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From Lole's Desk

GAY PRIDE WEEK is over, but I certainly hope that our **PRIDE** isn't. We had several nice events occurring during this week and, of course, the parade and picnic culminated the week, and what a disappointment! The picnic wasn't as crowded nor as lively as last year's. (I will not report on the parade because I wasn't there, but I do understand from friends that it, too, was a total disappointment.) Many friendly, "older" familiar faces were missing from this picnic. There were many more women present last year. What happened to them this time? (I think I know, but this would require another editorial.) There was something lacking during this five-hour event. What was it? I know I wasn't the only one who sensed this; I heard others making similar remarks. Our divisiveness was very obvious. United? Does that song really apply to our community? Get serious!

The animosity among groups is so obvious; the unhealthy competition among organizations, publications and individuals smelled rotten at the San Pedro Park in June 21. Whatever it was or is bothering our San Antonio gay community, I suggest that we do something **PRONTO** to remedy this horrendous attitude of back-stabbing, conniving environment. I do hope that some of you are not like the ostrich, pretending that nothing is going on. Of course, those of you who are nonactivists, probably are wondering 'What the hell are you talking about?' It is a long story, believe me! However, it is the activist or the "busybody" who is fully aware of many incidents, yet does not do a thing to stop malicious gossip. Instead, some of them thrive in the succulent gossip and continue dividing the gay community, rather than uniting it.

What is the purpose of holding a Gay Pride Parade and Picnic? Last year we had such a fantastic turnout and everybody was so pleased and felt that "Gay Pride". (Believe me, last year's financial scandals did not hurt the turnout nor our pride. Unfortunately, one year of bad-mouthing by certain individuals and organizations did hurt this year's turnout.) How long will it take us to go back where we were last year? Are we really progressing? When we finally move one step forward, things change and we are two steps backward. When are we getting out of this rut?

Wake up, San Antonio! If we really want those "rights" we feel we deserve, we better start learning how to work together. Do something to avoid separatism within groups; do something worthwhile. Stand on your own two feet; don't let others manipulate you. Our dear Lord gave each one of us approximately three pounds of brain to think for ourselves. Fight for what you believe in; don't just be an observer and let others "wash your dirty linen". Investigate facts before you smear people's names. Use your positive energy and dump that destructive negative energy and hide it where nobody will find it. Let's show the world that San Antonio can be **UNITED**. Open your eyes to see who's doing good for the community and who isn't, but please don't let your eyes deceive you.

May our Creator give each one of us a conscience that selects good from bad and right from wrong. May He/She let us find the inner **PEACE** we are seeking to establish better relations with each other.

(NOTE: Special thanks to **MIGUEL HUERTA** for the artwork. He designed this year's Gay Pride Logo.

Congratulations!)

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A Letter From Our Friend

The following is a letter that I picked up from a downtown restaurant a few years ago. This letter left a deep impression in my mind and heart, so I framed it. Most people who come to my home notice this letter and have asked for copies. Many times I do not have that time; therefore, I'm giving all of my readers a copy of this letter and may you feel good every time you read it.

Dear Friend,

How are you? I just had to send a note to tell you how much I love you and care about you.

I saw you yesterday as you were talking with friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk with me also. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you--and I waited--you never came. Oh yes, it hurts me, but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you fall to sleep last night and longed to touch your brow so I spilled moonlight upon your pillow and face. Again, I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you! You awakened late and rushed off to work. My tears were in the rain.

Today you looked so sad, so all alone. It makes my heart

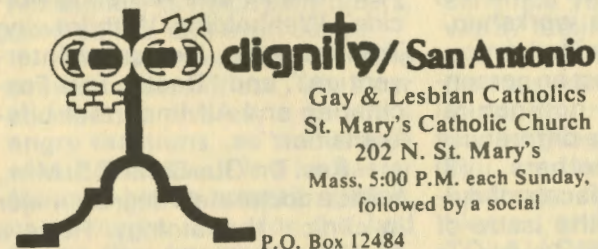
ache because I understand. My friends let me down and hurt me so many times too, I love you. Oh, if you would only listen to me. **I LOVE YOU!** I try to tell you in the blue sky and in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in the leaves on the trees and breathe it in the colors of flowers. I shout it to you in the mountain streams, and give the birds love to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature scents.

My love for you is deeper than the oceans, and bigger than the biggest want or need in your heart! Oh, if only you knew how much I want to help you. Only I can fill that emptiness in your life with my love.

Just call me, ask me, talk with me. Oh, please, please don't reject me! I have so much to share with you if you will let me.

Okay, I won't trouble you any further, you are free to choose me. It is your decision; I have chosen you, because of this, I will wait--because **I LOVE YOU.**

Your friend,
Jesus



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USE RIVERSIDE ENTRANCE

Insensitive Remarks Are Worthless

by Lole

For those of you who missed Sportscaster Dan Cook's remarks (KENS-TV, Channel 5, Wednesday, June 10, 1987, at 10:27 p.m.): "How about sending AIDS patients to Iran and letting them be held as hostages?" Why did Mr. Cook make such a stupid, insensitive remark? Nobody knows and perhaps not even himself? You know how it is when we put "foot in mouth"; we are all guilty of it. (Some more than others.) Unfortunately, Mr. Cook said it in public air.

According to Mr. Henry Bonilla, News Director, his office was bombed by phone calls throughout the morning. I am many concerned and caring citizens and organizations work to help educate the public about AIDS called Channel 5. After all the hard work the volunteers and (in some cases, paid staff) from SAAF, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, the Red Cross, San Antonio have strived to educate the public about AIDS and overnights, a

dumb remark such as Mr. Cook's, can mess up some of the work. I am sure that there are people who are still totally insensitive about this issue and they probably considered this remark "funny". These are the kinds of remarks we put a stop to.

Thank God Mr. Cook apologized about his "insensitive, unfair" remark. Whether Mr. Cook was pressured to apologize or not, I'm glad he did. Even though he commented before the news were over that "Nobody makes me apologize; I apologize when I feel I owe an apology." Obviously, he felt he did. Mr. Cook, thanks for being honest and admitting you were wrong.

I called their office the next morning and spoke to Kelly Chapman (to let her know about the AIDS Workshop/Seminar sponsored by SAAF) and expressed our gladness over Mr. Cook's apology. She and probably the rest of their staff were glad, too--to say the least.

Suicide Workshop

Rev. Dr. Gus Sicard, Samaritan Minister, was the main speaker at the Texian Inn on June 16, 1987, for a suicide workshop. This workshop provided an opportunity to (1) Reflect on personal values towards non-natural death. (2) Recognize differences in values among others. (3) Examine the many facets of suicide. (4) Explore the issue of mercy killing and (5) Develop a personal philosophy of death and dying.

Some of the topics discussed were "Can Suicide be Rational?" "Euthanasia and Assisting Suicide", "Withholding/Withdrawing Treatment vs. Excessive Intervention", and "Death, This Fascinating and All-Important Life-Transition".

Rev. Dr. Gus Sicard, S. Min., holds a doctorate's degree, major in clinical thanatology. He is a Certified Death Educator and a medical psychotherapist at the Lutheran General Hospital.

What is "STRESS" All About?

by Gus Sicard, Ph. D.

Did you know that when you wake up, get up wash, smile, call someone, sit down or stand up, walk or simply give a hug to someone, that you are under... **STRESS?**

Most of us do not think of stress in the context of an every day occurrence, or even as a positive event in our daily lives. We view stress as negative. We tend to say that we are under stress when the kids get on our nerves, or when the driver ahead of you does not go fast enough for you, or when you are rushed by someone, or your spouse asks for a divorce, or a family member dies, etc. These negative events are the ones we classify as stressful. This is totally right.

Stress can be a positive experience or a negative reaction. The positive form of stress is known as **EUSTRESS** (or good stress), and the negative one is known as **DISTRESS**. Eustress invites us to grow, to do good things, to feel like we are important in the achievement of a purpose. Good stress calls forth a good sense of self-worth, makes us happy, and motivates our bodies to good health. **DISTRESS**, on the other, pushes us to react rather than act, it makes us feel tension, pressure and bad feelings. Negative stress promotes headaches, stomach pain, ulcers, skin rashes, and even cancer.

Most of us tend also to blame events outside of us... like a car accident, a divorce, a person's angry reactions...as the causes of our distress. It is a lot easier for us to blame something else, or someone else, for the bad things that happen to us... including illness. Yet, it has been shown over and over again, that

it is **NOT** the event, or person, or situation, that causes you the problem... but the way you deal with the negative stress. The manner by which we face distress tells us a lot about our faulty coping mechanism. Not knowing how to properly **COPE** is what causes the distress.

COPING is an art. It is something you and I have to learn to do. It takes time and patience to discover our way of defending our inner peace of mind against the events that are distressful..It means **ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY OWN FEELINGS**. No one can cause me to be distressed, or angry...or even happy. I do let them influence my feelings, but only you and I have the control over them...we decide, we choose, we select the feelings by which to react to distressful situations. Next time something or someone influences your feelings, tell yourself..." I am allowing such and such to cause in me these feelings...I am giving **POWER** to that and that over me..." so, if I am allowing it to happen, or giving it power over me...I can then **CHANGE IT...**and I could disallow it to cause me distress, or pain, or nightmares.

Like all arts coping requires practice and patience. You must convince yourself that you are worth feeling good and happy, and to be healthy each time a distress invades your peace of mind. You must constantly use the language of "I am allowing you...or the car...or the pet... whatever, to give me these problems... and now I choose **NOT TO ALLOW IT...**and I will be calm, and at peace for I deserve to feel good...always!"

SAF ANTONIO AIDS FOUNDATION REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT
FROM JANUARY 1 to JUNE 26, 1987

LINE ITEM:	REVENUES	
	CURRENT REVENUE:	YTD REVENUE:
UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS:		
Organizations:		
(Oblates)----	000.00	1,500.00
(Unitarian Church)	00.00	500.00
Businesses:		
(Charles-Coburn & Assoc)	00.00	500.00
Individuals-----	0.00	389.00
Reimbursements----	00.00	394.00
Benefits:		
E. Kitt's Reception	3,158.00	3,158.00
Gay Pride Picnic	332.60	332.60
Workshop/Seminar Presentation:		
Archbishop Charity Fund	00.00	100.00
Individuals	30.00	30.00
Smith, Kline & French Labs	200.00	200.00
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED----	\$3,720.60	\$7,103.60
RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS:		
Housing for PWA's-	00.00	3,000.00
(Catholic Archdiocese)		
Educational Literature--	0000.00	1,000.00
(Live Oak Grant)		
TOTAL RESTRICTED-----	\$ 00.00	\$4,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:-----	\$3,720.60	\$11,103.60
LINE ITEM:	EXPENSES	
	CURRENT EXPENSE:	YTD EXPENSE:
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:		
Telephone-----	\$ 38.84	\$667.70
Office Rent-----	60.00	120.00
Testing Fees-----	52.50	437.50
Training-----	00.00	30.00
Bank Charges-----	0.94	49.30
Office Supplies-----	12.00	68.54
Postage-----	22.00	44.00
Conference (Houston)	00.00	40.82
Printing	20.50	20.50
Special Assistance to PWA's:		
Telephone-----	00.00	24.00
Groceries-----	50.00	50.00
Benefit (Kitt's Reception)	811.63	811.63
Workshop/Seminar Presentation:	299.97	299.97
Gay Pride Picnic	190.05	190.05
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED EXPENSES:	\$1,558.43	\$2,854.01
RESTRICTED FUNDS:		
Housing for PWA's---	361.00	\$1,439.00
UNRESTRICTED REVENUES: \$7,103.60	RESTRICTED REVENUES: \$4,000.00	
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UNRESTRICTED BALANCE: \$7,311.73	RESTRICTED BALANCE: \$4,000.00	
UNRESTRICTED EXPENSES: 2,854.01	RESTRICTED EXPENSES: 1,439.00	
UNRES'T CURRENT BAL.: \$4,457.72	RES'T CURRENT BAL.: \$2,561.00	

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AIDS SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR BEXAR COUNTY
Latest statistics (June 10, 1987) for the AIDS Surveillance Report for Bexar County report 120 (117 males and 3 females) AIDS cases in Bexar County since 1981, and 76 reported deaths. The transmission category is as follows:

Category	Number of Cases	Percentage
Homosexual/Bisexual-----	90	75.0%
Homosexual/IV Drug Abuser--	5	4.2%
IV Drug Abuser-----	6	5.0%
Hemophilia-----	2	1.7%
Transfusion Related-----	3	2.5%
Heterosexual Cases-----	3	2.5%
No I.D. Risk-----	9	7.5%
Perinatal-----	2	1.7%

The age distribution group follows:

Age Group	Number of Cases	Percentage
Under 5	2	1.7%
5 to 12	0	0
13 to 19	2	1.7%
20 to 29	35	29.2%
30 to 39	45	37.5%
40 to 49	21	17.5%
Over 49	15	12.5%

Of the 120 cases, 76 (63.3%) are White; 35 (29.2%) Hispanic and 9 (7.5%) Black. The primary disease in reported cases is as follows:

Disease	Number of Cases	Percentage
Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia----	70	58.3%
Kaposi's Sarcoma-----	12	10.0%
Other opportunistic Diseases-----	38	31.7%

The primary disease in reported deaths is as follows:

Disease	Number of Deaths	Percentage
PCP-----	44	57.9%
KS-----	10	13.2%
Other-----	22	28.9%

In 1987 Bexar County has had 23 civilian AIDS cases and 18 deaths; two military reported cases and one death. The death rate per case in Bexar County follows:

YEAR	# CASES	# DIED
1980-82	2	2
'83	13	12
'84	9	8
'85	25	20
'86	46	27
'87	25	7

As of June 8, 1987, the Center for Disease Controls had received reports of 36,003 adult/adolescent cases of AIDS in the United States. (33,502 males and 2,501 females). In addition, 511 pediatric cases (279 males and 232 females) have been reported among persons under age 13, with a total of deaths occurring in 21,155 (58%) of these cases.

We will conclude this informative report with the Ten Leading States for Reported Cases of AIDS:

STATE	TOTAL CASES	PERCENT
New York	10,849	29.7%
California	8,027	22.0%
Florida	2,499	6.8%
Texas	2,366	6.5%
New Jersey	2,226	6.1%
Illinois	965	2.6%
Pennsylvania	826	2.3%
Georgia	769	2.1%
Massachusetts	756	2.1%
Dist. of Columbia	690	1.9%

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Due to a camera malfunction, photos taken at the **WORKSHOP/SEMINAR** presented by the **San Antonio AIDS Foundation** held at the **GUADALUPE CULTURAL ART THEATRE** on June 16 did not reproduce.

GAY PRIDE WEEK EVENTS

by Lole

On Monday, June 15, the **GAY-/LESBIAN SWITCHBOARD** held a cheese/wine reception at the **MCC FELLOWSHIP HALL**. Personally I had never met anybody from this organization. We had a tour of their office which is located behind MCC (across from the **SAAF** office). I was very impressed by this group. As usual, they were short of volunteers to man their hotline. They sincerely wish they had a few female volunteers to help. This could possibly be a fun task and certainly an interesting one. (This could be ideal for a college student.)

I learned that **BARB & JULEE** from **THE FRENCH CONNECTION** had raised funds by holding pool tournaments to help the Switchboard remodel their small office. I was very pleased to hear this. Hope you continue helping them, Barb & Julee. Thanks, John, for the tour.

On Tuesday, June 16, the **SAN ANTONIO AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF)** held an 8-hour workshop/seminar at the **GUADALUPE CULTURAL ARTS THEATRE**. **SAAF** had high-caliber participants in their panel discussions. TV Channels 41, 5 and 12 covered our seminar; however, Channel 41 gave us much more publicity. Reporters from **KITY/KONO** Radio Station and writers from The San Antonio Express/News, The Light and The Current were also present. It is so unfortunate that few members of the gay community took advantage of this excellent workshop and the "most comprehensive AIDS seminar ever held in Bexar County". (San Antonio Express News Writer: Loydean Thomas)

Our own **TEXAS SIDE—STEPS** gave a wonderful performance during the night and truly surprised me with a beautiful bouquet of gardenias. Thanks, you guys. You all are great!

The **SAAF** Board surprised **BEVERLY SMITH** with a beautiful plaque which read: "In recognition of Beverly Smith, Co-founder....In appreciation of your determination and perseverance." (Special thanks to **JERRY KAUFMAN** for providing security and to **FELICE** for her availability.)

On Thursday, June 18, the **TRINITY COUNCIL** of San Antonio (An outreach ministry of **DIGNITY, INTEGRITY, METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY**

CHURCH & RIVER CITY LIVING CHURCH) presented a Choral Celebration of Pride. This was a beautiful entertaining event. (Unfortunately, I was without a camera.) The **DIGNITY CHOIR** (Lydia, Paula, Linda, Nicky, Debbie & Franklin) sang five beautiful songs with a lot of gusto especially when they sang the Spanish gospel song "**ALABARE**".

Three **MCC** members sang solos: **DAWN MATHIS, PAUL JEFFERSON AND KAY LYNN BACON**. **RCLC** members sang five different songs sung by the **GROUP**, a trio (**MOUSE, DEBBIE & BARBARA**) who sang a catchy tune "I Have Decided"; and **DAVID HAMILTON** sang "When Answers Aren't Enough". All of these people sang beautifully; however, I must admit that I was very touched by **R. ERIC STEELE**'s voice and songs he chose to sing: "**I AM HE**" and "**IT WAS ENOUGH**". **ERIC**'s voice has strength and deep feelings that hit right in the "core".

DAVID CLARK from **INTEGRITY** read **JOHN 17:20-23**. **LINDA** (Dignity) and **JERRY** (**MCC**) sang "Undivided". **Jim Lewey** (**MCC**) closed with the benediction.

On Friday, June 19, the **ALAMO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE** had a pool party held at one of the member's home. Of course, the **GAY PRIDE PARADE & PICNIC** closed our week on Sunday, June 21.

Congratulations to **DIGNITY** and the **SA TAVERN GUILD** for having the nicest floats. On a more personal level, congratulations to my new buddy, **MR. DOORN**. He won the **ALTERNATIVES** beautiful blue-eyed **MUNECO** (a he-doll). I keep the **MUNECAS** (she-dolls).

My warmest appreciation to all who contributed your time to help in our Darts booth, especially **MARY L.**. Thanks to **ALICIA** for her generous donation. Special thanks to my personal friends for helping and for your moral support: **CHERYL, ROSYLN, HILDA, GUS, BILL BURNS, RICHARD, FELICE & BETTY**. As **SAAF**'s treasurer, thanks to all volunteers who helped with the soda booth, especially **MARGARET & MARY ALICE**.

I commend the **GAY PRIDE COMMITTEE** for its hard work and above all for their commitment to this cause.

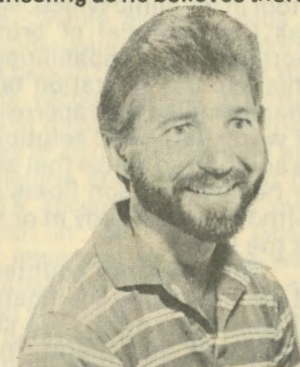
LOS HORIZONS

LOS HORIZONS is a center for helping individuals develop a healthy lifestyle which is directed by **JOSEPH SHEEHAN**, who has been an educator for twenty years in four countries: USA, Peru, India & Nepal. His philosophy is to instruct and train people to care for themselves and others. For example, although he gives massage, he also runs massage classes for couples who want to nurture each other and friends. He also encourages and trains those who take his fitness class to organize and run fitness sessions for friends.

Joseph takes an holistic approach to Health Counseling as he believes there is an interrelationship among the body, mind, spirit and emotions. He encourages self-responsibility for health and sees his role as teacher and guide.

JOSEPH SHEEHAN recently moved to San Antonio from California where he co-directed the Center for Growth in Wholeness in Berkeley. He received his Masters Degree in Clinical Holistic Health Education with a specialization in movement psychology from John F. Kennedy University, and has a Masters of Massage from the National Holistic Institute in California. He also did graduate work at St. Mary's University, College of Santa Fe and Vidyajoti Institute in New Delhi.

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FLOAT TO RELAX

by Dr. Susan L. Carlin

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DEALING WITH AIDS

by Dee Marie

America still does not know how to deal with AIDS. The various issues surrounding this disease were examined and discussed in a series of panel discussions and talks sponsored by the SAN ANTONIO AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF). In an attempt to reach segments of the San Antonio community, not usually involved with the AIDS issue, the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Theatre was chosen as the site for the conference.

Panel discussions focused on three areas of ongoing concern: (1) education on AIDS, (2) the role of churches and ministers in dealing with AIDS, PWA's and their families, and (3) legal/human rights issues. Panels were composed of persons with various backgrounds, perspectives, and interest in AIDS who were willing to share and discuss their different viewpoints.

The first panel on education followed the film 'Drugs, Sex and AIDS'. Panelists discussed the educational material which needed to be disseminated and the difficulties encountered in promoting the message. Societal differences on sexuality and sex education, the willingness or unwillingness of groups at risk to hear messages of self-control and personal responsibility, and the long-ingrained biases and intolerances of our culture all contribute to the difficulty of promoting an education program which is both acceptable and apt to be accepted. Special groups have special problems which need to be addressed. For example, persons presently at high risk for AIDS need different approaches than the young adolescent who is not yet sexually active. Those not in danger of acquiring AIDS, conversely, need to be constantly instructed and reassured on what constitutes risk.

The role of churches and ministers in AIDS education emphasized the helps and the hindrances religion has posed in dealing with PWA's

and their families. Different ecclesiastical emphases on the importance of traditional sexuality and the individual biases and confusions of ministers all play important roles in the reactions of persons called upon to minister to PWA's or their families. While society needs to uphold those values which make us a moral people, it is important that religions recognize the essential worth and lovability of all persons, regardless of sexual-orientation and that religions encourage each individual's acceptance of his own self-worth in the eyes of God. Equally important in dealing with the spiritual needs of those who are suffering is the identification of ministers who can feel both comfortable with and compassionate toward those afflicted or affected by this epidemic.

The final panel on legal and human rights issues delved into the uncertainties of our government's responses to the controversies of the public's health versus the individual's rights. When individual responsibility is the only effective method to control this disease, what do we do with those who refuse to accept this responsibility? How much selectivity can insurance companies employ in accepting their clients in order to protect their investments? What are and are not "disabilities" under present social security rules and how real are these guidelines? The solutions were not given because they are not known.

The amount of dialogue and work which still needs to be done became obvious during this conference. Ultimately, some of the legal issues will be answered in the courts. Until this epidemic is controlled, all of us must do what we can to insure that facts, not fallacies; concern, not condemnation; and open minds, not closed hearts, prevail.

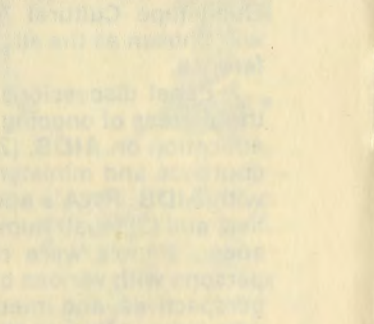
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Zulema from the "Reminisce"



The "Reminisce" 8-Ball Team



Alamo Human Rights Committee members at their pool party: Miguel, Gerald, Steve, Philip, and Pat L.



Beverly Smith displaying plaque given by SAAF Board.

NOT ALL PARENTS ARE STRAIGHT

by Lole

PBS, (Channel 9, KLRN-TV) aired a documentary on Wednesday, June 24 at 11 p.m. about gay/lesbian parents entitled Not All Parents are Straight. It is produced by Kevin White, a San Francisco filmmaker whose parents are gay, and it is a well-presented documentary.

It shows six families in which one of the parents is gay/lesbian and whose children learned how to cope with their parent's lifestyle and learned how to accept it. As a lesbian mother, I indeed appreciated this film very much. It was very open. One of the teenagers in the film says how she wishes that she would have known about her gay father when she was younger because she could have accepted it better and quicker at that time.

I agree with her. Our minds have formed too many biases by a certain age; whereas, when we are children, we tend to accept life as it is because of our innocence. One of the questions I am often asked, "Does your son know about your lifestyle?" My answer, "Yes." Next question: "How old was he when you told him?" Answer: "Eight years old." Final question: "How did he take it?" Answer: "My son has never said anything positive nor negative about my lifestyle. He understands that it is my life, not his, and respects my feelings. I have never hidden anything from him. I'm also discrete about my lifestyle. I always told him that if he wanted his friends to know about me, it was his decision. I had learned to accept myself and if he thought he could cope with 'peer pressure', that was his choice."

The families discussed in this film: (1) The Jepson Family, whose father is gay and who separates from his wife, have two teenagers. After their daughter discovers the truth, she says, "Thank goodness; I thought it was serious." (2) Jeanne Jullion, whose two sons are taken away from her after a long custody, but keeps her younger son. Even

her own parents had signed an affidavit consenting that the boys were better off with the father. There was such pain on her face when she mentioned it. She and her son showed a very warm and close relationship. (3) Satya, a 13-year old who lives with her mother and her mother's lover, expresses her anger about how unfair it is for gay couples not being able to do things straight couples do. (4) The Peterson boys, whose mother is lesbian, and who were also interviewed two years after the first time, feel very close to their mother and learned to accept her lifestyle. (5) Tony Melo who lives with his lover, Alan, and his son (from a previous marriage), an adopted son with cerebral palsy and a foster son.

Tony and Alan portrayed their warmth through their actions and how highly their neighbors spoke of them. (6) Sabina, who moved in with her gay father (Paul) when she was 16, had a very close relationship with him. Paul died of AIDS three years later, and Sabina is interviewed again after her father's death and shares her feelings and grief over his death.

It is so unfortunate that too many gay/lesbian parents are not honest with their children; actually, they are not being honest with themselves. How can any parent who lives with his/her children hide his/her lifestyle from their children? It's very difficult for me to understand that. I would think that people who fall in this category are so miserable and frustrated with their lives. Remember that you are not the only gay parent in this world.

According to statistics, from 25% to 35% of lesbians are mothers and from 10% to 15% of gay men are fathers; therefore, there are approximately 4,000,000 gay parents living in our country. According to the survey I conducted last summer, approximately 30% of our gay women in San Antonio are mothers.

WORKING ON THE ILLITERACY PROBLEM

by Lole

On Tuesday, June 23, a teleconference program and guide to literacy resources was brought live via satellite from Washington, DC, at the San Antonio College McAllister Auditorium. During this evening adult education leaders joined in 1,000 community settings across the country to participate in what may well be the largest interactive video teleconference to date.

The purpose of the teleconference was to bring together in 1,000 communities, 100,000 leaders from business, government, labor, civic groups and existing literacy programs who were deeply concerned with reducing the number of youth and adult illiterates in our country.

The goal is to generate 1,000 Literacy Education Action Programs that will (1) assure that America has a 100% trainable workforce by improving the basic skills of present and future workers; and (2) to double the number of persons obtaining a high school equivalency credential through the **GED** test and other adult diploma programs.

"Illiteracy is truly a human tragedy, resulting in millions of opportunities lost, millions of dreams unfulfilled. It is a problem that has spread across every community, every ethnic group, and every socioeconomic class. Its loss of human potential has helped breed poverty, unemployment, welfare, crime and related social ills."

This teleconference program discussed various topics; among them was "The Urgency of the Illiteracy Problem for our Country's Workforce" which was moderated by Hugh Downs, **ABC NEWS** Host "20/20". Panel members to this discussion were Sen. Edward M. Kennedy; Kay Orr, Governor of Nebraska; Andrew Young, Mayor of Atlanta; and William F. Willis, Gen. Manager of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Other topics discussed were 'How are Communities Responding to the Problem?', and 'Where Can Communities Turn for Help?'. Interactive audio: Questions and comments from downlink/receive sites were exchanged between audience and panel members.

"Clearly, if we as a nation are to continue to have a healthy, productive and viable economy, all our citizens must become literate. If we are to maintain our quality of life as a nation, all our citizens must acquire the basic skills needed for productive and fulfilling lives. If this is to happen, it can be accomplished only in the communities in which they live. It will not happen unless the leadership of our communities join together to plan for and make available new learning opportunities."

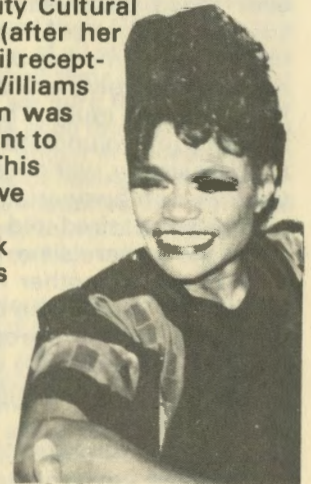
For further information about adult class settings in San Antonio, call the **SAC** Continuing Education Department at **733-2650**.

EARTHA KITT — CATWOMAN WAS SPECIAL GUEST AT LOCAL RESIDENCE

Do you remember Eartha Kitt who played Catwoman on the TV series **BATMAN**? Of course, her talents do not stop there. She is better known as a singer, writer and actress. However, **EARTHA KITT** is also known for her political awareness and involvement of her beliefs.

MS. KITT performed at the Carver Community Cultural Center in June 5 and 6. On Friday, June 5, (after her performance) **MS. KITT** agreed to attend a cocktail reception organized by Randy Rapaport and E. Bann Williams and held at their residence. A \$35 contribution was requested from the invitees and all proceeds went to the **SAN ANTONIO AIDS FOUNDATION**. This social event raised \$2,342.00 for **SAAF** and we were all thrilled about it.

The **SAAF** Board and volunteers wish to thank Mr. Rapaport and Mr. Williams for organizing this event; of course, we appreciate **MS. KITT's** commitment in helping us. Last, but not least, we wish to thank all contributors (present and absent) who believe in helping a good cause. Even though **MS. KITT** didn't stay very long at the reception, most people stayed and everybody seemed to have enjoyed this great function.



EARTHA KITT with **SAAF** Board members: (Back) **BILL GOODYEAR** & **JAY VELGOS**. Sitting from left to right: **BARBARA WEAVER**, **LOLE**, **EARTHA** and her friend; former Board member, **BEVERLY SMITH**.

GAY SWITCHBOARD

by Lole

Gay Pride Week marked the 14th Anniversary for the **GAY SWITCHBOARD** according to John Anderson, Coordinator, "It's been through the strenuous and dedicated efforts of many people over these past years that the switchboard has been able to continue serving the gay community, and we sincerely thank those who have given so much. The Switchboard IS the volunteers who man it. Quite simply, without personnel you have an answering machine giving some tired old message about how there's no one there and try again another night. Unfortunately, that is the case now. Currently, the board is open only a few nights a week. We would like to see it open every night," says Mr. Anderson.

How do you volunteer? Basi-

cally, a volunteer is asked for a four-hour commitment (one night a week) for at least six months. However, flexibility is used to arrange volunteers' schedules. Call forwarding is also available in case volunteers can not be in the office. Volunteers are trained and someone will always work with them until both the volunteer and supervisor feel the volunteer is ready to work alone. Of course, financial contributions are also welcome.

John feels that, "The anonymity of our workers is an integral part of the success of the switchboard. At the same time it is a handicap in that because of that anonymity, we are necessarily low profile in the community."

For further information, please call 733-7300 or write to P.O. Box 120402 (78212).

12th MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Michigan Womyn's Music Festival (August 12-16) is a gathering of mothers and daughters for womyn of all ages. They meet to celebrate common experiences and unique strengths as womyn — to celebrate our culture, our similarities and our diversities.

This is an annual gathering held in a 650-acre rural, woodland site to have a good time, see old

friends, meet new ones, listen to music, enjoy dance and theatre, attend workshops, browse the crafts, be in the country, camp, dance, teach, learn and experience new ways of seeing the world and ourselves.

For more information, mail a self-addressed stamped envelope to: WWTMC, Box 22, Wallaballa, MI 49458 or call 616-757-4766.

EXAMPLE

I'd rather see a sermon, Than to hear one any day.
I'd rather one should walk with me, Than merely show the way.
The eye is a better pupil, And more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing, But examples always clear.
I can learn to do it if you let me see it done,
I can see your hands in action, But your tongue goes on the run,
And the lesson you delivered, May be fine and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
For I may misunderstand you, And the high advice you give
But there's no misunderstanding, How you act and how you live.

Anonymous

GED ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONIES

by Lole

Many people think that GED stands for General Equivalent Diploma; it doesn't. It stands for General Education Development, which is a certificate equivalent to obtaining a high school diploma. In order for a person to obtain a GED, he/she must satisfactorily pass five tests: Reading, Science, Social Studies, Writing (English Grammar) and Mathematics. These tests are not as simple as some people might think. I have seen some high school graduates fail these tests. Therefore, we must not underestimate the person who achieves the GED.

The San Antonio Independent School District held a GED Achievement Ceremony at the Thomas Jefferson High School Auditorium on June 7 honoring 230 GED graduates. This was a fantastic ceremony and the auditorium was fully packed. Several of these graduates were given scholarships by different local colleges.

The Harlandale School District held their GED ceremony for 148 graduates at Incarnate Word College on June 13. In this case, a 19 year old young lady received a four-year \$25,000 scholarship to attend Incarnate Word College.

These were local school districts who honored their GED grads. We do not know of all other GED grads who took their tests in other testing centers. I am sure there are many others. The good thing about this is that many adults are realizing the importance of having an education and many educators are trying to help remedy this problem and concentrating on alleviating adult illiteracy.

The Northside School District started a GED class for their custodians and possibly by September other employees such as, cafeteria workers and bus drivers, could be given the same chance. Hopefully, this district could serve as a good model to other school districts.

CONGRATULATIONS, JIM!!

Rev. James H. Lewey, Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of San Antonio, has been appointed Chairperson of the Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee for the **UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES**. This committee oversees the initial licensing and ordination of the over 500 clergypersons in the Universal Fellowship which has over 270 churches, worldwide serving the Gay/Lesbian Community.

Although Rev. Lewey will not fully assume his duties as Chair until October 1987, he is already hard at work gaining knowledge of the complicated licensing and ordination process that he will oversee. "There are many changes from the time I was licensed as a minister over twelve years ago," says Lewey. "I feel that there are more changes to be made in time to insure that we license and retain the best clergy possible to carry the Gospel to the Gay/Lesbian Community."

Rev. Lewey recently completed a trip to Los Angeles to confer with the outgoing Chairperson Rev. Tom Jordan and the members of the Board of Elders.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

by Lole

We have heard about the Type A and B personalities, etc., but have you ever wondered what kind of a person you really are by what you eat, or rather by what you put "out". I hope this will not offend anybody; that is, anybody who is human. Enjoy and analyze yourself: What kind of a person are you?

The Vain person:

One who loves the smell of his own farts.

The Amiable person:

One who loves the smell of other people's farts.

The Proud person:

One who thinks his farts are exceptionally fine.

The Shy person:

One who releases silent farts and then blushes.

The Impudent person:

One who boldly farts out loud and laughs.

The Scientific person:

One who farts regularly but is concerned about pollution.

The Unfortunate person:

One who tries awfully hard to fart, but shits his pants.

The Nervous person:

One who stops in the middle of a fart.

The Honest person:

One who admits he farted but offers a good medical reason.

The Dishonest person:

One who farts but blames the dog.

The Foolish person:

One who suppresses a fart for hours and hours.

The Thrifty person:

One who always has several farts in reserve.

The Anti-Social person:

One who excuses himself and farts in complete privacy.

The Strategic person:

One who conceals his farts with loud coughing.

The Intellectual person:

One who can determine from smell of his neighbor's farts precisely the latest food he ate.

The Athletic person:

One who farts at the slightest exertion.

The Miserable person:

One who would truly love to fart, but can't.

The Sensitive person:

One who farts and then starts crying.

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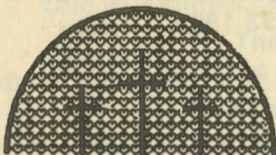
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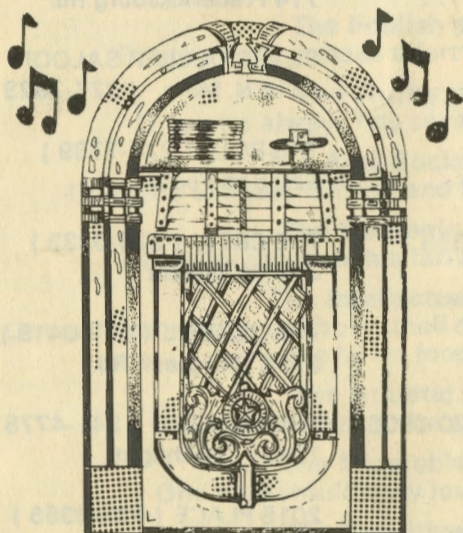
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