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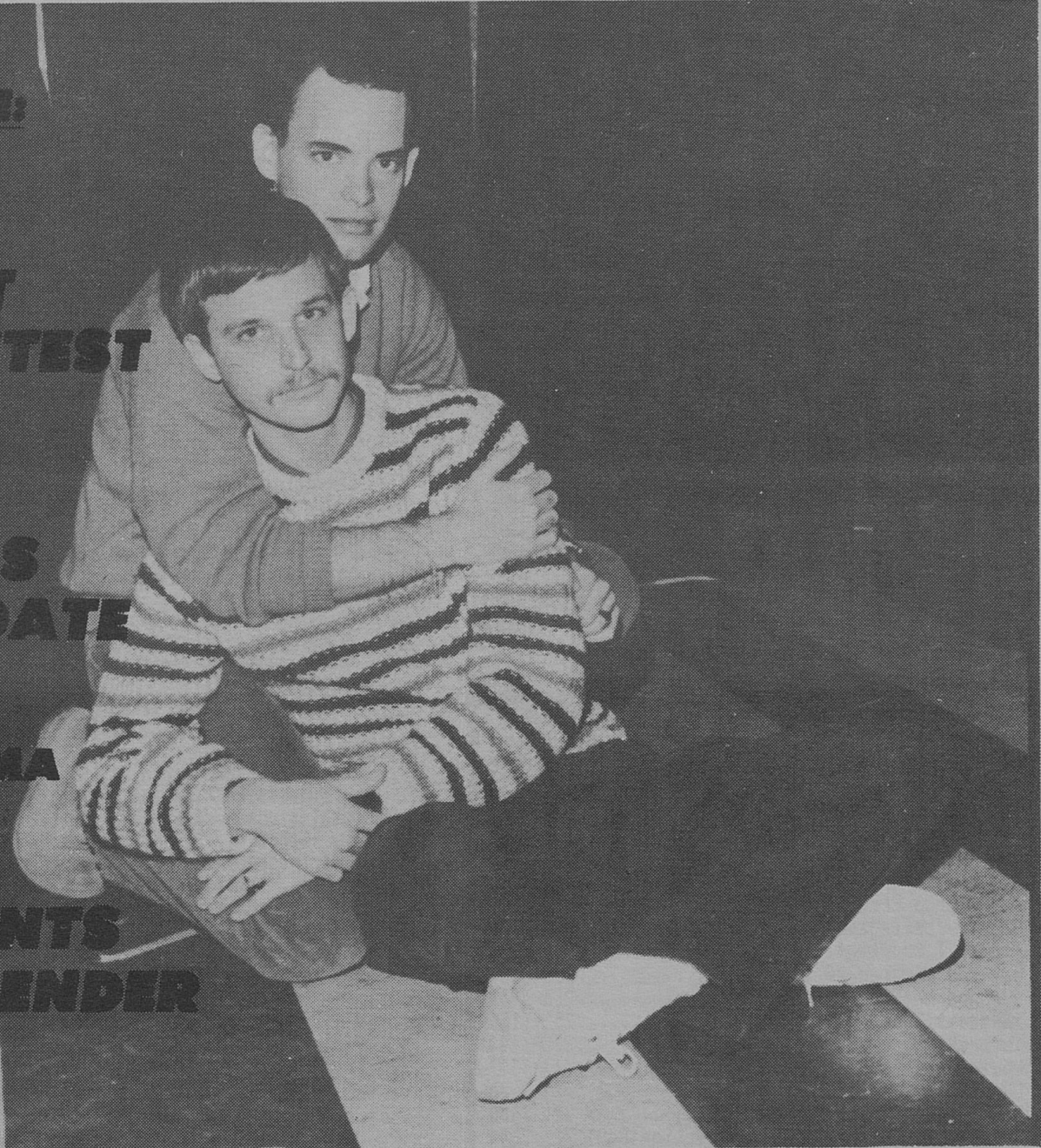
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THE NORMAL HEART

Larry Kramer's The Normal Heart, which brings the controversial topic of AIDS to the stage, will be presented as a Lexington Gay Services Organization-sponsored project this month. The performance dates of the production will be March 12-16 and 20-22. The play is part of the Actor's Guild of Lexington 1985-86 season currently being presented at the Theatre DownUnder, which is located in Levas' Restaurant.

Kramer's play is one of two plays that were presented in New York City last year that dealt with the timely issue, AIDS. The Normal Heart was presented at the Public Theatre and starred Brad Davis in the lead role of Ned Weeks (it was later played by Joel Grey). As part of the New York Shakespeare Festival, it was produced by Joe Papp and ran for about nine months off-Broadway.

As Is, by William Hoffman, is another example of an AIDS drama that had an even longer run on Broadway than The Normal Heart. Staged at the Lyceum Theatre in NYC, As Is is a more sentimental portrait of a gay couple's attempt to combat and understand the disease that will change their lives forever. While As Is pulls at the heartstrings and deals specifically with one couple's emotions, The Normal Heart displays the factual side of AIDS and is much more statistic-oriented. In fact, it is a chronological study at times because it begins in July, 1981 and ends around May, 1984, all the while staying in New York City.

What makes both of these plays so very important to the theatrical world (and, indeed, the entire gay and straight populations) is that the theatre in America is once again beginning to take burning, social issues and bring them to the stage for public and private scrutiny alike. Such a trend can only mean that we can expect even more conscience-minded plays to find themselves on the Broadway stage in the near future.

The Normal Heart will be an important play for Lexington gay audiences to see. In its brutal approach to the subject, the play can often be viewed as "offensive" and "unsettling" to many factions, including the medical institutions that didn't pour enough money into funding soon enough and the legislative branch that didn't recognize an epidemic until it was well beyond control. Most importantly, however, is Kramer's fervent pitch that if any change was to occur in respect to research implementation and awareness/precautionary measures, it would have to come from within the gay community itself. This

is the subject of his drama.

Joe Papp, producer of the Public Theatre in NYC writes the following about the play:

"It reverberates with the social and personal implications of that issue...The Normal Heart reveals its origins in the theatre of Sophocles, Euripides, and Shakespeare. In his moralistic fervor, Larry Kramer is a first cousin to nineteenth-century Ibsen and twentieth-century Odets and other radical writers of the 1930s. Yet, at the heart of The Normal Heart, the element that gives this powerful political play its essence, is love - love holding firm under fire, put to the ultimate test, facing and overcoming our greatest fear: death...I love the ardor of this play, its howling, its terror and its kindness."

The Actors' Guild of Lexington is pleased to be one of the first theatres in the United States (outside New York) to present The Normal Heart. While mounting such a production may appear easy from the aspect of "putting on a play," Publicity Director for AGL Vic Chaney explains why doing a production of The Normal Heart is a special occasion for the group: "Once again, we're glad to be the forerunner in bringing the finest in contemporary theatre to the heartland of America. We're excited that this play combines a social conscience with a solid script and story. We've made it our business to know what's happening in New York (and the world as well) in regards to theatre and topics that are current, both politically and socially. To educate as well as enlighten is our main goal because we feel that this is something that the community needs to have. If we don't attempt to bring and keep this facet to the American theatre, then we're not really doing our job. This is what makes us different from other theatrical groups in Lexington."

The play is being directed by the Actors' Guild Producing Director, Barry J. Williams, whose previous directing credits include Night Mother, Coup/Clucks, Come Back to the Five & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean and Veronica's Room. Mr. Williams will also be playing the role of Bruce in the production. He expresses his sentiments about the project: "I'm terribly excited about this play, if for no other reason than we're the first group to do it in the hinterland. It should be a happening for the Lexington audiences and a very special happening for Lexington's gay audiences. This play has guts and we're in the business of displaying them for all to see. It should be an excellent forum for discussion and commentary. As the play progresses, it becomes a very difficult play to watch."

Other members of the cast include Raul Escudero, Daryl Glenn, Ran Messer, Gordon Russell, Georgeanne Duncan, Michael Thomas, Perry Williams, Dan Tursi and Michael Brandenburg.

The performance dates are March 12 (which is a closed performance for Lexington Gay Services Organization member/supporters only) 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21 and 22. Reservations can be made by

THE ACTOR'S GUILD OF LEXINGTON

PRESENTS

THE NORMAL HEART

DIRECTED
BY
BARRY WILLIAMS

WRITTEN
BY
LARRY KRAMER

SPONSORED
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The March 12th premier showing is for GSO members, supporters, the Gay and Lesbian Community and their guests. There will be a champagne reception with the cast following the show.

Representatives from the GSO Speakers Bureau and the Community Health Trust will be available to answer any questions. Free AIDS literature will also be made available. The proceeds from this night will go to support the GSO AIDS Alert Project. Your donations (over \$8.00) are tax deductible.



\$100 PRIZE

A design contest for this year's Pride Week logo is being held by the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Committee. A \$100 prize will go to the best entry chosen by the committee. The theme of this year's Pride Week is "Our Communities Cultural Celebration." The logo will appear on buttons and T-shirts. All entries must be received at P.O. Box 13516, Lexington, KY 40583 by April 15, 1986 or given to a member of the Pride Week Committee by that date. All submissions become the property of the Pride Week Committee. The Committee reserves the right to alter entries.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear GSO:

Thank you for returning my letter. GSO newsletters and the services they provide are very important to me.

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ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: I am 38 years old and am beginning to wonder if it is possible to find someone around my age, say over thirty but under about 48, who wants and is willing to work at a lasting relationship. Many of the younger men I meet are interested in committing themselves to a life partner, but we really have so little in common that the chances of anything serious developing are very limited. It seems that the men I meet who are my age and unattached are so bitter and cynical that any attempt to form a lasting relationship is doomed almost before we begin.

Its not that I don't understand trying to protect one's self from being hurt, I've certainly had my share of disappointment and heartache, but I would like to think I have learned from those experiences and that what I have learned will make me more appreciative of the right person. But how in the world do I get around the walls to find out if they are the right person, and how do I let them know me without opening myself to more pain? I'm not yet ready to believe I must plan to spend the remainder of my life alone, but must admit that I am approaching that point. I am afraid that perhaps I am becoming as cynical as those I have complained about. - Alone, but not by Choice

Dear Alone: One of the fascinating lessons you will learn as you approach old age is that time is not your enemy, as you undoubtedly believed in you youth and probably still believe. The old saying "time heals all wounds" is much more than a cliché, you see. Your greatest sorrows are healed with time and become your strengths. Anything of true value and quality is enhanced by time, and this seems to me to be most true in the case of relationships.

The foundation of any lasting relationship must be trust, and the only way to learn to trust someone is to take the time to get know them at their best and at their worst. Of course someone who has been through heartache in the past may appear to be cynical and bitter. They must attempt to protect themselves. But under the cynicism is a person who longs to trust someone just as much as you do. The only way around the walls they have built is to allow them the time it takes to learn to trust you. At the same time you will be learning to trust them, of course. Doesn't that work out nicely?

So, my advice to you is, step out of the NOW generation and allow the good things you want in life to develop over time. I think you will be very pleased with the results. Aunt Mary

PS As to your fear of being hurt yourself, some excellent advice from my dear mother that I will always remember: NO GUTS, NO GLORY.

Would you like to write to Aunt Mary? Send your letters 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 strictly confidential.

ART CONTEST

GSO TO SPONSOR ART CONTEST by T. West

Hey you!, yeah you, the one with the secret desire to become an artist, get out a paint brush because here's your chance. GSO is sponsoring an art contest in conjunction with Gay Pride Week.

The contest will recognize both amateur and professional art on a signed or unsigned basis.

There are three categories of competition: Painting/Drawing, 3-D design (sculpture, mobiles etc.), and photography. There will be two winners in each category; an amateur and a professional (but we're not telling which is which!!).

The entries will be on exhibit at Arts Place during the Pride Week festivities and the winners will be announced during the Culture Fair.

We are holding off on announcing the prizes until next month, but rest assured they'll be great.

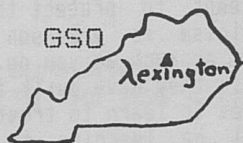
Winning pieces will become the property of GSO. "We are planning to donate some of the works to area libraries and museums and auction the others at the annual benefit show," said the event organizer. "We hope that the donations will raise awareness of Gay people and their many offerings in the community."

The organizer said that if someone wants to enter without signing the work, that would be acceptable and would not influence the judging.

Everyone is encouraged to enter whether you have ever held a paint brush in your hand or not! If you are interested drop us a line at: Post Office Box 11471, Lexington, Kentucky 40575.

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The GSO billboard is located at the intersection of Forbes Road and S. Broadway.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Community Hospice will be starting its Volunteer Training program Monday, March 3, 1986, 7-9 PM at the Hospice Office located at 1105 Nicholasville Road. Hospice provides skilled professional care and volunteer support to terminally ill patients and their families. Some volunteer duties include shopping for patients, assisting with errands and transportation, companionship and support. For more information, please call 276-5344.

MCC LEXINGTON

Efforts are under way to investigate and possibly establish an MCC (Metropolitan Community Church) in Lexington. A Rap Session will be held at the GSO office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322 at 7:30pm on March 4th. Interested persons are encouraged to write: Rev. M. Dale Miller, P.O. Box 11686, Lexington, KY 40577-1686. In addition, you can call the GSO Phoneline at 231-0335. (All correspondence will be confidential.) Write or call today...or better yet, come to the GSO office on March 4th at 7:30pm 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.

MUSIC AND AIDS

That's What Friends Are For, by Dionne and Friends (Artist Records) has made it to the top ten listing of Billboard. The single, which was performed by Dionne Warwick, Stevie Wonder, Gladys Knight, and Elton John, has raised over \$500,000 for the American Foundation for AIDS research. Barbra Streisand's single Somewhere will share its proceeds equally with PRO-Peace and the American Foundation for AIDS Research. If you feel a trip to the record shop coming on, its for a good cause, so don't fight it!

MARCH GSO FORUM: THE NATIONAL IMPERIAL COURT SYSTEM

On Monday, March 3rd the Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire will talk to GSO about its functions. We'll look at all of the aspects of the Court - which should not only be informative and interesting, but also eye-opening. In fact, you'll see and learn much more about the Court than you see at the drag shows they sponsor.

The board report and community input begins at 8:00 PM. The program begins at 8:30 PM. Refreshments are provided.

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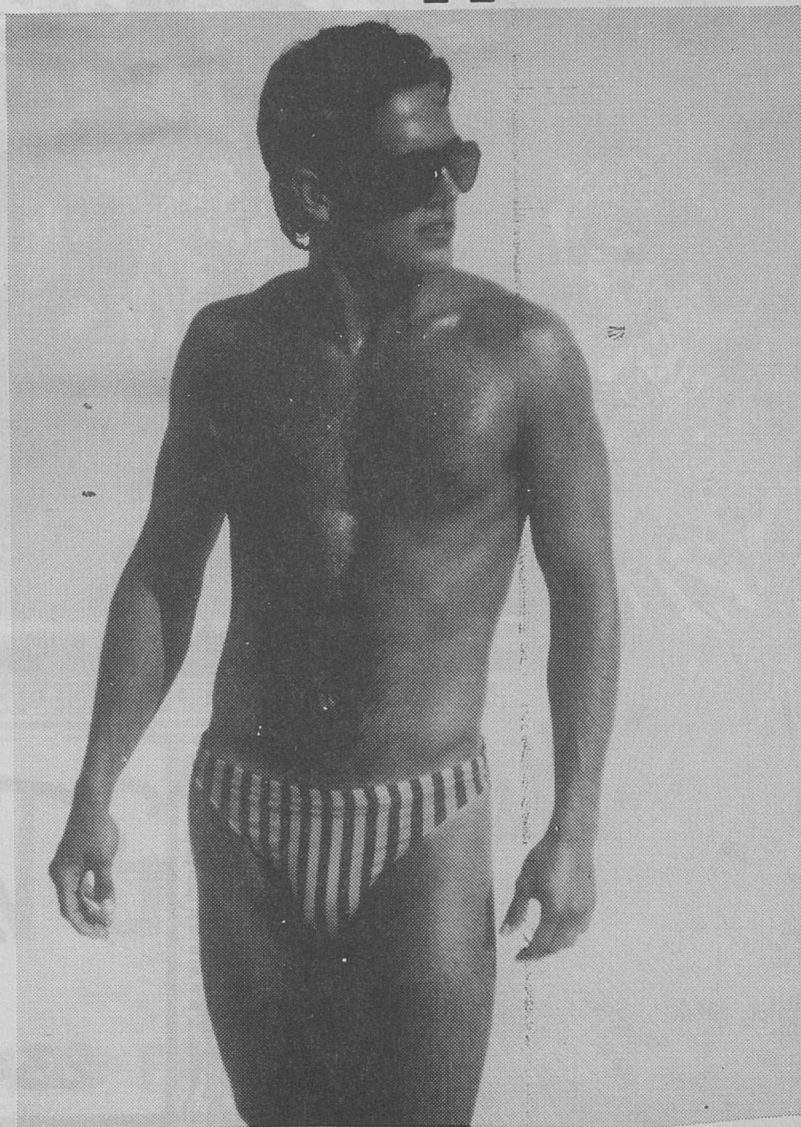
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Six (6) Professional Seminars.

Three (3) Workshops.

Some of the Workshops and their topics are listed below:

1. MASH Unit, "Shelter for Runaways" Staff Training "The Gay Adolescent"
2. CHILDREN'S SERVICES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE (Fayette County) "Working with Gay and Lesbian Children"
3. LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT METRO POLICE, Training new officers, "Gay and Lesbian People as a Special Community"
4. JUVENILE COUNSELORS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, Cabinet for Human Resources, Department of Social Services, "Gay Youth and Placement"
5. FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER STAFF TRAINING, "Medical Needs of Gay Men and How the Family Practitioner Can Help"
6. A workshop for the Gay and Lesbian Community, "UPDATE ON AIDS," presented by an Infectious Disease Specialist from St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Covington, Ky.
7. A workshop and staff training at the SPOUSE ABUSE SHELTER (Lexington) "Spouse Abuse Among Gay and Lesbian Couples."
8. A workshop and staff training for the Eastern Ky. University Dormitory Directors and Resident Assistants for "Dorm Life for Lesbians and Gay Men."
9. Safe Sex Workshop as part of a day long "AIDS Conference" at Eastern Ky. University and sponsored by the Ky. Cabinet for Human Resources

*Give Us
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To schedule a program, workshop or seminar please call the Gayline (231-0335) during its manned hours. We will gladly provide a speaker on any Gay or Lesbian related topic.

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AIDS UPDATE

AIDS PANIC: POLITICIANS
FAN THE FIRE
by Sandy Grady

SWEDEN QUARANTINES CARRIER OF AIDS VIRUS

by Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN - The government has forcibly isolated an AIDS virus carrier, who refused to follow medical advice to prevent the spread of the disease, and three other patients reported to their doctors to avoid detention.

The quarantined carrier, a drug user in his 30's, was being held in Stockholm's Roslagstull Infection Hospital this week.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organization reported that more than 1,500 cases of AIDS had been diagnosed in Europe, with the largest number of cases in France and West Germany.

Sweden is thought to be the first country to begin coercive measures to combat the spread of AIDS. Not everyone carrying the virus develops the disease, and doctors said the quarantined Swedish patient does not have AIDS. The patient, identified in a television interview only as "Johnny," had defied repeated requests to seek treatment, said Dr. Carl Fredrik de Ron at the Stockholm County Council.

De Ron reported him in January after he continued sharing syringes with other drug users and had sexual relations without taking precautions against infecting his partner - both methods by which AIDS can be spread.

The World Health Organization reported that as in the United States, where more than 16,000 AIDS cases have been reported, homosexual men in Europe continue to be at greatest risk for the fatal disease. Sixty-nine percent of the European cases reported have occurred among gay men, according to the report published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

COMMENTS ON HOLLYWOOD from Personality Parade

Q - I understand that when John Allison, a British actor, recently died of AIDS in Hollywood, one of his closest friends-a world-famous actor-was afraid to appear at the funeral, lest he be identified as gay and his career be ruined. I think such behavior is contemptible, and I ask you: Is AIDS hysteria sweeping Hollywood? - Noah C., Newport News, Va.

A - "Hysteria" is probably too melodramatic a word. "Caution" would be more accurate. In the Allison case, the "world-famous actor" you refer to is gay. His relationship with Allison was intimate, and had he attended the funeral, he might very well have endangered his established career.

WASHINGTON - A popular TV show for political mavens is called "The McLaughlin Group," a kind of Marx Brothers free-for-all in which four journalists exchange verbal swats. At the end of each show, moderator John McLaughlin asks for predictions.

A guest on a recent program was Bill Greider, a former Washington Post editor now writing for Rolling Stone. The colloquy went like this:

McLaughlin: "Predictions...W. Greider?"

Greider: "Right-wing homophobes are going to be astonished at the identity of the next celebrity AIDS victim that's revealed."

McLaughlin: "Who is it?"

Greider: "I don't think we should do it on this program."

The Group: "Tell us!"

McLaughlin: "We can make a headline with this, Greider."

Greider: "Or a lawsuit, one or the other."

I have no idea whether Greider's AIDS-stricken right-winger is real or mythical. Viewers surely had a merry time conjuring up candidates. I pass along the cheap shot because I suspect it's one piece of a nasty trend.

It's called "Guess Who's the Next Rock Hudson."

For print and electronic gossipers, this opens an inglorious new world. All you need is a blind item hinting that a star of politics, sports, Hollywood or soap operas has AIDS - which all the world knows now is Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, mostly afflicting gays and drug addicts. Tabloids that litter supermarkets will go wild.

It's also called "Riding the AIDS Hysteria."

If journalists such as Greider are guilty, you can bet that politicians - both whackos and opportunists - will be catching the AIDS scare train.

At a red light, a few blocks from the White House, I was accosted by a group handing out leaflets and toting signs reading: "STOP AIDS - START QUARANTINING!" and "PEN UP AIDS BEFORE MILLIONS DIE!"

"You talking about concentration camps?" I asked.

"Whatever it takes to stop the plague, mister," said a short-haired man in his 20s who was peddling anti-AIDS literature.

The AIDS protesters said they were affiliated with Lyndon LaRouche, a fringe presidential candidate who's big on world disasters. They advocate stashing away AIDS victims in former tuberculosis sanitariums. "At some point," said a LaRouche spokesman, "we'd make it mandatory."

That kind of scapegoating of AIDS victims - locking them up like criminals - is sure to become more popular in a climate fanned by politicians.

It was a cinch the honorables on Capitol Hill would ride the AIDS scare.

First to leap aboard was Rep. William Dannemeyer, R-Calif., whose bills would bar children diagnosed as having AIDS from public schools, and make it a felony for anyone from a "high-risk group" to donate blood.

When critics mention civil rights, Dannemeyer retorts he's only protecting good people like himself. "If there's an error to be made, it should be made on the side of the 95 percent of us who follow a heterosexual lifestyle," said the righteous Californian.

"This terrible disease is being used to further a right-wing political agenda," fumed Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif.

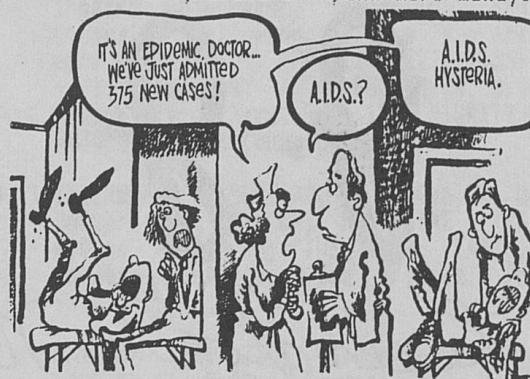
But the fear gallops across party lines. Over 20 states are mulling anti-AIDS legislation. Democratic Gov. Mario Cuomo tries to shut down New York bathhouses. Another Democrat, Texas Gov. Mark White, wants a quarantine. An Ohio state legislator, Don Gilmore, says of his lock-'em-up bill: "I'm shocked by the support from all over the United States."

The scare runs deep. An ABC-Washington Post poll shows Americans rate AIDS as great a threat as cancer. The facts, according to the Center for

Disease Control in Atlanta: "AIDS is a difficult disease to 'catch'; it is transmitted only through sex with an infected person or contact with AIDS-infected blood; there are 14,000 cases, 73 percent homosexual."

"People constantly ask, 'How do we know you're not hiding something from us,'" says Dr. Harold Jaffe, a center expert. "The thought that you're covering up or lying is destructive."

It's a sure bet every 1986 and 1988 candidate is going to be asked: "What are you going to do about AIDS?" Easy answer: Spend more money.



'MASK' MOTHER HELPING OTHER SON FIGHT AIDS

by Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - The woman whose struggle to help her son overcome a gross deformity touched millions in the film MASK is facing another deadly battle: Her other son has AIDS.

Rusty Mason says she will fight for this son as hard as she fought for Rocky, who died in 1978, 10 years later than doctors had predicted.

Ms. Mason's story of drug abuse, riding and tireless devotion to her son was depicted last year in a film by Peter Bogdanovich. Singer-actress Cher played the mother.

The story centered on how Ms. Mason helped Rocky ignore ridicule from peers and live years longer than expected despite his rare bone disease, which caused a severe deformity to his skull.

In June, Ms. Mason said her son from a previous marriage, Joshua Mason, 30, was diagnosed as having acquired immune deficiency syndrome, which attacks the body's immune system, leaving it defenseless to a variety of illnesses. There is no cure, and doctors say the disease is fatal.

Joshua said yesterday that he was diagnosed as having Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer often associated with AIDS, but is showing no major symptoms. In fact, he said, "For the past several months I feel healthier than I have."

"If you know any of my story, you know I don't have any use for what doctors say," Ms. Mason, 49, said from her apartment in San Francisco. "They told me Rocky was going to die before he was six and he lived 'til almost 17 doing some of the same things Joshua is doing now."

Those things include holistic medical techniques designed to keep him from succumbing to the illnesses that kill AIDS victims, his mother said.

Holistic medicine holds that the mind, body and spirit all combine to bring good health and that illness can be fought by working on all three.

Ms. Mason said her son was working on nutrition as well as metaphysical healing techniques that work to strengthen the mind and spirit.

"I'm just an optimistic person," she said. "I understand a lot of things most people won't even look at."

"I think he's healthier now than he's been in years," said Ms. Mason.

While her assertion that her son won't succumb to AIDS may not be backed by doctors, Ms. Mason remains unmoved.

"What you believe works. The universe will support anything you choose to believe," she said. "I'm not going to feed negative energy into the situation. If I fed negative energy into Rocky's situation he'd have died before he was six."

Joshua agrees. "Being sad is not being very healing," he said. "What you think is what you create for your lives. If you think sad or angry thoughts, you just create turmoil for yourself."

Chuck Frutchev of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation said that few AIDS victims live more than four years after they are diagnosed as having the disease.

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EVENTS CALENDER

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SUN 2 GSD POTLUCK, 1:30pm, Keith K. apt., For more information call Keith at 273-8056 or Jim and John at 299-0352; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 4:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; GSD SPEAKERS BUREAU MEETING, 6:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; ICBE SHOW, 9:00pm, Circus Disco.

MON 3 GSD FORUM, 8:00pm - Board Report and Community Input, 8:30pm - Program, This month's program will be on the National Imperial Court System. Members of the, Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire, will talk with us about the national system's purpose/goal and the local group's function within that system. Free food and drink. GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322.

TUE 4 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 5 DIGNITY BOARD MEETING, 6:30pm, Newman Center; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

THU 6 DIGNITY RAP SESSION, 7:30pm, for more information call 254-9812 or 273-8056; GAY AND LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP, 7:30pm, Pathways, 325 East Main St., Morehead, Ky, for more information call 498-2135 or 784-4161; PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

FRI 7 GAYLINE (231-0335), 6:00pm - 9:00pm; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center; CARDS AND GAMES, 7:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322.

SUN 8 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 PROGRAM COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING, 7:30pm, for more information call Keith K. at 273-8056; FEMINIST ALLIANCE MEETING, for more information call 231-8911 or 273-7870.

TUE 11 GSD RAINBOW LEAGUE BOWLING, 9:00pm, Joyland Bowl.

WED 12 PREMIERE OF "THE NORMAL HEART", a special benefit showing for GSD, proceeds will go to support the GSD AIDS ALERT PROJECT, 8:00pm, Theatre DownUnder, Reception and free Champaign following, please see article for more information; PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; DIGNITY LITURGY, 7:30pm, Newman Center.

THU 13 INTERWEAVE MEETING, 7:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Church; PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm; "THE NORMAL HEART", 8:00pm, Theatre DownUnder, see article for more information.

FRI 14 GAYLINE (231-0335), 6:00pm - 9:00pm; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center; CARDS AND GAMES, 7:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; "THE NORMAL HEART", 8:00pm, Theatre DownUnder, see article for more information.

SAT 15 "THE NORMAL HEART", 8:00pm, Theatre DownUnder, see article for more information; DIGNITY CELEBRATION, call 254-9812 or 273-8056 for more information.

SUN 16 LESBIAN POTLUCK BRUNCH, 11:00am - 1:00pm, for more information call Cathleen, at 266-9698; INTERWEAVE POTLUCK, Sunday evening, for more information call Keith K. at 273-8056; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 4:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; ICBE SHOW, 9:00pm, Circus Disco; "THE NORMAL HEART", 7:00pm, Theatre DownUnder, there will be a special panel provided this night to update and answer questions on AIDS, see article for more information.

MON 17 INTERWEAVE MEETING, 7:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Church; HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

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

WED 19 GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

THU 20 DIGNITY PROGRAM MEETING, 7:30pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm; "THE NORMAL HEART", 8:00pm, Theatre DownUnder, see article for more information; FIRST DAY OF SPRING!

FRI 21 GAYLINE (231-0335), 6:00pm - 9:00pm; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm Comprehensive Care Center; CARDS AND GAMES, 7:00pm, GSO office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; "THE NORMAL HEART", 8:00pm, Theatre DownUnder, see article for more information.

SAT 22 "THE NORMAL HEART", 8:00pm, Theatre DownUnder, see article for more information.

SUN 23 PHONELINE MEETING, 2:00pm, GSO office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322, anyone interested in helping others by volunteering one night a month to being a phonline listener, please come!; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 4:00pm, GSO office; GSO SPEAKERS BUREAU MEETING, 6:00pm, GSO office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; GSO 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 FEMINIST ALLIANCE MEETING, for more information call 231-8911 or 273-7870.

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

WED 26 GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm

THU 27 PHONELINE, (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

FRI 28 GAYLINE (231-0335), 6:00pm - 9:00pm; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center; CARDS AND GAMES, 7:00pm, GSO office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322.

SUN 30 GSO EASTER BONNET PARTY, watch for more information; ICBE SHOW, 9:00pm, Circus Disco.

MAJOR UPCOMING GSO EVENTS

MARCH "The Normal Heart"
GSO Premiere
March 12

Easter Bonnet Party
March 30

APRIL Spring Fling
April 25

CONGRATULATIONS

GREG,
ON YOUR NEW JOB!

THANK YOU

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and staff for 1986



Valentine's
Dance

