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Radio /TV Talk Show Host Sally Jessy Raphael: Support from a Non-Gay Voice

By Lee Moody
Center Fold Staff Writer

A name has recently come over the horizon and joined the ranks of outstanding talk show hosts. This name is synonymous with "class, caring, charisma, and distinction." The name is Sally Jessy Raphael.

Now with two Emmys added to the list of her many accomplishments (1989: Best Talk Show: Host, 1990 Best Talk Show), Sally has proven that she is more than a mere competitor in the game of television talk show hosts. She is a star.

The word "recent" when describing Sally's arrival into the show business world is not the appropriate word. Sally has been hosting her own television talk show since 1983 and has also been hosting a very successful national radio show since 1982.

But, unknown to most, Sally has been in the business for over 25 years, beginning her career in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where she was hired by her soon-to-be husband, Karl Soderlund, to be an interviewer for a radio show. (Just recently, Sally and Karl celebrated their 25th anniversary.)

To be honest with you, I hadn't heard of Sally Jessy Raphael myself until about a year and a half ago when I met and fell in love with a man, who just happened to be a good friend of Sally's. I was quickly inducted into the - unofficial - Sally fan club and began learning about this fascinating woman. Since then, I have even inducted several of my own friends into the club.

I find it hard to believe that there are actually people who have never heard of Sally. She has 20 hours a week of original programming airtime (one hour of television and three hours of radio air time a day). That is more than anyone in the radio or television industry. Yet I have found



SALLY JESSY RAPHAEL

that, if you aren't home during the daytime and if you don't listen to AM radio, chances are you've simply missed her. Sally's television show airs in Central Florida at 10 a.m. on WCPX-Channel 6; her radio show (when not pre-empted by sports or some other dreary broadcast) airs from 7-10 p.m. on WWNZ-AM (740). (Now you have no excuse.)

Her radio show is a "Dear Abby" of the airwaves; she gives sensitive and common sense advice about everything from "How do I get my boss to stop making passes at me?" to "How do I tell my parents I'm Gay?" She has a tremendous following.

One of the advantages of loving someone who knows somebody is you always get a chance to meet that somebody. I have had such an opportunity to meet, and, spend a weekend with Sally and her husband at their bed and breakfast inn, The Isaac Stover House, in Bucks County, Penn. (Bucks County is named after the family of writer Pearle S. Buck and is also the home of most of the musicals written by the duo Rogers

and Hammerstein).

I also got the chance to appear on national television as part of the audience of one of her shows taped in New Haven, Conn. I actually asked a question! The show has since moved to New York City and is taped in the same studio as MTV.

The thought came to me the other day, if someone were to ask what the first word was I ever heard Sally say, the word would have to be "Boo!" That's what she yelled when she snuck up behind my lover while the curator of the Isaac Stover House was greeting us when we first arrived. When we pulled him off the ceiling, introductions were made.

When I first met her I thought, "She doesn't look like she does on TV." Here she was a rather petite, ordinary looking woman with a short, modest hairdo; wearing an outfit that said, "It's not fashionable, but comfortable."

My lover had once said, "She can go out in public and no one would recognize her." I believe it. I've seen the transformation she makes at the studio. She goes into this little room in the back of her office a plain, ordinary looking woman. She comes out about a foot taller, she's dropped about 10 years and her plain face has ... features. The red glasses, now her trademark, are the *piece-de-resistance*. This is the Sally we all know.

In private she is an energetic, articulate, opinionated, yet concerned person. She is also sharp as a tack; not a thing goes past her. We had all gone to a country auction and Sally gave me her bid number and told me what she wanted me to bid for and how much I could bid on each piece. She then went to bid on some other stuff in another section of the auction

building. As a

joke, I tried to fool her into believing that a china tea pot, cup and saucer set she had asked me to bid for had been taken by somebody else at a bid higher than she said I could go. Actually

I had bought it at significantly less than that highest bid.

Here she was after the auction was over, going through over 50 little slips of paper with vague descriptions of the things she had bought. She ran across the one with the tea-pot and saucers (among at least two other sets she had bought) and said, "I thought you said we lost that?" I smiled and said, "You caught me."

She also has a quick and wonderful wit that is usually hidden on television behind a mask of serious contemplation. I remember sitting in the dining room at the inn, eating breakfast. Meanwhile in the breakfast nook, Lord Rumbottom, their lovable, yet noisy, African parrot, was squawking at the top of its lungs.

J.J., Sally and Karl's youngest son, called from another room, "Hey! You with the green feathers. Shut up!" From the kitchen I heard Sally yell, "J.J., how many times have I told you about calling your father that?"

I've decided that someone must plug Sally into a wall socket overnight because that woman has boundless energy. She was up at 7 in the morning, hustled through a hectic day, and crashed at 2 or later in the morning, then she was up at 7 the next day, ready to start it all over. From what I understand, her working day schedule is even more hectic.

With a schedule as crazy as hers, and considering that my lover - her friend - and I are no longer together, she still took time out to help a little nobody like myself by granting me

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Pride Week Was Fun, Successful

By David Bain
GLCS President

I normally concentrate on a particular theme in my column and then rant and rave about a subject until I reach my space limit. This month, I have a wide range of topics important to you and GLCS. So continue to read and if, by chance, the subject doesn't interest you, simply skip to the next paragraph and so on and so on. This



doesn't, however, give you permission to skip my article altogether.

First, some old business:

• For those of you who missed the many Pride Week activities, SHAME ON YOU! You missed a week of first-rate activities. I'll be looking for you next year.

For those of you who did attend, CONGRATULATIONS! You were among the many thousands of Central Floridians who took advantage of the months of planning and hard work that goes into making Pride Week so much fun for the rest of us. Our AIDS memorial and Quilt Panel unveiling at the Lake Eola Band Shell attracted of 500 individuals including Orlando City Commissioner Mabel Butler and newscaster Burdett Bullock who participated along with scores of others in the traditional reading of names of AIDS victims.

• Another highlight of the week was the premiere performance of the Orlando Gay Chorus. An accomplishment that I am extremely proud of and an

indication that Orlando is really growing up. Thank you David Schuler and Charles Callahan for helping make a dream of mine come true and a giant pat on the back for all the dedicated chorus members whose months of preparation yielded a truly delightful and heart warming performance.

• Pride Week concluded with our annual Pride Picnic which drew over 1,200 adults and 138 children (yes, Gays and Lesbians have children too!). Our new location at Camp Heronwood proved to be the perfect choice.

There was plenty of food, drink, entertainment and exhibits (from over 15 different organizations) to satisfy everyone. The feedback was so positive, in fact, that GLCS is currently negotiating a date for another picnic this fall.

• My regrets to those anticipating the opening of the Doric Wilson play *Street Theatre*. The stage was set, the cast was assembled, but the script was in New York. We couldn't secure the performance rights in time for Pride Week. Director Paul Wegman has promised to bring it to the stage during next year's celebration. In the meantime, we have plans for GLCS to produce a series of plays specifically for the Gay and Lesbian community. If you would be interested in forming a Gay and Lesbian theater group, please leave a message for me at the Center.

• Another event that never was was "The Prom that Never Was." We had difficulty in securing a location for our event and are still searching for an appropriate location for our special night and will let you know when we have any further information on this event. A special thanks and apology to all those who purchased advance tickets to these events. If you have yet to receive a refund, please call us so that we can take care of you.

• I hope you have all heard or received information on our PALS (Patrons And Loving Supporters) program. This special group of individuals from our community are making monthly pledges of at least \$15 to ensure the continuation of the programs and services that GLCS offers. To date, we have reached 75 percent of our goal but still have a long way to go. If you are capable of

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Introducing the Acting Center Director

By John Rose
Acting Center Director

The board of directors of Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida recently entrusted me with the



acting directorship of The Center. In view of that, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the

community.

I am a 47-year-old native of Orlando (yes, a real one!), a graduate of Bishop Moore High School and hold a master's degree in educational psychology from Columbia University. I served in the Navy during the late unpleasantness in Vietnam.

I have been affiliated with The Center for over a year in a variety of positions.

I have been a Center volunteer, volunteer coordinator, a member of the board of directors and organizer of this year's Pride Week AIDS Memorial Ceremony. I hope to be able to expand our outreach to all segments of the Gay/Lesbian community.

Center hours will be expanded to include noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays starting Aug. 11.

We are currently looking into establishing a baby-sitting service on Wednesday nights so that more womyn will be able to attend Womyn of GLCS.

If you haven't been to The Center in a while, come on down and check us out. You just might find something in our expanded services that is just what you need.

Letters to the Editor

▼ 'I Could Use Your Help'

Hi! My name is Chris Alexander. I am a Gay divorced father of two children, Christopher, 8, and Jennifer, 7, and I could use your help.

My ex-wife is taking me back to court to try to restrict my visitation with my children. Her main concern, she says, is not that I am Gay, but that I expose my gayness to the kids. I disagree that being open and honest about myself is exposing them to something negative.

She says she doesn't like me to bring them to GLCS' backyard barbecues or to rallies (two in the last two years). What I am asking is that any of you who know me, would be willing to come forward, possibly at a hearing, and testify to your opinion of my character.

All of you out there, female or male, stand to lose if my visitation rights are restricted on the basis of my sexual orientation. We are fighting for the protection of our right to be a family and hopefully, the protection under the law for adoption rights and

alternative insemination rights for Lesbians and Gay males.

My next hearing is scheduled for Aug. 20, in Seminole County. Please contact me as soon as you can if you feel you want to help.

My address is:

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or call and leave a message at The Center, at 425-4527.

With sincere thanks,
Chris

▼ 'Thank You For Coming Into My Life'

June 17, 1990

Michael Wanzie
c/o The Center

Dear Michael,
Hopefully, you remember me. I participated in Healing Group in 1989; often Penny and I were the only women there! I worked at Rollins College, leaving Orlando last August

for Chicago. I have since continued to receive several newsletters from Orlando and just read in *The Center Fold* that you resigned from The Center. So, I immediately sat down to write a note to you, the one I have composed countless times in my head over the past year.

I write simply to thank you for coming into my life through Healing Group. Many, many times since leaving Orlando I have thought about you and the others in the group, the experiences we shared. I am truly grateful that I took the opportunity to further my spiritual evolution by participating in it.

Sometimes it was really scary to be so vulnerable and realize my fears about myself in this life! But the rewards for risking then, continue to be realized today. And just to unexpectedly hear "The Greatest Love" by Whitney Houston, transports me back to every evening's beautiful end; the vision of everyone singing that song together never fails to bring happy tears to my eyes. I really want you to know that those Wednesday nights will be special memories all of my life.

I have no doubt that your future in the entertainment field will be successful. I can witness to the

inspiration your ideas and beliefs have given me, and certainly others in Healing Group. And, for those gifts of yourself to encourage others, you deserve to receive the best in return from life.

Love,
Diane Goodman

▼ 'You Can Run But You Cannot Hide from [HIV]'

Recently, totally moronic Charley Reese of *The Orlando Sentinel* wrote an article (allegedly) pertaining to the irresponsibility of homosexual groups, as well as the militant actions of said groups.

The groups, which of course were not mentioned, are trying to help educate and at the same time assist in finding a cure for what is becoming known as possibly the fastest and deadliest of all diseases in history. What people like Mr. Reese don't want to face is that you can run but you cannot hide from this disease. It will reach into every one's life.

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AM I NORMAL?

• "We're told that it's sick, or perverted, or sinful, or abnormal. But the people who tell us that are the same ones who say that women belong in the kitchen, and that Black people are inferior, and that handicapped people are useless. Who's to say what's normal? Some people think eating raw fish is normal, and other people think it's disgusting and abnormal."—Terry, age 16

• "I think we're very brave to have recognized this in ourselves and to have wanted to come to terms with it."—Natalie, age 18

Yes, you are normal. It's perfectly natural for people to be attracted to members of their own sex. But it's not something that's encouraged in our society. Many people push away these feelings because of prejudice against Gay men and Lesbians.

Most scientific experts agree that a person's sexual orientation is determined at a very young age, maybe even at birth.

It's normal and healthy to be yourself, whether you're Gay or straight. What's really important is that we learn to like ourselves.

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE YOUNG & LESBIAN?

• "I feel very powerful, special, independent, strong and courageous."—Natalie, age 18

• "It's scary sometimes. I've felt very unsure of myself. But other times I feel wonderful and proud."—Terry, age 16

There's no "right" way or "wrong" way to be a Lesbian. Because of society's stereotypes about Lesbians that we've all grown up with, you might think you have to be a certain way if you're a Lesbian. But Lesbians come in all shapes and sizes,

from all occupations, and with all levels of education.

Your sexual orientation is only one part of who you are. You probably have hobbies and interests that are the same as your straight friends.

Because of homophobia and prejudice, some people don't accept Lesbians and Gay men. Lesbians and Gay men suffer from discrimination and violence. That's why there are many Gay and Lesbian organizations that work for Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

WHO SHOULD I TELL?

• "You shouldn't feel pressured to tell anyone at all until you are comfortable with the idea of being a Lesbian yourself. Be prepared that people's reactions will vary."—Tammi, age 18

• "Only tell someone if you feel you have enough support to face what may happen. Try to tell someone if you think you can't deal with these feelings alone anymore. If you think your family might flip out, tell someone who might be more impartial."—Sarah, age 19

Coming out is the process of accepting yourself as a lesbian and figuring out how open you want to be about your sexual orientation.

Unfortunately, not everyone you know will think that being a Lesbian is the greatest thing since sliced bread. It's hard to know who can handle the information and give you support. Some friends may accept you. Some may turn away from you or tell other people without your permission. Telling family can be very difficult. Some families are very supportive. But some Lesbian and Gay youth have been kicked out of their homes when their parents found out.

Maybe there's a guidance counselor or social worker in your school, or in a local youth or counseling agency, that you can trust. It's important to have someone to talk to because it's not normal or healthy for young people to have to keep secret such an important part of their lives.

WHAT ABOUT SEX?

• "First I would ask myself if I felt ready. Then I would talk to my partner to see if she felt ready.

"When you decide to have sex, it feels good when you've made the right decision. Only you can know when it is and isn't right for you to have sex."—Tammi, age 18

• "Just because you're turned on to someone doesn't mean you're ready to have sex. You have to feel emotionally ready. It's important that the two people talk about what they like and don't like. No one should have to do something they don't want to do. There's no need to rush things. It'll come in time."—Terry, age 16

Deciding whether or not to be sexual with someone is a big decision. You may feel very scared at the thought of having sex with another woman. That's OK. Lots of us do, especially if it's our first time.

Women aren't encouraged in our society to talk openly about sex, but it's important that we communicate about what we like and don't like to do sexually, whether we feel ready to have sex or

not, and different expectations we may have about the relationship. And it's important to talk about whether we're at risk for HIV, the virus that is thought to cause AIDS, or other sexually transmitted diseases, like herpes.

There are many ways that Lesbians can be sexual with each other. We can give each other pleasure by holding, kissing, hugging, stroking, stimulating each other's genitals with our tongues and hands, inserting our fingers into each other's vaginas, rubbing our bodies together to stimulate each other, and anything else we want to do. We can use our imaginations!

DO I HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT AIDS?

All of us should know about HIV, the virus believed to be the cause of AIDS – how it's transmitted and how we can prevent ourselves from becoming infected. You and your partner should discuss your risk factors for HIV infection and decide what, if any, safer sex methods you should use.

Lesbians who are at risk are those who:

- Share needles if using IV drugs.
- Have vaginal intercourse with men without using condoms.

(It's fairly common for young Lesbians to occasionally have sexual contact with men.)

- Have oral sex with an infected woman without the use of a barrier to protect against infected vaginal secretions or menstrual blood.

Safer sex for Lesbians includes:

- Use of a dental dam for oral-vaginal and oral-anal stimulation. A dental dam is a piece of latex about 5 inches square designed for use in dental surgery. They are available at dental or medical supply stores.

- Use of surgical gloves when sticking your fingers into your partner's vagina or anus, especially if you have tiny cuts or rashes on your hands.

- And all the other wonderful things that Lesbians do together.

HOW DO WE LEARN TO LIKE OURSELVES?

• "It's important that we don't deny our feelings. If we be who we truly want to be in our hearts, we can be surprised at how happy we can be. And we should think a lot about all our positive points, and being a Lesbian is very positive."—Rebecca, age 16

• "It helps me to interact with people who make me feel happy and good about myself. And I try to do things I feel good about doing."—Sarah, age 19

All people have a right to feel good about themselves. We're all valuable human beings. Developing self-esteem is very important for young people. It's hard for Gay and Lesbian youth to feel good about ourselves because all around us are people who believe that we're sick, or perverted, or destined to live very unhappy lives.

When we feel like we have to hide who we really are, it can make us feel like hurting ourselves, like through alcohol, drugs or suicide.

We may feel very isolated, fearful and depressed, especially if we've had no one to talk to about the

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Love is a Many Splendored Legal Matter

By Alan S. Lunin
Center Fold Staff Writer

Legally Speaking

So you have met the person of your dreams and the two of you are moving in together. Stars in your eyes, and romance all over. But what happens if it sours? Better to be prepared for something that may never happen than to be unprepared if it does.

First of all, for the first few months, don't make any major financial commitments together.

Buying a car, house or other major item may present problems in the future, but those are subjects of future columns.

In the short term, living arrangements present the most immediate issue. When you rent a house or apartment, both of you will be liable for 100 percent of the rent. If sweetness moves out on you and moves to San Francisco, you are left holding the bag for all of the rent.

It helps to make a written agreement between the two of you concerning the use of the property and rent, but that agreement will only bind the two of you, not the landlord.

If you move in with your lover, you need to know what rights you have where you will live. If you are not on the lease, you generally have no legal rights in the property and may be evicted by your "true love."

If you own property and your new love wants to be on the deed to own part of the property, are you ready to give up half your house when things go sour? If you are the person moving in, what rights do you have not to be kicked out without notice? You should put

these agreements in writing.

You should also make a written agreement concerning the utilities, food and other expenses so each of you knows what the obligations are.

In case one of you becomes ill, there should be a written and notarized power of attorney permitting the other to make decisions as to care of the patient and to have the authority to visit regardless of hospital rules regarding family-only visitation.

You should also redo your will. If nothing else, it would provide the authority for your lover to make decisions concerning funeral matters. Other provisions could be made, but you should take into account the length of your relationship and its strength.

As in all legal matters, you should consult your attorney to help you draft the agreements that have been discussed.

Some of them advertise in *The Center Fold*, and these would be understanding of the issues involved and experience in the documents required.

Future columns will cover purchasing houses, cars, furniture and other major items together; borrowing money together; insurance and wills; and other topics.

If you have any other topics you would like to have discussed in this column, write to Alan S. Lunin, c/o *The Center Fold*, 750 W. Colonial Ave., Orlando, Fla. 32804.

Herstory Archives Appeals for Funds

The Lesbian Herstory Archives, the world's largest and oldest collection of Lesbian photos, books, publications, documents and other items, is making an international call for funds to acquire a building to house its unique material.

Fund-raising events have included a series of house parties all across the United States. Individuals have also contributed a day's salary and local businesses have contributed a percentage of a day's profits.

"The archives have always depended on grassroots support for its survival," says coordinator Deb Edel.

The Archives can be contacted at Lesbian Herstory Educational Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 1258, New York, N.Y. 10116. Phone (212) 874-7232.

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A Message from The Womyn of GLCS

Hi! I would like to tell you a little bit about our group. The Women's Discussion Group (or The Womyn of GLCS) meets at The Center every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. The average attendance can range from 40 to 60 women a week.

In these meetings we discuss relationships, goal setting, friendships, stereotypes, support groups and any other ideas that anyone may come up with (and, believe me, we're always looking for suggestions).

No two meetings are ever the same. They all seem to have something unique about them.

There's sometimes sad moments, often reflective moments, sharing moments, and always laughing moments.

These meetings take place in, what

we would like to think, a very supportive atmosphere.

At each meeting we try to have a designated topic. We usually break into smaller groups so that we can communicate better. With about a half-hour remaining in the group we generally reconvene to discuss the topic in a larger group, and then open the floor for open discussion.

In the last 10 minutes, we take time to make any announcements about upcoming events. We end the meeting at 9 p.m. and then go to a local restaurant for more good conversation.

We welcome any women to come join us on Wednesday night. You may run into old friends, but you will definitely meet new ones. See You there!

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fact that we're Lesbians.

More and more, we, as young Lesbians, are learning to like who we are. It helps to read good books about Lesbians - books that have accurate information in them and that are written about Lesbians who are leading very fulfilling lives. It also helps to meet other Lesbians because then we find out that Lesbians are as diverse as any other group of people and that we've been told a lot of lies by our society.

It can help to say to yourself every day, "I'm a Lesbian and I'm OK." And try to find someone to

talk to who also believes that Lesbians are OK. Remember It's normal and natural to be a Lesbian, just like it's normal and natural for some people to be heterosexual.

HOW CAN I MEET OTHER LESBIANS?

- "There are many Lesbians around you, but you don't know they're Lesbians, just as they don't know that you're a Lesbian. Don't lose hope. You'll eventually meet some." - Sarah, age 19

- Make contact with local feminist organizations like the National Organization for Women (NOW).

- Many colleges and universities have campus gay, lesbian and feminist organizations.

- Check your phone book for a local hot line and ask for the Gay and

Lesbian organizations in your area.

- Look for a Gay/Lesbian or feminist newspaper in your area. Check local bookstores, health food stores and Gay bars for copies.

BOOKS

- *One Teen-Ager in Ten: Writings by Gay and Lesbian Youth*, edited by Ann Heron, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, Mass. 02118 (1983)

- *Young, Gay and Proud*, a resource book for Gay and Lesbian youth, also published by Alyson Publications.

- *The New Our Bodies, Ourselves*, Boston's Women's Health Book Collective, Simon & Schuster Inc. (1984). Contains a great chapter on Lesbian life and relationships.

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Study Finds Relapse to Unsafe Sex Among Gay Men

Researcher Believes Prevention Efforts Should Be Permanent

By Mark Hampton
Center Fold Staff Writer

My name is Mark Hampton and I am a volunteer at Trans-Aid Support Services Inc. Having graduated from the University of Florida's School of Journalism in 1984, I hope to help educate the local community about AIDS and developments relating to the disease by writing the *HIV Informer* monthly.

The purpose of the *HIV Informer* is to give anyone with an interest in AIDS and related stories the latest information from medical, government and private sources. For additional information on AIDS and programs available in Central Florida contact The Center or Trans-Aid Support Services Inc.

RELAPSE TO UNSAFE SEX A MAJOR CONCERN AMONG EDUCATORS

A study done at University of California-San Francisco, has found that in a study group of 400 gay men,

19 percent reported relapsing to risky sex over a four-year period.

The five-year study, which surveyed the men annually, showed a 76 percent decline in high risk sexual behavior from 1984 to 1988. As of 1988, only 2.3 percent of those surveyed reported having high risk sex during the five years.

Among reasons given for having unprotected anal sex were they were "turned on," their partner requested it, being under stress and having the same HIV status as their sex partner.

"Discouraging relapse from safe sex is critical in communities with high infection rates such as San Francisco, where the rate of HIV infection is estimated to be greater than 50 percent among gay and bisexual men," said Dr. Ron Stall, a researcher at UCSF Center for Aids Prevention Studies.

The study had four categories of risk "no risk" - those who are celibate; "low risk" - anal sex only

with a condom within a monogamous relationship or, no anal sex at all; "modified high risk" - anal sex without a condom; and "high risk" - anal sex without a condom and not in a monogamous relationship.

Prevention efforts should be permanent because the AIDS risk - as with other sexually transmitted diseases - will be around indefinitely, Stall said.

RESEARCHERS FIND SMOKERS ARE 2 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DEVELOP AIDS

Smoking may speed up the progression of AIDS in HIV-positive individuals by 200 percent, researchers at the University of California-Berkeley, found in recent studies involving 1,000 sero-positive gay men.

The study, conducted by Rachel Royce, of Harvard University, and

Warren Winkelstein, a professor of public health at Berkeley, was done to find if there was a link between smoking and the development of the disease. Over a 56-month period, smokers are twice as likely to develop thrush, AIDS or to die, according to Royce.

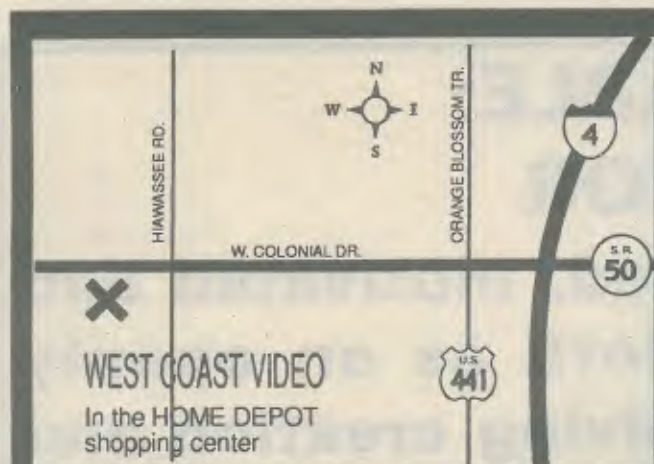
It has long been known that smoking causes an increase in the number of white blood cells. In spite of that, Royce says she does not think the higher average T-cell levels in the smokers are serving any protective function, and in fact, the count tends to fall soon after infection.

This means that there is a relatively small difference between smokers and nonsmokers in the number of T-cells.

"We can't be sure, but it look like smokers are progressing faster to the disease," Royce said.

These results need confirmation yet, but should be confirmed soon by biological and clinical studies.

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with HIV and that over 80 percent of all families will have a close friend or relative who is infected.

People don't say that because a man smoked for 30 years that he shouldn't receive proper care or compassion. You don't hear people calling the American Cancer Society a militant organization when it is asking for legislation to ban smoking in most areas, as well as seeking research and education dollars from the federal government.

How about heart disease, presently the leading killer in America? Doctors have stated that overeating, lack of exercise and improper diet are the causes of most heart disease. However, we do not ridicule or discriminate against those who suffer from heart disease.

It is true that many education programs are funded and backed by the federal government. research grants throughout the 1980s totalled well over \$300 million.

However, these dollars have begun to turn the trend around as heart disease and cancer are on the decline. These monumental task has been achieved by hard-working Americans who see a need and set out to fulfill this need, be it through education, research or preventative care. Americans with a total desire to rid these diseases from our midst, not merely blame those who suffer from the disease.

Mr. Reese also says that homosexuals do not

take responsibility for their actions. It must be understood that the Gay community responded first in educating those who would listen, and to this date is responsible for over 70 percent of the educational programs to all. In addition, in the last eight years, Gays have contributed an estimated \$1.3 billion in for fight against AIDS. These funds were all given voluntarily to help rid everyone of this insidious disease.

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The CDC says that at the projected rate of growth of the HIV virus in 1992, 172,000 AIDS patients will need hospital care. The cost of hospitalization is projected to be between \$5-13 billion. Where are these funds going to come from? Would it not be better to intensify the voice and get the information out to those who need it? Education among the Gay community has slowed the increase among the Gay community. This progress can and must spread to all other sectors of American society.

We have just celebrated 214 years as one of the leading nations of the world; let us not hide but show the pride as we not discriminate but educate so my children and yours will continue to feel the success and strength of America.

Insistant, Not Militant,
Keith L. Morrison

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fication or influencing by pervasive guilt feelings.

None of us should lose sight of it being a privilege to offer guidance and counsel to those who seek it. It is an honor to be asked and a duty to respond as we are able. But one should recognize that there is no license to pass judgment on the lifestyles of others, nor the authority to control the nature of things.

It is never too late for us to end the prejudices and fears we have been taught. If there is any way we can help people who are trying to understand their nature, to give them confidence and complete the journey into their lifestyle, we have a bond and a duty to give them comfort and help.

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an interview with her. On Wednesday afternoon, July 11, Sally squeezed half an hour out of her schedule in order to talk with me on the phone about Gay and Lesbian issues.

TCF: Why are you accepting of Gays and Lesbians?

SJR: I guess the answer is, "Why not?" I'm accepting of most forms of humanity that do not appear to me to be evil. The only thing that I am not accepting of is violence or intolerance or abuse of people who are powerless to defend themselves.

TCF: In your opinion, how effective has the move to gain Gay and Lesbian rights been?

SJR: I think very effective. I know that [the Gay and Lesbian community] think it moves slow. But remember that people who are interested in civil rights or any kind of rights think it moves slow. As Thornton Wilder said, "It takes a long time to milk a cow." Anybody who is interested in change is always terribly disappointed in how long things take.

TCF: Are there any mistakes you think the Gay and Lesbian community has made?

SJR: I think communities [as a whole] may be inherently ignorant anyhow. Considering who they are and considering when people are not educated about something, if they are ignorant of it, they make mistakes. That is not surprising. After you are enlightened and you still make mistakes, then you have that thing called "prejudice."

TCF: Any advice to the future of the movement?

SJR: I think so. I think that this movement particularly, but any movement to a certain extent, makes the mistake in separating themselves. I think that when you appeal to people, you have to appeal to their "commonness" and not to their individuality. Let me give you an example. Many times on the radio show, someone will call me for love and relationship advice. I have learned that someone who calls and is asking [me] for relationship advice in a Gay relationship, usually – and it's perfectly all right, I don't mind – prefaces it with the fact that it happens to be a Gay relationship. That's adding to my information. However, the answer is always the same answer that I probably would give to heterosexuals. That has lead me to believe that you should deal with love as love, and problems as

problems, and not as "Gay problems" or "Gay love." Aside from the dynamics, the physicalness of the sex act *per se* ... everything else strikes me as being the same. So any movement should be working to "mainstream" as opposed to saying "we are different."

However, do I think that's unique to the Gay and Lesbian movement? No. I think that when you talk about civil rights, there was the Black pride that sought to establish its African roots which was separating the movement from the mainstream of people.

Women have tended to do that, saying, "Treat us equally, but we women are different." That's my only concern for the future of the movement.

TCF: Any experience with Gays or Lesbians you'd like to share?

SJR: This may sound to you that I am copping a plea, but I find that Gays and Lesbians have the same experiences that the rest of the world have. Since I don't concern myself with what my friends or the people I know do in the privacy of their own bedroom, I find their experiences probably no different. They wish freedom. All people wish freedom, freedom to be themselves.

TCF: Are there any concerns you have, as a straight person, towards the rise in gay and lesbian political action?

SJR: I was concerned in San Francisco [at the 6th World Conference on AIDS] when [Act Up] were not letting [Louis Sullivan, secretary of Health and Human Services] speak. I have concern when they ask someone to appear and they do not listen to the person. I think that is plain, flat-out bad manners. I only ask for good manners. America is made up of people who disagree, renegades, people who are trying to affect change. I think that certainly gays and lesbians have the right to try and demonstrate to affect any kind of change. It's when somebody stops listen-ing, and gets caught up in the movement that's happening as opposed to listening, then [I] have a political concern. You have to hear what they're saying, and then you have to say to them, "Please listen to us."

TCF: Have you done activities, both personally and through your work on the radio and television, to promote acceptance in the straight community towards Gays and Lesbians?

SJR: I think my life is a testimony to that. I believe that for the last eight years on the television show, and for

the last, gosh knows how many years on the radio show, we have tried to treat everyone as a person and to listen to them. I believe that, when we realized how important the AIDS issue was, this particular television show came out and did more shows on AIDS than probably any other television show.

I think we've dealt with Gay bashing and discrimination under the law issues, over and over again. Of course we're set up to do that so that [we] can't pat ourselves on the back for having initiated anything we weren't asked to do. But since it is in our purview, we really have tried to promote acceptance of the world towards the Gay and Lesbian community. I feel every confident that we've accomplished that.

TCF: In your opinion what is the strongest obstacle preventing Gay and Lesbians gaining equal rights protection?

SJR: The failure of the system to enforce the laws that have been established, and, the blatant prejudice people have towards against anything or anyone that is different.

TCF: What is the most positive aspect of the Gay and Lesbian rights movement?

SJR: Bringing worldwide attention to the health problem of AIDS. Bringing the attention to people about brutality. The Gay and Lesbian community has been very successful in raising the consciousness of people to the fact that there is a problem. And, by and large, they have done something that a lot other groups have not done. They have been very, very well organized. One thing you can say about the gay and lesbian movement is that you have the Gay and Lesbian hot line, you have social centers, and health centers. They have really banded together and made a wonderful effort to solve their own problems. That is not true of a lot of other groups who feel they have problems. They can't get their act together to express to the public what their problems are. I was thinking particularly, very earlier on, we made an attempt to help the nursing profession. We invited a number of people who are higher up in the nursing profession to come and tell us what their problems were. Well they got into such a fight with each other about their problems, that they obscured the fact that the public needs to know about the problems.

However, if you need a person to represent [the Gay and Lesbian community] – although there is dissent within the Gay community, and not everybody agrees on all of

the issues all the time – they do present, at least to the mass media, a very united front. This has been a very smart move.

I think it is important that people who are Gay achieve. And I think it is important that they do things that are good for mankind as a whole. It happens to be for coming out of the closet.

You might think differently. You might think somebody is a wonderful athlete and very successful. It does not hurt you when you find out that this person is somebody who is in opposition to the stereotype. I think that people like rockers, and athletes might make it a point, even though they will have to face the fire for what they do. But they do present good role models [for challenging the stereotype].

Though I have said that it is important for people who are successful to come out of the closet, do I think they should be forced out by publications? The answer is no. I think that whole thing that was done with Malcolm Forbes was unfair. I think [coming out] is an individual decision according to one's own consciousness and only the persons themselves know the price they have to pay. I don't believe that Gay publications should go out and feed stories to tabloids. I think the persons themselves has to take it upon their conscious; it's a personal decision. That is a very important point to think about. I fail to see the justification for doing that. I really do not understand the justification because I don't think, to the public, it puts the people that you wish to gain respect for in the correct frame. It isn't good PR. I think that almost every organization allows people to volunteer for the organization and to give to the ability [of the individual]. For example. If you are working for the Italian Civil Liberties Union, you don't say, "I'm going to print in the newspaper tomorrow all of the people in your town who are Italian." You let somebody who wants to work for Italian civil rights to work for them, without forcing them to do so. Forcing them doesn't get you any where. It doesn't work.

TCF: Is there anything you'd like to say to our readers?

SJR: I think the Gay and Lesbian community has to keep putting pressure on the government to increase the funding for AIDS and to realize what a problem it is, and, to force the government to be responsible. Certainly the Bush and

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HIV, from Page 12**VACCINE 'COCKTAIL' POSSIBLE**

New findings by the Repligen Corp. in Cambridge, Mass., offer the possibility of developing a broadly effective AIDS vaccine by attacking a fragment on the surface of the AIDS virus itself, a fragment that had previously been shown to evoke virus-neutralizing antibodies.

This fragment is called RP135. In demonstrating that antibodies to RP135 can neutralize several different virus strains, Repligen scientists have found a possible path to developing a vaccine "cocktail." This "cocktail" would be composed of the most commonly found RP135 sequences, or common element found in almost all of the virus' strains, and could provide broad protection against HIV and resolve a major issue in the search for a AIDS vaccine. The researchers used over 200 HIV-1 strains found in Europe and North America.

"By addressing the HIV variability [strain] issue, this study has opened the door to developing an AIDS vaccine that can protect against a substantial majority of virus strains," said Dr. Scott Putney, Repligen's vice president for molecular biology. "We are currently selecting the most effective RP135 containing immunogens and developing a delivery system that will elicit protective broadly neutralizing antibodies in humans."

CONDOM USE AMONG BLACK GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN INCONSISTENT

A study by the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, in San Francisco, has found that fewer than half of the black gay and bisexual men surveyed in the United States said that they always or almost always use a condom, even though 97 percent know how the disease is transmitted. The Center for Disease Control-sponsored survey of 952 sexually active black men in 12 cities found they had an average of 2.6 sexual partners in the month before the survey.

"The statistics are shocking," said Reggie Williams, executive director of the task force. "The data are clear. There is an urgent need for more culturally specific education ... The model out there for sexual education is this generic model, this broad-brush attempt ... We need to have a different way of reaching people," Williams said.

While major obstacles remain, workers in the field are greatly encouraged by the early results of prototype [AIDS] vaccines used on animal models.

It has also been reported, in an unrelated study done by the Tennessee Department of Health, that blacks with AIDS have a higher mortality rate than whites.

Of 237 blacks with AIDS diagnosed since 1982, 142 (60 percent) have died, while the mortality rate among 758 whites was 53 percent. No reason was given for the higher death rates.

RESEARCHERS PROMISE VACCINE BY YEAR 2000

In a dramatic reversal of last year's report that an AIDS vaccine could not be found in the next 10 years, vaccine researchers now say that one will be found by the year 2000. This is in striking contrast to the pessimistic attitude which prevailed at the Fifth International Conference on AIDS held last year in Montreal.

While major obstacles remain, workers in the field are greatly encouraged by the early results of prototype vaccines used on animal models.

One such vaccine, called GP160, is currently being developed at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. GP160 triggers killer white blood cells which can detect and kill HIV.

"It no longer appears to be a question of if ... but rather how we can best design the experiments needed to move the field ahead," said Dr. Wayne Koff, of NIAID.

Another vaccine, made by MicroGeneSys Inc., of West Haven, Conn., was tested recently with some success at John Hopkins University. The vaccine, called VaxSyn-1, was given to eight healthy volunteers four times over an 18-month period. Of the group, three of the eight developed killer T-cells that destroyed HIV-infected cells in the test tube.

"We don't know yet if any of the approaches will truly be protective in a human setting," said Dr. Allan Goldstein, who has also developed an AIDS vaccine. "The positive thing is that the vaccine groups are making significant progress in understanding

the immune response to different vaccines."

COMBINATION DRUG THERAPY SHOWS PROMISE

A study conducted at 12 of the federally funded AIDS Clinical Trials Units, has published preliminary results which indicate that alternating treatments of two AIDS drugs may reduce the side effects of each drug while reducing the symptoms of AIDS.

Researchers gave 131 participants with AIDS of AIDS-related complex a combination of DDC and AZT, alternating every week or month. The result was that side effects were reduced. AZT can result in bone marrow suppression while DDC can cause pain in the feet.

"The results of this trial may be useful in preparing a larger study to determine how an effective and well-tolerated alternating regimen compares to standard regimens of AZT," said Dr. Gail Skowron of Brown University.

She added that the study may be used to answer questions regarding the emergence of resistance to AZT and DDC when the two drugs are given together.

APPLICATIONS FOR AIDS VACCINE

Wayne Koff of the Vaccine Research and Development branch of NIAID recently noted that there will be three applications for an AIDS vaccine for prevention of new infections, prevention of perinatal transmission and post-infection immunotherapy. Thus far, most researchers have sought to raise antibodies against antigens expressed on the HIV envelope. For safety reasons, most vaccine approaches avoid whole virus and instead use only a portion of the virus.

Koff offered a brief summary of early findings. The Phase 1 trial involved 18 low-risk sero-negative volunteers who received the vaccine with a boost after six months. No significant adverse reactions were seen. After six months, subject demonstrated anti-HIV antibodies.

Most promising was an observation of a *vitro* T-cell proliferation response to all isolates of HIV tested.

Koff noted that one problem with the clinical trials of AIDS vaccines is when to conduct a Phase 3 trial. He suggested that a decision will be based on consideration of the experimental vaccine's safety.

Koff also said that possible vaccines

for Phase 3 trials may be under consideration as early as 1994.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LACK KNOWLEDGE

The Center for Disease Control has found that high school students still need much more education on AIDS. In Georgia, for example, over half of the students polled believed that they could become HIV-infected from an insect bite, and one-fourth thought they could catch the virus from a toilet seat.

Most knew they could become infected through unprotected sex and using contaminated needles, but the problem is that the knowledge is not sufficient to keep them from practicing those behaviors.

BISEXUALITY A FACTOR IN ARMY HIV INFECTION

Dr. Tom Peterman, of the CDC, reported at the San Francisco AIDS conference that of 43 Army soldiers who developed HIV infection, 21 admitted high-risk activities and 18 of this group admitted sexual contact with other men.

He concludes that bisexuality is a significant source of infection in the Army, since most of these men continued to have sex with women.

AIDS ASSISTANCE PACKAGE APPROVED

The U.S. House approved, 408 to 14, a \$4.5 billion package of AIDS grants to state and local health services. The Senate passed a similar package in May.

Meanwhile, a telephone survey of 1,000 adults conducted for *The Boston Sunday Globe*, found that 61 percent of those interviewed believe that the government is not doing enough to fight AIDS.

FLORIDA LEGISLATURE PASSES BILL ALLOWING AIDS TESTS OF ACCUSED RAPISTS

The Florida Senate unanimously approved, and sent to Gov. Bob Martinez, legislation that would mandate HIV testing of those accused of rape. Current state law allows such tests if a court order is obtained by the victim.

Another measure approved and sent to the governor would allow police, medical and emergency workers to seek HIV test results after a suspected exposure if a blood sample is already available.

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■ **RAP GROUP.** A mixed group of men and women, young and old, discuss a variety of topics concerning the Gay and Lesbian community at 7:30 p.m. at 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. Call (407) 425-GLCS.

■ **LOVE CLASS.** This group for those recovering from the breakup of a relationship meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. Call (407) 425-GLCS.

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■ **FREEDOM LECTURE SERIES.** The third lecture in the ACLU Freedom Lecture Series, "Right to Die," will be presented tonight at 7:15 at the Downtown Orlando Public Library. The lecture is free-of-charge.

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FRIDAY AUGUST 10

■ **MOVIE NIGHT.** "Making Love," starring Harry Hamlin and Kate Jackson, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Snacks and beverages by donation. GLCS, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. (407) 425-GLCS.

SATURDAY AUGUST 11

■ **THE NAMES PROJECT** of Central Florida meets Saturday afternoon at 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, to sew quilt panels for local AIDS victims. For details, call John Rose at (407) 425-GLCS.

■ **HEARING-IMPAIRED GROUP PLANNING MEETING.** Anyone interested in forming a new group at The Center for hearing-impaired members of the community is invited to attend a planning meeting at 2 p.m. at 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. (407) 425-GLCS.

■ **BALLROOM DANCE CLASS.** This is a tentative date. Call (407) 425-GLCS to confirm. The second of four ballroom dance classes begins this evening at 6 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 1815 E. Robinson St., Orlando. Learn beginning foxtrot, waltz, rhumba and tango. The four-week course is \$40 per person, or attend separate classes at \$12 each. See the ad in The Center Fold for more information and to sign up, or call (407) 425-GLCS.

SUNDAY AUGUST 12

■ **CROSS-DRESSERS.** The Fantasia/Cross-Dressers Support Group for those who enjoy dressing in the clothes of the opposite

gender, meets weekly at 7 p.m. at 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando.

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■ **BREAKING THE SILENCE MCC.** Breaking the Silence Metropolitan Community Church meets every Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 1261 Range Road, Cocoa. Call (407) 254-5884 for more info.

MONDAY AUGUST 13

■ **GAY ROLLER DISCO.** The infamous monthly roller disco party sponsored by GLCS is held at Semoran Skateway, 1109 E. Semoran Blvd., Casselberry. Admission is \$4 and includes skate rental. From 9:15-11:30 p.m. All ages admitted! Call (407) 425-GLCS.

■ **COMING-OUT GROUP.** A discussion group dealing with the problems of coming out meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. Call (407) 425-GLCS for info.

■ **HEALING CIRCLE.** Based on the philosophies of Louise Hay, this group meets weekly to promote self-love, loving relationships and a healthier body and spirit. 7:30 p.m. at 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. Call (407) 425-GLCS.

■ **LATINOS Y LATINAS UNIDOS.** Somos Lesbianos y Hombres Gay que nos para reclamar nuestra cultura. Para mas informacion, llame a Alfredo Martinez-Garcia. (407) 839-0945. 7 p.m. at 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando.

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■ **GLCS BOARD MEETING.** Gay & Lesbian Community Services Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. Items for discussion must be placed on the agenda in advance of the meeting. Call (407) 425-GLCS.

■ **NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE.** Join us for the National Lesbian Conference/Southern Region Activist meetings at 750 W. Colonial Drive,

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p.m. the third Wednesday of very month at the First United Methodist Church, Wesley Building, at the corner of South Street and Rosalind Avenue. Call (407) 896-0689 after 6 p.m. for information. The public is welcome to attend the program portion of the evening only. The rap group is open only to parents and members.

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■ **GAMES NIGHT.** Zion ACC sponsors Games Night the first and third Friday evenings of every month beginning at 8 p.m. at 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. Play your favorite board games in a pleasant social atmosphere. Call (407) 895-1246.

■ **LCN THINK TANK.** Loving Committed Network (LCN) will hold a woman-only think tank to plan and program upcoming events for the year at 7 p.m. at 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. Call (407) 273-1825 for information.

■ **I LOVE LUCY FAN CLUB.** The Gay and Lesbian I Love Lucy Fan Club takes over The Center on Friday at 7:30 p.m. for screenings of classic "I Love Lucy" episodes. Snacks and beverages available by donation. Call (407) 425-GLCS.

SATURDAY AUGUST 18

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MONDAY

75¢ Bar Hi-Balls (9 PM - 1 AM)
Wet Jockey Contest (Midnight)

TUESDAY

10¢ Bar Hi-Balls/\$1.00 Call Brands & Beer (9 PM - 1 AM)
Hot Men of "Body Heat"

COUNTRY/WESTERN WEDNESDAY

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Talent Night (10:30 PM)

THURSDAY

25¢ Bar Hi-Balls/\$1.00 Call Brands & Beer (9 PM - 1 AM)
Live Shows

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

Live Shows, Disco & More (8 PM - 2 AM)

SUNDAY

T-Dance
75¢ Bar Hi-Balls/\$1.00 Beer (4 PM - 9 PM)
Live Shows
Hot Men of "Body Heat"