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To the president:

--"I want you to know I very much appreciate your work as GSO president...."

C.K.
Lexington, KY

Thanks to all who wrote! As always, we encourage feedback from our readers, both positive and negative. We want to know what you like about the GSO newsletter, as well as what we can do to improve it. We are here for YOU!

ASK AUNT MARY

Unfortunately, Aunt Mary is still hospitalized and unable to contribute her column again this month. She was scheduled to be released last week after an apparent complete recovery from her heart attack when she had what her doctors call a "slight setback." Two days before she was to be released her 49 year old son arrived from his home in California to spend some time with her while she was regaining her strength. When he heard about Aunt Mary's column for GSD, Daniel decided it was time to explain to his mother that he was not really a bachelor, and that in fact he has been happily married to his 'roommate' Michael for over 10 years.

Her doctors assure us that Aunt Mary's stroke was "relatively minor" and she should be able to return home in about a week. The only noticeable effect of her stroke is a slight numbness in the fingers and toes on her right side and a slight slurring of speech, which doctors hope will disappear in time. Aunt Mary sends her best regards to her readers and says she hopes to be home and able to resume her column next month.

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

DIGNITY/LEXINGTON NEWS

Dignity/Lexington is the local chapter of a national organization for both Catholic and non-Catholic gays and lesbians and their non-gay friends.

March 10th marks the 1st anniversary of the Lexington chapter.

The group is planning a week-long celebration. On Sunday, March 10th, at 2pm there will be a liturgy and potluck. Dignity is providing the meat and drinks. Others are asked to bring a dish. On Wednesday March 13th, is the monthly liturgy at the Newman Center at 7:30pm. On Saturday, March 16th, a group of 50 is attending the matinee performance of Torch Song Trilogy at the Lexington Opera House. The group is invited to cocktails and hors d'oeuvres following the show.

For more information on any of these events, call John at 299-0352.

If you would like to be put on Dignity/Lexington's mailing list, write;

Dignity/Lexington, PO Box 1984, Lexington, KY 40593, or call the above number.

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you naturally need to is
a basic civil and human right."**



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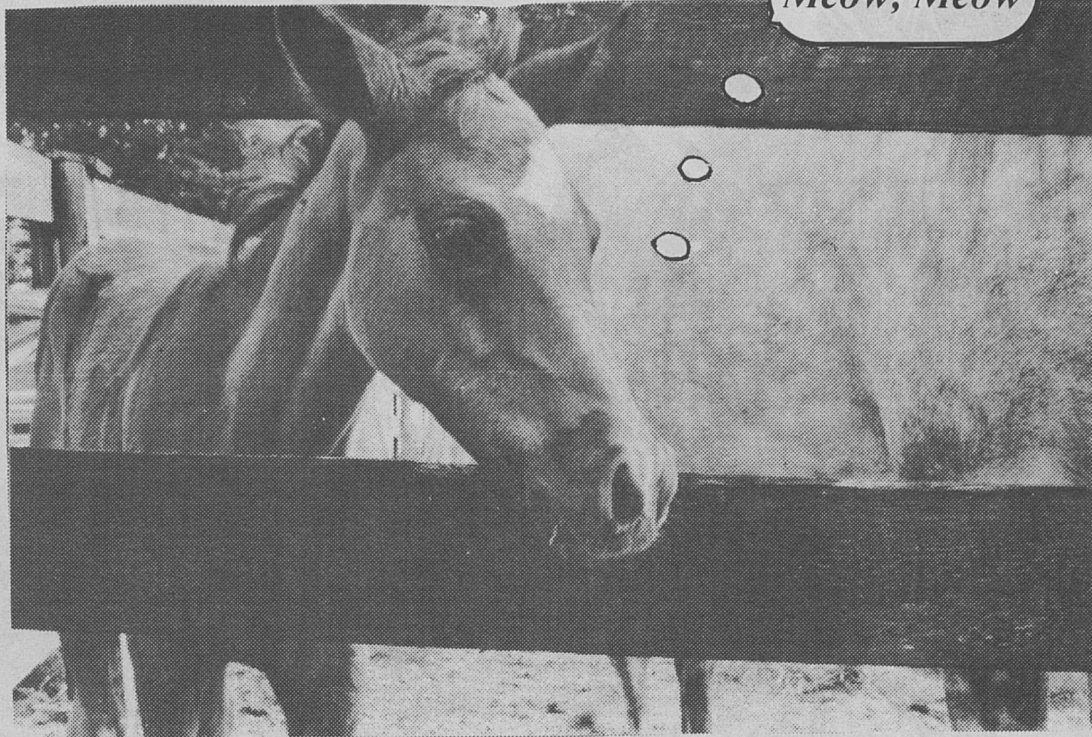
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ALTERNATIVE ROBBERY

A car test-driven to a bank robbery by a holdup man in drag is being advertised as a "getaway special" by a Clinton, North Carolina auto dealership that says, "You don't have to rob a bank to buy a used car at Thornton Chevrolet." The ad, placed with the Sampson Independent, a Clinton newspaper, says the 1984 Monte Carlo allegedly used in the robbery will be discounted \$805.

Meow, Meow



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1

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Happy
Hour

4

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STOLI-
NIGHT

5

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Night

6

Champagne Specials

Thirsty

7

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Tea
Party

8

from 9pm \$1.25

Margarita
Maddness

9

after 9pm \$1.25

Happy Hour

11

Margarita
Monday

\$1.25

happy
hour

12

All Night

SUDS
NIGHT

13

DRAFT 50¢
BOTTLE 1.00
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THIRSTY
THURSDAY

14

after 9pm .75¢

Schnapps
Night

15

AFTER 9pm .75¢

ST. PATRICK
CELEBRATION

16

WEAR GREEN

BLOODY
MARY

18

hangover
Special

happy
hour

19

All Night

SPRING

20

Tea Party

THIRSTY
THURSDAY

21

after 9pm .75¢

SUDS
NIGHT

22

BEER-SPECIALS

Schnapps
NIGHT

23

AFTER 9pm .75¢

Happy
Hour

25

Margarita
Monday

happy
hour

26

All Night

Margarita
Maddness

27

after 9pm \$1.25

THIRSTY
THURSDAY

28

after 9pm .75¢

FRENCH
KISS

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Special \$1.25

SUDS
NIGHT

30

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AN
AIDS
UPDATE

ROOM 206 STUDENT CENTER
WED., MARCH 6 AT 8 PM

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THE BEGINNING

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Our meeting place appeared dark and empty on my approach. "Fine," I thought to myself, "so there really are no gay people outside of New York City." At this point I was ready to turn around, but decided to continue on just to see if the door was open. What did I have to lose? I found the door unlocked and entered the forlorn structure illuminated only by a dim light coming from around a corner at the far end of the chapel. I followed the light rounding the corner and climbed a flight of stairs up one floor. There in the loft were a dozen or so people crowding around a little space-heater and talking quietly. I looked around and they all looked at me, (a new face), and I managed to smile and say, "I guess I'm in the right place."

That was the beginning.

I rarely attend the business meetings anymore, but still see just about everyone from my initial meeting on a regular basis. At that meeting I learned about the various functions that GSO supports and sponsors, and over the past year I've gotten involved with a few that specifically interested me like camping and volleyball. Other GSO functions range from bridge to bowling, to brunch on Sundays. I just follow the newsletter calendar to keep up to date.

GSO's diverse activities reflect its diverse membership. Members include homebodies and party monsters, intellectuals and dreamers. Meeting and getting to know these different types has broadened my thinking and understanding of gay life--not just in Kentucky, but universally. I've never been content to hang out with one crowd or one type of person; through GSO I can sample as many different segments of the gay community as I choose.

I volunteered to write this article about meeting friends through GSO because of the exceptionally wonderful people I've met through the organization. Hopefully more people will become aware of the opportunity for fun, and the potential to broaden their own horizons by making friends through GSO.

*Editor's Note: The general business meetings are currently held in the well-lit, well-heated comfort of the Comprehensive Care Center located on the corner of Upper and Mechanic Streets!

THANKS!

GSO gives special thanks to Jeff, David, Jack, Sam, Monti, Dwayne and Marque for your time constructing the GSO Valentine's Dance decorations.

Further thanks go to Steve, Dale, John, Jim and Bill for your help in putting up the decorations.

HERALD-LEADER

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Retroviruses that have been known for some time to cause cancer and other illnesses in animals, have only recently become appreciated as important causes of disease in man.

Last year, researchers at the National Cancer Institute and the Pasteur Institute in Paris reported independently that they had found retroviruses that appeared to cause acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS.

Now, Curran said, "AIDS is reasonably well understood. The virus has been discovered, and progress in understanding the mechanism of the virus and the genetic code of the virus is proceeding very rapidly."

In recent weeks, these advances have been reported:

-Scientists have found that a chemical used in many spermicide creams and gels on the market can kill the AIDS virus in the laboratory.

-Researchers have identified the exact spot where the AIDS virus latches on to certain white blood cells of the immune system, thus weakening the body's defenses against disease.

-At least two anti-viral drugs have been found to be effective against AIDS, again based on laboratory tests. Human tests with one of the drugs, suramin, have begun, and tests with a second, ribavirin, are scheduled to begin very soon.

-The entire complement of the AIDS virus' genes has been isolated and deciphered and can now be produced in large quantities for study.

-A test that detects antibodies to the AIDS virus and thus can identify people exposed to the virus and screen blood for evidence of the virus will be licensed by the government for general use in a matter of weeks or months.

That good news has been tempered, however, by ominous findings concerning the spread and nature of the illness.

On Friday, Curran said he thought that about 300,000 people had already been infected with the virus thought to cause AIDS.

Dr. Thomas Quinn of the National Institutes of Health used a study by Curran and others to predict 40,000 cases of AIDS in the United States during the next two years.

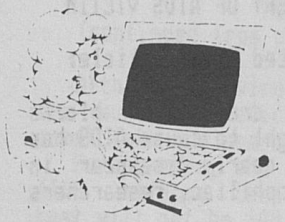
Nearly three-fourths of the people who contracted AIDS before 1983 have died, and the number of cases in 1984 was up 74 percent over the previous year, the CDC reported in November.

AIDS has struck 8,057 people and claimed 3,863 lives since June 1, 1981, the CDC said on Jan. 28.

Researchers have also found that the AIDS virus can infect the brains of its victims, causing progressive degeneration of the brain.

Scientists have also found subtle differences between an AIDS virus identified by Dr. Robert Gallo of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., and his colleagues and an AIDS virus identified at the Pasteur Institute in France.

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ADVICE FROM A COMPUTER

Ah!, the wonders of the computer world. The following is from the Consumer Information Service Network. The article is part of a Computer Forum, discussing human sexuality.

HOW CAN YOUNG GAY'S MEET

The following is from the Consumer Information Service Network. The article is part of a Computer Forum, discussing Human Sexuality.

QUESTION: How do you go about meeting a lesbian close to your own age... with the same ideals for a relationship? I'm looking for someone who isn't just looking for a sexual experience, but a romantic, loving relationship. I really don't know where to even start. Is it possible to find out if someone you're attracted to is a lesbian without being rude or presumptuous? Is there any way other than going to a gay bar (which I am too young to do anyway)? I know it must sound silly for someone my age to be looking for a fulfilling relationship, but many people my age have such a relationship. Only they have it easy: they are heterosexual. Is there perhaps a support group for gay teens?

ANSWER: This question was referred to human sexuality consultant Dr. Fred Westendarp

Dr. Westendarp answers as follows:

As you are discovering, young gays have unique problems.

Meeting gay peers is often difficult, since many gay youth are not able or willing to identify themselves as gay.

Intense pressure to conform to "expected" behaviors is applied in an almost automatic fashion by friends, family, school, and society in general.

In addition, young gays are seldom exposed to the wealth of valuable information available about homosexuality.

Nor are they encouraged to seek positive role models in older gays.

As a consequence, many gay youth spend years in ignorance and fear, denial, loneliness and turmoil.

Times Are Changing

However, this situation is slowly changing.

More and more gay youth like yourself are finding the knowledge, courage and support necessary to experience themselves as lovable and capable people.

Here are some of the signs of change:

>> Gay youth groups now exist in many large metropolitan areas, and offer support and social opportunities.

>> Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a national group, now has chapters in most major cities, and offers support, encouragement and counseling for parents and friends of gay people.

>> A multitude of church groups, representing every major denomination, provide worship and healthy social opportunities for gay people.

>> Most university campuses have a chapter of the national student group, the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union.

>> Several large national periodicals provide news coverage and political awareness for gays, and their classified ads offer an opportunity to seek pen-pals or potential friends in one's own city.

>> Gay hotlines in most cities can provide information about local opportunities, such as outdoor groups, volunteer openings, rap groups, bands and choruses, and special situations.

Reaching Out

Reaching out to other people for love and support is a lifelong task faced by all people, whether gay or not.

Fear of rejection keeps many of us from reaching out.

Our relationship with ourselves is the key to all our other relationships, and is the place to start in our quest for relationships with others.

To the extent that you feel bad about yourself, you hide yourself from others, and thereby cripple your relationships.

How To Improve Your Relationship With Yourself

Here are some suggestions for improving your relationship with yourself:

>> Keep your agreements! Both those you make with yourself, and those you make with others.

>> Be honest! At times this can be painful. However we must speak our truth if we are to remain whole and of high integrity.

>> Keep fit! A proper diet, plenty of exercise, avoiding smoking, alcohol and drugs, and always using your seat belt is a good place to start.

>> And if you are gay: Develop a strong and positive self image by reading about gays, socializing with self respecting gay people, seeking counseling--or whatever it takes!

In his book intitled Loving Someone Gay (Signet, 1977, p. 146), Dr. Don Clark sums up this philosophy nicely:

"If you would find a lover (or friend), first make yourself into the kind of person you want your lover to be."

Helpful Resources:

>> GAY YOUTH GROUPS:

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) Hotline (800) 221-7044

Gay and Lesbian Youth of New York, 208 W. 13 Street, New York, N.Y. 10014 (212) 834-1310

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DRUG REPORTEDLY AIDING RECOVERY OF AIDS VICTIM

The following is an Associated Press article:

NEW YORK--In experimental drug that blocks reproduction of the virus thought to cause AIDS has caused the infectious agent to nearly disappear in the blood of a young male hemophiliac, researchers said yesterday.

The patient's treatment with the drug HPA 23 was discontinued a year ago, and he is alive and well enough to return to school, said Jean Claude Chermann of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, who led the research.

"We stopped here because we did not know how to evaluate the treatment," Chermann said.

The drug is now being given to 34 people with acquired immune deficiency syndrome to help researchers evaluate it, he said.

Chermann's remarks came at a day long AIDS symposium in New York sponsored by the Scientists Institute for Public Information and the AIDS Medical Foundation.

At the symposium, Luc Montagnier, another Pasteur Institute researcher, said there were now at least two known classes of AIDS viruses.

The viruses are different enough that it might be difficult to make a single vaccine to protect against both of them, Montagnier said.

He said studies of the genetic material had finally shown that the AIDS virus isolated at the Pasteur Institute and the AIDS virus isolated about the same time at the U.S. National Cancer Institute were indeed the same virus.

Studies with the experimental French drug described by Chermann follow reports of at least two potential anti-AIDS agents identified in the United States.

A drug called suramin has shown some ability to fight AIDS in initial tests and is now being given to AIDS patients at various hospitals in an expanded experimental trial, officials at the National Institutes of Health say.

TV TAKING HOMOSEXUALITY OUT OF THE CLOSET

Two new network comedies have been announced that will have gay characters. NBC's comedy, "Sara", stars Geena Davis as a San Francisco lawyer. Bronson Pinchot plays Dennis Kemper, another lawyer in the office who is openly gay, much to the disgust of a macho member of the firm named Marty Lang (played by Bill Maher). The two characters will be seen in conflict, but the sympathy will be with the gay character. Producer Gary David Goldberg said he would try to avoid the danger of using Dennis for an "easy laugh."

In ABC's sitcom, Patty Duke Astin plays the first woman president of the United States, a job she gets by being vice president when the president is incapacitated. "Hail to the Chief" is a bizarre comedy, according to Astin, but the gay character (one of her Secret Service guards) is treated well.

>> PARENTS GROUPS:

Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Box 24565, Los Angeles, Ca. 90024

In New York: (914) 793-5198

In San Francisco: (415) 347-7958

In Houston: (713) 464-6663

>> CHURCH GROUPS:

United Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (Gay Christians), 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca. 90029

>> CAMPUS GROUPS:

The Lesbian and Gay Academic Union, P.O. Box 82123, San Diego, Ca. 92138, (714) 295-4040

>> PERIODICALS:

Available in most major libraries or by mail:

The Advocate

Suite 225

1730 S. Amphlet

San Mateo, Ca. 94402

New York Native

281 West Broadway

New York, N.Y. 10013

>>HOTLINES:

Call local directory assistance and ask for Gay hotline or Gay Assistance line listings.

For example, in New York City, there is the Lesbian Switchboard (212) 741-2610

>> RESOURCES:

Our Right To Love: A Lesbian Resource Book. Ginny Vida, editor, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, 1978. (Available from the NGTF and in most major libraries.)

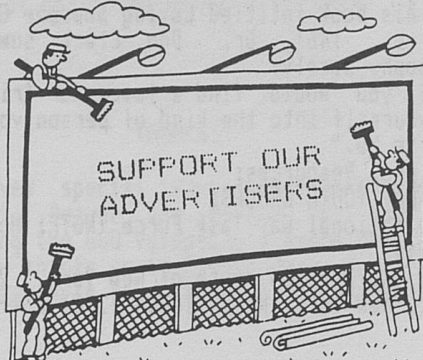
Loving Someone Gay. Don Clark, Ph.D., Signet, N.Y., 1977

Now That You Know; What Every Parent Should Know About Homosexuality. Betty Fairchild and Nancy Hayward, Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, New York, 1979.

One Teenager in Ten; Writings by Gay and Lesbian Youth. Edited by Ann Heron, Alyson Publ., Boston, 1983.

Young, Gay and Proud! By the Gay Teachers and Students' Group of Melbourne, Alyson Publ., Boston, 1980.

The Lord is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay. Troy Pery, Bantam Press, Nashville, 1972.



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Although the viruses are essentially identical, the subtle genetic differences between them could complicate the search for a vaccine, Gallo said.

Furthermore, the interpretation of the impending AIDS antibody test will be difficult, because the test will not be 100 percent accurate, Curran said.

"The tests look quite good as diagnostic tests go," he said. But "literally thousands of laboratories must become competent in performing the test," and mistakes are quite likely, he said.

Curran thinks that a vaccine won't be developed soon, but he is encouraged by progress toward anti-viral drugs that can fight AIDS.

"Anti-viral therapy will be at least of equal importance as a vaccine," he said, but "it's going to take more brainstorming and more drugs and more people working on it yet."

"The availability of the antibody test has made us aware that the iceberg we've all talked about is quite large," Curran said. "The problem is indeed a serious one."

FROM ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: I hope you will print this letter on behalf of all the members of my generation who are alienated from their parents because they have chosen an "unacceptable" mate. I won't say whether my relationship is interracial, interfaith, or homosexual. We're all in the same lousy boat.

Dear Folks: I'm sorry I have "disappointed" and "disgraced" you. You have told me that if I choose to stay with this person, I will be disowned and disinherited.

It is painful to know I am no longer welcome in your home, but sometimes we must pay a big price for independence. Instead of worrying about what your friends will say, you should be proud to have raised a child who is free of prejudice and bigotry.

I am sorry my decision has been the cause for gossip among your friends, but they should realize that I am responsible for my decisions, not you.

The person I have chosen is kind, devoted to me, works hard and has a beautiful character. We can have a good life together. I am sad that you refuse to meet this splended individual. I'm sure you would like him-her. Everyone does.

You have given me more than 30 years of love and guidance. I need you more now than ever. If you should decide to lock me out of your lives, please know that I am still your child and I will always love you. -Outsider, U.S.A.

Dear Outsider: Your pain comes through loud and clear. Thousands (maybe millions) of readers will identify with you. I hope your letter does some good.

HOUSTON WANTS GAYS BACK IN CLOSET

In June of 1984 the Houston City Council passed a 'gay rights' ordinance, prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals in the city's hirings, firings and promotions. In a special election, forced by residents' petitions in response to the city council decision, the ordinance was overturned with 82 percent of the voters casting ballots against the ordinance and only 18 percent voting in favor.

Houston voters also rejected a second resolution which would have added "sexual orientation" to the city's affirmative-action list, by the same 82 to 18 percent margin. Opponents of the two resolutions included the Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Ku Klux Klan and a coalition of black ministers.

City council member John Goodner, leader of the opposition, said the vote was "a clear signal that the gay community is going to have to observe some restrictions in their activities if they want to live in peaceful coexistence with their neighbors."

Mayor Kathy Whitire, the most vocal supporter of the ordinance said she felt the voters were misled into believing that the election was a referendum on homosexual lifestyles and gay political power, and that she was disappointed by the election's results. "I continue to be convinced that the majority of the people in Houston do not believe in discrimination," she said, and added that her administration would "still certainly make it our practice to be fair."

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SPEAKERS' BUREAU VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. If you are interested in speaking to groups within Central Kentucky on topics relating to gays and lesbians, please call Doug at 255-8173.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Graduate student wants roommate to share 2 bedroom, modern apartment near UK and downtown. Available May 1st. Contact Keith at 254-3108.

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