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## Assembly passes Agnos Omnibus AIDS Bill

Sacramento-Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-San Francisco) called the Assembly passage of his AB 87, the bill to implement the recommendations of the U.S. Surgeon General on AIDS, "the most significant step forward we could take in the AIDS battle in this or any other state." "this is the only bill in the nation to specifically take the recommendations of the Surgeon General and the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine on how we can combat AIDS and turn the recommendations into a blueprint for action," Agnos said.

"The bill is supported by every major health and medical organization in California, from the California Medical Association to the Health Officers Association of California and the California Nurses Association," Agnos noted.

"I was pleased and encouraged that the Reagan Administration's Surgeon General, Dr. C. Everett Koop, wrote that this bill is 'the most comprehensive and compassionate proposal I have seen.'"

Under AB 87, A California Commission on AIDS would be established with 24 members to oversee a coordinated and comprehensive approach to a wide range of issues, including disease prevention, cost of care, health delivery programs, and research. AB 87 also improves the ability of physicians and nurses to provide essential care by

allowing the patient to consent to having AIDS anti-body test results included in a medical record and discussed with the health care team.

In addition, parents and guardians are given authority to have a test performed on their child or charge.

Other provision of the omnibus bill set education requirements in state schools, establish procedures for school districts and day care programs to consult with parents and physicians when a child has AIDS, outline hygiene provisions in day care centers and state institutions, encourage the wider use of antibody testing for targeted groups such as women considering pregnancy, and endorse reliance on community support groups as part of the state's care program.

"Every member of the Assembly should have voted for this bill."

"The fact is, almost every Republican voted against it."

"I believe that history will remember their 'no' votes to their discredit," Agnos said.

"The only possible explanation for their opposition is that they hoped to reap some political benefit that they think will outweigh the public health consequences of their action."

"But history will tally the score against them, and never forget what they did here today," Agnos said.

## U.S. Court to hear Security Clearance case

by John Follesdal

The U.S. Supreme Court announced on June 9th that it will hear a gay rights case involving security clearances.

The case will determine whether federal courts have the authority to review a CIA director's decision to fire a gay employee.

The case could have an important impact on gays and lesbians who have security clearances.

The employee involved in the case was fired after he told a CIA security officer that he was gay; to protect his identity he is identified only as "John Doe."

John Doe began working for the CIA in 1973, and became aware of the fact that he was gay three years later; shortly afterward, he came out to family, friends and to a CIA security officer.

The appellate court said that the decision was not "arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with the law."

The appellate court then sent

the case back to Judge Parker to determine whether the CIA director had violated Doe's constitutional rights.

The CIA lawyers then petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the appellate court's decision.

In the petition, the U.S. Solicitor General Charles Fried argued that Section 102(c) of the National Security Act enabled the CIA director to fire employees without that decision being subject to review by federal courts.

According to Fried's petition, subjecting such personnel decisions to any degree of review by federal judges would "seriously undermine the CIA director's ability to safeguard intelligence sources, methods, and personnel from unauthorized revelation."

Fried also wrote that the CIA director "cannot be required to disregard the reality that some employees may be susceptible to blackmail" by unfriendly foreign governments.

He did not explain how an openly gay man who has come out to family and friends could be blackmailed about his sexual orientation.

There was some advantage to somebody making his gayness known without it being associated with something unpleasant, whether AIDS or some law violation."

Frank was referring to the media coverage of Stewart McKinney's death and the circumstances in which Gerry Studds came out.

Congressman Stewart McKinney, a Connecticut Republican, died recently of AIDS.

His actions, however, have touched off bipartisan criticism.

According to the San Jose Mercury, the Republican and the Democratic state chairmen have both said that Wing's tactics were "out of line."

Barney Frank is a Democrat whose district includes several suburbs and towns outside Boston.

Frank came out last May in a front page interview in the Boston Globe.

Frank later told the Advocate that he wanted people to know "because it might help to defeat some of the prejudice, and there

## Republican's hope to oust Gay Congressman

by John Follesdal

A Republican party official is hoping to get "family oriented" candidates to run against the nation's only two gay congressmen; the San Jose Mercury News reported on June 26th.

According to the newscast, the president of the Bristol County Republican Committee in Massachusetts is hoping to find candidates who can defeat Democratic representatives Gerry Studds and Barney Frank.

the two representatives won re-election last fall by huge margins.

Frank Wing, the Republican official, feels that the two gay congressmen from Bristol County are poor representatives for their districts because they are gay.

Wing, was quoted in Rhode Island's Providence Journal Bulletin as saying that he would seek an ideal Republican candidate who is a "family individual in a

wave were felt throughout the city.

Rev. Hill worked closely with the Wichita Public Health Department and shared in joint news conferences.

Hill discussed how to set up an AIDS Hospice and as a result, immediate work began on securing a group of businesspeople/government officials and representatives from the gay community to form a city-wide Public Health Department AIDS Task Force.

"Kansas will see more and more AIDS deaths," commented Rev. Hill, "with the virus being carried from city to city by transients, many of whom are drug users, and native sons and daughters coming home to die."

In this state where the parks and bars are packed and open sex continues like San Francisco in the old days, the existing gay groups are working hard.

The Wichita Task Force is run by the gay community and quite frankly is burned out—they have difficulty collecting funds with only a handful of volunteers.

With their 4th director within a year, the Task Force has been successful in placing buckets of condoms in the 5 gay bars as well as matchbooks giving the AIDS Hotline number and warnings to play safe... your life depends on it.

One thing very evident is the cooperation between all groups working with the AIDS crisis—they have a residential home for AIDS, the Kansas Information Network, the WSU Gay/Lesbian Resource Association, The Wichita Gay Pride Committee, and the Wichita AIDS Task Force, all working closely with the members of the Wichita Public Health Department.

Many people came to the meetings, Randy spent many of his hours counseling with parents who brought their teenagers who were coming out.

In a most conservative area of the country, this was significant—A Parents of Gay Group was formed one of those afternoons.

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## Gay Men / Lesbian Women as an Ethnic Group

by Fernando J. Gutierrez, Ed.D.  
*Co-Chair, Association for Gay and Lesbian Issues in Counseling*  
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**Aesthetic Cultural Patterns**  
These are the symbols of a culture represented by music, art, food, dances, styles of clothing, and even definitions of physical beauty.

**Thinness** is a definition of beauty in American cultures.

**Obesity** is a symbol of physical beauty in some African countries.

In the gay male community, a well-conditioned body is a symbol.

Subcultures within the gay/lesbian community are also identified through dress.

The South of Market crowd of San Francisco can be identified by Western and Leather apparel. There is the "Castro Clone," identifiable by 501's a T-shirt ad boots.

Then there is the GUPPY with the BMW, and the preppy look. The rainbow flag has also become the symbol of Gay/Lesbian Pride and Liberation.

Gay Theatre, Art, and Music have been institutionalized in San Francisco through the Theatre Rhinoceros, the Lesbian and Gay Men's Chorus, the Gay Freedom March Bands.

**Language**  
The single most characteristic feature of an ethnic group is language.

Religion has been utilized through history to mobilize members of a group to deal with a felt threat to their continuing existence or to attain change of status through a religiously oriented social revolution.

Moses brought the Jews out of bondage, Martin Luther King, Jr. achieved civil liberties for Blacks.

**Sense of Continuity**  
The ethnic group provides for individuals a sense of survival.

When their group or lineage is threatened with extinction, so are the individual members of

that group.  
the AIDS crisis is a definite threat to our sense of continuity—this is why the October 11 March on Washington is an important statement of unity that will send a message to the straight society that we will live on.

As we create institutions in our community, we are ensuring our continuity as a people.

**Group Allegiance**

Loyalty to a cause, movement, or occupation is an important aspect of ethnic identity, for it provides a sense of similarity of emotional experience within the group.

This why in the past, occupations such as hairdresser and interior designer were popular among gay people.

However, as the culture has evolved due to our gains in civil liberties, we no longer need to be limited to certain stereotypes of behavior, dress, or occupation. The symbols of our allegiance are not as limited.

As you can see, there is more to being gay or lesbian than with whom a person sleeps, therefore, it is the duty of mental health professionals to become familiar with the different components of this particular ethnic group so that we can sensitize ourselves to their uniqueness so as not to label them deviant or abnormal simply because of our lack of understanding of their sociocultural and historical-political context.

**Counselor Education Programs** and Counselor Supervisors are in a position to incorporate training programs for counselors that can incorporate this information.

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"The Unhur Act provides that any business establishment, especially those dealing with public housing, cannot discriminate based on sexual orientation," said Tracy Jordon, ACLU cooperating attorney.

"How dare they so blatantly discriminate against me and pass judgement on my sexuality," said Browne of the hotel management, "it is an insult to the women's community."

Jordon, Browne and ACLU/SC Women and Gay Rights Attorney Susan McGreavy participated in a news conference on July 2.

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**Jul 8:** Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays: San Jose chapter meets at 7:30 pm on second Wed of month in the lounge of the First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton, San Jose. Call 270-8182.

**Jul 8, 15, 22, 29:** Stevenson Gay Community Collective: Meets 6:00 pm Wednesdays during summer session at Caffe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar St., Santa Cruz. The Collective's summer project will be designing an Orientation and Advising Program for new UCSC students in the fall. For further information, call Luke Adams at 429-4930.

**Jul 8, 15, 22, 29:** Peninsula Women's Group: A support and networking group for lesbians meets Weds at 7:30 pm at the United Church of Christ on Arroyo St. in San Carlos (2 blocks west of El Camino), second floor, first room on right. And info and a calendar, call Diane 415/349-5189 or Pat 415/969-4731.

**Jul 16, 23, 30:** Men's Support Group: An informal support and social group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose. Bring a dish to share. Call Voice-mail line 993-1830.

**Jul 13, 20, 27:** Cabrillo Lesbians Together: Weekly meetings on Monday evenings 7:30 pm at the Cabrillo College Womyn's Center, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos. Also drop-in on Friday afternoons 1:30-3:30 pm. Call 479-6249.

**Jul 14, 21, 28:** AIDS Support Group: All are welcome. Meets 7:30 pm every Tuesday at Christ The Good Shepherd Church, San Jose. For details, call ARIS Project 370-3272.

**Jul 14:** Slightly Older Lesbians: Psychic Phenomenon. Guest speaker Dotti. Support/discussion group for lesbian women over 30. 7:30 pm at DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. 293-4525.

**Jul 15:** Imperial Grand Lion Court of San Jose: Meeting at DeFrank Center 3rd Wednesday each month.

**Jul 16:** Peninsula Business and Professional Association: Meets 3rd Thursday each month, 8 pm at the Social Hall, Unitarian Fellowship of Redwood City, 415/363-4570.

**Jul 9:** Feminist Reading Group: Meets 2nd Thursday each month. For details, call Linda 248-9610.

**Jul 10:** Gay Spanish Club: El Grupo Social meets in Hayward the second Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. Both native speakers and learners are welcome to socialize in Spanish in private homes. For further information: Valentín (Hayward) 538-4980; Walter (S.F.) 776-4759; John (E. Bay) 526-8912.

**Jul 9:** Slightly Older Lesbians: Miniature Golf at Goffland, 976 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, 7 pm. Newcomers welcome. 293-4525.

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Coffeehouse: Gwen Avery & Pat Wilder, piano & guitar. 8:00 pm at 1040 Park Ave., San Jose. Sliding scale \$3-7.

Call 293-9372.

**Jul 17:** BAYMEC: Reception for visiting board members of National Gay/Lesbian Task Force at the new Club St. John in downtown San Jose (corner St. John & N. San Pedro). \$20 donation. 297-1024.

**Jul 18:** Summer Concert: Celebrate Relationships, songs from 10 years of a lesbian relationship, written and sung by Stasia, with Laura E on keyboards. 8:00 pm at First Unitarian Church, 160 N. 3rd St., San Jose. \$6 at door.

**Jul 18:** UC GALA Barbeque & Dance: U.C. Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association barbecue at 6 pm, dance 9-midnight, at Haas Clubhouse, Strawberry Canyon Recreational Area. Admission \$5.

**Jul 18:** Women & Children Together: Support group for lesbian parents and co-parents. Meets at 7:30 pm on 3rd Saturday each month. For details, call Wendy 415/328-5825.

**Jul 18:** MCC-San Jose: Potluck in Fireside Room, 6:30 pm at Grace Baptist Church, 10th & San Fernando, San Jose. 293-2711.

**Jul 19-26:** Metropolitan Community Church: Holy Trinity General Conference in Miami, Florida. Info 279-2711.

**Jul 19:** Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: Spirituality from the viewpoint of a Channeled. Meets 1st & 3rd Sunday of month. Old Firehouse at Stanford. Call Marilyn at 415/969-1260.

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**Jul 25:** Slightly Older Lesbians: Swim party / potluck at Madelon's in the East Foothills, 1:00 pm. Call 272-3279 for directions.

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**Jul 12, 19, 26:** Peninsula Gay & Lesbian Youth Group: Meets 2 pm every Sunday at Fireside Room, University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave., Palo Alto.

**Jul 12:** Lesbian/Gay Parenting Group: Swimming pool party in Mt. View, noon to 8 pm. Support group for lesbian women and gay men who wish to become parents or who already have children. Call Jeff 415/550-1271 or Ron 415/841-4622.

**Jul 12:** Libertarian Party: Caucus of No. Calif. delegates to Libertarian Presidential Nominating Convention will meet at 2 pm in Pacifica. Presidential candidates Russell Means, Carol Newman, and Ron Paul expected to attend. Open to public. Call 243-2711 for details.

**Jul 12:** High Tech Gays: Monthly meeting and potluck supper, 6:30 pm, followed by business meeting at 8:00 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose. Bring a dish to share. Call Voice-mail line 993-1830.

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**Jul 11:** Jazz Concert: Notin' But The Blues... concert of blues, jazz and originals from Ella Fitzgerald to Big Mama Thornton played by Rita Lackey, piano; Del Rey, guitar; Carl Rey, mouth harp; Stan Poplin, acoustic bass. 8 pm & 10 pm at Kuumba Jazz Center, 320-2 Center St., Santa Cruz. \$5 at door.

**Special Events**

**Jul 24-26:** Gilroy Garlic Festival: 200 booths include garlic breads, wreaths, jewelry, tee-shirts, books. Variety of garlic-flavored foods. No dogs allowed. 10 am-7 pm. Admission charge. 842-1625.

**Jul 24-Aug 9:** 43rd Annual Santa Clara County Fair: A Carrousel of Family Fun, offering a wide range of exhibits, food, carnival, auto racing. Santa Clara County Exposition Center. 295-3050.

**Jul 26:** Firemen's Pump-In: Antique Truck Exposition. Firemen and firemen's memorabilia enthusiasts compete in games and competition amidst an antique fire truck exhibit. Also, exotic animals, train rides, merry-go-round and specialty shops. Country Park, Santa Clara de Fruta, 6680 Pacheco Pass - Hwy 152, Hollister, CA. 95023-0051.

**Jul 28:** Imperial Grand Lion Court of San Jose: Grand Duke & Duchess Ball '87: 7:00 pm to midnight at Red Lion Inn, 2050 Gateway Pl. Live music, no-host bar, formal attire. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 at door. Call Frank 947-1805 or Rachel 297-1209.

**Oct 10:** The Wedding: Two o'clock in the afternoon, Washington, District of Columbia.

**Oct 11:** National March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights!

**Gay and Lesbian/Feminist Radio/TV**

**Jul 8, 15, 22, 29:** Fruit Punch: Gay radio every Wed. 10-11 pm, KPFK 94.1 FM.

**Jul 12, 19, 26:** Women's Radio Hour: With Mary Jeffries, every Sun. 11 am - noon, KKU 91.5 FM.

**Jul 12:** TV Drama: Waiting for the Moon, portrait of Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas. American Playhouse, 9 pm, Ch. 32.

**Jul 13, 20, 27:** Closet Free Radio: Programming for the Santa Cruz lesbian and gay communities, from 8:30-10:30 pm on KZSC 88.1 FM every Monday.

**Jul 14:** Slightly Older Lesbians: San Mateo County Governor's Corridor Gallery: Faces of AIDS, 60 photo portraits of persons with AIDS in stark 16 x 20 black and white by Jim Wigler with text by Eleanor Haas. Proceeds to benefit the Ellipse AIDS Hospice. Information from Supervisor Tom Nolan's office, Redwood City, 415/363-4570.

**Jul 15:** Dial-A-Date

Dial (408) 295-2265 from any touch tone telephone for current information on special activities in and around San Jose.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All events are subject to change, check with sponsoring organizations when possible.

**High Tech Gays June meeting: Gay Republican's speaker—(l to r)Bob Bacci, Brian Manroge, Chris Bowman, Ed Lopatin, and Rick Rudy**

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## Gay Games organizers lose battle for Olympic title

by John Follesdal

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 25th that the U.S. Olympic Committee had the legal authority to bar the organizers of the Gay Games from using the title "Gay Olympics."

The court also said that the Committee could not be sued even if it enforced its right to the commercial use of the word "Olympic" in a way that discriminated against gays.

In a news conference following the ruling, the attorney for the Gay Games organizers told reporters that the fight was not over.

The attorney, Mary Dunlap of San Francisco, said that the next step was to go before Congress to get the law changed.

According to reports, Nancy Pelosi, the newly elected Democratic representative from San

Francisco, is assessing the possibility of such Congressional action.

The "Gay Olympics" suit revolved around a section of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978; the section granted the U.S. Olympic Committee the exclusive right to the commercial use of the word "Olympic."

In 1982, the Committee obtained a court order from U.S. District Judge Samuel Conti barring the San Francisco Arts and Athletics, Inc. from using the title "Gay Olympics."

As a result of the court order, the organizers had to change the name of the event to "Gay Games."

The court order was upheld last year by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

The Supreme Court's decision rejected the organizers' argu-

ment that the word "Olympic" was a generic word that could not be granted trademark protection without violating the free speech guarantee of the 1st Amendment.

"Because Congress reasonably could conclude that the (committee) has distinguished the word "Olympic" through its own efforts, Congress' decision to grant the (committee) a limited property right in the word falls within the scope of trademark law protection, and thus certainly within constitutional bounds," Justice Powell said.

Justice Powell, who wrote the majority opinion, also pointed out that the discrimination claim against the U.S. Olympics Committee "must fail" since the committee is not a government agency.

The organizers of the Gay Games had claimed that the Olympic Committee had not

objected to "competitions throughout the United States being called 'Olympics' for firefighters, drinkers of alcohol, senior citizens, crab cookers, chili makers, baby diapers and Armenians, to name a few."

Responding to this, Justice Powell pointed out that the committee had filed law suits to prohibit use of the word "Olympic" by body builders, the March of Dimes, and others.

He noted, however, that the committee had allowed the use of the word for youth (Junior Olympics) and the handicapped (Special Olympics).

Following the ruling, Robert Helmick, the president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, told the New York Times that "We have never consented to the use of our trademark for any competition, but its use was 'grandfathered in' for groups such as the Special Olympics who had such competitions before Congress acted."

On any new usage since then, we have requested that the word olympic not be used."

Helmick added that the purpose of the case, *San Francisco Arts and Athletics, Inc. vs. U.S. Olympic Committee*, 86-270,

The decision should be out

"was to clarify, once and for all, that we have legal exclusive right to the olympic trademark."

The ruling came as a crushing disappointment to Dr. Tom Wadell who founded the Gay Games.

Dr. Wadell, who is dying of AIDS, competed in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, finishing sixth in the decathlon.

The U.S. Olympic Committee has a \$96,000 lien on Dr. Wadell's house for payment of its legal fees.

However, the president of the Olympic committee told NBC News on the day of the ruling that the Committee will not go after the house.

Dr. Wadell wants to leave the Mission District home to his three year old daughter.

The Committee had earlier won an order for the payment of its legal fees, but the order was overturned by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The controversy over the Committee's legal fees will not be sent back to U.S. District Judge John Yukasin for reconsideration.

The decision should be out



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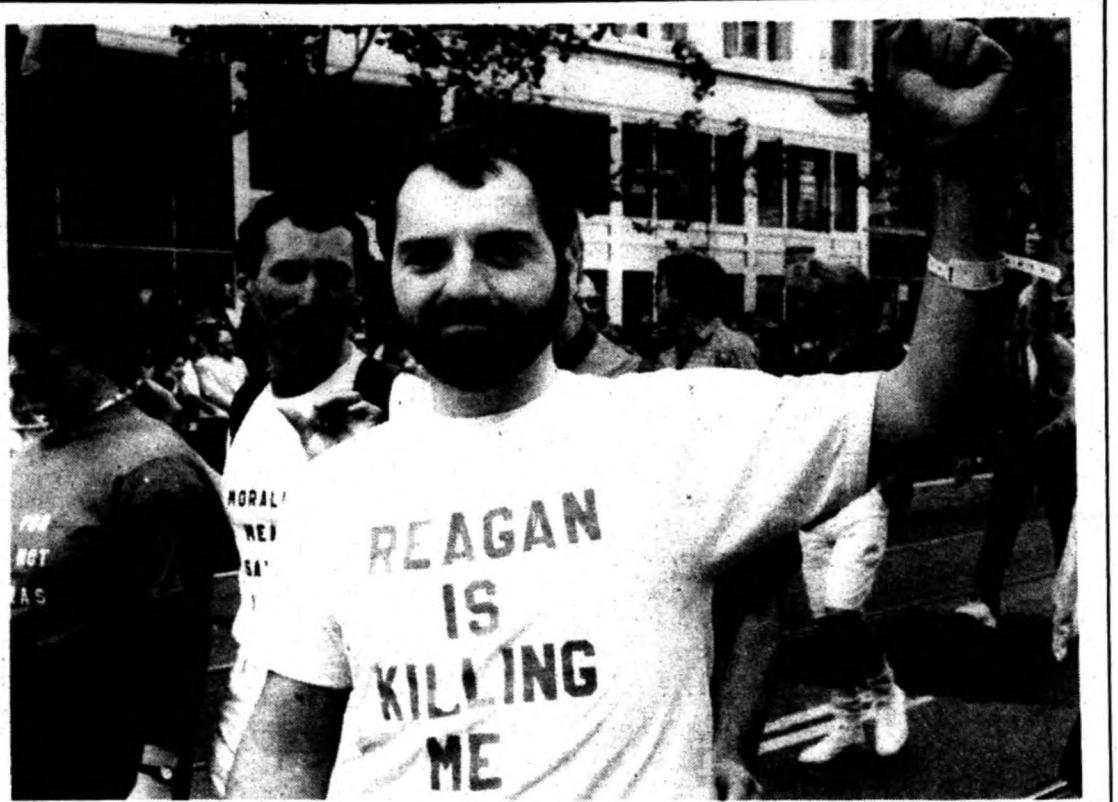
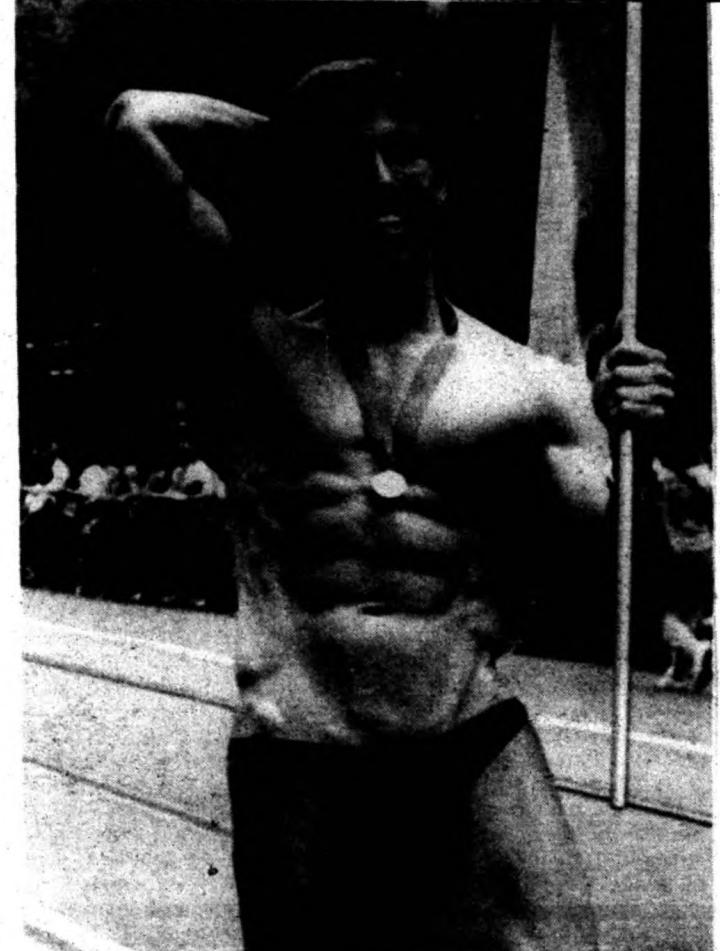
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## The Ultimate Trap

by F. Randall Hill

When the young Israelites were ready to enter the promised land, Moses had some good advice to give them.

Since he wouldn't be going with them, he warned in Deut. 6:15 that God is a jealous God and that God cares for them.

God is jealous for their love and allegiance.

When they went in, they would soon have homes, cities, flocks that they did not work for or bring with them.

Plenty would lead them to the ultimate trap: Forgetting the Lord their God!

They would soon lose their distinctiveness.

They would be tempted to yield to peer pressure.

They would no longer be the unique people that God called them to be.

I believe we have some very serious warnings for Christian Gay/Lesbian people today.

They can parallel our situation with the AIDS crisis and **OUR RESPONSIBILITY for Safer Sex.**

(Condoms only giver safer sex, not safe sex)

First, getting something for nothing can breed irresponsibility.

I have noticed that some people only attend church when they want something or when they are in trouble.

When they find the answer to their problem, OFF they go till the next big crisis.

When things are suddenly laid into our laps our response is "Who needs God."

Sort of a spoiled child syndrome.

As Christian Gay People, we MUST never forget the following:

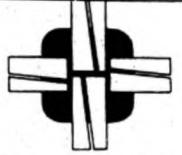
If I Am Responsible! No one may know me, no reputation to uphold, no fear of "being found out." I am responsible must ever be on our lips. We are held accountable and responsible to God for even our "secret" actions. Not only that, you are responsible for your sexual partner! Even if he/she is not acting responsible, you are, simply

We all fall immediately into a breeding ground for irresponsibility.

Second, Irresponsibility creates a careless attitude.

When there is an abundance of things freely unloaded upon us, a carelessness emerges... and inability to discern the right

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set of values.

"Who really cares anyway?"

"No one will know, besides

everyone else is doing it!"

Watch yourself or less you will

forget the Lord and whose you

are.

The times we are most tempt-

ed to be irresponsible is when

no one else knows.

Third, Carelessness leads to a

loss of standards.

Carelessness creates a loss of

spiritual, moral and ethical stand-

ards.

4) This one time won't matter.

..(maybe, I hope)"

Christians get the AIDS virus

just as easily as non-Christians.

Viruses don't discriminate.

This one time just might

matter!

Moses feared the most when

the young people were surround-

ed by the majority who wor-

shipped other gods including

sex.

Lastly, A loss of standards

proprompts personal insecurity.

Others who went before us

have forged out our theology.

They fought for our rights!

We were handed these rights

on a silver platter; we have

become a generation who fought

for nothing and as a result don't

care about spiritual things.

"You had your fling when

you were my age and Now It's

My Turn and AIDS just isn't

gonna rob me of my flings; it's

my right . . . I am due!"

As you can see, we've been

duped by the 4 principles (each

growing upon the other).

How can we stop this down-

ward spiral syndrome?

As Christian Gay People, we

MUST never forget the follow-

ing:

5) I Am Accountable! I am

accountable to God whether in

the church pew or at the bath

house, beach, bar, bookstore or

buses. You have been chosen

by God to be a "special nation"

and where you go you take the

Holy Spirit and in essence, the

church with you. Not only are

we accountable for our posses-

sions that God has given us, but

*because of who you represent.*

2) I Must Not Forget! When you

haven't been brought out of

Egypt, when you haven't had to

fight to survive, it is easy to

forget God. People with AIDS

today all have wished that they

were able to do it all again, but

this time with foresight. They

would not forget! There is no

forgetting today in the AIDS

crisis! You know, . . . if you

persist, it's irresponsible.

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also our actions, seen and un-

seen.

4) I Get My Standard and Security from God! Just because others do it, doesn't mean it's either safe or right. Don't be fooled by the crowd or the numbers doing it. Play with fire. . . you will get burnt!

Christian Gay Persons are "called-out ones" to set examples, to be different in our loving

relationships with our fellow humans. If we don't possess forgiveness and "unconditional love" for each other, how can we claim our distinctiveness? I lover you. Be a step above the crowd. Share your responsibility—not your fluids!

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By Tycho

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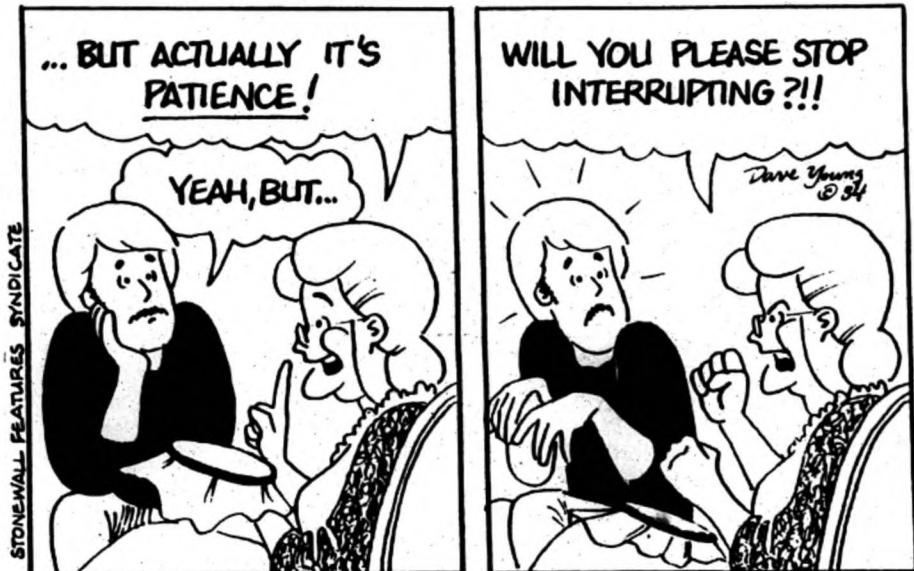
**Taurus** (April 21-May 19)-Take good care of Taurus. You may even want to spend some extra money in pursuit of good health and fitness. Perhaps now is the time to buy that special piece of exercise equipment you've been wanting.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)-The stars say that either you, your love interest, or both of you are playing some very silly games. Words are important. Lies and gossip that go beyond the white and light can be unnecessarily harmful. Enough, already.

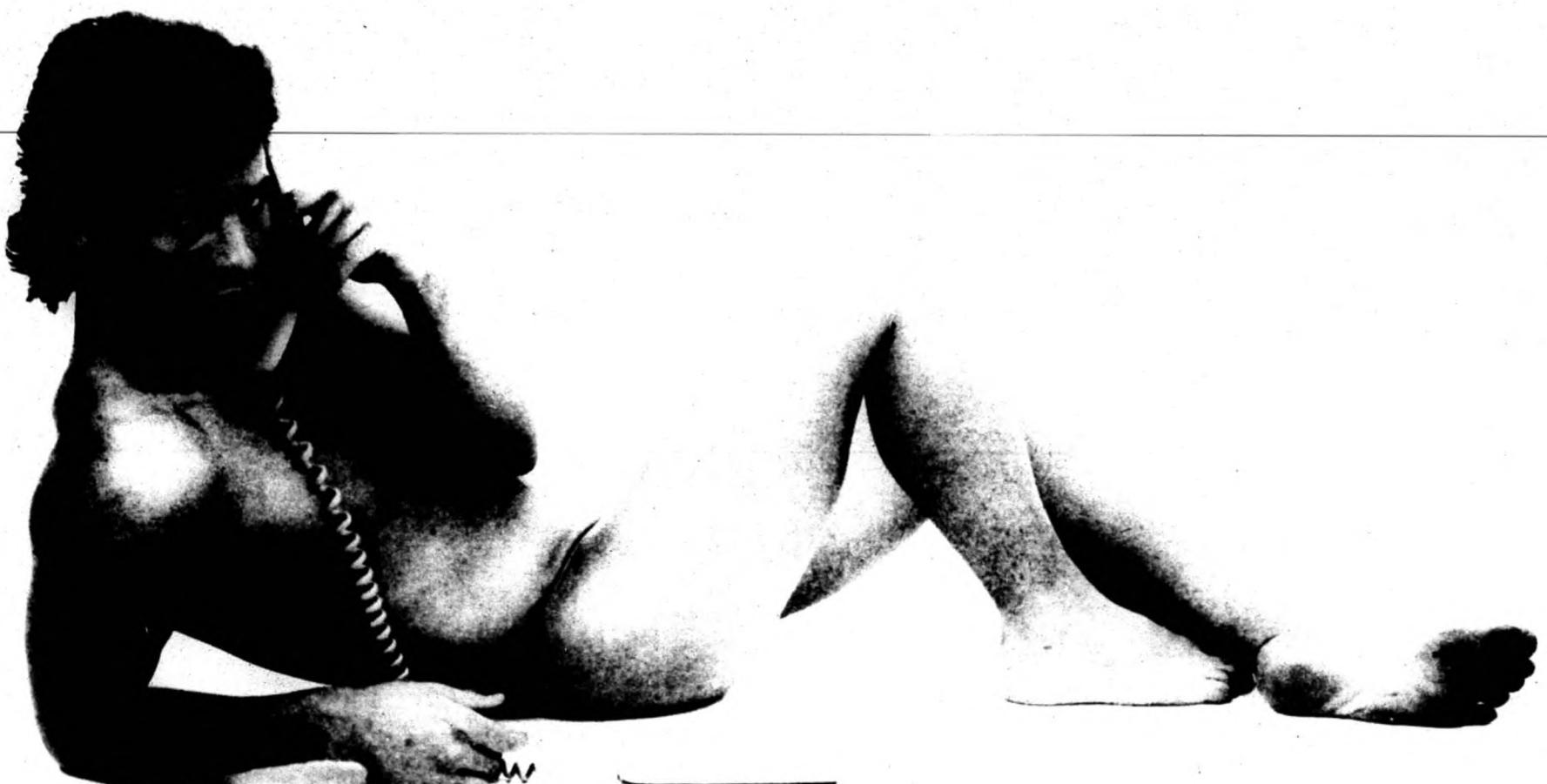
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