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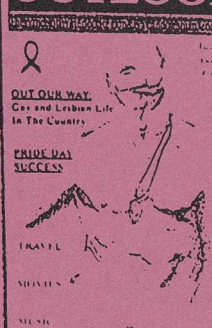

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Special thanks go out to Joolz, Catherine and Dan for their monthly installments that add alot as far as the quality of the magazine goes. It also helps us out immensely when we're heading toward the deadline and your work shows up at just the right time!

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### GUARD FIRED FOR INTOLERANCE TOWARD GAY CALLER

A Montreal security guard is accusing the Salvation Army of religious discrimination in firing him - for quoting Scriptures.

"It was like a witchhunt," Steven Burke said, moments after officially making the claim with the Quebec Human Rights Commission.

Burke showed a letter he received by courier from the Salvation Army that stated: "We regret to inform you that your services with the Booth Centre are no longer required as of today."

"No two weeks notice, nothing. Gone. Bingo," Burke said.

"Obviously he said I should be fired and they did," he lamented, referring to gay activist Garth Cook.

The Salvation Army launched an internal investigation last week into a complaint by Cook that someone among its ranks verbally abused him when he telephoned seeking help in selecting passages from the Bible.

Cook said that he called July 31 looking for help in preparing a eulogy for a friend's funeral.

Once he admitted he was gay and the friend had died of AIDS, Cook said he got

"a blast" from the person who had answered the phone.

Burke admitted to both speaking to Cook and calling homosexuality an abomination.

"In all fairness, all I told this individual is what the Bible says about homosexuality," Burke said. "I don't think it's wrong to quote the Bible if someone asks you."

The two Scriptures that Burke cited were:

- Leviticus 20:13, from the Old Testament: "And if a man lie with mankind, as with womankind, both of them have committed abomination."

- Paul to the Romans 1:27, from the New Testament: "And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet."

"He's the one who became hostile when I quoted those Scriptures to him," Burke said.

"I didn't run to him, he came to me. I'm not Moses, I didn't write it, but it's there as a compass."

Burke denied making any disparaging remarks about AIDS: "I'm not a (gay) basher, but I won't promote their lifestyle."

Capt. Bryan Hayward, spokesperson for the Salvation Army's Quebec headquarters, said: "One thing we continually insist upon is accepting people as they are."

Hayward inadvertently confirmed Burke's suspicion that he was fired to appease Cook.

The decision taken by the Booth Centre's executive director to fire Burke "was right in line with what Mr. Cook wanted,



Hayward said.

Burke, who had been working about two months as a security guard at the men's residence, said he want to know why he wasn't even consulted or asked for his version of the incident before being dismissed.

(Mike King, Southam News)

### **BIRTH ORDER MAY PLAY FACTOR IN SEXUAL ORIENTATION**

The New York Times reports on a recent study which concluded the more boys a mother has given birth to, the greater the chances are that her next son will be gay.

The study reinforces other findings that show gay men, on the whole, have more previously born siblings than straight men, but with a key difference: the new study says the effect comes only from brothers. The study also counted brothers who died before surveyed participants were born, discounting the psychological explanation that growing up with older brothers plays a significant role in the development of same-sex orientation.

Two researchers at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto, Ray Blanchard and Anthony Bogaert, first reported their findings in the January issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry. The study used questionnaires filled out by 302 gay men and 302 heterosexual men matched to roughly the same demographics.

While 50% of the overall sample was gay, the rate was 45% for men with no previously born brothers, 53% for men with one such brother and 64% for men with two such brothers. Five of the seven

men with four or more such brothers were gay. Researchers stressed these percentages were not representative of the general population, simply that they showed statistical probability.



### **U.S. AIR FORCE MAJOR ACQUITTED IN SODOMY TRIAL**

A U.S. Air Force major accused of having a lesbian relationship with a civilian was found not guilty August 15 of charges of sodomy and conduct unbecoming of an officer in a case her attorneys said violated the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy for homosexuals.

A jury of five men and two women, all colonels in the Air Force, deliberated for seven hours before acquitting Major Debra Meeks in a court-martial at Lackland Air Force Base.

Meeks, 41, faced up to eight years in prison and loss of her military retirement benefits if convicted. She wept and hugged her attorneys when the verdict was read.

"I hope today's result encourages all members of the military to seek only to serve their countries honourably, and to do so without undo and unwarranted prying into their private lives," defense attorney Michael Tigar told reporters after the verdict.

"What we're trying to protect here is a diverse and pluralistic society," Tigar said, who is also attorney for Oklahoma City bombing suspect Terry Nichols.

Meeks, a 22-year veteran of the Air

Force, was accused of having a sexual relationship with civilian Pamela Dillard who testified they lived together as a married couple for two years. She said Meeks threatened her with a gun when the relationship fell apart.

Meeks pleaded not guilty, but did not testify. Tigar in closing arguments questioned Dillard's credibility because he said she was prone to fantasizing and was intent on destroying Meeks' career.

"She wrote in her diary that she hated Meeks; she called her a monster," he told the jury.

But prosecutor Major James Flannery said that Dillard had explicitly described sexual episodes with Meeks and "considered herself the legal wife of the accused."

The Uniform Code of Military Justice defined sodomy as "unnatural carnal copulation" with members of either the same or opposite sex.

Tigar tried unsuccessfully to have the judge dismiss the case, which he said violated the controversial Pentagon policy regarding sexual orientation because Meeks never said whether she was a homosexual.

Under the policy, commanding officers were ordered not to ask service personnel about their sexual orientation or act against gay or lesbian members unless they declared their homosexuality.

Because of the charges, Meeks was asked to leave the Air Force with loss of her retirement benefits, but refused and was subsequently court-martialed.

(Reuter)



### **LESBIAN MOTHER ABANDONS FIGHT TO GET SON BACK**

A lesbian who lost custody of her son because of her sex life abandoned a three-year battle to get the boy back from her own mother.

But Sharon Bottoms testified that she will instead seek expanded visitation rights, including permission to bring 5-year-old Tyler Doustou to the apartment she shares with her lover.

"She just didn't want to go through this ordeal again," explained Donald Butler, Bottoms' attorney.

The boy's uncontested guardian is now Kay Bottoms, Sharon Bottoms' mother, who fought for custody because she was offended by her daughter's lesbianism.

In a ruling that angered gay-rights advocates, the younger Bottoms' lost custody of Tyler in 1993 when a judge said she was an unfit mother because she and her live-in lover, April Wade, engaged in oral sex, a crime in Virginia.

A Virginia appeals court reversed the judge in 1994 and ruled that homosexuality alone is not grounds for losing custody.

But in 1995, the state Supreme Court ruled, 4-3, that Sharon Bottoms should not have custody, declaring that "active lesbianism practised in the home" may subject a child to the condemnation of others.

Sharon Bottoms, 26, and the child's father are divorced, and he has not been involved in the boy's upbringing. She has been allowed to visit Tyler on Mondays and Tuesdays, but she must keep him away from her apartment and her girlfriend.

"We are a family, April and I. When Tyler is there, I would like for him to see that," she testified



At the hearing, Arnold L. Stolberg, a psychologist, testified that Tyler would suffer no harm from seeing his mother and Wade hugging and kissing.

(Associated Press)

### AUSTRALIA CALLS REVIEW OF "HOMOSEXUAL PANIC DEFENSE"

New South Wales, the most populous state in Australia, announced a formal legal review of the Homosexual Advance Defense, otherwise known as "homosexual panic defense," which argues sexual advances from gay men or lesbians is a justifiable provocation for murder.

The defense argument has been used in 13 criminal trials in the Australian state since 1993. Of the 12 which ended in death: five of the accused pleaded guilty to murder or manslaughter; two were found guilty of murder; three were found guilty of the lesser charge of manslaughter; and two ended in full acquittals for the accused.

In announcing the review, NSW Attorney-General Jeff Shaw told Reuters, "Without pre-empting the debate, I would comment that there are compelling grounds for looking at the so-called homosexual panic defense, which can have the effect of imposing prejudice on the jury."

A discussion paper put out by the government said publicity surrounding the use of the defense had made it "attractive." The government stated further it regarded the number of cases using the defense as "sufficiently high to warrant concern."

Reuters quotes the Australian Institute of Criminology as saying the level of violence against gay men and lesbians has

steadily increased in recent years. The institute characterized the rise as disturbing. Police report between 1990 and 1996, there were 26 gay-bias related murders in New South Wales alone.

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### HATE MOTIVATED KILLING OF MAN, GAY ACTIVIST SAYS

Gay activists want the recent killing of a Montreal man to be treated as a hate crime, a designation that could lead to a tougher sentence for the killer.

But police say they have no evidence the killing of Real Halde, 54, was motivated by hatred toward gay men.

Halde's nude body was found in his apartment on August 8. His throat had been slashed. Police arrested Andre Lortie, 28, and say he will be charged with second-degree murder in connection to the slaying.

"We believe that the aggressor has a problem with homosexuals," Michael Hendricks, a spokesman for the Committee on Violence Against Gays and Lesbians, told a news conference.

Hendricks said victims of such crimes are usually law-abiding men who invite their killer into their homes and then are viciously attacked. Little if anything is stolen.

Montreal's gay and lesbian community has been rocked by the slaying. Hate crime, by its very definition, affects the entire community of the minority targeted, Hendricks said.

Det.-Lt. Claude Lachapelle, of the Montreal police homicide squad, said the investigation didn't turn up anything to support Hendrick's contention.

There have been precedents in which judges have imposed stiffer sentences because a crime was motivated by hate.

Last year, the House of Commons passed legislation to force judges to consider imposing longer sentences when a crime is motivated by "bias, prejudice or hate."

A spokesman for Justice Minister Allan Rock said the provisions will come into effect this fall.

(Montreal Gazette)



### ETHERIDGE & PARTNER EXPECTING NEW BABY

Singer Melissa Etheridge is expecting.

Actually, her "life partner" Julie Cypher - ex-wife of Lou Diamond Phillips - is the one carrying the couple's child, whose arrival is expected in late January.

"It's a thrill of a lifetime, we're both so excited," Etheridge said in a statement from her record company.

"Both Julie and I have been planning this for a long time. We couldn't be happier."

The statement makes no mention of who the father is - as in does the couple know him? - and Etheridge's New York based publicist wasn't much help in clarifying.

"The statement's going to stand as it is," said Gail Fine.

Etheridge has just begun the U.S. leg of her tour for her new album, Your Little Secret.

(Jane Stevenson - Toronto Sun)

### SAN FRANCISCO GIVES \$1 MILLION TO GAY AND LESBIAN CENTRE

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to allocate \$1.2 million from the city treasury to assist in the construction of the Lesbian and Gay Centre. The city's money will be used to purchase property upon which the five story structure is to be built.

"This is the first real contribution we've gotten, and it's wonderful that it has come with such unanimity," The San Francisco Examiner quotes Scott Schafer, president of the centre's board. "It gives added momentum to a project that has so far received broad support in the community," he said.

A used car lot and an old Victorian house currently occupy the site. The lesbian and gay centre's board of directors want to fix up the house and construct an adjoining 38,000 square foot building on the property. Once completed, the centre will house a gay tourist centre, a book shop, meeting rooms, a lounge, a 200-seat auditorium and offices for nonprofit organizations.

Construction costs for the new centre are estimated at \$7.3 million which organizers expect to raise from fundraisers, donations, private corporations and non-private organizations.

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### BRITISH TRANSSEXUAL SEEKS FATHERHOOD IN EUROCOURT

Reuters reports a British transsexual, now legally recognized as a man, took Great Britain to the European Court of Human Rights. He is suing over a British



Registrar's refusal to list him as the father of the 4-year-old child of his long-time female companion.

The British man told the European court that the agency in charge of determining legal guardianship, the Registrar General, gave his name to the child but would not recognize his role as father. The child was conceived by artificial insemination.

The man argued that the Registrar's refusal to list him as the father breached the European Convention on Human Rights which guarantees respect of family life.

The European Commission of Human Rights, which screens cases for their admissibility to the Strasbourg-based court, declared the case within its legal jurisdiction. A verdict will be handed down at a later date.

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### STUDY SAYS GAY MEN AT GREATER RISK FOR EATING DISORDERS

A recent study conducted at New York Hospital - Cornell Medical Centre in

Westchester revealed a notable rise in the number of young men being treated for eating disorders, the New York Times reports.

Gay men, researchers found, were among those found to be at relatively high risk for the condition.

Researchers examined records of patients admitted for eating disorders from September 1983 to July 1995. No men were admitted with this diagnosis until 1988, when they suddenly accounted for 4 percent of the total. From then on the number of male patients rose steadily, reaching 13 percent in 1995.

While some doctors noted the increase may simply mean more men are seeking treatment, others point out changes in cultural landscape now subject men to the same kind of "ideal physique" pressures women have faced for a far longer time.

In studying the differences between male and female sufferers, researchers noted that men were much more likely to be involved in occupations and sports where weight control and physical appearance was important, like dancing, modeling, swimming and wrestling.



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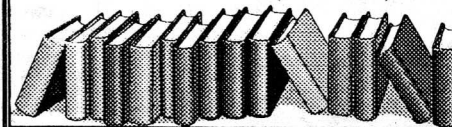
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## DOCTORS EXPRESSING HOPE ABOUT AIDS TREATMENTS

The New York Times reports that doctors who treat AIDS patients are beginning to sound as hopeful about the impact of protease inhibitors as researchers and pharmaceutical companies have so far been.

Although not all HIV patients respond to the new therapies, and not enough time has elapsed to realistically gauge their long term effectiveness, many physicians who spoke with the Times believe they are witnessing the single greatest advance in the 15-year war against the disease.

The Times spoke to a number of doctors around the country who have each overseen miraculous turnarounds in some of their patients' lives, changes they credit to the new class of drugs.

Dr. Paul Volberding expressed the deep fears shared by many in the community who have had their hopes raised and dashed so many times before. "I don't want to make a mistake," he told the Times. "I don't want to get excited too soon." Yet, he says, it's hard not to feel hopeful when a patient who would have been hopelessly disabled just a short while ago is now well enough to resume his professional dancing career.

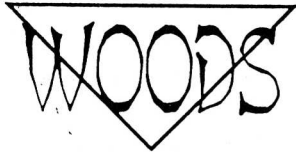
Dr. Michael A. Horberg told the Times he was beginning to view his role as more of a "taskmaster," pushing his patients to maintain the rigorous demands of their medication schedules. Another physician said he could sleep at night for the first time in ages, "I can come in to work and watch people get better."

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**Trainspotting**  
 Danny Boyle (Scotland, 1996)

"Trainspotting is a singular sensation, a visionary knockout spiked with insight, wild invention and outrageous wit. Sure it's easy to mainline mind-numbing, American-made summer junk like *Eraser* or *Striptease*. But doing so can't match the thrill of watching, as *Trainspotting*, from Irvine Welsh's 1993 cult novel, declares war on the dull gravity of social realism. There's incendiary daring in it, a willingness to go for broke that carries you over the rough spots. Director Danny Boyle, Producer Andrew Macdonald and doctor-turned-screenwriter John Hodge have upped the controversial ante on *Shallow Grave*, the black comic thriller that marked the thirtysomething team's hit 1995 debut.

"Take the best orgasm, you ever had, multiply it by a thousand and you're still nowhere near it." That testimonial to heroin comes from Renton, the film's nihilistic anti-hero, played by 25 year-old Ewan McGregor, who gives a mesmerizing, maliciously funny performance. *Trainspotting* is a rare movie that

owns up to the euphoria of drugs as well as their risks.

"*Trainspotting* looks hard at the alternatives to living in oblivion. They're not as trendy as stealing and shooting up to a pulsating Brit-pop score (Elastica, Primal Scream, Pulp), but the film's flash can't disguise the emptiness of the blasted lives. *Trainspotting* is 90 minutes of raw power that Boyle and a bang-on cast inject right into the vein."

-Excerpted from *Rolling Stone*

"The experience of watching *Trainspotting* - the electric, nasty and slick descent into the milieu of young Scottish junkies - is a little like speeding through the digestive tract of some voracious beast. There's bite, acid, digestive churning and an expulsive conclusion."

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# Nature or Nurture?

We Examine the Age-old Question:  
**What Are The Causes of Homosexuality?**



In this series, a number of critical points will be brought forward and various professionals will enlighten us with their viewpoint on the topics. They include:

- . Simon LeVay - Neurobiologist
- . June Reinisch - Professor, Kinsey Institute
- . Martin Duberman - Historian and author of 'Cures: A Gay Man's Odyssey'
- . Anne Fausto-Sterling - Professor of Biology and author of 'Myths of Gender'
- . Thomas Szasz - Professor of Psychiatry and author of 'The Manufacture of Madness.'
- . Lillian Faderman - Historian and author of 'Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers'
- . Richard Isay - Psychoanalyst and author of 'Being Homosexual'
- . Richard Pillard - Professor of Psychiatry and co-author of 'Gay Twins Study'
- . Morris Kight - Gay Civil Rights Leader
- Paula A. Treichler - Professor of Communications and author of 'AIDS, Homophobia and Biomedical Discourse: An Epidemic of Signification'
- . Richard Green - Psychiatrist and author of 'The Sissy Boy Syndrome'

Society is alot more tolerant of gays and lesbians than it used to be, but we're still divided about what causes homosexuality. Is it something you choose, or do the roots go deeper than that? Science seems to prove all cases, so what science do you trust?

The media's overwhelming attention to a little-known professor occurred for one simple reason. Simon LeVay claimed to have made a remarkable discovery about the brains of gay men.

(Simon LeVay) " I guess my hypotheses goes back to whats been called the third sex theory of sexual orientation. The idea that sexual orientation is inborn and that it's closely connected with other aspects of sex, physical sex and other mental traits that are sex differentiated and so I thought that if that was so, then, one should look at the places in the brain that are closely concerned with our sexual behavior. There's lots of scientific evidence saying that the hypothalamus and particularly the small region at the front end of the hypothalamus is directly involved in regulating our sex drive and sexual behavior."

LeVay's research indicated that certain cell clusters in the brains of gay men are consistently smaller than those of straight men. Other research seemed to support the argument that homosexuality is inborn, but not everyone agrees it's that simple...

(June Reinisch) "Where would we expect homosexuality to be?, In the big toe? Of course it's somewhere in the brain, so that's not a surprise. The question is, 'What is the development of it?,' and of course one of the answers that we like to give is that we don't even know what causes heterosexuality. If we knew that, it would be easy to answer the question about homosexuality."

For millions of gays and lesbians in North America, this is not merely an academic quibble. If LeVay is right, if science can prove that you are born homosexual, then some believe that civil rights, for gays and lesbians will at last be guaranteed. Others, who know their history, are more skeptical...

(Martin Duberman) "What strikes me about all these studies together is that its not sure how they are defining homosexuality, so we don't really know what it is they are trying to account for. In a variety of cultures, and going way back historically, there are plenty of men and women, but we know more about men historically, who seem to have had a very stable heterosexual life, who nonetheless went to bed with, in most cases, teenage boys on a fairly regular basis. Do they qualify under the definition of homosexual? And if so, is there a different site in the brain that is responsible for their bisexuality?"

(Anne Fausto-Sterling) "The notion of humans as having a being or essence so there is something called 'a homosexual', that's supposed to be some essential part of someone's existence is a 20th century notion that really developed in the early part of the 20th century. Before that, there were only homosexual acts that anyone could do. You weren't a homosexual if you comitted sodomy, you just comitted sodomy."

**In Medieval times, sodomy was a sin. The church was not concerned with the causes of such behavior, only its eradication. Despite the dawn of the Renaissance, this persecution continued...**

(Martin Duberman) "A book on homosexuality from Renaissance Venice demonstrates how thousands of men were arrested for sodomy. There were something like one out of ten adolescent boys in Florence arrested for sodomy. Of those arrested, punishment was severe. You could be sawed in half or burned to death. For the men arrested, all we know about them is a single entry in a court document. We don't know if this was a one time experience. We don't know if these men were also sleeping with women. We don't know the proportionate roles that there so-called gay lives and their straight lives played in the overall picture; so we really aren't at all sure what we are measuring here."



**After the Renaissance, scientists became uneasy about calling any behavior sinful. This was after all the age of reason. Society was now turning to science for explanations of human behavior. By the late 1700's some scientists were claiming sexual preference was inborn, a concept to re-surface almost 200 years later...**

(Anne Fausto-Sterling) "LeVay's work is part of a long history of work that those of us writing in this area call 'biological determinance to work'. It's work that suggests that organisms are in some sense determined by their biology. It goes well back into the days of the early 19th century; and it has a long and dirty history in terms of women and their brain shapes and sizes and what that meant they could and couldn't do. It's always been true that this work has been work that has defended a kind of status quo. It's usually ended up saying; straight white men are in charge of things because they've got better brains. Scientists in the 19th century spent hours and hours and reams of paper discovering biological differences. They even discovered that there was a gradation in brain size where male scientists had the largest brains, journeymen of various sorts; bakers, bricklayers, etc. had smaller brains and ditchdiggers in turn had even smaller brains. So they also got class as read on into the body. The major scientific answer given throughout the 19th century to disenfranchise groups was that they were biologically inferior."

(Thomas Szasz) "Of course, the idea that there is something biologically different in homosexuals from heterosexuals leads directly to the idea that it is a disease. Which of course again is nonsense because obviously having black skin as against white skin is different. Whether you make it a disease or not is a political judgement. As soon as you make it a disease, then you can argue it ought to be changed. If the person doesn't want it changed, then he ought to be forced to change; involuntary treatment, which was a stock and trade of psychiatry and it remains a stock and trade of psychiatry today."

**Scientists and doctors reflect the society in which they live, and Victorian society considered any difference in sexual preference to be a threat to the natural order; the patriarchal system. In the late 19th century, a new term was coined to describe this behavior: Homosexuality....**

(Thomas Szasz) "To call this homosexuality, already is a medicalization. In some ways it was more accurate the old-fashioned pre-medical terminology; 'an abomination against man.' That at least sounds like something moralistic; you can get a hold of it, but homosexuality sounds like diabetes; more like a disease."

**With this new label came a new breed of doctor called sexologists. They tried to explain same-sex behavior in medical terms. Gay men and women, they argued were a third sex, somewhere between males and females...**

(Lillian Faderman) "The sexologists were a mixed bag for many homosexuals. On one hand, they suggested that women who wanted to love other women were abnormal;

they were congenital sexual inverts. On the other hand, they suggested that this was a 'type' and that women could live this way permanently; that they didn't have to consider their love for other women merely a rehearsal in girlhood for the great drama of women's lives. In Germany, a group called the Scientific Humanitarian Committee emerged. It was a group of homosexual men and women who said homosexuals shouldn't be forced to change; this is our identity, we can't help ourselves."

**The end of the first World War brought radical changes in the western world. Nowhere more so than in Germany. We often think of the Roaring Twenties as a time of frivolity; an age of carefree innocence. But it was also a time when more liberal ideas were allowed to flourish. One of the most prominent German sexologists was Magnus Hirschow. Years of research in the field; both on humans and on animals had thoroughly convinced him that the cause of sexual orientation was biological. Now, in this new age of liberalism, his idea caught on. If homosexuality was inborn, it should not be a crime. But one group in particular did not agree. They stormed his library and burned all his books. A few months later they swept into power. Ironically, Hitler and his followers agreed with Hirschow that homosexuality was genetic, which for them led to one logical solution....**

(Szasz) "When the Nazis went into the business of systematically killing people, this was done by doctors; virtually all the doctors were psychiatrists. In addition to Jews, the people who were killed were homosexuals. And this was a direct continuation of the German medical biological research on sexuality which goes back to the early part of the 1900's."

**Just as the Jews were forced to wear yellow stars, homosexuals were marked with pink triangles. Thousands of gay men and women were imprisoned, tortured and executed in Nazi concentration camps. When the allies liberated the camps, homosexuals were not freed. Instead they were moved to civil prisons. They had after all, broken the law. Another war was over and the world was ripe for another change in ideas. The recent Nazi horror left both society and scientists deeply suspicious of biological explanations for human behavior. Psychoanalytic and behavior theories gained ground....**

(Richard Isay) "The analysts who came from Europe tried to escape persecution. They were very insecure about their financial well-being. They sided by and large with the medical establishment and the pathological view of homosexuality. This has become part of the psychoanalytic theory."

(Lillian Faderman) "I think the post-World War II years were the worst times to be lesbian. There was an attempt to get women to go back to their homes; to give up the jobs they'd had. There was an attempt to instill in all women the feminine mystique and of course women who wanted to live as lesbians had to reject that feminine mystique. You can't live as a lesbian unless you're economically self-sufficient. The psychiatric

establishments made attempts to cure women who were not only lesbian, but women who wanted to be independent; that was a sign of their lesbianism."

In this climate of strict gender roles, psychiatrists began to build on Sigmund Freud's theories on the effects of absent fathers and domineering mothers. They argued that homosexuality was a form of arrested sexual development. A learned behavior that could and should be unlearned....

(Duberman) "Well, to use myself as an example, I was then in graduate school getting a doctorate. My friends were mostly gay and we were all intellectually inclined. We were all up there getting PhD's. In other words, in the context of the day, fairly well informed and fairly sophisticated and yet we believed to a man, that we had some innate characterological disorder. The good news was it was supposed to be a disorder that could be cured if one presented oneself for psychoanalysis on a regular basis, and most of us did exactly that. When I went into therapy for the longest stretch, I did so only by accepting the therapist's insistence that I give up my lover; because the view then was homosexual 'acting out' was a way of relieving anxiety. The only way to get to the root of the cause of the anxiety was to stop acting out. The tension would build in the person and finally the person would have to look to the anxiety itself and resolve it. It could be done if one had commitment to change. That was always stressed as well. One had to want to change, and if one did, one could change. A lot of us did want to change, overwhelmingly in my generation."

(Faderman) "I deal in 'Odd Girls' with a story of a woman who was hospitalized and given shock treatments for her lesbianism until she finally said 'OK, I don't like women anymore.' Well, who wouldn't be willing to say almost anything after about 20 shock treatments. Through my archival research I ran across a New York Times headline. The headline read: 'A Cure Has Been Found For Mannish Women' and the article of course, suggested those mannish women were lesbians."

(Isay) "My experience over the years and what I've heard and read suggest there is no success rate in changing sexual orientation. One can change sexual behavior for limited periods of time by all varieties and means, including brainwashing and what I call transference compliance, that is, the wish to please the therapist or analyst; to conform to his or her expectations. But this lasts for only very limited periods of time and it's at great psychological risk to the patient. It causes depression, anxiety and loss of self esteem because one is losing one's inherent passions."

Then something happened to shatter the complacency of North American society. Alfred Kinzie published his monumental survey of human sexual behavior. He shocked the continent with findings of prevalent same-sex activity among American men....

(June Reinisch) "And what Kinzie did that was so important was that up to that point it was all black or white and he showed with the thousands of people that he interviewed

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that in fact that people ranged along a whole variety of feelings of sexuality. The vast majority of men who identified themselves as homosexual, at least 75% of them have had sex with a woman sometimes in their lives. That by the way was true for lesbian women as well; roughly the same percentage have had sex with a man. There is a reasonable percentage of people who label themselves heterosexual who have had at least one experience in their lives with a same-sex partner."

(Richard Pillard) "It turns out, if you ask men over the age of 25, most of them will self-describe as either gay or straight and very few as bisexual. Most men know by their mid-20's that they're either gay or straight and there are some who say they are bisexual, but they are the minority."

**Kinzie's findings challenged long held beliefs about human sexuality. Their impact on society was greatly magnified by what was about to happen in the world at large. If the 50's were a decade of conformity, then the 60's were a decade of protest. An era marked by student, civil rights and anti-war demonstrations. For the new generation it was a fight for the social revolution just around the corner....**

(Duberman) "These young radicals who had been active in a variety of other movements now band together in order to speak out and come out for their own cause."

**The revolutionary spirit of the 60's did not affect the medical profession. Psychiatric theories about homosexuality remained unchanged.....**

(Duberman) "Even back then there were a few therapists who did not subscribe to the general theory, but they were very few indeed and their voices were not being raised publicly. They were not publishing in journals. They were not doing anything like clinical studies. They were considered marginal mavericks in the field. The field itself was wholly dominated by those who equated homosexuality with pathology."

**Despite medical persecution and the intolerance shown by mainstream society, gay communities thrived within their own subculture; an underground bar scene where gay men and women could meet. But homosexuality was still a crime. Gay bars were often raided and their patrons were used to police round-ups. Then one night, in the summer of 1969, what seemed like a routine raid, changed everything.....**

(Morris Kight) "There is a little bar in Greenwich Village called The Stonewall, just a dive, mafia owned, unlicensed, but it was frequented by our brothers and sisters. It was a busy, busy place. The police came in to harass the bar and started the sort of thing that they do. 'You, you, you, you, and you,' plus some psychological brutality and some physical brutality. Some moment everyone became so angry they simply fought back. They locked the police in the bar from which they were just driven out and then they knocked out the windows and threw in malatov cocktails and then commenced three days of vigorous rioting. It took the police that long to control

these homosexuals. Now, never before have they shown this much courage and from their courage comes much courage to others."

**The Stonewall riots were a watershed. Gays and lesbians learned the power of united action and they started to fight back. One of their first targets would be the APA, The American Psychiatric Association....**

(Treichler) "It was clearer, I think, for instance in the early 1970's when homosexual psychiatrists were lobbying the American Medical Association and American Psychiatric Association to take homosexuality out of the DSM3 as a medical category in pathology. There, it seemed to me the ploitics and the science all went together."

**The American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from it's official listing of psychiatric disorders in 1973....**

(Faderman) "I think with the emergence of the lesbian feminist movement, we have another very good example of how clearly lesbianism can be socially constructive. Radical feminists in the 1970's were saying that feminism was the theory and lesbianism was the practice; that if you were a real feminist, you would realize that lesbianism was the only noble choice. You couldn't be a feminist in the daytime and then go home at night to sleep in the enemy camp."

(Fausto-Sterling) "Can I talk about lesbians? There's one sense in which the answer to that is no, because there's nothing much to say because people don't work on them. That's an exaggeration but I would say for every 10-20 papers published on men, there's one paper published on women with regard to homosexuality. Most of the researchers are male and most male researchers are not interested in women and they don't work on women. They think female organisms are not worth studying or they think they're too difficult or complicated to study. You know, they menstruate, their hormones change each month and it's just all too complicated to control so it's just easier to have an all male sample. That's the sort of argument you get."

**In the early 1970's scientists were still preoccupied with the cause of homosexuality. Those who believed it was learned behavior conducted experiments looking for the effects of the environment on brain structure....**

(Treichler) "The labs here did this research since the 60's in which they showed in fact behavior can influence, or the environment can change the structure of the brain; not from just what's in the brain to the behavior."

**But interest in learned behavior both in lab rats and humans began to wane. By the late 1970's trends in scientific research had gone full circle. The war had been over for over 30 years and scientists were once more turning to biology for answers. Study after study attempted to prove the character traits are principally inhereted through the genes. In the long nature, nurture debate, nature was again seen as the most important factor...**

(Reinisch) "That's again the nature, nurture paradigm. That it's either biology or environment loses site of the fact that biology and environment are intimately intertwined and that the environment can affect biology in a very strong way and does all through development. I was brought up in my scientific life with the understanding that it's 100% biology and 100% environmental. That's the best way to think about it."

(Green) "Kids are not all the same; some kids are more rough and tumble or more assertive and aggressive than others. Some are more aesthetic and passive or compliant than others. There is also evidence from hormonal studies that the extent of things like aggressive play, the extent of interest in dolls or babies, is to some extent influenced by prenatal sex hormone levels. If you have a child who comes into the world, a boy, with different levels of interests in doll playing and aggression compared to a boy who is traditionally masculine, that boys relationships with his mother and father are going to differ, that boys relationships with his siblings and peers are going to differ. It may well be that it is a combination then of innate differences to ways the parents react to them, the way the peer group and siblings treat them and then a socialization track that a boy gets on for being labelled sissy, feminine or deviant or whatever it is, but then also influences later sexual orientation."

(Pillard) "There's an interesting finding from a researcher in Toronto. He took pictures of behavioral effeminate boys who we know in a large proportion will turn out to be gay men and mixed them with photos of behavioral boyish boys and showed these photographs to judges and said: 'Now rate these pictures. Who are the cutest?, Who are the most attractive?, Who are the handsomest?' Well, guess what? The behavioral effeminate boys were picked as the most attractive, most pretty, most handsome and of course our instinct tells us this is true. Models, actors, people whose handsomeness stands out are pretty often gay. What does this mean? Does it mean that there's something genetic that makes us gay and also makes us pretty?"

(Reinisch) "If you study homosexual men, you find that they come in all varieties. From very, very masculine, macho, motorcycle driving, truck driving tattoo wearing, leather wearing men to very feminine men who dress in fact most of their lives as women, but who still consider themselves to be men and who want to be men, to the vast majority who are indistinguishable, from your basic Wall St. banker."

**A gay gene? Learned behavior? Nature? Nurture? Perhaps the problem is that some scientists are trying too hard to find simple answers for something as extremely complex as human sexuality....**

(Treichler) "The idea of feminine and masculine, male and female, sex and gender. I don't think any of those categories hold up except in the crudest way or in particular context. If you stand outside a department store and you see who walks into this restroom and who walks into that restroom, OK, that's a pretty good measure of who's male or who's female or who wants to be taken as either male or female. But once you move away from those specific contexts, I think it gets very difficult to say, certainly any kind of essentialist measure, the simple essence of what makes someone

male or female. A lot of these biological researchers seem to take that absolutely for granted. It's not a problem. Male is male. Female is female. And now, homosexual is homosexual. To me, it's not very interesting research."

**While scientists continue to argue about the causes of sexual orientation, the real struggle is taking place in the political arena. The AIDS epidemic has once again allowed society to equate homosexuality with disease. Once again, it has been given a ready excuse to further control and oppression....**

(Szasz) "Now, when it comes to studying human behavior, the argument that people simply want to understand it, to put it mildly, is a lie. It's never simply to understand it; it's either to incriminate it or to excuse it. So, the whole interest in the medical explanation of homosexuality is tainted. It's not just a question of trying to understand it, it's a question of what are we going to do then with our understanding?"

(Fausto-Sterling) "What I predict will happen in the U.S. in the near future if people continue to publish claims that they're on the verge of isolating a piece of DNA that's associated with gayness is that people will start trying to develop prenatal tests for gayness and start trying to abort fetuses. There's one side of me saying 'let them try 'cause it's not going to work,' and there's another side of me that finds the whole approach reprehensible. And it's true that prenatal clinics, after LeVay's article came out, were avalanched with phone calls from people saying, 'Can I have a test for this?, I'm pregnant and I want to know if I'm carrying a gay child.'"

(LeVay) "There is a long history of medical intervention to try and straighten out gay people. There's such a list of scientific and medical abuse of gay people, it's no wonder that people like Anne Fausto-Sterling are concerned, but I think you have to recognize a couple of things. First of all, the climate with respect to gay people in society is changing. It's not now like it was 40 years ago when a lot of this abuse was happening. Secondly, it's very much in the power of gays and lesbians themselves, to influence how this knowledge is used; for good or bad, as they see it."

(Duberman) "I think in the short run there may well be liberatory aspects to it. It would be more difficult for example, for a Jerry Falwell to say 'These people are choosing sin and they have it within their power not to choose sin.' If it indeed turns out to be biological, no choice is involved. But wherever hostility exists, it can always find its own rationale. I think it won't matter so long as the hostility remains intact, where there's a bias against same gender sexuality, there will always be some attempt to find a corrective, a cure."

**For centuries, gay men and women have suffered oppression; from church, from science and from state. The question now is, what will happen when society has to make future choices....**

(Fausto-Sterling) "Are we going to permit gays and lesbians to marry? Are we going to permit them to be in the military? Are we going to permit gay parents to adopt foster children? Are we going to recognize that the ideal of the pure-bred family is an ideal that



hasn't been met for years and to accept that there's diversity in lifestyles? All those things are very important and they are really cultural political questions that are being played out at the highest levels of government in the U.S. right now."

The answers to these questions should not be based on the scientific theories that happen to be in fashion. Equal rights for gays and lesbians will be obtained through a strong and active movement. The tolerance of human diversity lies at the centre of the struggle. Because in the end, the eradication of homophobia lies not with scientists and science, but with fundamental social change.

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- Oct 16 - Internalized Homophobia: From Within Ourselves and Our Communities

All meetings are held in Hagey Hall (Humanities Bldg.) Room 378 at the University of Waterloo from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. For more information call [REDACTED]

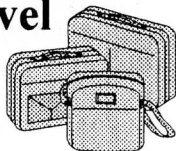
**LIVE MUSIC**

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\* The Nest is also sponsoring a Ball Game Sunday Sept. 22., 2-6 p.m at Soper Park. Party later at the club!

# TRAVEL

## Gays Find Travel Industry More Welcoming



The International Gay Travel Association has about 1,200 members, but by the time it holds its 1998 convention in Montreal, it will undoubtedly have grown to about 1,500, predicts Robert Bell, IGTA's secretary.

Bell, owner of La Fabula Travel and Tours in Toronto, calculates the industry is growing at 10 percent annually as more players enter the market and the world becomes a more welcoming place for gay and lesbian travellers.

The travel agency business is tough these days with heavy competition and some airlines bypassing agents and selling directly to customers, he said.

But chances of survival are greater if a business caters to a niche market.

Gays and lesbians form a good niche, he said, since they are looking for special advice. "They want to know where they will feel comfortable." And they tend to have higher disposable incomes, so when they travel, they travel well - looking for interesting locations and not shying away from five-star hotels.

Worldwide, gay travel agents write more than \$1 billion US in travel tickets and \$75 million US in accommodations.

Bell, who owns the largest agency in Canada, estimates the Canadian market

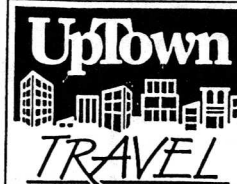
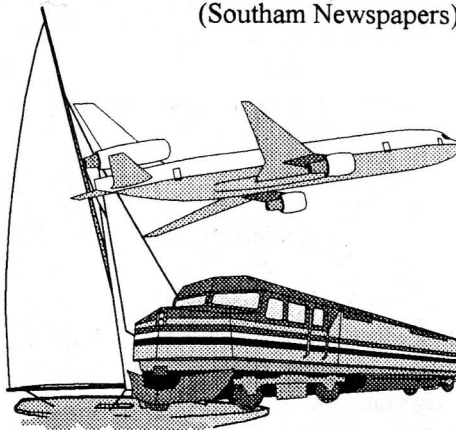
to be \$50 million for tickets and accommodations.

When IGTA started 15 years ago, gay travel was still fairly limited, Bell said. "There were only a few places - Key West, Palm Beach - where they could go and not be laughed at or have people call them names. And they had to stay in a guest house, not a hotel."

There's far less possibility they would be denied entry to a hotel these days, he said. It does happen in small town Canada, Bell said, but not in major cities and many hotels and airlines actually join IGTA and court gay customers.

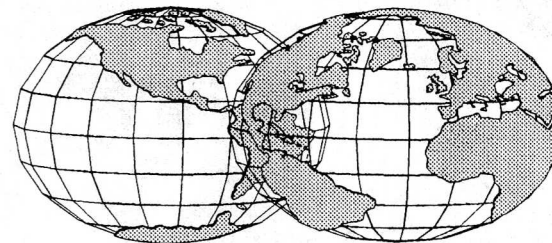
Montreal is a welcoming city, he said. The Greater Montreal Convention and Tourism Bureau has joined IGTA, he said, and put in a better bid for the 1998 convention than Toronto, offering better sponsorship, such as free dinners at the Montreal Casino.

(Southam Newspapers)



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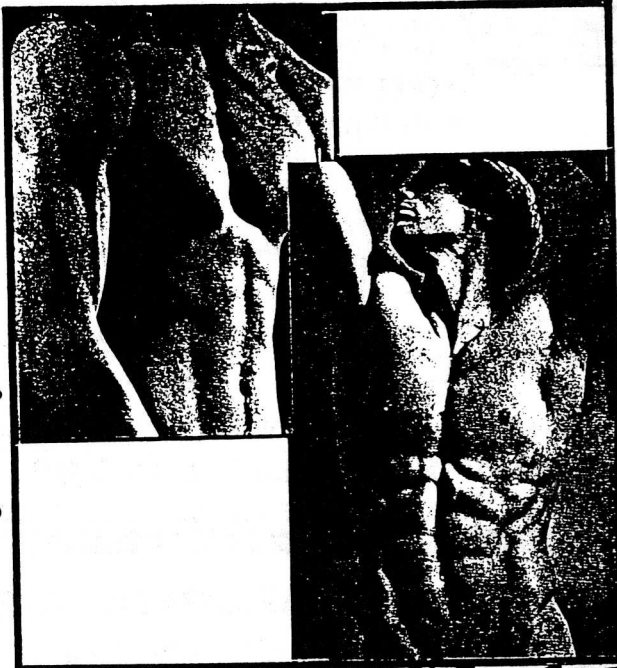
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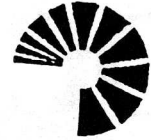
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AIDS Walk '96

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As a Walk volunteer, you will receive an information package, and you will be required to attend a training meeting prior to the Walk. It is that easy to get involved!

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- .Registered Massage Therapists .First Aid (Must have appropriate training/certification)
- .Registration .Route Monitors .Rest Station Monitors .Food and Refreshment Servers

Please call Tracey at 570-3687 for more information.

Start practising your golf game, because another exciting ACCKWA Golf Classic is being planned for next June! The 1st Annual Classic successfully raised \$1,000 for ACCKWA's programs and services.



### From A to Zinc, We Need Your Help

Yes, it's getting close to that time of year again when ACCKWA holds it's annual Vitamin Drive. During the month of October you can drop off a bottle of good quality, unopened vitamins to either the ACCKWA office or various locations around the city. Better yet, bring them with you to AIDS Walk '96 and check out our booth and find out how vitamins and supplements are important for PHAs (People Living with HIV/AIDS). Locations of drop boxes will also be posted at our booth the day of the Walk.

The office will be closed  
October 14, 1996.

### ACCKWA SEEKS BINGO VOLUNTEERS

ACCKWA is presently recruiting new people to join the Volunteer Bingo Team. These bingo sessions are held at Uptown Bingo Palace in Waterloo. All it takes is a minimum of 4 hours of your time to get involved. Please consider assisting ACCKWA with this very important fundraising activity. For info.call Tracey at 570-3687. Call the office for upcoming Bingo dates!

### 3rd Annual Chairs for Charity

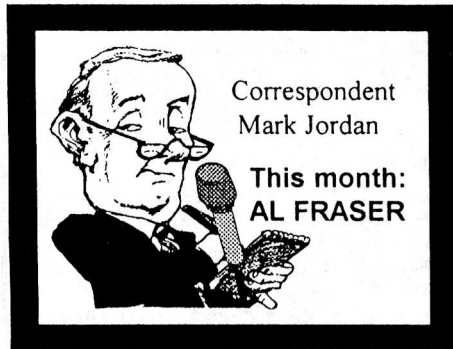
Once again, we are asking artists to create and donate original works of art, using a chair as their canvas or inspiration. Works can be large or small, in two or three dimensions. Any medium is acceptable.

Chairs will be previewed Feb. 1-8, 1997 at the Rotunda Gallery at Kitchener City Hall. Chairs will be auctioned with all proceeds to benefit ACCKWA.

# VOCAL FOCUS

## The OUTLOOK Interviews

Featuring Professionals in our Community



Correspondent  
Mark Jordan

This month:  
AL FRASER

This Issue finds me chatting with Alan Fraser of Out & About, gay radio on CKWR bi-weekly on Tuesday nights at 8p.m. till 10 p.m. Dave Callander, the shows host will appear at a later date.

MJ: How's it going with the radio show?

AF: Well it's going really well! Our listenership is increasing, in fact every week we get new e-mails, phonecalls and letters from new people that have begun to listen to the show.

MJ: What are the demographics of your listening audience at present?

AF: Well, I think that we have at present mainly a male gay audience. We've tried to correct this by doing stories that are of interest to a wider lesbian and transgendered group of people. We've also been lucky enough to have Brenda Spencer as a contributing producer that has been with us since last April to help reflect womens issues on the show.

MJ: How's everything working out with you and Dave Callander on the show?

AF: Well, I can't spend as much time as I'd like to physically on the air as my commitments to CKCO television keep me

busy when I'd like to be on radio. I do other promotional things to try and increase the physical presence of the show when I'm not able to be there.

MJ: How have some of the publicized changes of management and airtime organization within CKWR affected Out & About, if at all?

AF: Well at first, the new owners wanted to change our time slot and also, shorten our show, but we fought these changes and were successful. We have always the fears that one day they'll come up to us and tell us that our show is cancelled, but I think with the rest of the late night alternative programming, we are pretty safe with our position.

MJ: What about advertising on your show, can someone get their business or service on your gay programming content?

AF: Well, at present, we can't solicit on our own for advertising. CKWR does it's own ad sales and I don't know if you can specify Out and About for your ad format

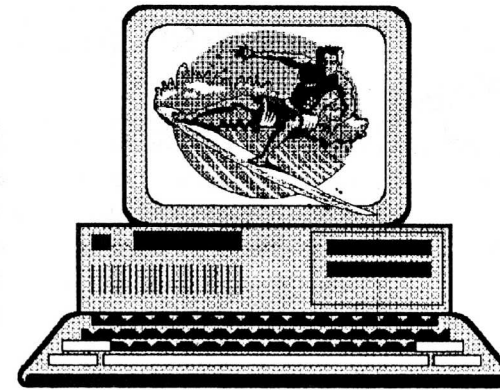
MJ: I've noticed that newer features on your show like the Bingo Ladies have been well received by the community

AF: Yes, since Dave Grant's passing we've tried to alter the format a bit to bring different and interesting features that will appeal to a wider audience.

MJ: How does someone get in touch with you or Dave C. for Out and About?

AF: You can always call into the show directly at 886-9870 during airtime. Or they can call 623-5717 Catalist Comm., my production company. Computer users can e-mail us at OUTABOUT@FGL.CA and of course they can also write CKWR

MJ: Thanks for chatting Al. See you soon!



# THE WORLD WIDE WEB!

by Jools

### Links to check out this month:

- 1) ASK AN EXPERT-<http://www.askanexpert.com/p/ask.html>  
-Here's a site that gives you answers. Designed as a resource for students and teachers, Ask an Expert connects you to authorities around the world on subjects from art to zoology.  
-More than 200 authorities are listed, on topics ranging from Amish culture to photovoltaic design, arthritis, toys, whales, wine, and raspberry preserves.
- 2) BRENT KING'S 'GAY/BI/LESBIAN STUFF' PAGES-  
-[http://osiris.sunderland.ac.uk/research/es\\_ai/brent/gay.htm#Gay](http://osiris.sunderland.ac.uk/research/es_ai/brent/gay.htm#Gay)  
-Brent has compiled a very unique page with TONS! of links to general, specific, entertainment, zine, personal, and pride resources related to gays/bis/lesbians  
-Topics include gay clubs, gay advice, gay rights, HIV/AIDS awareness, theatre, trivia, international gays, contacts from around the world, events across the globe, and lots of other GBL home pages.
- 3) LIVE CAMERA WEB SITES/LINKS-  
-San Francisco: <http://www.kpix.com/live/>  
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## Learning Together About HIV Psychosocial Impact of HIV Disease Part II



### Women

As discussed previously, the impact of HIV infection and facing the realities of a life-threatening diagnosis comes with an entire set of unique emotional and practical concerns for women, especially those with young children. Concern for the children often becomes greater than concern for their own health. One of the most pressing needs expressed by HIV positive women is that of childcare. When a single mother becomes ill and requires hospitalization, caregivers for her children must be found.

The intense emotional stress caused by insufficient child care has an extremely negative impact on the women's immune system and general well-being. Often, women discharge themselves from hospital prematurely, to ensure that their children are cared for, and keeping up with the demands of caring for young children only adds to their fatigue. Planning for the future and finding someone to care for their children after her death is another major stressor for a single mother, especially if her parents are too old to take on the task of child-rearing.

Women who are HIV positive and caring for a family member (child, partner or spouse) who is also infected, tend to neglect their own health so that they can care for the other. Being the family caregiver is a traditional role for many women, and being HIV positive threatens

their role in the family, as well as their own health. This double-barreled threat can result in denial of physical symptoms in an attempt to maintain identity as the one who cares for and keeps the family together.

### Living In The Inner City

The psychosocial challenges confronted by HIV positive people in the inner city and by those with injection drug addictions are unique and complex.

In the inner city, acknowledging HIV status can mean exclusion from the community of people who have become their only source of support. As in the gay community, people in the inner city often adopt a family of choice - a group of people who provide them with the dignity that they have been denied elsewhere.

According to *Ending the Isolation* by Health Canada, "individuals who inject substances have the highest risk of contracting and transmitting HIV infection. The proportion of people whose risk factor for disease is injection drug use...is growing steadily. Drug use can create a pressured and impulsive lifestyle which does not encourage concern for safety and may itself be a co-factor for HIV infection. Once infected, the psychosocial consequences of HIV are

more devastating than in other groups.

### Ethno-cultural Challenges

Ethno-cultural uniqueness can compound the psychosocial impact of HIV infection. Culture, language or religion may act as a barrier to people getting the information they need, and complicate their abilities to access support.

In some cultures, attitudes towards sexuality, addictions and/or illnesses prevent individuals from accessing the information they need to protect their health. Often the educational materials needed are not available in the right language, or in a form the individual can read. Although our society as a whole is far from accepting of homosexuality, it is totally rejected in some cultures. For persons living with HIV and who are also gay, disclosure of their diagnosis can mean expulsion from their cultural group entirely, and be emotionally devastating.

HIV is clearly a growing threat to aboriginal peoples of Canada. A growing number of Aboriginal people are known to be HIV positive. Many Aboriginal people will not seek out medical or social services, either as a result of previously experienced discrimination by the "system", or because of the cultural insensitivity of the services offered.

Culturally sensitive peer education and counselling strategies are being developed to address the needs - and recognize the strengths - of people who are considered "different" than the mainstream, and to support them as they confront the issues of HIV infection in their communities.

### Getting Help

Reaching out and accessing support, whether in the form of an individual counsellor (peer or professional) or from a support group, is incredibly difficult for some people. For some, acknowledging that they need support is very difficult. For others, reaching out means admitting that they are getting sicker and losing the battle against the virus.

The value of both peer and professional counselling services has been acknowledged by many persons living with HIV/AIDS. In addition, support groups provide an opportunity to mutually share experiences and feelings in a supportive group environment.

There are several support groups in Ontario, some designed for people living with the virus, others for people who are affected by HIV; partners, parents and friends. The AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Area (ACCKWA) and the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County provide all the services needed for both the infected and the affected. They can also refer you to outside help, if needed. For persons who are unable to leave their homes due to the poor state of their health, counselling in the home can be provided by peer counsellors as well as by Clinical Social Workers and from the Home Care Program.

\*This concludes our 13 part series on Learning Together About HIV. We hope it was an educational experience for you. If you would like to obtain a complete copy in its original book form, free of charge, please write to:

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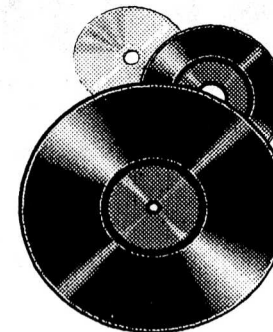
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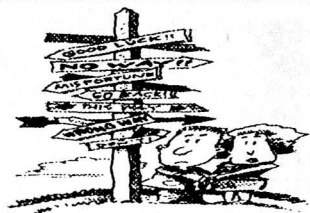
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Canadian AIDS Society  
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1-613-230-3580

Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE)  
Toronto  
1-416-944-1916

CKWBL (Cambridge, K-W Bisexual Liberation)  
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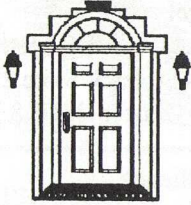
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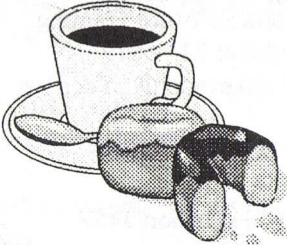
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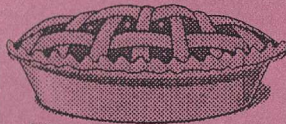

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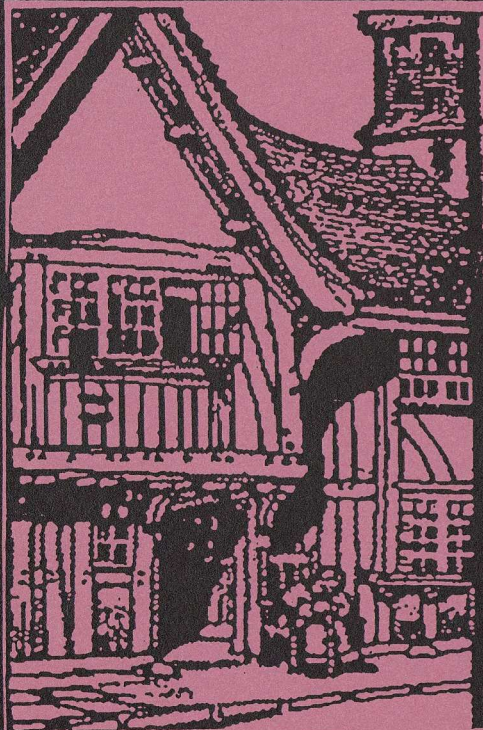




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